





24th November, 2023

As we emerge from the festive season, I am eagerly anticipating the initiation of activities for the year ahead.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry played a pivotal role in the Bengal Global Business Summit 2023, hosted by the Government of West Bengal on November 21st and 22nd. It assumed a leadership role in successfully organizing four sectoral sessions dedicated to Sustainable Development Goals, Technical Education and Skills, Manufacturing (Engineering, Chemicals and Plastics), and IT. Furthermore, The Chamber successfully conducted highly productive B2B sessions with a 52-member UK Delegation specifically attending the event. Sessions covered topics such as Net Zero, Power & Energy and Agriculture. 7th Edition of BGBS has been very successful in bringing significant investment for the state and the state has received appreciation and recognition from leading industrialists for providing most suitable infrastructure and investment friendly environment.

Additionally, The Chamber has consistently prioritized promoting sustainability across diverse industries. In line with this commitment, it is orchestrating the 7th Edition of the Haldia Industrial Region Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability in a few days' time. Also, the recently established sustainability forum has generated

significant interest among the various committees within The Chamber, with unanimous enthusiasm for transforming it into a leading and guiding platform.

Despite contemporary conflicts causing supply-chain disruptions the Indian economy remains a beacon of stability. The economy recently attained a historic milestone, crossing the \$4 trillion-mark in nominal GDP for the first time, it is now poised to surpass Japan and Germany, emerging as the world's third-largest economy by 2027.

The Chamber's schedule for December and the final quarter of the Financial Year reflects the initiation of several relevant programs. I extend my gratitude to the Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, and Members of the Expert Committee for their valuable contributions in this regard.

Best Wishes!

Sd/-**Gautam Ray** President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Shovana Hospitality & Restaurants LLP whose application for membership was tabled and approved on 31st October 2023.





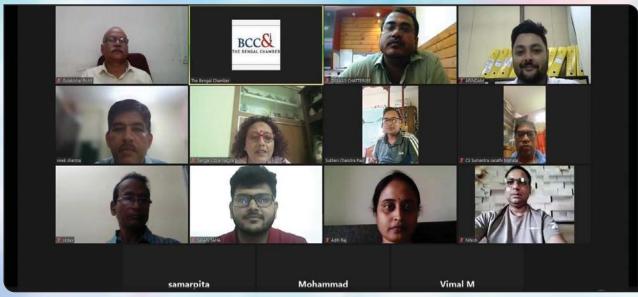
ESG CERTIFICATION COURSE

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry understand that risk resilience is increasingly critical for organizations to flourish during uncertain times. As societal, environmental, and economic challenges arise, organizations that can manage, predict, and prepare for disruptions are better positioned to thrive. ESG drives risk resilience, cost optimization, and compliance.

India is committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2070. Risk mitigation strategies are driving urgency within Corporate India, but the potential for value creation will also drive ESG-centric organizational values. Sectors like Power, Steel, Cement, Plastic, Paint, and Agriculture sectors account for approximately 70 percent of carbon emissions in India. While many Indian Organizations are taking steps to reduce their carbon footprint, not all organizations have robust strategies in place to mitigate climate change impacts. Setting ambitious targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, implementing comprehensive

carbon management practices, and assessing and disclosing climate-related risks and opportunities are a few ways in which organizations can move towards building improved ESG strategies.

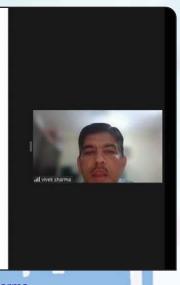
BCC&I partnered with Dun & Bradstreet to bring an exclusive online certificate course on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices from September 09, 2023 - October 07, 2023). The certification program is delivered by experienced Dun & Bradstreet trainers. The program uses a case study-based approach and helped participants to get a detailed understanding of best international practices related to ESG. The certification program has industry-relevant case studies covering the ESG framework. Participants would get exposure related to key data points used in preparing the ESG report. The program helped them to understand how they can contribute to building ESG compliance businesses.



One of the sessions on ESG Certification Course

Key Coverage

- · An introduction to ESG
- · Journey and Emergence of ESG
- · An overview of key aspects of- E, S and G
- · ESG Global Frameworks and Standards
- ESG and Risk Management
- · ESG and Financial Decisions
- · ESG as an investment idea



It is often witnessed that when women, facing sexual harassment at the workplace, they are reluctant to report such misconduct. The Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013 (POSH) aims to give protection against such incident. Internal Committee (IC) (the committee for prevention of sexual harassment) has to be created for organizations with more than ten employees under POSH. It is very important to have an IC which is trained and aware of its role & responsibilities. This is important not only to ensure effective redressal of complaints but also promote inclusion and healthy work environment.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized Capacity Building Workshop on the Law against Sexual Harassment at Workplace for Internal Committee (IC) Members of its stakeholders in association with Posh at Work (empanelled by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India since February, 2017), on 7th November 2023 at the Chamber premises.

This workshop was designed for current & potential IC Members with a vision to:

- Train IC members on their role & responsibilities
- Assist them in learning the practicalities of handling a complaint
- Guide them with best practices and tips along with some do's & don'ts
- To incorporate skills for desired tone and tenor during an inquiry

Advocate Shivangi Prasad, Legal Consultant & Author, Trainer & External Member, Founder, The Legal Swan, POSH at Work & Respekt, Cisgender Heterosexual Ally was invited from Mumbai as the Trainer.

