



Newsletter



Look East

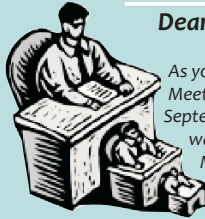
VOL 6 | No. 9

September, 2010

from the desk of the PRESIDENT

23rd September 2010

Dear Member,



As you are aware, the 156th Annual General Meeting of the Chamber was held on 22nd September 2010. The Public Session of the AGM was graced by Shri Kamal Nath, Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India. This was followed by the Business Session where the new office-bearers were elected. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all of you for the confidence and trust that you have reposed in me by re-electing me as President. I look forward to your continued support and guidance in cementing our position as one of the leading Chambers of Commerce in the country.

The highlight of the programmes conducted by the Chamber during the month of August 2010 was undoubtedly the Environment and Energy Conclave 2010. The Conclave had emerged as a leading forum for discussing and brainstorming global and local environmental issues like climate change and the response of business, the government and civil society. The programme provided a platform for industry leaders and CEOs to exchange best practices in energy efficiency, environmental management and enhancing fund inflow for Indian businesses through the carbon market route and also showcased the winning strategies from global and national corporate leaders.

In August 2010 the Chamber also organized an Interactive Session with Shri Dipankar Mukhopadhyay, IAS, Principal Secretary, Commerce & Industries Department, Govt. of West Bengal, immediately after the Managing Committee meeting. Shri Mukhopadhyay spoke extensively about the latest developments in the setting up of new industries in West Bengal and highlighted the initiatives in infrastructure development. Some of the members of the Managing Committee in turn put forward their own concerns about the lack of basic infrastructure like roads and bridges. Shri Mukhopadhyay also talked about the overall industrial situation in the State.

The coming months will also feature a plethora of interesting and thought-provoking programmes. The dates of these events are indicated in the 'Coming Events' section of this Newsletter.

On behalf of the Chamber, I take this opportunity to extend to you and your families my greetings and best wishes for the festive season.

Sd/-
SANDIPAN CHAKRAVORTY
President

PROGRAMMES

INTERACTIVE SESSION

18TH AUGUST 2010, CHAMBER PREMISES

Interactive Session with Shri Dipankar Mukhopadhyay, IAS, Principal Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Government of West Bengal, 18th August 2010, Chamber premises

The session was held immediately after the Managing Committee Meeting. Shri Dipankar Mukhopadhyay spoke extensively about the latest developments in the setting up of new industries in West Bengal and highlighted the initiatives in infrastructure development. Members interacted with him on the need for further developing basic infrastructure like roads and bridges. Shri Mukhopadhyay also talked about the overall industrial situation in the State.



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE 2010,

27TH - 28TH AUGUST 2010
ITC SONAR, KOLKATA



The Energy and Environment Committee of the Bengal Chamber held the third edition of the now-iconic two-day Environment & Energy Conclave on 27th and 28th August 2010 at the ITC Sonar, Kolkata. The Conclave is the leading forum for discussing and brainstorming global and local environmental issues like climate change and the response of business, the government and civil society. The Bengal Chamber has been holding this Conclave for quite some time and this is the Chamber's signature event. This year the theme was, "From

Copenhagen to Mexico: Business Sustainability in Emerging Scenarios". The objective was to provide an even larger forum than the previous years for visiting the scenarios governing the Indian economy and industry with the Climate negotiations this year in the background.



▲ Mr. Harsh K Jha, Senior Vice President of the Bengal Chamber during his Welcome Address.

The Conclave was the regional forum for industry leaders and CEOs to exchange best practices in energy efficiency, environmental management and enhancing funds inflow for Indian businesses through the carbon market route. The Conclave showcased the winning strategies from global and national corporate leaders and how these could be dovetailed into today's manufacturing entities and have a direct impact on enhancing profitability. As a leading Chamber of Commerce, our concern is with respect to

MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to **Calcutta Business School** and **Mahabir Impex Pvt. Ltd.** whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Chamber Committee at its meeting on 18th August 2010.



MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE 2010



▲ Ambassador C Dasgupta, Distinguished Fellow, TERI.

the cost of adaptation to Climate Change for the country, which has been estimated at 2.6 per cent of India's GDP. Importantly, the Conclave addressed and tried to solve the specific challenges facing Indian industry in the realm of cutting the emission intensity by 20-25%. This was a huge challenge, especially since our growth momentum could not be compromised with.

