



**from the desk of the
PRESIDENT**

Dear Member,

12 December, 2012

Barely a month into the new year for the Managing Committee of the Chamber and we are already immersed into programmes and activities. As the current edition of the monthly newsletter would reveal, we have been engaging more and more with overseas industries and international trade issues. While in a few days time we shall be meeting with representatives of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka to discuss Non Tariff Barriers to trade, we have already begun networking with business organizations and Governments of other neighbouring countries like Myanmar and China. We have also met members of the media and expressed our objectives and directions this year.

The run up to the last quarter of 2012-13 is going to be an exciting one for the Bengal Chamber with several key initiatives, projects and networking events being lined up. With your encouragement, participation and support, I am sure we shall be ushering in 2013 amidst new and exciting activities.

Simultaneously, the Chamber, as a vanguard of industry in Bengal, has also been very alive to the current developments in the State economy. Our engagement has been both at the level of policy advocacy as well as on-the-ground local economic development work catalyzing infrastructure and civic development work by working with various departments and agencies of the State and even Central Governments.

Wishing you and your family a very Happy and prosperous Diwali!

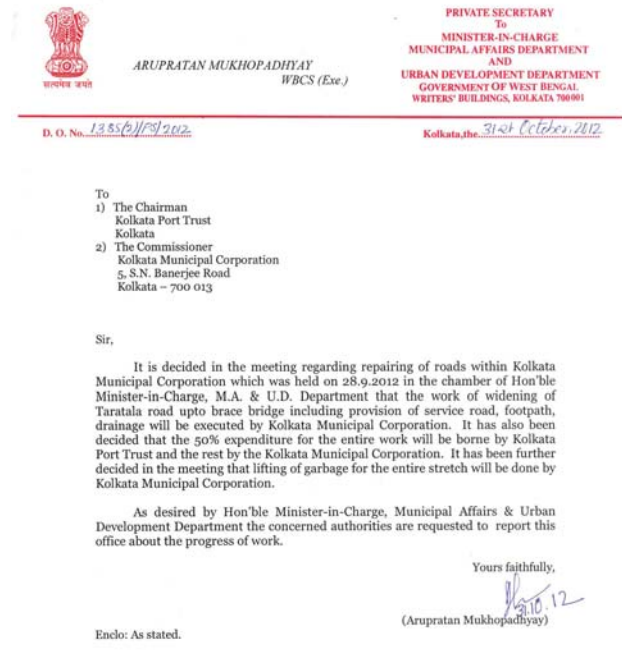
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Kallol Datta
President



NEWS FLASH

THE BENGAL CHAMBER TARATALA INITIATIVE

The Taratala Initiative of The Bengal Chamber commenced its efforts to widen and clean up the roads in the Taratala area with a meeting with Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble MIC, Urban Development and Town & Country Planning and Municipal Affairs, Government of West Bengal at The Bengal Chamber's premises in October 2011 and later at Taratala area on December 15, 2011. We have also followed up regularly with Shri Hakim's Department and with KMC and KoPT officials. Finally the decision has been taken and order issued for widening of Taratala Road, cleaning of garbage, having proper footpaths etc. The letter issued from Shri Firhad Hakim's office is attached.



MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to KND Engineering Technologies Limited whose application for membership was tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 18th October 2012.

NEWS FLASH



We are delighted to inform you that **Mr. Hironmoy Chatterjee, Chairperson, Sports and Leisure Committee of the Chamber** and a man,

who does not really need any introduction in the world of sports, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the All India Tennis Association (AITA). Mr. Chatterjee would also be the official spokesperson for AITA. Meanwhile Mr. Chatterjee has also got elected as the President of the Bengal Tennis Association at the 71st AGM.

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PROGRAMMES

A Summit on Future of Education – Education for Life, Education for All 13th October 2012, S N Bose Hall, Science City

The Education Task Force of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry is committed to providing a platform for all those students, institutions, teaching fraternity who aspire to grow and bring about a difference in our society in the field of Education. The Committee has strived to address a particular need for the sector, and try and deliver solutions.

The objective of the Summit was to address both the Present and the Future of Education. The audience included the teaching fraternity comprising of Professors, Directors, Heads of Departments of various institutions, the students from different universities, colleges, institutions, and of course the Corporates.

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13TH OCTOBER 2012,
S N BOSE HALL, SCIENCE CITY

The eminent speakers for the panel discussion were Mr. Sanjay Kumar Das, Assistant Secretary & State Nodal Officer, Higher Education Statistical Cell, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Associate Dean, Praxis Business School; Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Chairman, Flakt (India)Ltd.; Shri

Sunil Mitra, Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Kalyan Kar, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Infinity Knowledge Ventures Pvt Ltd; Prof. A. Roy, Vice Chancellor, BESU, Shibpur,Howrah; Mr. Sujoy Banerjee, President - Group HR & OD, McNally Bharat Engineering Co Ltd and Mr. Rahul Bose,

GMU Learning and Knowledge, IBM Global Business.