The workshop was attended by 38 participants from BEAS Consultancy k& Services Private Limited; Bengal Gas Company Limited; CESC Limited; Exide Industries Limited; Capital Numbers Infotech Private Limited; Jupier Wagons Limited; National Insurance Company Limited; Nicco Parks & Resorts Limited; Peoplepro Management Services Private Limited; Pharma Quant Insights Private Limited; Shyam Metalics and Energy Ltd.; SOFTTHINK Intelligent Solutions Pvt Ltd.; Southern Health Improvement Samity; Sundew Solutions Private Limited; Tata Metaliks Limited; TM International Logistics Ltd; Trisim Global Solutions LLP; Vesuvius India Limited; Wacker Metroark Chemicals Pvt Ltd; West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation; Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Ltd.

It was a very interactive workshop wherein the participants

were given simulated situations to come up with possible situations. Appropriate documentations were also explained.

Joint Certificates by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Posh at Work (empanelled by Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India since February, 2017) were provided to all participants on successful completion of the workshop.



The trainer of the workshop – **Advocate Shivangi Prasad**, Legal Consultant & Author, Trainer & External Member, Founder, The Legal Swan, POSH at Work & Respekt, Cisgender Heterosexual Ally



The workshop in progress



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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and U.S. Consulate General organized a Round Table Session on Healthcare on 20th November, 2023 in the Chamber premises.

Welcome address was given by Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech & Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Vice Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University.

Dr. Kingshuk K. Sinha, Chair and Professor, Supply Chain and Operations Department & Elmer L. Andersen Chair in Sustainable Supply Chain, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota was the Keynote Speaker.

companies, scientists, researchers joined the Round Table Session. The objective of the Session was to explore and identify and scoping out the needs for educational outreach & training, and research aimed at advancing mental and physical healthcare (including surgical care) delivery with a focus on improving affordability, access and awareness.

The Round Table Session was followed by Q/A Session with

Representatives from various hospitals in and around the city,

medical devices and equipments manufacturing companies,

pharmaceutical companies, life sciences and biotech

The Round Table Session was followed by Q/A Session with the audience. The Session was attended by close to 50 delegates.



Round Table Session on Healthcare with US Consulate General in progress



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The Bengal Chamber, US Consulate Panel Discussion on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Development was organized on the 20th November 2023 at The Bengal Chamber Premises.

The Bengal Chamber along with the US Consulate conducted a Panel Discussion on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Development.

Mr. Arnab Basu, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Advisory Leader, Price Waterhouse Coopers Pvt. Ltd., delivered the Welcome Address.

The distinguished speakers were; Dr. Daniel B. Schwab, President and Founder, STEM for Development who joined online.

Professor Rangina Hamidi, Professor of Practice, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University.

Dr. Kanadpriya Basu, Professor of Practice, Data Science & Leadership Development. Senior Advisor to Dean & Director General, Lead — Business Analytics Executive Program, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University.

The session was moderated by Prof. Dr. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, Adamas University.

Ms. Melinda Pavek, Consul General of the United States of America, delivered the concluding remarks and Ms. Rupkatha Sarkar, Member, The Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Principal, La Martiniere For Girls delivered the formal Vote of Thanks.



From L to R: Dr. Kanadpriya Basu, Professor of Practice, Data Science & Leadership Development. Senior Advisor to Dean & Director General, Lead – Business Analytics Executive Program, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University, Mr. Arnab Basu, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Advisory Leader, Price WaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd., Prof. Dr. Suranjan Das, Vice Chancellor, Adamas University, Ms. Melinda Pavek, Consul General of the United States of America, and Professor Rangina Hamidi, Professor of Practice, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Arizona State University, distinguished speakers in the session



Distinguished audience



Dr. Daniel B. Schwab, President and Founder, STEM for Development addressing the audience

THE BENGAL CHAMBER, US CONSULATE PANEL DISCUSSION ON STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS)
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Distinguished audience asking questions

PROGRAMME

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20th November 2023, The Bengal Chamber Premises













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Students attending the programme



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber emceeing the session

UK COUNTRY SESSION, BENGAL GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT (BGBS 2023)

21st November 2023, ITC Sonar Bangla

The UK is one of the partner countries at the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) and brought 55 members UK Delegation to further strengthen UK-West Bengal business partnerships. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) joined hands with British Deputy High Commission (BDHC) in bringing the Indian businesses towards networking at this exclusive session.

The UK Delegation included delegates from sectors like Renewable Energy, Sustainable Infrastructure, Waste and Water Management, Net Zero Standards, and Air Pollution, Agri and Agritech among others.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry BCC&I, Mr. Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Urban

Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal and Hon'ble Mayor of Kolkata delivered the Keynote Address at the session.

The other senior speakers included **Mr. Anoop Agrawal** IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Training and Skill Development (TET &SD), Government of West Bengal, **Ms. Anna Shotbolt**, Deputy Trade Commissioner (Trade Policy, Exports and Economics), South Asia, **Mr. Andrew Flemming**, British Deputy High Commissioner, Kolkata

There were three parallel sessions after the Opening session on Net Zero, Energy and Agritech. The Sessions had participation from relevant Indian businesses to facilitate B2B networking.



Mr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata; Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Mr. Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Urban Development and Municipal Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal and Hon'ble Mayor of Kolkata; Ms. Anna Shotbolt, Deputy Trade Commissioner (Trade Policy, Exports and Economics), South Asia and Mr. Anoop Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Training and Skill Development (TET &SD), Government of West Bengal

The Bengal Global Business Summit - Sectorial Session on Future Skills was hosted by the TET &SD Department, Government of West Bengal along with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry as the Chamber Partner, on 22nd November 2023 at the Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan . The two-and-a-half-hour session provided a platform to delve into the transformative landscape of skills in the ever-evolving world of technology.

