



**from the desk of the  
PRESIDENT**

Dear Member, 25 October, 2013

*The 159th AGM of this historic institution was held on 23rd September 2013. It is my privilege to have been re-elected for another term. The tremendous support and goodwill from you all, with the wise counsel of the Past Presidents of the Chamber and the constant encouragement, collaboration and guidance from my colleagues in the Managing Committee, Expert Committees and the Secretariat had greatly given me the confidence and the wherewithal to steer this historic institution on the 160th year of its present avatar as The Bengal Chamber and the 180th year since its inception. The teamwork that the Bengal Chamber family displayed while undertaking its numerous initiatives and programmes is truly inspiring.*

*The journey last year was nothing short of fantastic and as the expectations mount and the hopes soar for another stupendous year of an eclectic mix of activities, I am looking forward to your wholehearted support and participation. The Government of West Bengal has firmly displayed its intent on taking the economy of the State forward against all odds and as India's oldest institution of its kind and one which has grown up with modern Bengal, your Chamber pledges to work with the Government and the people of the State in realizing a prosperous future.*

*Wishing you and your family  
Subho Bijoya, Happy Dusshera and a Delightful Diwali!*



Sd/-  
Kallol Datta  
President

**PROGRAMMES**

**Interaction on "India-Sri Lanka Relations: Opportunities for Both Countries" with His Excellency Prasad Keriyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi**

17TH SEPTEMBER 2013,  
CHAMBER PREMISES

An Interactive Session with H.E. Prasad Keriyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in New Delhi was organized on "India-Sri Lanka Relations: Opportunities for Both Countries" on 17th September 2013 at 7.00 p.m. at the Chamber.

The High Commissioner recalled the historic relationship existing between the then Calcutta and Colombo. After the capital shifted to Delhi and Mumbai emerged as the financial capital of the country, Sri Lanka's focus also shifted. However, recently, the Government of Sri Lanka is emphasizing on reviving the relationship. A diplomatic Consulate's office is also in the pipeline.

The High Commissioner mentioned that an integrated approach is needed in business relationships between the two countries. Sri Lanka will open free market for India for every commodity sooner or later except for agro products. He expressed keen interest in Joint Venture initiatives both at Government and Private levels.

Buddhist Tourism got a special mention in the discussions. BCC&i mentioned that they would get in touch with relevant authorities for setting up railway and air connectivity between Colombo, Kolkata and Gaya to develop Buddhist Tourism. The Chamber would also get in touch with Indian Museum in Kolkata for an appropriate positioning of the Relics of Lord Buddha in the Museum.



▲ Meeting in progress.

23RD SEPTEMBER 2013, CHAMBER PREMISES **BUSINESS SESSION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013**

The Business Session of the 159th Annual General Meeting of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2013 at the Williamson Magor Hall in the Chamber.

Mr. Kallol Datta, President, took the chair and welcomed all members present at the meeting. Thereafter, the President, with Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Chamber, conducted the formalities of the business session.

Mr. Kallol Datta, Dr. Alok Roy and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta were re-elected as the President, Senior Vice President and Vice

**NEWS FLASH**

**CORRIGENDUM**

In the last edition of the newsletter under "THE BENGAL CHAMBER AWARD FOR BEST YOUNG HR PROFESSIONAL", the name of Mr. Abhishek Gupta, Quaker Chemical India Limited was misspelled as "Mr. Abhishek Dutta, Quaker Chemicals Ltd.". Also, Mr. Arijit Majumder and Mr. Devi Prasad Panthala both from Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Ltd., became 2nd Runner-up and 1st Runner-up respectively, which was erroneously reported earlier.

The errors are regretted.





▲ (R-L): Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber.



▲ Senior members and Past Presidents present.



▲ Mr. Kallol Datta making a point.

The Business Session was also graced by Shri Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Departments of Commerce and Industries, Public Enterprise, Industrial Reconstruction, Information Technology and Electronics and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal. Shri Chatterjee deliberated on the new Investment and Industrial Policy announced by the Government and highlighted some of the best incentives available for promotion of industrial investment in the State. He also added that the Government has also announced a separate Textile Policy, MSME Policy, Mineral Policy and ICT Policy. Traditional sectors like jute, tea and textiles are the thrust areas along with development of the MSME sector. The Government has also announced a separate Land and Land Allotment

President of the Chamber respectively for another term and the names of the other elected members of the Managing Committee for the year 2013-14 were also announced.

Mr. Sumit Mazumder, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TIL Limited and Past President of The Bengal Chamber, while briefly addressing the AGM, complimented the Chamber on its various far-reaching and high-visibility activities.



▲ Mr. Sumit Mazumder, Vice Chairman & Managing Director, TIL Limited and Past President of The Bengal Chamber addressing the AGM.



