

Newsletter



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from the desk of the **PRESIDENT**

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Dear Member,

The year 2011 has begun on a very busy note for the Bengal Chamber. We have a number of programmes and activities lined up in January and February. It is indeed an eclectic mix – spanning healthcare, IT,

climate change, HR, lectures by eminent individuals and the likes.

In December, we continued with our events and one notable achievement has been the commencement of our annual Steel Raw Materials Outlook conference, which we co-branded with IPFonline Limited. Given the tremendous demand for steel and the uncertainty over prices, the Bengal Chamber and IPF came together for a conference to discuss the issues concerning the industry, the policymakers, the demand and supply balance, outlook for prices of steel raw materials, etc. The programme was attended by delegates from all over the country and the great encouragement we have received from all stakeholders has prompted us to institute this as an annual conference.

The year has begun amidst a flurry of activities and I am sure as we travel down the months, we would have more exciting and thought provoking activities from India's oldest Chamber of Commerce.

SANDIPAN CHAKRAVORTTY President

Bhavan, New Delhi

Dr. Manmohan Singh handed over the trophies to the winners. The function was presided over by Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, Hon'ble Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise.

These awards are means of encouragement and motivation for PSUs for their contribution to the national economy and promoting efficiency in them. Selection



of this prestigious award has been made based on stringent criteria devised/evaluated by International Management Institute and a distinguished panel of eminent persons as jury chaired by Justice P.N. Bhagabati, former Chief Justice of India, and participated by Dr Abid Hassan, Nitish Sengupta and Moosa Raja.

Mr. Kallol Datta, Chairman and Managing Director, Andrew Yule and Company Limited receiving the SCOPE Excellence Award from Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble



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Prime Minister of India on 15th December 2010 at Vigyan

WE ARE PROUD TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CHIEF MENTOR OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER, MR. KHOKAN MOOKERII WAS RECENTLY FELICITATED BY THE CALCUTTA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION. A BRIEF REPORT IS APPENDED.

The citation awarded to Mr. Khokan Mookerji is as follows

To the man who has supported, guided and shaped the cause of management. The man who is a constant source of inspiration and a guide for managers by mentoring and helping them set newer and higher standards all the time. Calcutta Management Association is proud to felicitate Khokan Mookerji for his selfless service to the management fraternity. **Sumit Ray** President Calcutta Management Association December 22, 2010

CMA FELICITATES FOUR EMINENT INDIVIDUALS

At a function held prior to its 52nd Annual General Meeting, on December 22, 2010, Calcutta Management Association, one of the oldest management associations in the country, felicitated four eminent personalities, for their outstanding contribution to the cause of management practice, education and training. Well known and highly admired in their respective fields of activities, these individuals have over the years, left an indelible mark in the area of management education and practice. Mr. Sanjay Budhia, Managing Director, Patton Group of Industries; Dr. Giri Dua, Managing

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. KALLOL DATTA

Mr. Kallol Datta (Chairman and Managing Director - Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd.) received the SCOPE Award for Excellence and Outstanding Contribution to the Public Sector Management in the Turnaround category, from Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. SCOPE Excellence Awards are considered as the most prestigious and outstanding recognition of the Public Sector Management. On this occasion, Mr. Kallol Datta expressed happiness on bringing back the old glory and heritage of Andrew Yule. The award giving ceremony was held on 15th December at Vigyan Bhaban where Prime Minister



Director, TASMAC; Prof. Amit
Sengupta, Director, Eastern Institute
of Management and Mr. Khokan
Mookerji, The Chief Mentor, Bengal
Chamber of Commerce and Industry
were felicitated on behalf of CMA by

its President, Mr. Sumit Ray, Chief – Institutional Business, Future Group.

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Mr. Khokan Mookerji addressing the audience



Mr. Khokan Mookerji (left) with Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, President, The Bengal Chamber. Seated is Mr. Sanjay Budhia, Managing Director, Patton Group

Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, Managing Director, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Ltd., graced the programme as the Chief Guest, who later addressed the Annual CMA Patton Talkshop on "Role & Contribution of Chambers of Commerce and Management Associations in the Development of a Region".



Mr. Sumit Ray, President, Calcutta Management Association (left) felicitating Mr. Mookerji

STEEL RAW MATERIALS OUTLOOK

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Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, President, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with IPFonline Limited, organized the inaugural conference on "Steel Raw Materials Outlook."

Keeping in mind the price fluctuation of different input items, The Bengal Chamber and IPF believed that a conference on Steel Raw Materials would be a timely event.

China had started consuming large quantities of raw materials for near about 10 years to have a significant growth and this was one of the major setbacks for which global prices of iron ore, coking coal and other key steel making input items kept increasing rapidly. The growth of steel in the emerging world economies has indeed been fabulous. It was anticipated that



around 60% of the additional steel produced in 2010 was from the emerging nations. Asia's steel output was expected to touch a record high of 900 million tonnes. India has been a hub of massive expansion in consumption of steel from 60 million tonnes in March 2010, and was fulfilling its appetite by relying on imports of steel. Growth in infrastructure, auto sector, construction sector, etc played a leading role towards increasing the steel consumption in India. However, the key to capacity growth is the steady supply of raw materials. According to analysts, the estimated increases in costs are as high as 33%. Against this backdrop, the Bengal Chamber and IPF came together for a conference to discuss the issues concerning the industry, the policymakers, the demand and supply balance, outlook for prices of steel raw materials, etc.