The session began with a Welcome Address delivered by Shri Anoop Agrawal, the Principal Secretary of the TET &SD Department, Government of West Bengal, Shri Subir Chakraborty, CEO and Managing Director of Exide Industries Limited was the keynote speaker. The theme for Sector Session was "Future Skills'. In the ever evolving and hyper innovation world of technology it is important how relevant the human skills will remain in face of machines.

The panel of experts who were experts from diverse fields like Dr. Arpan Pal, Chief Scientist & Head of Embedded Systems & Robotics at TCS Research & Innovation, Mr. Satish Thakre, the Chief Technology Officer at Scientech Technologies Pvt. Ltd, Mr. Girish Balachandran, Senior Director of Digital Media at ADOBE India, Ms. Sarah Neville, Consultant Project Development Coordinator at the Commonwealth Heritage Forum, Dr. Tahmina Ajmal, Associate Professor of Engineering at the University of Bedfordshire, Mr. Sai Krishna Rao, Senior General Manager of Education Field Services at Schneider Electric, Mr. Kaushik Chatterjee, BFSI Global Delivery Head at Zensar Technologies and Dr. Sandip Bhattacharya, Vice President of Health Management at Siemens Ltd were all unanimous in their observation that the youth should not look at the changing scenario as "Man versus Machine" instead they should embrace the change and consider as the next era as Man and Machine. Artificial intelligence should not be considered as a tool that would replace humans in the workforce but should be considered as Augmented Intelligence that helps humans to analyse data faster, in more accurate manner and help with solutions and accurate interventions at a faster rate.

New technology like Data Analytics, Machine learning, Internet of Things, Robotics, help humans to augment creative thinking, cognitive thinking, Analytical ability to make more specific, accurate predictions and actions. It is for this reason these technologies are now being used in fields as diverse as engineering, enterprises, health care, agriculture, climate actions, sustainability and even heritage preservations.

The panel members felt that the education system should

shift to be more hands-on and project based. Students should be encourage to take up skilling, creative learning, be innovative from early childhood. There should be cross disciplinary/multidisciplinary approach to learning. Communications, soft skill, digital literacy should be made part of the curricula. To encourage openness and innovation students should be encouraged to participate in projects, competitions, hackathons.

Pr. Secretary, Sri. Agrawal stressed the fact that in West Bengal, Industry has been made a major stakeholder in the skilling and Technical education initiative. The Industry Led Demand driven skilling has been initiated as a policy to encourage industries to identify skills gap and suggest curricula. They are also encouraged to skill the candidates at their own premises on the technologies already accepted by industries. Initiatives are also being taken to ensure that the youths get advanced skills training at Industry/ITI centers through Advanced Training Centres on technologies that are to be adopted as transformative technology in the sector. Centres of Excellence are proposed to be set up with R7D facilities and Incubation centers to drive innovation and Entrepreneurship. This CoEs will collaborate with institutes, industries and organizations across the globe to be drivers of change in the field of technology.

21 MoUs were announced between the Department and the Industry bodies symbolizing collaborative efforts in the pursuit of future skills development. The Session provided a valuable opportunity to the stakeholders who were invited as participants to directly interact with the distinguished panel members, fostering a deeper understanding of the topics discussed.



Shri Anoop Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, TET&SD Department, Government of West Bengal delivering his Inaugural Address at the Sectoral Session of Technical Education at the BGBS 2023

THE BENGAL GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT (BGBS 2023) - SECTORAL SESSION ON FUTURE SKILLS



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, CEO & Managing Director, Exide Industries Limited delivering the Keynote Address



Shri Anoop Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, TET&SD Department, Government of West Bengal along with Mr. Subir Chakraborty, CEO & Managing Director, Exide Industries Limited on his right and Dr. Arpan Pal- Chief Scientist & Head, Embedded Systems & Robotics, Research Area, TCS Research & Innovation, TATA Consultancy Services on his left



Dr. Arpan Pal- Chief Scientist & Head, Embedded Systems & Robotics, Research Area, TCS Research & Innovation, TATA Consultancy Services delivering his address on Requirement of Skilled Manpower in Age of Robotics and AI



Mr. Girish Balachandran- Sr. Director – Digital Media, ADOBE India sharing his views on Human skills and creativity- Man vs Machine



Dr. Sandip Bhattacharya, Vice President, Health Management, Siemens Ltd. speaking on Requirement of Skilled manpower in increasingly technical field of Health Care



Ms. Sarah Neville Consultant Project Development Coordinator, Commonwealth Heritage Forum sharing insights on Synergy Between Traditional Knowledge and New Age Technology For Preservation Of Heritage



Section of the Audience during the Sectoral Session



Mr. Satish Thakre, Chief Technology Officer, Scientech Technologies Pvt. Ltd. speaking on How Technology will shape Future Skill Needs



Mr. Sai Krishna Rao- Sr. General Manager – Education Field Services, Schneider Electric sharing views on Skilling requirement for green sustainable energy



Dr. Tahmina Ajmal, Associate Professor of Engineering, School of Computer Science and Technology, University of Bedfordshire speaking on Skilling Needs In Agriculture



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emceeing at the Sectoral Session of Technical Education at the BGBS 2023



MoU signing Ceremony



Shri Anoop Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, TET&SD Department, Government of West Bengal at the Concluding Session with the Panelists

THE BENGAL GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT (BGBS 2023) - SECTORAL SESSION ON ENGINEERING, CHEMICALS AND PLASTICS

22nd November 2023 Dhano Dhanyo Auditorium

The Sectoral Session on Engineering, Plastics, and Chemicals held on 22nd November 2023 at the Dhano Dhanya Auditorium was a significant event that brought together key stakeholders and leaders from the industry. The session was marked by valuable insights and announcements, with Mr. Abhijit Roy, MD and CEO of Berger Paints, taking the spotlight.