The Inaugural Session focused on the overarching implications of the negotiations for India's economy and also included overseas perspectives and addresses on climate change mitigation efforts through a collaborative approach. The National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency, an integral part of the National Action Plan on Climate Change, was also covered. The speakers were Ambassador C Dasgupta, Distinguished



▲ L-R: Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency; Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Co-Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber; His Excellency Peter Varghese, High Commissioner of Australia in India.

▼ Mr. Fergus Auld, First Secretary, Climate Change & Energy, British High Commission, DFID



Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy Development Agency. Mr. Alok

L-R: Mr. Rammesh Kumar, Chairman, Beltron Telecom Green Energy Systems Limited; Dr. R R Sonde, Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President, Research, Innovation & Technology, Thermax Limited; Shri S P Gon Chaudhuri, Managing Director, West Bengal Green Energy Development Corporation Limited; Shri Shailendra Shukla, Director, Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA).



▲ Mr. Sanjay Wadvani, Deputy High Commissioner of Britain.

Fellow, TERI, Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, His Excellency Peter Varghese, High Commissioner of Australia in India and Mr. Sanjay Wadvani, Deputy High Commissioner of Britain in Kolkata. Thereafter, six technical sessions were held. Focus was on climate change and business sustainability, IPR and climate change, alternative energy in the East, international perspectives, Indian power paradox and sustainability in climate change initiatives. The sessions featured two Ashden Award winners, namely, Mr. A Saji Das, Director, BIOTECH Renewable Energy Private Limited and Shri S P Gon Chaudhuri, Managing Director, West Bengal Green Energy Development Corporation. Other speakers on green technology and renewable initiatives included Shri Shailendra Shukla, Director, Chhattisgarh Renewable Energy Development Agency. Mr. Alok

▼ Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Mr. Bushen Raina, Chairman, JUSCO. In front is Mr. Surojit Bose, Associate Director, PwC.



▲ L-R: Mr. Alok Mookherjee, Hon. Consul Sweden & Chairman, Flakt (India) Limited, Mr. Clinton Brown, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs (USA).



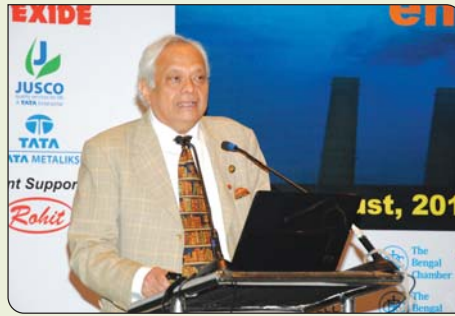
▲ Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, Co-Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber.



▲ L-R: Dr. G D Gautama, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Power and Non-Conventional Energy Sources, Government of West Bengal; Mr. M S Unnikrishnan, Managing Director, Thermax Limited; Shri Partha S Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Coal India Ltd.



▲ The audience.



▲ Padma Bhushan Dr. Bikash Sinha, Homi Bhabha Professor, DAE, Former Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics & Variable Energy Cyclotron Centre.



▲ The Conclave in progress.

Mookherjee, Hon. Consul Sweden & Chairman, Flakt (India) Limited, Mr. Clinton Brown, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs (USA), Mr. Fergus Auld, First Secretary, Climate Change & Energy, British High Commission, DFID, Dr. R R Sonde, CTO and Executive Vice President (Research, Innovation & Technology), Thermax Limited, Dr. P Ram Babu, CEO, General Carbon Advisory Services, Mr. S K Dasgupta, Vice Chairman, Development Consultants Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Preeti Malhotra, Director, Power & Env. Polices, Alstom Projects India Limited and Mr. Kandarp Mehta, Associate General Manager – Office Building Solutions, Schneider Electric India Private Limited were only a few of the eclectic mix of speakers well-known in their respective areas of work, who addressed the Conclave. Some others were Mr. S Saha, Deputy General Manager, The Tata Power Co. Ltd. and Dr. Surya Pandey, International Research Relations Director,

Waikato Institute of Technology, New Zealand.

The Conclave concluded with a Valedictory Session, which focused on, “Moving forward after Copenhagen”. Three thought leaders from the fields of industry and commerce, governance and science addressed the session, which was moderated by Mr. M S Unnikrishnan, Managing Director, Thermax Limited. Shri P S Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Coal India Limited, Dr. G D Gautama, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal and Padma Bhushan Dr. Bikash Sinha, eminent physicist addressed the Valedictory Session.

The Conclave was attended by over 225 participants representing corporates, the Government, academia and NGOs and was a milestone summit on energy and environment in the country this year.