▲ Mr. Kallol Datta and Dr. Alok Roy escorting Shri Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister, Government of West Bengal to the venue.



▲ Shri Partha Chatterjee exchanging pleasantries with Mr. Dipak Dutta, Senior Member of the Chamber.

Policy for the State and hopes that it will remove all misgivings within the industry on the availability and distribution of land to industry in the State.



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Mr. Kallol Datta addressing the AGM while welcoming Shri Partha Chatterjee. ▶

◀ Mr. Kallol Datta formally welcoming Shri Partha Chatterjee with a bouquet of flowers.



◀ Shri Partha Chatterjee during his address.



Shri Partha Chatterjee during the interactive session ▶



◀ The President of the Chamber being interviewed by a TV channel.



Shri Partha Chatterjee with the media immediately after the AGM. ▶





## PROGRAMMES

### MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR, UK INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL

25TH SEPTEMBER 2013,  
CHAMBER PREMISES



Mr. Steve Toogood, Director, UK India Business Council visited The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2013. He met Mr. P. Roy, Director General; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Deputy Director General; Ms. Ivy Majumder, Director and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director. He discussed the business scenario between UK and this part of India. UK India Business Council is planning to set up an office in Kolkata to facilitate business between UK and India. The office will also provide incubation centres to UK based organizations setting up businesses here.

◀ The meeting with Mr. Toogood in progress.

### ROUNDTABLE MEETING WITH MR. GEORGE SIBLEY, MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AFFAIRS, EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN NEW DELHI

24TH, OCTOBER 2013,  
CHAMBER PREMISES

Mr. George Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, the United States Embassy in New Delhi visited the Chamber on 24th October 2013 for a Round Table Discussion on Indo-US relationship in the context of present realities.

The interaction was attended by Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President and Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber. Other invitees included senior members of the Managing Committee and Energy and Environment Committee of the Chamber.

Mr. Sibley had a candid discussion. According to him, the situation was not as negative as it appeared. US companies have interest in coming to India. However, clarity and transparency in the conduct of business were necessary pre-conditions for B2B cooperation to increase. Commenting on clean energy, Mr. Sibley discussed progress in the various areas of energy and spoke extensively on Shale Gas development in the States although to what extent Shale could be a viable source of energy in India needed to be explored. He also commented on West Bengal as an investment destination and spoke about the perception issue that required to be addressed first. The Q/A with the Minister Counselor was most rewarding as he answered all the diverse queries that the members put forward.

Coming back to the city where he was once the Consul General of the United States, Mr. Sibley wore the Bengal Chamber tie (previously gifted to him during his stint in the city) on the occasion and remarked about his love for the city and the Chamber with which he had extensively interacted in the past and wanted to meet first during his current visit to Kolkata.



▲ The interactive session about to begin: Mr. George N. Sibley, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, Embassy of the United States in New Delhi at the centre flanked by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber (right, next to Mr. Sibley) and (left) Mr. Gaurav Bansal, Political and Economic Affairs Officer, US Consulate (Kolkata) beside whom is seated Dr. Alok Roy, Senior Vice President of the Chamber, who is introducing Mr. Sibley. Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President of the Chamber is next to Mr. Dasgupta.



◀ The meeting in progress.

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## EVENTS AT

# THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE

### ● 10th September 2013

The Director General of the Bengal Chamber, Mr. P Roy (extreme left) and Ms. Bipasha Mookerjee of the Palladian Lounge with His Excellency Benito B. Valeriano, Ambassador of Philippines in India and the Hon. Consul General of Philippines in Kolkata.

### ● Wine and Spice Dinner at The Palladian 10th September 2013

The Palladian Lounge with Calcutta Gastronomes, Hungerz, Parson, Spencers and Ammini and Casa Puro brought an evening of French Wine paired with Indian regional cuisine. The culinary delights of North, East, West and South (NEWS) cuisine were paired with versatile French wine. Patrick Joanny from Longchamps vineyards who arrived from Bordeaux shared a glass of wine with the food connoisseurs. Ammini-A bite of Kerala brought flavours of South with their famous appam and dry mutton and Chef Khurana from Hyatt Delhi brought the spicy Rogan Josh flavour of the North.



## UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- ▶ European CleanTech for India – Indian CleanTech for Europe, A Parallel Livestream Event in Paris (France) and Kolkata (India), 28th October 2013, The Park, Kolkata
- ▶ Jadavpur University in association with The Bengal Chamber and the European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) to present the next programme of the Lecture Series on "Sustainability of Indian Energy Sector: Prospects and Challenges": A lecture on "Prospects and Challenges of Solar Power in India" by Dr. Bibek Bandyopadhyay, Former Director of The Solar Energy Centre and Former Adviser, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, 28th October, (K P Bose Auditorium) Jadavpur University Campus
- ▶ Interaction with Ms. Helen LaFave, Consul General of the United States in Kolkata, 30th October 2013, Chamber premises
- ▶ Proposed Business Delegation to Italy (Venice, Vicenza, Padova, Turin, Lecco) with the Indo Italian Chamber of Commerce, 16th-23rd November 2013
- ▶ Application of Technology in Healthcare, 29th November 2013, Chamber premises
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber Golf Trophy, 29th-30th November 2013, The Tollygune Club
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber Think Series of lectures continue with session in end November with Shri Erapalli Anantharao Srinivas Prasanna, legendary Indian spin bowler
- ▶ Wealth Management Summit, tentatively end November 2013, Kolkata
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber partnering INFOCOM 2013, 5th-8th December 2013
- ▶ The Bengal Chamber Award for Excellence in Best Practices in MSMEs, 6th December 2013, Chamber premises
- ▶ Banking and Capital Markets Summit, tentatively mid December 2013, Chamber premises



# NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP

National Seminar held on 08/10/13  
(NSRACTIT-2013)

By  
CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
(In association with Department of Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering)



A National Seminar on "Recent Advancement in Concrete Technology and Related Instrumentation Technique" (NSRACTIT-2013) was organized successfully by the Department of Civil Engineering under TEQIP (in association with Department of Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering) at Dr. B.C. Roy auditorium, JIS College of Engineering on 08.10.2013.

**Dr. Kaushik Bandyopadhyay** of Jadavpur University, having vast knowledge in academic arena as well as in industry and **Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty**, Bengal Engineering and Science University, Shibpur, holder of national award (Gold Medal) and leading scientist of the world in 2011 were invited as guest

speakers for the abovementioned date. About 97 (Ninety Seven) number of students, 50 (Fifty) number of faculties along with distinguished organizing Committee members etc. participated in the National Seminar on 08/10/13 to make it a grand success.

The seminar started with the inauguration / lamp lighting ceremony followed by the inaugural speech of **Prof. (Dr.) U. Bandyopadhyay**, Principal and keynote address by **Ms. Sila Singh Ghosh**, GM Corporate, JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani.

**Prof. Arun Kumar Chakraborty** delivered his lecture based on the topic of Advancement in Instrumentation Technique for Concrete structures



in the first session.

**Prof. (Dr.) Kaushik Bandyopadhyay** delivered his lecture in the second session. He specially stressed on the practical aspects of various categories of advanced concrete and their practical application on modern projects in developed and developing countries.

Before conclusion of the seminar, question answer sessions were also arranged & students and faculty members actively participated in the above.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks followed by the valedictory lecture based on the salient features of the day.

## Department of Mechanical Engineering Seminar on 17th August 2013 on "Project Management"

A one-day national seminar on "Project Management" was held on 17.08.2013 at JIS College of Engineering.

Invited Speakers:-

(i) Mr. Partha S.Ghosh, PMP, President and Unit Head, Welspun Maxsteel Limited (A unit of Welspun Group, Mumbai)

(ii) Ms. Sonali Bhattacharya, PMP, President, PMI India, W.B chapter

The national seminar focused on stepping into the realm of methodical Project Management. The October 2012 quarterly report, released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, reported 272 project delays out of the 563 projects costing more than Rs.150 crore. Is it surprising? No,

it is indeed not a surprise, since that is what has been happening in the world over in varying levels. Less than two thirds of the projects only meet their goals.

Principal, Prof (Dr.) U. U Bandyopadhyay thanked the invited experts and students and other attending members. Prof. (Dr.) P.K.Bardhan (HOD) gave the theme address on Project Management.

## Seminar on 29th August 2013 on "Production Planning, Scheduling & Inventory Control (NSPPSIC-2013)"



A one-day national seminar was held on "Production Planning, Scheduling & Inventory Control (NSPPSIC-2013)" on 29.08.2013 at JIS College of Engineering.

Invited experts were:-

(I) Prof. (Dr.) C. Rajendran, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT-Madras

(II) Prof. (Dr.) P.K. Roy, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, IIT-Kharagpur

(III) Mr. Subrata Pal, Director & Group Head (Process Management), National Productivity Council (New Delhi)

The objective of **Production Planning & Control (PPC)** is to regulate and control the various operations of production process in

such a way that orderly flow of material is ensured at different stages of the production through proper **scheduling** with the help of scientific **Inventory Control** system, so that the items produced are of right quality, in right quantity, at the right time with minimum efforts and cost.

Increasing competitive pressures and market globalization are forcing firms to develop supply chains that can quickly respond to customer needs by coordinating the planning of three fundamental stages of the **Supply Chain**, (i) Procurement, (ii) Production and (iii) Distribution, which have been managed independently.