The moderators for the Panels were Prof. R.P. Banerjee (Dean & Director, EIILM) and Prof. A. Banerjee, Senior Professor (Marketing)IIMC.



L-R: Prof. R.P. Banerjee (Chairperson, Education Task Force, The Bengal Chamber and Dean & Director, EIILM) and Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, lighting the ceremonial lamp to commence the Summit.



Prof. R.P. Banerjee addressing the audience during the panel discussion.



Students, teachers, professionals as part of the audience for the Summit.



Middle: Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Past President, The Bengal Chamber and Chairman, Flakt (India) Ltd. sharing his views with the audience

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Associate Dean, Praxis Business School, presenting his views on the summit.



Extreme right: Prof. A. Roy, Vice Chancellor, BESU, Shibpur, Howrah interacts with the audience.



Left: Shri Sunil Mitra, Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India sharing his views with the audience



Mr. Kalyan Kar, Co-Founder & Managing Director, Infinity Knowledge Ventures Pvt Ltd presenting his views on Education.

B2B MEET WITH CHINESE ENTERPRISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with the Chamber of Chinese Enterprises in Kolkata, supported by the Consulate of People's Republic of China in Kolkata, organized a "B2B Meet with Chinese Enterprises" on 17th October 2012 from 6 pm at the Chamber. Sectors represented were power, mining, electrical,

tourism, and water treatment among others. The objective of the Meet was to provide a platform to have one-to-one discussions between the Chinese and Indian companies. Companies like Dongfang Electric (India) Private Limited, China First Metallurgical Construction India Private Limited, China Eastern, Shangdong Electric Power

Construction No.2 Company, Cimm Group, Sepco1 Electric Power Construction Corporation, Jiangshu Hongda Special Steel Machinery Plant Co Ltd. were some of the Chinese companies. Indian companies included Andrew Yule and Company Ltd, Exide Industries Ltd, McNally Bharat Engineering Company Ltd, G S Marketing and others.

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▲ Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address. Seated on the dais (L-R): Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Mao Hongtao, Deputy Chairman, Chamber of Chinese Enterprises in Kolkata; Mr. Liang Jian, Chairman, Chamber of Chinese Enterprises in Kolkata

B2B Meeting in progress. ▶



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PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE CHAMBER ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR AHEAD

31ST OCTOBER 2012, CHAMBER PREMISES

Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber addressed a Press Conference on 31st October 2012 at the Chamber. Mr. P. Roy, Director General and Capt. S B Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber were also present. This was the first Press Conference of the Chamber following its 158th Annual General Meeting.

important task for the Government and indeed social and business institutions like the Bengal Chamber is to address the aspect of perception of the State as a business destination and the security of investors and investments in the State. In sync with the contemporary developments in industry, trade and commerce, the Chamber would align its programmes and activities in the critical areas of infrastructure, healthcare, employment generation and manufacturing apart from continuing with its focused approach with respect to services sector growth. The Chamber feels that basic requirement for West Bengal is to strengthen its roads and ports (both air and sea) infrastructure, especially in the context of connectivity with far-flung areas. Similarly, improvement in healthcare infrastructure, healthcare services and the general approach to health and hygiene in hospitals are our primary focus areas.

The President mentioned that the Chamber felt that the need of the hour for us, the citizens of this great State, was to address the fundamental economic issues in the realms of boosting investments (overseas and domestic), catalyzing enabling policies and encouraging aggregate demand. The Chamber also believes that for businesses to flourish in and attracted to the State, the most



▲ (L-R): Capt. S B Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President and Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber. Mr. Kallol Datta addressing the press.



▲ Press Conference in progress.



▲ The media interviewing Mr. Kallol Datta.

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▲ Interview of Mr. Ambarish Dsagupta.



▶ Interview of Dr. Alok Roy.

WORKSHOP ON “LOOK EAST POLICY – WAKE UP CALL FOR PORTS AND LOGISTICS”

2ND NOVEMBER 2012, CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a half-day Workshop on “Look East Policy – Wake up Call for Ports and Logistics” with the help of senior representatives from the Government, Industry, Academia and others on Friday, 2nd November 2012.

The objective of the workshop was to impart first-hand knowledge to the audience on “What to expect in the next 5 years in the Port & Shipping sector”.

The half day workshop commenced with a Welcome Speech by Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Besides, there were other eminent speakers in the panel like Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Shri L. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT); Dr. Manoj Singh, Adviser – Transport, Planning Commission,

Government of India; Mr. Sharad Goel, General Manager (Ports), L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited (L&TIDPL) and Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

The workshop was attended by a large number of delegates from the industry, port users, representatives of trade, and other delegates and altogether the total number of participants for the workshop was 106. The workshop helped us to identify and highlight to the Government of India the issues that need ‘priority clearances for development of Port Infrastructure and its connectivity with the hinterland’. Highlighting the shortcomings and challenges was a firm step towards the deliverables of India’s Look East Policy.



