



from the desk of the PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



29th November, 2022

In a VUCA world, we don't know what we don't know! The only option is to navigate through uncharted waters. What is somewhat encouraging is that given the situation, the economy is rallying with resilience being at the strategic core.

The Federal Reserve recently announced its fourth consecutive 75 basis point interest rate hike amidst possibility of a looming recession in the US. The Fed's rate hike, it is argued, will be felt across economies and perhaps cause more pressure on the Rupee. However, RBI's regular and timely interventions and open market operations and vigil have stabilized the Rupee relatively more than many other currencies. India's retail inflation still trends lower than that of US and Europe. We are hopeful of riding this wave out!

On the climate change front, at the recent COP27 deliberations, nearly 200 countries struck a deal to establish a new fund for climate "loss and damage" - it will give money to the nations hit hardest by the effects of climate change. But the fine print remains to be read and adaptability to Climate Change in sync with inclusive and empowering development in tandem with technology that can be scaled up efficiently is what is the need of the day.

The Chamber has commenced organising its flagship summits and

conclaves across India. The cities have been chosen keeping in perspective the theme of the summits/conclaves. For example, the Banking and Financial Summit was organised in Mumbai, the financial capital of the country. Likewise, Telangana is perceived as the prototype State for leveraging technology in agricultural space. Hence, the SmartAgri Summit 2022 will be hosted in Hyderabad. Bhubaneswar is the destination for Mineral, Mining and Metal Conclave and a mega initiative "Wellness Warriors" will be organised in Delhi to salute the Armed Forces along with the ESG awards also scheduled in Delhi.

As we have come out of "Work From Home" and "Connecting Virtually" phase of life, we have resumed breaking the boundaries. The Bengal Chamber has already organised a first-ever Health Fair in Bangladesh and taken an Education Delegation to Singapore a couple of months back. The Chamber plans to take a Business Delegation to Bangladesh and a Manufacturing Delegation to some African countries in the coming year.

With regards and best wishes,

Subir Chakraborty
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Ascensive Educare Limited and Sandeep Lakhotia & Associates whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 28th October 2022.





The Chamber was privileged to have the august presence of Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal, at its last Managing Committee meeting and the opportunity to felicitate her on the occasion. Dr. Panja holds charge of three Departments namely, Industries, Commerce & Enterprises, Public Enterprises and Industrial Reconstruction and Women & Child Development & Social Welfare.

In his welcome address, The President, Mr. Subir Chakraborty briefly apprised Dr. Panja about the activities of The Chamber and areas of its expertise to assist the Government. He mentioned that The Chamber would be pleased to work with the Government of West Bengal in organizing the various sessions and B2B meets in BGBS 2023 and undertake sectoral partnership agreements. A letter and a presentation with details of The Chamber's areas of expertise and activities was handed over to Dr. Panja by the President.

Dr. Panja mentioned that she was happy to be at The Chamber interacting with captains of industries here in Bengal who would speak about the positives of Bengal and could apprise her on the negatives as well. She said that she had made herself accessible and had been speaking with concerned people at various forums ever since she had taken charge of Departments of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises and Public Enterprises & Industrial Reconstruction this year. There had been papers and suggestions from various Chambers and her attention had been drawn towards issues and problems which she was finding exciting and interesting. She was keen to know more about The Bengal Chamber's detailed work for the State on inland waterways and last-mile connectivity and projects The Chamber had undertaken for the World Bank and also for the Transport Department of the Government of West Bengal in this realm. A brief synopsis was provided and one of the reports on Roll-On Roll-Off vessels prepared with a focus on decongesting the land bridges and city of Kolkata was handed over to her.

She further mentioned that the Chief Minister of the State had always been supportive of growth and development of large and MSME Sector in the State and was going ahead with creation of accessible platforms for the same. Recently a phone number had been launched towards "Industry Grievance Redressal". The CM was always wanting to find out about the bottlenecks for Industry in the State.

Dr. Panja felt that while the State might have lost out in some cases, there have been no stoppage of work or militant kind of trade unionism of late. Industrial lands had been identified and there were various industrial parks with Government lands. Private lands were also available. New Policies had

come concerning tea tourism, ethnol production and promotion policy and on environment, alternative fuel, and other policies aimed at sustainability. Policies concerning forests, ports, coal blocks, rehab, mining and excavation etc were being worked out and would be declared gradually. Large, Medium and Micro Sectors were looked after jointly with co-operation between several Departments. There was a Standing Committee to ensure better co-ordination with Ministers and Secretaries on board along with the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

She felt that there was a positive approach and outlook towards industry, trade and commerce and necessary infrastructure had been built with this in mind. She spoke about the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre and the Biswa Bangla Prangan near Science City. She also spoke about decentralization of industrial parks at the district levels, the developmental work at Jungle Mahal and dedicated freight corridor, about work to be done with neighbouring States as well as the role that Kolkata and the State could play as a gateway to South East Asia.

Stating that she looked forward to further inputs and interactions with The Chamber and to a coherent approach in addressing all issues discussed, Dr. Panja mentioned that she would like to hear a critique as well along with the suggestions given.

The President thanked Dr. Panja for her powerful and enlightening address. He felt that from the various initiatives being taken by the Chief Minister and the Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, the simple message that was conveyed was "Bengal Means Business" and at this juncture it was important that business and Government should work together so that they are able to project West Bengal as a preferred destination for business not only in the country but also globally in the future.