In his address, Mr. Abhijit Roy commended the Chief Minister's Zero Industrial Strike and 100 percent usage of mandays policy, highlighting its tremendous impact on the business environment. He emphasized that this policy has provided a substantial boost to the industry. Furthermore, Mr. Roy shared exciting news about Berger Paints' substantial expansion plans in the State, amounting to a staggering 700+ crores.

The expansion strategy outlined by Mr. Roy includes the

establishment of a greenfield unit at Panagarh, significant expansion at Rishra, and the inauguration of a new office in New Town. These initiatives not only underscore Berger Paints' commitment to growth but also reflect a positive outlook for the overall development of the sector in the region. The session witnessed the active participation of around 120 delegates from the industry, signifying the importance and relevance of the topics discussed. The presence of key players and decision-makers fostered a conducive environment for networking and collaboration.

Mr. Nikhil Nirmal, IAS, Managing Director of WBSIDCL, set the tone for the session with his welcome remarks. His opening words established the significance of the gathering and set the stage for the subsequent discussions. The collaborative spirit of the session, coupled with the strategic announcements

from Mr. Abhijit Roy, marked the event as a milestone in the journey of the Engineering, Plastics, and Chemicals sector in the state.

Other notable panellists included:

Mr. Nitin Jain, Managing Director, Vice President India & South East Asia, Vesuvius India Limited

Mr. Alok Tibrewala, Past President IPF, Co-chair NEC, Plastindia 2023

Mr. Sisir Jalan, President, Indian Plastic Federation Mr. Devendra Surana, Managing Director, MAGPET Mr. A K Tripathi, Executive Vice President, Supreme Industries Ltd

Mr. Bani B. Banerjee, Head – Polymers & Chemicals, Haldia Petrochemicals Private Ltd.



Mr. Abhijit Roy, Senior Vice President, Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Managing Director, Berger Paints Ltd delivering his address at the sectoral session



Mr. Abhijit Roy, Senior Vice President, Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Managing Director, Berger Paints Ltd announcing expansion plans of upward of Rupees 700 croresinfront of the Hon'ble Chief Minister



Mr. Nitin Jain, Managing Director, Vice President India & South East Asia, Vesuvius India Limited during the panel discussion

7th Edition of Haldia Industrial Region Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability, 30th November 2023, Haldia

FPO Outreach for South 24 Parganas, 30th November 2023, The Bengal Chamber premises

2nd Edition of Social Leadership Awards, 7th December 2023, The Bengal Chamber premises

FPO Outreach for Hooghly and Howrah District, 8th December 2023, Chinsurah

Sectoral workshop on Logistics and Supply-chain with Govt. of West Bengal, 12th December 2023, The Bengal Chamber premises

Kharagpur Trade Fair, 14th – 18th December 2023, Kharagpur College Grounds

India International Mega Trade Fair (IIMTF), 15th December 2023, Science City Exhibition Ground

Workshop on Revolutionizing Supply Chain Strategies with IIMM Kolkata, 15th December 2023, The Bengal Chamber Premises

5-A-Side Football Tournament, 19th and 20th of December 2023, Techno India Group World School, Siliguri

Annual Education Conclave 2023 - Education Milieu - The Way Forward, 23rd of December 2023

ASANSOL ENGINEERING COLLEGE



Educational Initiatives

AEC Codest Special Edition 1.0, on 11st October 2023 by AEC Hardware Club:

AEC Codest Special Edition 1.0, was organized by AEC Hardware Club on 11th October, 2023. This was a coding contest and was organized in online mode.

Winners were:

- 1. Aryan Gupta, CSE
- 2. Rohan Bag, CSE
- 3. Sumana Panda, IT

SPECIAL EDITION 1.0

Fresher's Welcome Ceremony of all departments of Asansol **Engineering College on 18th Oct 2023:**

Fresher's Welcome for the new 1st year batches of all the department was grandly celebrated in Asansol Engineering College campus on 18th October 2023.

The freshers were heartily welcome by their seniors by conducting several events like Quiz, Dum Charades, and many Cultural performances.

NB: We are providing only one poster of CSBS department.

Workshop "Robotics Revolution Rumble" by Robotics Club, AEC on 1st and 2nd November, 2023

A Hands-on session on Basic Robotics was organized by Robotics Club, Asansol Engineering College on 1st and 2nd November 2023.

The name of the workshop was "Robotics Revolution Rumble". The event was organized at Vivekananda Seminar Hall Asansol Engineering College.





Electronics Innovation (El 8.0) organized by ECE Dept. on 12th October 2023:

The Institution of Engineers' (India) Students' Chapter of the Dept. of ECE of Asansol Engineering College hosted Technical Symposium "Electronics Innovation 8.0", a National Level Model Competition cum Exhibition on 12th October, 2023, where 56 teams competed in ardent fervor, with 250+ students from many Institutes. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest: Prof. Arvind Choubey, Hon'ble Director & Chairperson (In-Charge), BOG, NIT Durgapur, The Maharaj, Asansol RK Mission and Sumanta Karmakar, Hony Secy. IE(I) Asansol Centre and Judges Dr. Partha Sarathi Pal, Senior Scientist, CMERI Durgapur, Dr. Sambhunath Nandy, Chief Scientist, CMERI Durgapur, Dr. SRK Vadali, Senior Principal Scientist, CMERI Durgapur and Dr. Animesh Dutta, Associate Professor, Dept. of CSE, NIT.