▲ Delegates present at the Shipping Workshop on Look East Policy – Wake up Call for Ports and Logistics.



▲ L-R: Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering his speech in the workshop while seated on the dais are Mr. Sharad Goel, General Manager (Ports), L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited (L&TIDPL), Dr Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Shri L. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT); Dr. Manoj Singh, Adviser – Transport, Planning Commission, Government of India and Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber.



▲ Shri L. Radhakrishnan, IAS, Chairman, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) delivering his speech.



▶ Dr. Manoj Singh, Adviser – Transport, Planning Commission, Government of India delivering his speech in the workshop

◀ Delegates present in the workshop.



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Mr. Sharad Goel, General Manager (Ports), L&T Infrastructure Development Projects Limited (L&TIDPL) delivering his speech. ▶



▲ Capt. S. B. Mazumder, Chairperson, Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Shri L. Radhakrishnan.



▲ Capt. S. B. Mazumder presenting a memento to Dr. Manoj Singh.



▲ Capt. S. B. Mazumder presenting a memento to Mr. Sharad Goel.

2ND NOVEMBER 2012, J.N.BOSE
AUDITORIUM, CMA BHAWAN, KOLKATA

THE INSTITUTE OF COST ACCOUNTANTS OF INDIA IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE BENGAL CHAMBER PRESENTED THE SEMINAR ON 'RECENT AMENDMENTS IN FOREIGN TRADE POLICY'



The Institute of Cost Accountants of India organized a Seminar in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the topic titled "Recent Amendments in Foreign Trade Policy" on 2nd November 2012 at the J.N. Bose Auditorium, CMA Bhawan. The objective of the programme was to spread awareness about the various forms which the Director General of Foreign Trade requires for various certification aspects and for which recently the certification by the Cost and Management Accountants were mandated by circular issued by Government of India. The programme inaugural speech was given by Shri Manas Kumar Thakur, Chairman of Indirect Taxation & Research and Publications Committees of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India. The Guest of Honour was Shri Agneswar Sen, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry of Govt. of India. He discussed the role of cost accountants

◀ Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber addressing

and the responsibility bestowed upon the professionals to certify such forms necessary for various regulatory certifications. Shri P.K. Bhoumik, official of DGFT deliberated on the various forms which the cost accountants can certify and the complexities of each issue. The second session was deliberated by Shri Timir Baran Chatterjee, Chairman of Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber and Senior Executive Vice President & Company Secretary of DIC India Ltd. He shared the salient features of Foreign Trade Policy and the various ramifications for free trade in the changed regime. He also specified the various complexities of Foreign Policy after opening up of the economy. The seminar was concluded by the vote of thanks by Dr. Sanjiban Bandhopadhyaya, Chairman of Direct Taxation Committee of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India.



Launch of the book “Burra Bungalows & All that” –

by INTACH & Asian Hotels North Ltd to promote Heritage Tea Tourism



UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- ▶ Meeting with Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Dhaka) on Non Tariff Measures while trading with SAARC Countries, 15th November 2012, Chamber premises

- ▶ THINK Programme – Panel Discussion on “India’s Emerging Relationship with Major Powers”, 16th November 2012, The Palladian Lounge, Chamber premises

- ▶ The Bengal Chamber Award for Excellence in Manufacturing Practices of MSMEs, 21st November 2012, Chamber premises

- ▶ Application of Technology in Healthcare - Business Session and Exposition for the best solutions, 23rd November 2012, Chamber premises

- ▶ The Bengal Chamber Trophy Golf Meet, 30th November - 1st December 2012, The Tollygunge Club

- ▶ With CSI (Kolkata Chapter)
The Bengal Chamber to be the Technical Sponsor of the Third International Conference on Emerging Applications of Information Technology being hosted by the Kolkata Chapter of CSI and being held at ISI, Kolkata during 29th Nov – 1st Dec 2012.
The Bengal Chamber also supporting the Chapter in hosting the 47th Annual Convention of CSI and an International Conference on Intelligent Infrastructure during 1st – 2nd December 2012 at the Science City.

- ▶ Queensland Delegation on Higher Education and VET, 5th December 2012, Chamber premises

- ▶ The Bengal Chamber partnering INFOCOM 2012, 6th – 9th December 2012

- ▶ The Bengal Chamber supporting Aidiias on the Seminar on “CSR Challenges and Learnings of the Corporate World”, 10th December 2012, Chamber premises

- ▶ 11th Mega Industrial India Trade Fair, 14th – 24th December 2012, Science City, Kolkata