The Session with Dr. Panja was followed by a very engaging round of discussions with several Members raising queries and coming up with suggestions while thanking the Hon'ble Minister for already having taking a few positive steps in some areas like cross-border trade etc which had yielded results.

The Hon'ble Minister felt that many of the suggestions made by Members required to be looked into in-depth. The President agreed that The Chamber would make a compendium of the suggestions made and submit the same to the Minister.

The Meeting was concluded with the President Designate, Mr. Gautam Ray delivering a formal Vote of Thanks.



Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal arriving at the Bengal Chamber



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President BCC&I and MD & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd and Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise, Government of West Bengal at the session



(L-R) Mr. Arnab Basu, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber & Advisory Leader and Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President BCC&I and MD & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd; Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise; Mr. Gautam Ray, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG; Mr. Abhijit Roy, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber & MD & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President BCC&I and MD & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd felicitating Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise, Government of West Bengal



Interactive session with Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise, Government of West Bengal in progress

ONLINE ENTREPRENEURSHIP QUIZ

Today, many visionary students aspire to run their own business, mainly because they seek autonomy, financial security, and vocational flexibility. Entrepreneurship allows students to learn more than just their chosen field of study, and creates an interdisciplinary environment to work and develop in. The networks and friendships which develop help students to become better connected once they leave university, and help prepare them for long term success. To celebrate this spirit of new making India, The Entrepreneurs' Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized "Online Entrepreneurship Quiz" for school students of Class XI and XII on 30th October 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. through online mode.



Students from all across India participated in this exciting quiz. Questions covered topics around entrepreneurship in India, global entrepreneurship, future of entrepreneurship, startups and unicorns, etc. and it was a fun for everyone who participated.

Candidates appeared in the competition online from all over India. The entire contest was in MCQ format through an online portal.



ONLINE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

14th November 2022, Virtual Platform

Children's Day is celebrated across India to raise awareness about the rights, education, and welfare of children. It is celebrated on 14th November every year on the birthday of the First Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who was known to have been fond of children. To celebrate the Children's Day, The Entrepreneurs' Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Online General Knowledge Quiz on Indian History for school students on 14th November 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. through online mode.

Students from Class V to Class X from all across India participated in this exciting quiz. Questions covered topics around general knowledge on Indian History and it was a fun for everyone who participated.

Candidates appeared in the competition online from all over India. The entire contest was in MCQ format through an online portal.



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce along with The Indian Football Association (IFA) organised a felicitation ceremony wherein all Sports Journalists from Kolkata who were going to Qatar to cover the FIFA World Cup were felicitated by some of the leading Former Footballers of the City.

Journalists from publications like Bartaman, Aajkaal, Sangbad Pratidin, ABP, Aei Samay, The Hindustan Times, The Telegraph, Uttar Banga Sambad and All India Radio were felicitated.



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee & Skills Committee, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the Welcome Address

The felicitations were followed by a Panel Discussion Session moderated by Dr. Pallab Basu Mallick, where some of the journalists shared their experiences of covering previous FIFA World Cup events, besides sharing anecdotes of their interactions and encounters with some of the Stars of global Football.



Renowned Sports Journalist Mr. Dhiman Sarkar of Hindusthan Times being felicitated by Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee & Skills Committee, The Bengal Chamber



The Panel Discussion in progress

The Education Committee of The Bengal Chamber conducted the 5th Annual Education Conclave - The Converging Educational Horizon on 19th November 2022, in Fairfield by Marriott. Mr. Shekhar Mehta, President, Rotary International 21-22, was the Opening Keynote Speaker. Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Govt. of India, addressed the participants virtually. Padma Shri Professor Dr. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies and Research, Kolkata set the context of the Conclave while the Guest of Honour was Padma Bhushan Dr. Bikash Sinha, Former Director - Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics & Former Chairman - NIT Durgapur, & Homi Bhabha Chair Professor, Department of Atomic Energy, Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre.

The National Education Policy talks about the Reforms in School Curricula and Pedagogy, which aims for holistic development of learners by equipping them with the key 21st century skills, reduction in curricular content to enhance essential learning and critical thinking and greater focus on experiential learning. It also talks about the fact that Vocational education will start in schools from the 6th grade, and will include internships. The Annual Education Conclave 2022 of The Chamber was based on this aspect.

The various panel discussions were extremely interesting. The conclave had panel discussions on How Are Schools/Colleges/Universities Preparing Children To Explore The New Horizons Of Education?, Different Perspectives on the New Horizons of Education, Role of Skilling in the New Educational Horizon and The Importance Of The Mental Wellbeing Of Students Through Meditation And Motivation. The speakers in the first panel were Professor (Dr.) Indranil Sen Gupta, Vice Chancellor, JIS University, Kolkata, Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya,

Secretary General & CEO, Shri Shikshayatan Foundation & Shri Shikshayatan School, Kolkata, Ms. Rupkatha Sarkar, Principal, La Martiniere For Girls and Ms. Joyita Majumder, Principal, Ruby Park Public School, Kolkata. This session was chaired by Mr. Sumit Das Gupta, Managing Director, Allcap Communications, Kolkata.