"SHUTTER MAGIC 2023" competition by JIS Group & Photography Club on 30th October 2023:

A Photography Contest was organized by JIS Group along with Photography Club, Asansol Engineering College. The name of the competition was "SHUTTER MAGIC 2023" on the occasion of festivals in West Bengal in the month of October.

The last date for submission of photographs for the said contest was 30th October 2023.

Altogether 325 participants participated in the said contest.



"Tech Talk" Technical Session organized by Robotics Club, AEC on 11th November 2023.

"Tech Talk" Session 1, an online Technical Session was organized by Robotics Club of AEC on 11th November 2023. The topic for the technical session was "Navigating the world of Adobe". The eminent speaker for the said session was Sarthak Chauhan, Member of Technical Team, Adobe.

The Coordinators were: Sumanta Karmakar, Faculty, ECE Dr. Srijan Paul, Faculty, ME Md. Azizul Islam, Student, ME Harsh Raj, Student ECE



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. Cleanliness Drive @GNIT NSS Unit (SFU)

GNIT NSS Unit (SFU) organized a Cleanliness Drive on 5th October, 20223 as a part of Swachhata Pakhwada-Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS-2023), an initiative by AICTE.

In this regard, a cleaning activity was taken up by all the faculty, staff members and the students of GNIT. The event was initiated by the GNIT NSS Unit (SFU) and active participation from everyone in cleaning their own places made the program successful. The students also took part actively in cleaning the different laboratories as a part of this cleanliness drive.

The campaign helped to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and encouraged people to actively participate in keeping their surroundings clean.













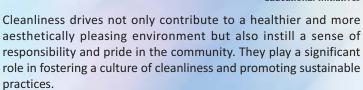
2. MOU Signing Ceremony @ PSP Mercantile LLP @ Department of Computer Science & Engineering

The Department of Computer Science and Engineering signed a MOU with PSP Mercantile LLP holding entity, Kolkata in the presence of Mr. Sayantan Saha, CEO, PSP Mercantile LLP holding entity, Mr. Soumyadeep Pandey, Business development associate, KriDarp - A Blockchain Agristack, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, Dr. Suman Bhattacharya, Associate Professor and HOD @ CSE and Dr. Mahamuda Sultana, Associate Professor @ CSE.

PSP Mercantile is one of NE-India's fastest-growing Holding Groups with a significant presence in India, APAC, Nigeria, and the UK. The Group's businesses include Consulting, Technology & IT, Healthcare, and Agriculture. Group's flagship Companies: 1. Medera Global Corp. has footprints in India, APAC, and the UK. Medera is recognized by the Government of India and the British Trade Council UK. Soon it will be merged with its parent holding. 2. PSP Mercantile is involved in Government project consulting and procurement. 3. KriDarp - A Block chain Agristack is the group's flagship Agritech and Product Company.

Recognized by the UN and many others, KriDarp is a partner with Microsoft Corp. It got selected for the prestigious "NVIDIA INCEPTION" program for elite startups. Microsoft is a registered MSME partner with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. 4. PSP Healthcare Enterprise Inc. is involved in DeepTech research and provides affordable healthcare services for acute diseases. The group is also involved in cutting-edge technology development for Blockchain, Education, AUM, R&D and others.

The MOU was signed on 12th October 2023 as per the policy of the institute to collaborate with industry to enhance knowledge, research activities and professional skills towards the modern technologies and recent trends in the field of Computer Science and Engineering. It will provide the opportunities in research, development and education in the field of Web 2.0, Industry 4.0, Web 3.0 through internships. Workshops, hackathon, hands on training, integrated hands-on training and internship, master classes, industrial visit, lab to market idea lab setup, product development, Intellectual property rights, and projects.

















3. Industry Visit @ Webskitters Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. @ Department of ECS

The Department of Electronics and Computer Science organized an Industry visit to Webskitters Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. on 12th October 2023. 40 students of ECS department participated in the visit under the guidance of all the faculty and staff members. The Industrial visit provided students an insight into the real working environment, workstations, plants, assembly lines, machines, systems, as they interacted with the highly trained and experienced personnel.

The company delegates mainly Mr. Debasish Ghosh, Senior Career Consultant and Mr. Mukesh Hela, Senior Marketing Manager conducted a small career counseling session to give a brief idea about the upcoming job placements, the domains and skills which are important for upcoming IT industries followed by a tour around the premises and different domain wise technical sections. The students got a chance to interact with the IT professionals who were

doing the real time projects and got an idea of the basic outline about their work in multiple domains like coding, marketing, designing etc.

The industrial visit to Webskitters Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. was an eye-opening experience for ECS students, offering them insights into real-world applications of their classroom learning. It inspired them to excel in their academic and future career pursuits, emphasized the need for continuous learning in the ever-evolving field of Computer Science, and effectively bridged the gap between academic theory and industry practices.

Bridging the gap between theory and practice is one of the primary goals of industrial visits. It helps students connect the dots between what they learn in class and what they'll be doing in their workplace. The visit appears to have inspired the students, encouraging them to excel in their academic studies and career.













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4. FOOD ENVISION 2K23 @ Technical Fest

FOOD ENVISION 2K23, The Annual Technical Fest, was organized by the Department of Food Technology on 12th and 13th of October, 2023.

It served as a platform for students from various fields to combine their expertise in Food Science, Technology, and Innovation. The event featured a range of activities, including Seminars and competitions like Technical Model Displays, Flameless cooking, Technical Quizzes, Case Studies, Pitching, Food Photography, and Reels, as well as paperless art. It empowered the students to explore different domains related to their technical and creative skills resulting in brainstorming beyond the knowledge of the text books.