It was a two-day event with speakers of national and international repute. The speakers at the inaugural session of the programme included,

- Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, Managing Director, Tata Steel Processing & Distribution and President, The Bengal Chamber - He was the Chairman of the Inaugural Session and he inaugurated the seminar by giving the Welcome Address.
- Dr. Amit Chatterjee, Tata Steel He gave the Keynote Address on "For Sustainability in Indian Steel Industry".
- Mr. Gerard McCloskey, Founder Chairman, McCloskey Group – He gave a presentation on "Global Overview on Coal" in the inaugural session.

Delegates had enrolled from all over the country and the feedback received from them was very positive indeed. The need to come back with this event in the next year was a common refrain.

(Left) Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber with Dr. Amit Chatterjee of Tata Steel

13-14TH DECEMBER 2010, THE OBEROI GRAND



(L-R): Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, Mr. Gerard McCloskey, Founder Chairman, McCloskey Group



The audience



The conference in progress



L-R: Mr. Khokan Mookerji, Chief Mentor, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Harsh K Jha, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber; Shri Partha Chatterjee, Leader of the Opposition, West Bengal Assembly; Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber

Shri Partha Chatterjee, Leader of the Opposition, West Bengal Assembly interacted with members of the Managing Committee of the Bengal Chamber and shared his thoughts on the steps required to take the economy of West Bengal forward. The Managing Committee expressed their areas of concern and shared their perspectives on opportunities

for growth to which Shri Chatterjee responded. It was a frank discussion and exchange of ideas and Shri Chatterjee requested the Chamber to send a brief white paper on the areas of focus as envisaged by the Bengal Chamber.



UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR ON HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT:

EDUCATION, RELIGION AND CULTURE

(IN COLLABORATION WITH THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY),

10TH - 11TH DECEMBER 2011, GOENKA COLLEGE CAMPUS, KOLKATA The Goenka College of Commerce and Business Administration, in collaboration with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized a two-day UGC sponsored "Seminar on Human Resource Development: Education, Religion and Culture" on 10th and 11th December 2010 in the college campus in Kolkata. The inaugural session included speakers from some of the premier academic institutions in Kolkata like the University of Calcutta, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, etc.

Dr. Debasis Banerjee, Principle, Goenka College of Commerce and Business Administration addressed the gathering. Prof. Sudipti Banerjee, Professor, Department of Commerce, University of Calcutta was the Keynote Speaker. The noted economist, Prof. Sugata Marjit, Director and RBI Professor of Industrial Economics, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Kolkata observed that Human Resources (HR) is a subject, which is very much related to Education, Religion and Culture. He reiterated what Dr Banerjee had commented – that to be a successful HR professional, especially in today's scenario, one needs to be thorough with the HR practices in conformity with the three pillars of HR i.e. Education, Culture and Religion keeping in mind the present industry trend.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- Workshop on Child Diabetes, 15th January 2011, Chamber premises
- Bengal Chamber and KKN Group present "Think..." Series Interactive Session with Mr. Harish Manwani, Chairman, Hindustan Unilever Limited, 22nd January 2011, Chamber premises
- The Bengal Chamber IT Quiz 2011, 28th January 2011, Chamber premises
- Workshop on Performance Management System, 10th February 2011, Chamber premises
- Perspectives on Climate Negotiations and Clean Technology (with EBTC), 16th February 2011, Chamber premises.

The Palladian Lounge held its annual Children's Christmas Party on 17th December 2010. This year the Lounge organized a special Christmas programme for street children from one of the centres of Towards Life Foundation (TLF), which is a part of Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management.

The event started with carols and games organized by The Soar Revolution Team of The Assembly of God Church youth department followed by a magic show. There were presents galore for all the children and a special visit from Santa with even more gifts. The guests of honour for the event were, eminent dancer Ms. Alokananda Ray, Mrs. Nandita Chakravortty wife of the Bengal Chamber President, Mr. Sandipan Chakravortty & Mrs. Santaushree Chaudhuri of Bodhi Tree.

EVENTS AT THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE



MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER

FACILITATING BUSINESS WITH MYANMAR - A GREAT NEW INITIATIVE

One of our senior members, Mr. Dipak Dutta, has recently launched an initiative to promote business with Myanmar, along with Mr. Shyamal Banerjee, who is a Finance professional having 15 years of working experience in Maynamar in senior positions.

The Company, Lookeast Business Consultants Pvt. Ltd., has been formed to promote business and investment between India and Myanmar, with an intention to reduce the current trade gap. The Company offers to provide top class professional service to all potential Investors in Myanmar and to help both Myanmar and Indian businessmen to introduce quality products in both markets, with a view to explore all untapped areas, products and opportunities.



We urge upon our members who may want to have a look at the Myanmar market, to visit their

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