The speakers in the second panel were Prof. (Dr.) Ananda Mitra, Professor, Department of Communication, Wake Forest University, Prof. (Dr.) Pallab Banerji, Professor, Material Science Department, IIT Kharagpur, Dr. Jisnu Basu, Faculty Member, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics. This session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Director, NIT Durgapur.

The next panel on skilling was chaired by Prof. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, SNU and the speakers were Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Director, NIT Durgapur, Prof. Saikat Maitra, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology of West Bengal and Mr. Abhijit Chatterjee, Chairman & CEO, Ascensive Educare.

The last session which was on Mental Health was attended by students from various schools, colleges and universities. The students had an opportunity to interact with the esteemed panelists of the session Swami Sarvottamananda Maharaj, Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Dr. Rima Mukherjee, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Kolkata and Prof. Shuvendu Majumder, Principal, Calcutta Business School. This session was chaired by Prof Dr. Suman Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata. Overall, it was a very successful conclave attended by a lot of participants. The conclave had extremely good media coverage as well.



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber, Emceeing the programme



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director & CEO – Exide Industries Ltd, delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Founder & Managing Director, Techno India Group & Chairperson -Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry delivering the Special Address



Mr. Shekhar Mehta , President, Rotary International 21-22, was the Opening Keynote speaker



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director & CEO – Exide Industries Ltd. handing over a memento to Mr. Shekhar Mehta, President, Rotary International 21-22



Dr. Subhas Sarkar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Education, Govt. of India sent a video message



Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya, Secretary General & CEO, Shri Shikshayatan Foundation & Shri Shikshayatan School, Kolkata handing over a memento to Padma Shri Professor Dr. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies and Research.



Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Founder & Managing & Director, Techno India Group & Chairperson - Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry handing over a memento to The Guest of Honour Padma Bhushan Dr. Bikash Sinha



Padma Shri Professor Dr. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies and Research, Kolkata setting the context



The Guest of Honour at The Conclave was Padma Bhushan Dr. Bikash Sinha, Former Director - Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics & Former Chairman - NIT Durgapur & Homi Bhabha Chair Professor, Department of Atomic Energy, Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre



The Panel Discussion: How Are Schools/Colleges/Universities Preparing Children To Explore The New Horizons Of Education? L to R - Professor (Dr.) Indranil Sen Gupta, Vice Chancellor, JIS University, Kolkata, Ms. Bratati Bhattacharyya, Secretary General & CEO, Shri Shikshayatan Foundation & Shri Shikshayatan School, Kolkata, Ms. Rupkatha Sarkar, Principal, La Martiniere For Girls, Ms. Joyita Majumder, Principal, Ruby Park Public School, Kolkata The Session was Moderated by Mr. Sumit Das Gupta, Managing Director, Allcap Communications, Kolkata



Panel discussion on Different Perspectives on the New Horizons of Education R to L: Prof. (Dr.) Ananda Mitra, Professor, Department of Communication, Wake Forest University Prof. (Dr.) Pallab Banerji, Professor, Material Science Department, IIT Kharagpur, Dr. Jisnu Basu, Faculty Member, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics Session Moderator: Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Director, NIT Durgapur



Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Director, NIT Durgapur chairing the Panel discussion on Different Perspectives on the New Horizons of Education



The Session Moderator was Prof Dr. Suman Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata



Panel discussion on Role of Skilling in the new horizons of education. L to R: 1. Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Director, NIT Durgapur 2. Prof. Saikat Maitra, Vice Chancellor, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology of West Bengal 3. Mr. Abhijit Chatterjee, Chairman & CEO, Ascensive Educare, The Session was Moderated by Prof. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, SNU



The panel discussion on The Mental Wellbeing Of Students Through Meditation And Motivation, L to R: The Session Moderator was Prof. Dr. Suman Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata; Prof. Shuvendu Majumder, Principal, Calcutta Business School; Swami Sarvottamananda Maharaj, Vice Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute; Dr. Rima Mukherjee, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Kolkata



Prof. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Vice Chancellor, SNU handing over the memento to Prof. Dr. Suman Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata



Mr. Smarajit
Purkayartha, Deputy
Director General, The
Bengal Chamber
delivering the Vote of
Thanks

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH U.S. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (DFC)

Mr. Ajay Rao, Regional Director – South Asia, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) had an interaction with the Members of The Bengal Chamber and Startups of Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Center dated 23rd November 2022 at The Chamber. Mr. Rao was accompanied by Ms. Sonia Laul, Political-Econ Officer, U.S Consulate General Kolkata and other Senior Officials of U.S Consulate in Kolkata.

Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Consultant, Indofil Industries Limited welcomed him formally. Mr.

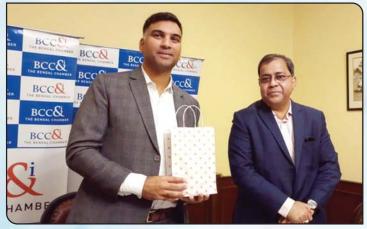


Interactive Session with Mr. Ajay Rao, Regional Director – South Asia, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) on Financial Models for clean energy, agri-business, healthcare, and infrastructure

23rd November 2022, The Bengal Chamber Premises

Satyabrata Mukherjee, Mentor, Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber and CEO, Ambrosia Enterprise Pvt. Ltdwas also present in the meeting among others.