The Tech Fest was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal@GNIT, Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, Registrar@GNIT, Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Professor and HOD@FT; Mr. Pradip Haldar, Founder and CEO@PHD Capital, Mr. Subhendu Sinha Chaudhuri, CEO of Clean Tech Solution; and HODs of all the Departments with the auspicious Lamp Lightning Ceremony and the Saraswati Vandana.

Two technical seminar sessions were scheduled to take place after the inauguration. The first session was taken over by Mr. Subhendu Sinha Chaudhuri sir CEO of Clean Tech Solution, established in 2013. He's an Expert Working Group Member with Indian Pharmaceutical Commission (IPC) and various other committees as well. The guidance in his exclusive technical session "Application of AI in the Food Industry" allowed students to interact and relate deeply with the topic.

The second technical session had Mr. Pradip Halder, serial entrepreneur, investor, author, trainer, founder and CEO of PHD CAPITAL as the speaker. He presented, "The Power of Thoughts and Manifestation" which surely helped and guided dozens of students, including school students, to create their path to success.

An Alumni Meet and greet was hosted by the Department on the 2nd Day of Food Envision. The students were elated to have an interactive session with the alumni. The alumni got to share their experiences in their field of work, encouraging the students to work efficiently and carry forward the legacy of Food Envision. A prize distribution took place in the Auditorium of GNIT, awarding the students with certificates and prize money for different events.

The 8 events of FOOD ENVISION 2K23 witnessed participation of more than 200 students from various colleges and schools across West Bengal, ; Institute of Engineering & Management, Techno India Main, JIS College of Engineering; Techno India University, Brainware University, GNIPST, Bethune College, Surendranath College, RBC Day College, Sacred Heart School, National English School, Adamas World School and many more.

The Tech Fest was sponsored by Keventers Agro Ltd., Priyanka Arts centres, Ab Dhri Tri Restaurant and the Digital Media partner was Telegraph-Edugraph.

FOOD ENVISION 2K23 hosted the following events –

- MINDKRAFT (TECHNICAL QUIZ): The technical quiz aims at exploring the technical and general knowledge of the participants where brain power meets brain teasers.
- MINDKRAFT (School):

Winner: Ankita Chowdhury & Indrajit Bogi, Sacred Heart School

First runner up : Tanisha Mandal & Srijita Ghosal, Sacred Heart School

MINDKRAFT (College):

Winner Team: Fact Fanatics- Elina Sur (Leader), Ankush Chatterjee, Poulami Deb, FT, GNIT

Runner Up Team: Quizzical : Sohini Bhattacharyay (leader), Srabasti Deb, Sanjukta Banik, FT, GNIT

• DEAL MAKER'S DERBY (MAD ADS): It portrayed the pitching and the marketing skills of the participants marking them on the basis of how convincing their pitches would be for the product provided to them on the day of the event. Mr. Rajarshi Nag (founder and CEO of DRIVERS4ME), Mr. Sandip Joadder (founder and CEO of CHAKHOR) and Mr. Pradip Halder (CEO of PHD CAPITAL) graced the event and guided the students.

Winner: Tanishq Das, Class 11 Sacred Heart School, Barrack pore

Runner up: Ramanuj Bhowmick, EE, GNIT

• UNMOCHAN (PROBLEM STATEMENT ADDRESSING): Here the participants have to address a problem statement provided to them and provide a solution to it.

Winner: Suronjona Banerjee, FT, GNIT

Runner up: Ankush Chatterjee, FT, GNIT

• IGENIUS (Model Display, Innovative Idea, and Prototype Presentation): It will allow the young minds to depict their innovative ideas and prototypes and showcase their talents.

Winner Team: MINDBENDERS: Srabasti Deb(team leader), Sohini Bhattacharya, Arkaprava Bhowmik, Sandipan Chakraborty, FT, GNIT

Runner Up Team: ADBR-SQUAD: Ramanuj Bhowmick (team leader), Barna barman, Dia Nandy, Anish Aich, EE, GNIT

 GAMEZY (OFFLINE CARROM AND ONLINE BGMI): Encourages the participants to showcase their gaming skills.

GAMEZY (BGMI): Winner Team: 7heaven esports; leader-Sanket Datta, Squad players name- Priyanshu Chakraborty, Indranil Koiri,

Akashdeep Bakshi, RBC Day College BA

Runner up Team: TEAM RUTHLESS; Squad players name: Rahul Sarkar, Sridip Ghosh, Gourab mohanta, Surendranath College

GAMEZY (CARROM): WINNER: Indranil Das, FT, GNIT

• FLAMELESS FIESTA (NO FIRE COOKING): Intrigues the participants flaunt their cooking skills that too without the use of fire.

Winner: Riona Saha, FT, GNIT

Runner-up: Aditi Kar & Anuska Jana, FT, GNIT

• ILLUSTRA ART(PAINT WITHOUT PAPER): Encourages to unveil the artistry of a painter painting without the paper.

Winner: Suronjona Banerjee, FT, GNIT

Runner up: Rania Roy, CSE, GNIT

• PLATE O GRAM (REELS AND PHOTOGRAPHY): Portray the expertise of the participants in the field of photography and reel making



WINNER Event-Photography Section: Shaoli Das, FT, GNIT

WINNER Reels Section: Sneha Jana, FT, GNIT

The Vote of thanks was proposed by the Student Convener, Ms. Suditi Jana, FT, 4th year. On the verge of closure of the event, Student President of Food envision 2k23, Mr. Sayamdipta Das Chowdhury, FT, 4th year discoursed about the Event thanking all the team members of Food Envision 2K23.

Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Professor and HOD FT, Ms. Shairee Ganguly, Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar, Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya, Mr. Saikat Mazumder, Ms. Riya Das Gupta, Mr. Amit Barman, Mr. Subhobrata Saha coordinated Food Envision 2K23.













5. Industry Mentor Meet : Application of AI based tools in Food Technology @Food Technology

Department of Food Technology @ GNIT in association with ISTE Students' Chapter organized a Seminar on "Application of AI based tools in Food Technology" on 12th October, 2023.

The event started with the inaugural speech by Ms. Shairee Ganguly, AP@FT. The speaker, Mr. Subhendu Sinha Chaudhuri, CEO, Cleantech Solution was felicitated by Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, HOD, FT.

The speaker shared the importance of application of AI tools for

innovation in food technology sectors. The session aimed to explore the latest advancements and potential applications of AI in the food industry. He highlighted the significance of AI in transforming the food industry, AI technologies such as machine learning, natural language processing, and computer vision offer innovative solutions for enhancing various aspects of food production, quality control, and distribution.

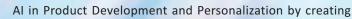
The speaker focused on the following topics:

 Role of AI in Food Technology, including predictive maintenance, quality control, and supply chain optimization

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- Al in Food Processing, Manufacturing and optimizing production processes, increase product consistency, and reduce wastage
- tailored food products through analyzing consumer preferences and dietary restrictions.

- Al for Quality Control and Inspection







The seminar concluded with an interactive Q&A, and with the Vote of Thanks delivered by Ms. Riya Dasgupta, AP@FT and coordinator of the event.

and bring about positive change, the Food and Agriculture

The one-day event organized by the FT department, under the IE

students' Chapter, was inaugurated by Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay,



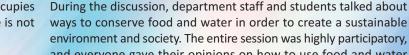


6. World Food Day @ Food Technology

Department of Food Technology @ GNIT observed World Food Day on 16th October, 2023. For the year 2023, the theme of the World Food Day was "Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind".

Water is essential to life on Earth. It generates our food, sustains livelihoods, makes up more than 50% of our bodies, and occupies most of the surface of the Earth. But this precious resource is not infinite, and we need to stop taking it for granted.

Water is impacted by our diets and the methods used to create them. As a collective, we can take action to ensure food security



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and everyone gave their opinions on how to use food and water sustainably.

Organization (FAO) states on its official website.









7. Seminar on Human Rights Education

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology organized a Seminar on "Human Rights Education" on 7th Novemeber October, 2023.

The seminar, facilitated by Ms. Shaleen Das, brand ambassador of Youth for Human Rights International Washington DC GOHR Florida, Country Director of India Youth Empowerment, was a transformative event that highlighted the significance of promoting and integrating human rights education into our society.

She emphasized the need for human rights education at all levels,

from primary schools to higher education, as a means to instill values of tolerance, empathy, and social responsibility. The seminar underscored the importance of understanding and respecting diverse perspectives and promoting inclusive curricula. It also showcased successful initiatives and shared resources for incorporating human rights into educational programs.

Students left the seminar inspired and committed to advancing human rights education in their respective fields. The event served as a valuable platform for networking and knowledge exchange, reaffirming the collective commitment to promoting a culture of human rights awareness and respect in society.















8. Entrepreneurship Awareness Program @MSME-DFO, Govt. of India @FT

Department of Food Technology @ GNIT in association with MSME-DFO, Govt. of India organized an Entrepreneurship Awareness Program on 9th November, 2023, sponsored by MSME-DFO, Govt. of India.

The primary aim of this initiative was to instill a sense of entrepreneurship among students, fostering a spirit of innovation and self-reliance.

The session started with the Inaugural Address by Prof. Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, HOD@FT, followed by the welcome address by Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, Registrar@ GNIT. They explained the importance of entrepreneurs in advancing a country's development and provided the students with a career roadmap for entrepreneurship.

The session was graced by Mr. Tarak Kansabanik, Assistant Director, MSME-DFO, Kolkata; Shri Salan Bage, Lead Bank Manager, N 24 Parganas, West Bengal; Dr. Debansu Chatterjee, Associate Professor & Dean, Swami Vivekananda Institute of Modern Science, Director, Dronacharyya (House of Consultant) Kolkata Centre & Director Choibari and Makaibari Tea Estate.

The program covered a spectrum of topics crucial for budding entrepreneurs, including:

- Support from MSME available for budding entrepreneurs
- Entrepreneurial Mindset

- Business Planning and Strategy
- Funding Options and Financial Management
- Support from bank available for budding entrepreneur

The interactive Entrepreneurship Awareness Program succeeded in its mission to inspire and equip participants with the knowledge and confidence to embark on entrepreneurial journeys. The collaborative efforts of organizers, speakers, and participants contributed to making this program a valuable and enriching experience.

Mr. Saikat Mazumder, AP@FT acted as the Convener and proposed the Vote of Thanks.

Ms. Shairee Ganguly, Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar, Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya, Ms. Riya Dasgupta, Mr. Amit Barman, Mr. Shubhobrata Saha acted as the coordinators of the event.











9. Kali Puja & Diwali 2023 Celebration

The vibrant spirit of Kali Puja & Diwali enveloped the campus on 10th November 2023 as students, faculty members, and staff members came together to celebrate the Festival of Lights. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as the entire community joined hands to mark this joyous occasion.

In the spirit of unity and cultural diversity, various activities were organized, reflecting the essence of Diwali. The campus was adorned with colorful decorations, bright diyas, and intricate rangoli, creating a festive ambiance

that resonated with the traditional charm of the festival.

