



# Newsletter



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## from the desk of the PRESIDENT

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Dear Member,

A new year of activities has commenced for The Bengal Chamber post September 2010 when we held our 156th Annual General Meeting. What is truly special is that the Chamber is organizing programmes beyond its immediate focus on business seminars / workshops. Acknowledging that networking is a key element in business growth, we have launched the annual golf meet for corporates, the inaugural edition of which was held in end October at the Tollygunge Club. The meet was a tremendous success with around 90 keen golfers from city-based corporates participating. All participants were eager to be back the next year in even greater numbers.

Our interfaces with visiting high-powered delegations / bureaucrats have also continued throughout the month. A number of meetings with a senior delegation from South Australia and a meeting with the Ambassador of India to Thailand were organized.

In the coming months this trend of organizing a cross-section of events embracing different concepts and focus areas would continue. The dates are indicated in the 'Upcoming Programmes' section of this Newsletter. As always, we look forward to your participation and support in these activities in enhancing the quality and utility of these events.

Sd/-  
**SANDIPAN CHAKRAVORTY**  
President

## PROGRAMMES

### THE BENGAL CHAMBER TROPHY - A GOLF MEET FOR CORPORATES

29TH OCTOBER 2010, THE  
TOLLYGUNGE CLUB



▲ The Bengal Chamber Trophy for the winning team

It is a popular saying that, "There's no game like golf: you go out with three friends, play eighteen holes, and return with three enemies." As far as Golf is concerned, the pleasure of playing the 18 holes far outstrips the "displeasure" of beating the other three in the group! Golf, as a sport, has captured the fancy of teeming millions – men and women, the amateur, the professional, the one with a handicap of 25 or a handicap of 9, the businessman, the bureaucrat and the executive. Truth is, a good round of golf is always a great round of golf.

In keeping with this idea, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with Protouch, organized on Friday, 29th October 2010, the first edition of the annual, "The Bengal Chamber Trophy", a golfing extravaganza for corporates, at the Tollygunge Club, Kolkata. We had a very simple objective – providing corporate leaders an opportunity to showcase their skills with the club, meet new players and develop new friendships.



▲ Noted actor, Mr. Arjun Chakrabarty teeing off. Mr. Khokan Mookerji, Chief Mentor, The Bengal Chamber is next to Mr. Chakrabarty.

## MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to **Bandhan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited** whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on **10th November 2010.**



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Many a golfer prefers a golf cart to a caddy because the cart cannot count, criticize, or laugh. Our event was an excellent opportunity for all the keen amateurs to not worry about scores, but just have a lot of fun. Close to 90 golfers participated. Leading city-based corporates participated in the event which was played in a Texas Scramble format. The noted actor, Mr. Arjun Chakrabarty teed off with the players. The winners were Indus Ind Bank followed by Birla Tyres and Cognizant. Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. S.K. Menon, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Kausshik Kumar Nath, Director, KKN Group of Companies presented the awards.



Golfers warming up



Mr. Dipak Dutta, Chairperson, Finance and Banking Committee, The Bengal Chamber teeing off



A team before tee off



Extreme right : Mr. Kausshik Kr. Nath, Co-Chairperson, Business Development Task Force, The Bengal Chamber presenting an award

Extreme right : Mr. S.K. Menon, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber presenting an award.



Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Bengal Chamber during the Awards Ceremony in the evening



Extreme right : Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, President, The Bengal Chamber presenting the Trophy to the winning team - Indus Ind Bank

Mr. Anil Mukerji, CEO and Managing Member, Tollygunge Club presenting an award





## INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH DELEGATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

10TH NOVEMBER 2010, THE OBEROI GRAND, KOLKATA

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry was invited to meet a senior delegation from South Australia to discuss prospects of economic and business collaboration between South Australia and West Bengal. The Chamber team was led by Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Chairman, Flakt (India) Limited and included senior professionals from the IT industry, senior academics from city-based management institutions, leading travel agencies, energy and environment experts with Mr. Khokan Mookerji, Chief Mentor, Mr. P Roy, Director General and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director of the Bengal Chamber.

Mr. Brian Hayes, National Chairman, Australia India Business Council, Mr. David Litchfield, Executive Director, Government of South Australia-Department of Trade and Economic Development and Mr. A. K. Tareen, Senior Trade Commissioner-India, Government of South Australia represented the delegation from South Australia.

The Chamber team updated the delegation about the various initiatives of the Bengal Chamber in the realms of IT, manufacturing, energy and environment and education.



▲ L-R: Mr. David Litchfield, Executive Director, Government of South Australia-Department of Trade and Economic Development ; Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Brian Hayes, National Chairman, Australia India Business Council



▲ The meeting in progress

10TH NOVEMBER 2010,  
CHMABER PREMISES

## INTERACTION WITH SHRI P R CHAKRAVARTY, AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO THAILAND WITH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Indian Ambassador to Thailand, Mr. Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty to the Chamber for deliberations with the Business Development Task Force of The Chamber, followed by an interaction with the Press.

The Ambassador discussed the Bilateral Trade relations that exist between India & Thailand, besides elaborating on the improved scope that exists in Tourism, Trade & Commerce, Import & Export, etc. The Ambassador also highlighted how big Indian Corporate Groups like The Tata Group, Aditya Birla Group, Indo Rama, Mahindra Satyam, etc. had

found a business environment extremely friendly and conducive in Thailand. The Ambassador also re-iterated that West Bengal, due to its locational advantage and proximity with Thailand, could actually play a catalyst's role in driving more Trade & Business between the two countries.

The Chamber also placed before the Ambassador various business proposals, most specific amongst which was to facilitate Land Acquisition for KKN Group to open a Edible Oil refining Unit in Thailand.



▲ From L-R: Mr. Kaushik Chatterjee, Chairperson, Business Development Task Force, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Khokan Mookerji, Chief Mentor, The Bengal Chamber; Shri P. R. Chakravarty, Ambassador of India to Thailand; Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Kaushik Kumar Nath, Co-Chairperson, Business Development Task Force, The Bengal Chamber

## EVENTS AT THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE



9th October 2010

### **Slice of Life Part - 3 :**

A series of Short Plays in English was staged by Stagecraft



▲ **IMAGESCAPES** : A photo Essay CD by Madhuchhanda Sen was launched by renowned photographer Nema Ghosh, Sunil Dutt, eminent film maker Anirudha Roy Chowdhury and Tanmoy Bose. Photography was on till 30th October, 2010



## UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- **Engeetech (Engineering Exposition), 18th-21st November 2010, Science City Grounds**
- **Workshop on Direct Taxes Code, 24th November 2010, Chamber premises**
- **Interative Session with H.E. Thomas Matussek, Ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany in India, 26th November 2010, Chamber premises**
- **Steel Raw Materials Outlook, 13th - 14th December 2010, The Oberoi Grand**