The focus of the discussion was on financial offerings from DFCon sectors like clean energy, agri-business, healthcare, and infrastructure with special focus on social impact. Two potential cases were identified among the Members. The Bengal Chamber will connect them with DFC.



Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agriculture & Rural Development, The Bengal Chamber, Consultant, Indofil Industries Limited felicitated Mr. Ajay Rao, Regional Director – South Asia, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

The Bengal Chamber Commerce and Industry organizes Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability in the Industrial Region- Haldia, Siliguri and Durgapur. The 6th Edition of Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability in the Industrial Region of Haldia was held at Golden Retreat, Haldia on 24th November 2022.

It was a forum for the industrial stakeholders of Haldia to showcase their best practices and introduce to them latest technologies and business practices for industrial development in sync with ecological sustainability.

It is said that 39% or more of West Bengal's investments were in Haldia. Every year, 5% addition is made to the workforce. However, climate change may have a deep impact on Haldia. Though Haldia is not connected with Sundarbans directly, the decreasing mangroves in Sundarbans due to natural calamity like cyclones may make Haldia exposed to more damaging impacts of cyclones.

This year, the sessions were focused on:

- Session on Stakeholders sharing best practices
- Workshop on Energy Conservation with senior experts from Jadavpur University and IISWBM

The discussions featured on:-

- Sewage of the Haldia Township
- Salination of river water
- Commitments from the industry towards sustainability
- Need for industry-academia collaborations for innovations to address climate change
- Need for more community partnerships for initiatives with social impact

Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Managing Director, Swach Environment Pvt Ltd and Special Invitee of the Managing Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry made formal welcoming. Mr. Chandra Shekhar Prasad, COO, Indorama India Private Limited was present along with Mr. I Daniel Raj, Deputy General Manager – HSE, Indian Oil Corporation Limited; Mr. T K Pan, Chief Operation Manager, Exide Industries Ltd; Mr. Susobhan Patra, General Manager, Haldia Energy Ltd.; Ms. Jhunarani Behera, Senior Manager-HSE, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Haldia Refinery; Mr. Subhashish Pal, Deputy General Manager, Technology, Haldia Petro Chemical Ltd. Dr. Sudipta De, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Department, Jadavpur University presented his views on Energy conservation: origin, evolution and its relevance to Indian industry and Dr. Arindam Dutta, Energy Consultant & Coordinator of Energy Management Department, Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management addressed us on Energy Conservation Policy Framework and Impact: India's Perspective.

Industry bodies like Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. - Haldia Refinery, Exide Industries Ltd, Indorama India Pvt Ltd., Haldia Energy Ltd., Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd., Electrosteel Castings Limited, Adani Wilmar Limited, TATA Steel Downstream Products Limited, Hiranmaye Energy limited and Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd. were present to express their views on sustainable development of the city.

Participants were from almost all the major industries in Haldia and also from Kolkata and Jamshedpur.



(L-R) Mr. T K Pan, Chief Operation Manager, Exide Industries; Ms. Jhunarani Behera, Senior Manager-HSE, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Haldia Refinery; Mr. Subhashish Pal, Deputy General Manager, Technology, Haldia Petro Chemical Ltd and Mr. Susobhan Patra, General Manager, Haldia Energy Lt

6TH EDITION OF DISCUSSION FORUM ON ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY IN THE INDUSTRIAL REGION OF HALDIA



(L-R) Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Managing Director, Swach Environment Pvt Ltd and Director, Haldia Water Services Private Limited and Special Invitee of the Managing Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the opening remarks at 6th Edition of Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability in the Industrial Region- Haldia; Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Chandra Shekhar Prasad, COO, Indorama India Private Limited and Mr. I Daniel Raj, Deputy General Manager – HSE, Indian Oil Corporation Limited



(L-R) Dr. Sudipta De, Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Department, Jadavpur University and Dr. Arindam Dutta, Energy Consultant & Coordinator of Energy Management Department, Indian Institute of Social Welfare & Business Management







Audience



Participants visiting Haldia Dock Complex

Online Session on Financial Wellbeing for ABP Ltd, 28th, 29th, 30th November & 6th, 7th, 8th December 2022, Virtual Platform

Smart Agri Summit, 9th December 2022, The Sheraton, Hyderabad

Session on Managing GST Compliances, 9th December 2022, The Bengal Chamber Premises

International Trade e - Conclave, 10th December 2022, Virtual Platform

Users Meet on "Indigenous medical devices towards Point of Care Diagnosis" with C-DAC, Kolkata, 14th December 2022, The Bengal Chamber Premises

BCC&I Infrastructure e-Conclave, $16^{\rm th}$ December 2022, Virtual Platform

2nd Edition of the Prospects for North Bengal – Investments in Sustainability, 16th December 2022, Hotel Sinclairs, Siliguri

BCC&I Wellness Warriors, 19th December 2022, Air Force Auditorium, New Delhi

ASANSOL ENGINEERING COLLEGE



Career Margdarshan on Scopes and Avenues in Indian Air Force: 13th October, 2022

A career counselling session on scopes and avenues of Indian Air Force was delivered by the Airmen Selection Centre, Barrackpore on 13th October, 2022. They presented the prospect and recruitment process at IAF in a very useful way. Students were highly benefitted and impressed by this interactive session organized by the NSS Unit of AEC



Digital Poster Presentation Competition on SAY NO TO DRUGS: 18th October, 2022:

A Digital Poster Making
Competition was organized on
18th October, 2022, by the Anti
Drugs Awareness Committee in
collaboration with the NSS Unit
of AEC, the theme being **SAY NO TO DRUGS.** Consumption of
Drugs is one of the threats in
today's world. This initiative was
an awareness among all to



portray the hazards of Drugs. Students across different streams enthusiastically participated in the said event. Best 20 posters were awarded.