Faculty members and staff actively participated, exchanging warm wishes and sharing in the joyous moments. The lighting of diyas collectively symbolized the triumph of light over darkness, echoing the broader message of hope and positivity that Diwali represents.

The Kali Puja & Diwali celebration on campus not only enriched the cultural experience of everyone involved but also emphasized the importance of coming together as a community to celebrate moments of joy and unity.













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AICTE/UGC Learning Outcomes-based Credit Framework (LOCF) Examination Reforms Workshop

Our University recently concluded AICTE/UGC Learning Outcomesbased Credit Framework (LOCF) Examination Reforms Workshop. This workshop is organized by Department of Education& Office of Controller of Examinations. The dates were from 9th-13th October, 2023. The resource Persons were Dr. Vinay Kulkarni, Dept. of Engineering, OBE and IIC Coordinator, DY Patil College of Engineering, Akurdi, Pune AND Prof. Mrunalini Buradkar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering, St. Vincent Palloti College of Engineering and Technology, Nagpur.







Inauguration of the new campus at Austin Tower, 16th October, 2023

Kolkata for the students studying Management covering MBA and MBA in Digital Marketing courses.



On 16th October, 2023 it was a memorable day for JIS University, Kolkata. On this auspicious day we have inaugurated our new campus with state-of-the-art infrastructure at Austin Towers, New Town,







October (Friday). Pulsating ambience, flashing lights, and foot tapping

music, marked the dawn of Inizio 2023—The Fresher's Party for the newly admitted students of the Department of pharmaceutical

technology, JIS University. The excitement inflated to a high as

performances and ramp walk graced the stage. Joy and happiness

could be seen on the faces all around. Glimpses of the said event

Fresher's party INIZIO 2.0 organized by the Department of Pharmaceutical Technology

Department of Pharmaceutical Technology JIS University have organized a Fresher's party INIZIO 2.0 for B.Pharm, D.Pharm, BMLT and M.Pharm students on 13





are shared.



Two national seminar was organized by Durgapur Institute of Legal Studies in association with Bankura University

On 7th and 8th October 2023, a two national seminar was organized by Durgapur Institute of Legal Studies in association with Bankura University. The National Seminar was on Artificial Intelligence and its impact in the society. There were various dignitaries from various renowned institutes like Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma, the Director of Indian Law Institute, distinguished luminaries from Chanakya National Law University, Assam University, Bankura University and many more. In this august gathering, there was the presence of various scholars from renowned institutions. Dr. Souvik Chatterji (Associate Professor and Head of The Department, Juridical Sciences) and

Samrat Samaddar (BBA LLB Student)
presented a paper in the seminar on
Emerging Issues related to Artificial
Intelligence, cyber laws, stalking and
forensics. The paper was entitled to focus on

the societal aspects of AI in the current scenario. Glimpses of the presentations are shared.





Department of Education, JIS University organized "Mahishasurmardini"

On 17th October, Department of Education, JIS University organized "Mahishasurmardini" a play performed by the B.Ed. students, keeping in mind the Pre-Puja Celebration, at the University Auditorium. Students presented the play and the performers received appreciation from the audiences with great enthusiasm and encouragement.







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JIS University proudly announced to have added new 2 Year's Course - "MBA in Digital Marketing in collaboration with UpGrad Campus

Snapshots of the Practical class of the 3rd Semester Students of

B.Sc. in Agricultural Science on the "Diseases of Field and Horticultural crops and their Management" from the department of

Educational Initiatives Agricultural Science, JIS University held recently at JISCE, Kalyani campus.

NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Industrial Visit

The Computer Science and Engineering department of Narula Institute of Technology has organised industrial visits to Webskitters Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd. to provide the B.TECH CSE – CST 3rd year students with practical insights into the activities of a realworld industrial setup on 11th October, 2023.









NiT LiT Fest 2023-The Inter-Institute literary festival

NiT organised Inter-Institute literary festival which aimed to foster communication skills, nurture literary talent was held on October 12, 2023. It witnessed participation from over 20 schools and 15 colleges across the state, resulting in a footfall of 550+ attendees.

FDP on "AI/ML Based Smart Systems for Energy, Healthcare, and Agricultural Industries"

The ECE department of Narula Institute of Technology has successfully organized the week-long Faculty Development Program on "AI/ML Based Smart Systems for Energy, Healthcare, and Agricultural Industries" from 9th to13th October, 2023.









Industrial Visit to ERTL by ECE Department

The ECE Department, NiT has organized an industrial visit on 18th October 2023 to the Electronics Regional Test Laboratory (ERTL) in Kolkata for 2nd and 3rd year students.



Seminar on "Promoting Industrial Academic Collaboration"

NiT organised a one day Seminar on "Promoting Industrial Academic Collaboration" on November 8, 2023. This event was conducted in pursuit of an initiative by the Government of West where NiT has been selected as one of the central hub technical colleges in the North 24 parganas.









Workshop on "How to boost minds with wellness for women"

NiT hosted a transformative workshop aimed at enhancing women's mental well-being. Dr. Biswajit Ray, the superintendent of Lumbini Park Mental Hospital graced the event imparting invaluable wisdom on 8th November, 2023.

Invited Talk on "Recent Development of Formalin Fish Sensor using Graphene"

The Department of Electrical Engineering has organised one Day Invited Talk on "Recent Development of Formalin Fish Sensor using Graphene" on 10th November 2023. The Talk was developed by Prof. Dr. Hemen Kalita, Department of Physics, Gauhati University.









Old Age Home Visit by NSS Unit

On November 10, 2023, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of Narula Institute of Technology orchestrated a significant visit to an old age home. The objective was to extend companionship, emotional support and engage in activities to enhance the well-being of the elderly residents.

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