International Seminar on Internet of Medical Things: 14th October, 2022

Department of Information Technology,

Asansol Engineering College organized an International Seminar on Internet of Medical Things. Internet of Things (IoT) being one of the trending technologies, the objective was to develop mini projects using IoT.





Session on Open Source & Hacktoberfest: 21st October, 2022:

AEC Hardware Club organized a session on Open Source and Hacktoberfest on 21st October, 2022. Mr. Praveen Kumar Purushothaman, Director of Engineering, Cloudroit delivered a useful lecture to get insight about how Hacktoberfest have helped and amplified open source development. Students



across different streams took interest on this discussion and participated in the same enthusiastically.

Student Induction Program for 1st year students: 21st October, 2022:

The Induction Programme Committee, AEC organized different events for the 1st year students across different streams.

Yoga and Meditation session was one of the interesting among them. "All work and No Play



makes Jack a Dull Boy" is a popular statement but we seldom follow that. This kind of session surely will catalyse our students to follow the above statement. Mr. Basudeb Roy, Gymnasium Instructor of AEC was the facilitator of the session.

Tinkering Day celebration by Amlajora High School, Durgapur and Asansol Engineering College: 14th November, 2022:

Tinkering Day celebrated jointly by Amlajora High School, Durgapur and Asansol Engineering College (Mentor Institute). This initiative is taken under the aegis of Institution innovation Council of Asansol Engineering College. AEC is entrusted



with the responsibility to mentor and guide the Atal Tinkering labs (ATLs) at different schools in Asansol and Durgapur under the IIC-ATL Linkage.

Tinkering Day celebration by Kendriya Vidyalaya, Asansol and Asansol Engineering College: 14th November, 2022:

Tinkering Day celebrated jointly by Kendriya Vidyalaya Asansol and Asansol Engineering College (Mentor Institute). This initiative is taken under the aegis of Institution innovation Council of Asansol Engineering College. AEC is entrusted with the responsibility to mentor and guide the Atal Tinkering labs (ATLs) at different schools in Asansol and Durgapur under the IIC-ATL Linkage.



Tinkering Day celebration by Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Durgapur and Asansol Engineering College: 14th November, 2022:



Tinkering Day celebrated jointly by Jawhar Navodaya Vidyalay, Durgapur and Asansol Engineering College (Mentor Institute). This initiative is taken under the aegis of Institution Innovation Council of Asansol Engineering College. AEC is entrusted with the responsibility to mentor and guide the Atal Tinkering labs (ATLs) at different schools in Asansol and Durgapur under the IIC-ATL Linkage.



GREATER KOLKATA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, BARUIPUR

The Department of Computer Science & Engineering of GKCEM, JIS Group, has successfully organized a Seminar on "Cyber Security Awareness" on 14th October 2022 from 11.00 A.M. onwards at Seminar Hall, GKCEM.





A seminar was conducted on 'Gender Discrimination' on 17/10/2022 as a part of SIP, 2022 for newly admitted students. The chief guest was Ms. Jhumpa Ghosh Roy, Director, Change Initiative. The day started with the session of "Gender Discrimination" and presented by Ms. Jhumpa Ghosh Roy, Change Initiative-NGO.





The Heritage Walk as a part of Student's Induction Programme-2022 on day-4 (14/10/2022) jointly conducted by Mr. Gopal Chakraborty, Mr. Subhasis Saha, Mr. Sahir Ahamed Sardar & Mr. Sanjay Misra. Students visited Lord Canning House, a mansion in ruins is this Sunderbans town's last standing connection to British India's disastrous Port Canning project.





A Seminar on 'Social effect of Drugs and Narcotics' on 17/10/2022 for newly admitted students as a part of SIP, 2022. The chief guest was a team of 4 CID officers of Government of West Bengal. Team member of CID, Govt of West Bengal demonstrates about "Social effect of Drugs and Narcotics".





Two days Yoga Workshop was organized by SIP cell, GKCEM on 18/10/2022 and 20/10/2022. **SAHAJ YOGA** team was present as a chief guest and conducted this workshop with newly admitted students as a part of SIP, 2022. The day started with a very energetic programme called "Sahaja Yoga."





A workshop was organized by SIP cell, GKCEM which was conducted by famous painter **Mr. Malay Das** on 21/10/2022 for newly admitted students as a part of SIP, 2022. Mr. Das also took a session with the students where he discussed different techniques to paint a beautiful painting.





The Department of Computer Science & Engineering of GKCEM, JIS Group, has successfully organized a Seminar on "Future of Artificial Intelligence" on 4th November 2022 from 3.00 PM onwards at Seminar Hall, GKCEM in offline Mode in association with Institute Innovation Cell.



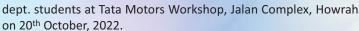


An invited talk was organized by SIP cell, GKCEM as a part of SIP, 2022. Mr. Partha Sarkar, Academic Relationship Manager-TCS was the chief guest and delivered his valuable speech to the newly admitted students to inspire them.





The Department of Mechanical Engineering in association with Training and Placement cell of GKCEM has organized an Industry Visit for the







Educational Initiatives

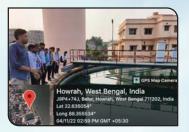
Unity Day was celebrated on 31/10/2022 by conducting a motivational talk by **Swami Ekachittananda** (Bhargab Maharaj), Principal, Ramakrishna Ashrama Mission College, Narendrapur organised by SIP cell. It was a part SIP, 2022 for newly admitted students.





The Department of Civil Engineering of GKCEM has organized a Industry Visit for the B.Tech CE 2nd Year and 3rd Year Students, on 04.11.2022 at "Vivekananda Water Treatment plant-Ramkrishna Math & Mission" Belurmath, Howrah.





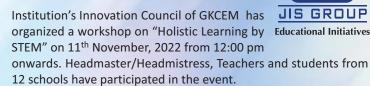
A session by Honorable Mr. Samrat Maulik, **solo cyclist** from West Bengal (recently picked up the INDIAN BOOK OF RECORD HOLDER CYCLIST, trekker, mountaineer) was organized by SIP cell, GKCEM for newly admitted students as a part of SIP, 2022. Mr. Maulik Inaugurate briefly about his journey as a cyclist and also discuss about the Global Climate Changes. Students learned about the recent climate changes and so on.











IIS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Manobik - Clothes Distribution Program Organised by Department of Electrical Engineering

Department of Electrical engineering of JIS College of Engineering had taken a small initiative to put a smile on the struggling faces of street children and backward families in Kalyani and surrounding areas by distributing clothes through the program MANOBIK. The students, faculty and staff members distributed the garments,

chocolates, dry foods and goodies at the Kalyani and surrounding area on 20th October 2022. Almost 160 numbers of people were associated with that place and received the garments. Dr. Papun Biswas, HOD of the department of Electrical Engineering appreciated all the members of the EE department for this initiative and encouraged them to continue such programs. We look to inculcate the same practices among our students. We hope that our students will take this lesson forward and do greater good for society.









Report on Bijoya Sommelani

On 29th October 2022, ART AND LITERATURE CLUB, JISCE in association with the Department of BSHU celebrated Bijoya. The programme was conceptualized by IpsitaChakrabarty, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Humanities and the co-ordinator of ART AND LITERATURE

CLUB. The aim of the programme was to celebrate the various ways in which Durga Puja is celebrated in diverse cultures in various parts of India. Many students participated in the programme wholeheartedly. Also, several faculties joined the programme and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The event ended with a vote of thanks by the coordinator of the ART AND LITERATURE CLUB.









Report on Industrial Visit at Jeerat Substation, organized by dept. of Electrical Engineering

We are delighted to let you know that the Electrical Engineering Department scheduled a visit to the Jeerat Substation - New - 765/400 kV for the department's students on 21st October 2022. Power Grid Corporation of India is in charge of running the Jeerat Substation - New - 765/400 kV project, a new substation. The substation has a 3,000 MVA capacity.







In accordance with a schedule set by the Electrical Engineering Department, students took part in the substation visit at the Jeerat Substation - New - 765/400 kV project. Mr. Tarak Biswas, Site Manager, of Power Grid Corporation of India, gave the talk. Future applications for the



discussed technologies are enormous, hence they should be vigorously pursued. The students went to the substation to learn about current models and technology.



The Department of Electrical Engineering's staff and students took part in the industry visit. It was an excellent session. Throughout the technical sessions, all of the participants engaged with them and enjoyed themselves.









Webinar on "Basic Computing Skills for Current Job Market" organized by Department of Electrical Engineering

It feels immense pleasure to announce that the Department of Electrical Engineering of JIS College of Engineering has successfully organized a webinar on "Basic Computing Skills for Current Job Market" on 3rd November 2022 from 2.30 PM. In this program, honourable speaker, Mr. Aniruddha Biswas, Assistant professor, department of Information Technology, JIS College of Engineering delivered the lecture on this webinar's abovementioned theme. Dr.

Alok Shrivastav, Dr. Maitrayee Chakrabarty and Gargi Roy were the program coordinators. Mr. Sanjoy Das (Jr.) gave continuous technical support.

The session continued with a thorough discussion and hands-on. The session was then followed by a Q&A session with the students. Overall, it was an excellent session. More than 40 students attended the session. The overall discussion was an engrossing experience for all of our participants.

Induction Program of Diploma Students Organised by Department of EE & Department of ME

The warm-up session of the Induction Program for the 1st year diploma students commenced on 3rd November 2022 by welcoming all cheerful young learners. The program started with an introductory speech by honourable principal Prof. Dr. Partha Sarkar, Dr. Sabyasachi Sen, Dean of R&D, Dr. Papun Biswas, Dean of Innovative Learning and HOD of the department of Electrical Engineering, Dr. Sandip





Ghosh, HOD of the department of Mechanical Engineering shared their valuable thoughts with the fresher students. Mr. Milan Sasmal from EE department and Mr. Palash Biswas from ME department were briefed about the class and college protocols. Subject teachers also interacted with the students. 40 number of new students attended the program on that day. The youngsters visited the labs and college premises and finally departed with high energy and positive thoughts.





Seminar On Industrial Energy Conservation Organized by Department of Electrical Engineering

It feels immense pleasure to announce that the Department of Electrical Engineering of JIS College of Engineering has successfully organized an "Industrial Energy Conservation" seminar on 10th

November 2022 from 2.30 PM. The main objective of this program was to enrich the knowledge about energy conservation in today's engineering industry. The coordinator of this program was Mr. Sudip Das, Assistant professor of the Electrical Engineering department. Mr. Sampad Bose, faculty of PCRA, Govt. of India, was the program's speaker. Participants gained knowledge about the importance of

energy conservation, energy efficiency etc. through the informative sessions of the speaker. 30 participants were present in that awareness program. With the distribution of certificates, the program was completed successfully.



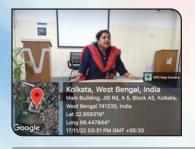




Awareness program on AICTE Edu skills virtual Internship

Department of Electrical Engineering of JIS College of Engineering has successfully organized an awareness program on "AICTE-Eduskills Virtual Internship for Future Perspective" on 17th November 2022 from 3.00 PM. The main objective of this program was to enrich the knowledge about the AICTE-Eduskills virtual internship. In this program, the participants were overwhelmed by the speaker's

excellent and motivating talk about the internship program. Ms. Tanusree Saha, assistant professor of the IT department, at JIS College of Engineering was the speaker of the program mentioned above. Dr. Maitrayee Chakrabarty, Dr Alok Shrivastav and Ms. Gargi Roy were the co-coordinators of the program. Mr. Sanjoy Das Jr. gave continuous technical support. Finally, at the end of the program, the speaker was acknowledged and presented with an appreciation certificate as an effort of appreciation and a vote of thanks.









Report on Industrial Visit at Sen & Singh Engineers, Kolkata, organised by department of Electrical Engineering

We are delighted to let you know that the Electrical Engineering Department scheduled a visit to the Sen & Singh Engineers- 355 1, Upen Banerjee Rd, Parnasree Palli, Behala, Kolkata, West Bengal 700060, for the department's students. Sen & Singh Engineers is a reputed manufacturer of low-tension Switchboards since 1981. SSE has been supplying numerous plants and projects over the last three decades.

In accordance with a schedule set by the Electrical Engineering Department, students took part in the workstation visit. Dr. S. Singh: B.Tech (Hons.) • M.S (California) • PhD (Illinois), project director, of Sen & Singh Engineers, gave the talk. Future applications for the discussed technologies are enormous, hence they should be vigorously pursued. The students went to the industry to learn about current models and technology.

The Department of Electrical Engineering's staff and students took part in the industry visit. It was an excellent session. Throughout the technical sessions, all of the participants engaged with them and enjoyed themselves.









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Report of IEI Student Chapter Activity Innovation Exhibition 2022 held on 17th November 2022

On 17.11.2022 IEI Student chapters of Electronics and Communication Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering, JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani organised the in collaboration with IIC, IQAC. Dr. S. M. Ali, Director General, Solar Energy Society of India, New Delhi has joined the program as a judge for evaluation on four categorical awards. Dr. Partha Sarkar, Principal delivered the inaugural speech followed by the address from Dr. Ali. Convener Dr. Indranath Sarkar briefed the event and encouraged participants'

enthusiasm. About Twenty-Seven project teams participated from almost all engineering departments. The best innovative project was

awarded to the team led by student member Utsab Ray of the BME department, Best market-ready project award was received by the team led by student member Ankita Sharma from the ME department. Best business aspect project award received jointly by the two teams from the ECE department led by student members Sneha Singh and Ritesh Sarkar respectively. Best societal support project award received by the team from the EE department led by student member Tania Singh.









Educational Initiatives

JIS SCHOOL OF POLYTECHNIC

Date: 03/11/2022 Welcome program

The Day 1 commenced with the formal welcoming of the freshers with their respective parents/guardians by the HODs, faculties and the administrative members of the college. The gathering was introduced to the various departments of the institution, their

respective HODs, faculty members and general orientation about the college was. During the session the students were explained in detail on the various infrastructure, laboratories, department library, student associations, curricular and extracurricular activities, clubs, their importance in a student's life publications and various achievements. More than 200 students and more than 70 honorable guardians have attended in this program.







Date: 04/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Dr Swati Paul

Designation of the Guest: Head of the Department, Centre of Management Studies Full Affiliation of the Guest: JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani, Nadia.

Topic of discussion: Out Come based Education

Program Objective: Student-centric teaching and learning methodology in which the course delivery, assessment are planned to achieve stated objectives and outcomes. It focuses on measuring student performance i.e. outcomes at different levels.







Date: 07/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Mr. Prabhunath Roy

Designation of the Guest: Deputy Manager (P&A)

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Deputy Manager (P&A)-Webfil Ltd, Kalyani, Nadia Topic of discussion: Highlighting the requisite

knowledge area for interview Program Objective:

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- ✓ The best way to highlight the skills
- √ How to have a successful interview
- ✓ How to answer skills-related interview questions







Date: 09/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Dr. Pradip Pati Designation of the Guest: Assistant Director

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Haringhata Farm, Govt of West Bengal, Nadia Topic of discussion: Role of Ethics in a student's life Program Objective:

To inculcate the teachings of Swami Vivekananda in the youth of our college and to bring out the human nature in every soul.

Name of the Guest: Dr. Saroj Banerjee

Designation of the Guest: Assistant Director of Livestock

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Haringhata Farm, Govt of West Bengal, Nadia Topic of discussion: Swami Vivekanda's views with regard to ethics Program Objective:

Ethics are the basis of human life and it was emphasized during the lecture session. Students were presented with real life scenarios so as to bring out their innate human ethics, thereby differentiating between animals and humans. Students were further invited to attend a character building workshop by Ramakrishna Mission on 13/11/2022, free of cost, which had attracted few participants.







Date: 10/11/2022

Name of the Guest : Dr. Bhupen Biswas

Designation of the Guest : Ex Assistant Teacher & Ex Associate NCC Officer



Full Affiliation of the Guest: Chandmari Deshapriyo Shikshayatan, Nadia, West Bengal Topic of discussion: NCC : Importance of Physical and Mental growth

Program Objective: To aware the students about necessity of Physical and Mental growth along with NCC importance.



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Date: 11/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Mr. Santanu Kundu Designation of the Guest: Head of the Institute

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Naihati Narendra Vidyaniketan, Naihati Topic of discussion: Personality Development & Leadership Skills

Program Objective: Mr. Kundu addressed the students with Personality Development & Leadership Skills. Personality development includes activities that improve awareness and identity, develop talents and potential, build

Job opportunities for the engineers

and how you can motivate youself.

human capital and facilitate employability, enhance quality of life and contribute to the realization of dreams and aspirations.

Full Affiliation of the Guest: MINDTREE, Kolkata Topic of discussion:

Program Objective: Highlighting the skills need to acquire in job

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Bedivawan Rabitirtha Vidyalaya, Kalyani

Program Objective: Impart life lessons. Listening experience of life which can fill students with enthusiasm & energy to take-on this

Topic of discussion: Life Lessons For the Future







Date: 11/11/2022

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Name of the Guest: Mr. Sayan Dey

Designation of the Guest: Software Developer







Date: 14/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Mr. Arun Dutta

Designation of the Guest: Head of the Institute





new step of life.



Date: 14/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Mrs. Manonita Bhatterjee

Designation of the Guest: Ex. Teacher of Jonepur Girls' High School

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Ex. Teacher of Jonepur Girls' High School, Kanchrapara

Topic of discussion: Human Values Program Objective:

- ✓ To create awareness about Human Values
- ✓ To generate commitment to human Values
- To improve the quality of life through education











Date: 16/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Mr. Soumen Roy

Designation of the Guest: Assistant Master

Full Affiliation of the Guest: Chandmari Deshapriyo Shikshayatan (HS) Topic of discussion : Self exploration

Program Objective: Self-management - Self-confidence, peer pressure, time management, anger, Stress. Personality development, self-improvement (Harmony in the human being)







Date: 17/11/2022

Name of the Guest: Mr. Pranranjan Chowdhury

Designation of the Guest: Retired Teacher in Charge,

Full Affiliation of the Guest : Govt. Senior Secondary School, Rabindra Bangla Vidyalaya, Port Blair

Topic of discussion: Physical and Mental Health

Program Objective: Health issues, healthy diet, healthy lifestyle Hostel life (Harmony of the self and Body, Mental and Physical health)







Date: 18/11/2022 Feedback session

All the sessions proved to be highly successful and the students were encouraged to adopt a better lifestyle. Comprehensive feedback

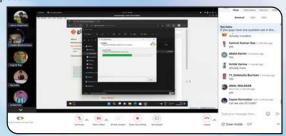
was collected from students which indicate that the students have enjoyed the induction program and are looking forward to an exciting three years at JIS School of Polytechnic.

NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



Hands-on session on Git, GitHub and Open Source

The Google Developer Student Club (GDSC) of Narula Institute of Technology has organized a hands-on session on Git, GitHub and Open Source on 16th October, 2022 in Virtual mode. There was massive excitement among the students about this hands-on session and a total of 200 students from all engineering departments participated.





Hacktoberfest 2022 organised by the Google Developer Student Club (GDSC), NIT

The Google Developer Student Club (GDSC) of Narula Institute of Technology (NIT) in collaboration with Hack4bengal has organised a first grand Hacktoberfest event on 22nd October, 2022 at Sir J.C Bose Auditorium of NIT Campus. The guest speakers were Mr. Manish Barnwal, founder of Hack4Bengal, Co-Founder of Builders of WEB3; and Mr. Hrittik Roy, Community Engineer at Harness, Gold Microsoft LSA. A question answer session and a quiz were also there at the concluding phase of the event.







PTM conducted by CA Department

The Computer Application Department of Narula Institute of Technology has conducted a PTM on 19th October, 2022 for 1st year students. All the BCA 1st year students and their guardians were invited to participate. Parents were also requested to keep in touch with the subject teachers and mentors for the progress of their wards.





Orphanage Visit & Old age Home Visit on 20th-21st October, 2022

The NSS unit of Narula Institute of Technology organised an Orphanage Visit to celebrate DIWALI 2022 on 20th October, 2022. The program was organized to distribute Ration, basic medicine, sweets and uncountable chocolate to the orphan children of Sri Gouranga Gourio Mission Sebasram in the name of "DIWALI KA UPAHAR". An Old Age Home Visit was also organised by the NSS team.









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