WORKSHOP ON “KNOWLEDGE UPDATION ON GRATUITY AND ESI (AMENDMENT) ACTS AND OUTSOURCING PRACTICES”,

3RD SEPTEMBER 2010, CHAMBER PREMISES

In the inaugural session, Mrs. Suchitra Guha, the Co-Chairperson of the HR / IR Committee of the Bengal Chamber welcomed everyone present at the Seminar and thanked the speakers for their presence. She focused on the point that the template of Human Resource had changed a lot in today’s scenario. She said that compliance for HR Managers had become much more difficult today. In this context, outsourcing means bringing in new skills.

Mr. S. C. Jain focused on Labour Laws, Knowledge Updation. He highlighted the point that Knowing is not enough; rather Knowing must be accompanied with Executing in order to implement. He also focused on issues like employer and employee relationship, gap analysis between Knowing and Executing etc.

Mr. R. N. Mishra discussed the process of outsourcing the right job to the right man. He mainly focused on the various amendment acts of the ESI Corporation.

The Inaugural session was followed by three

technical sessions, the first of which was on ESI (Amendment) Act. During this session, the Regional Director of ESI Corporation and two other Directors from ESI Corporation spoke on new initiatives for employers viz., Online IP registration from anywhere; online registration of employers, etc.

In the second technical session, Mr. A.K. Karan spoke on various aspects of Gratuity Act including the recent amendment. Mr. Karan mentioned that Gratuity is a lumpsum money available to an employee on termination of his service due to retirement, resignation, and death or disablement due to accident or disease, retrenchment or discharge. He explained various sections of the Act including the amendment of section 4 of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. Mr. Sibaji Roy, Management and Legal Consultant delivered his speech on the legal aspects of the Gratuity Act.

In the third technical session Mr. Sujit Sen, HR Consultant and Mr. Sibaji Roy spoke on

various issues with regard to engagement of Contractor and Contract Labour including the legal implications.

The Inaugural Session in progress: L-R: Mr. Khokan Mookerji, Chief Mentor, The Bengal Chamber; Mrs. Suchitra Guha, Chairperson, HR / IR Committee, Mr. S C Jain, Labour Advisor; Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Co-Chairperson, HR / IR Committee; Mr. R N Mishra, Head – HR/IR, Legal, Tata Steel Limited (Jamshedpur).



▲ Shri G C Jena, Regional Director, ESIC is addressing (extreme right)



▲ Mr. A K Karan, Faculty Member, State Labour Institute is addressing the programme on Gratuity (Amendment) Act. Others sitting are, Mr. Sujit Sen, HR Consultant (middle), Mr. Sibaji Roy, Management and Legal Consultant (right).



▲ The Session in progress.

"ADDA" SESSION : HEROINES OF SATYAJIT RAY

11th SEPTEMBER 2010, CHAMBER PREMISES



▲ Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Bengal Chamber inaugurating the Adda.



▲ The Adda in progress.



▲ Smt. Aparna Sen, filmmaker, actor and a leading lady of Ray Classics making a point during the Adda.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and "Onnomon" organized a unique Adda session, "Heroines of Satyajit Ray" at 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, 11th September 2010 in the Chamber premises. We wanted to pay homage to the legendary filmmaker, Satyajit Ray and the event stood testimony to our endeavours on this front.

The programme had been conceptualized as an informal discussion, in the mood of an "adda", with the panelists being the leading ladies of Ray Classics. They were Smt. Aloknanda Roy, Smt. Aparna Sen, Smt. Madhabi Mukherjee, Smt. Paramita Biswas, and Smt. Uma Sen Dasgupta. It was a delightful evening with the panelists sharing their experiences of working with the



▲ The Heroines of Satyajit Ray: (Left to right) – Smt. Aloknanda Roy, Smt. Uma Sen Dasgupta, Smt. Paramita Biswas, Smt. Madhabi Mukherjee, Smt. Aparna Sen.

maestro, anecdotes and also recounted some of the many memories of their days in a Ray film. The noted actor, and one who was a lead actor in a Ray film, Shri Barun Chanda was the moderator and anchor.

The evening was a trip down memory lane with some of the icons of Bengali films and indeed, Indian cinema, who discussed a personality unparalleled in world cinema. This was a very special and memorable programme.



▲ Mr. Khokan Mookerji, Chief Mentor of the Bengal Chamber (left) with Shri Barun Chanda.



▲ The audience enjoying the Adda.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- The Bengal Chamber Award for Excellence in Manufacturing Practices in MSMEs, 21st September 2010, Chamber premises
- 156th Annual General Meeting of the Bengal Chamber, 22nd September 2010, Chamber premises
- Stakeholder Consultations: Draft Voluntary National Guidelines on Social, Environmental and Economic Responsibilities of Business, 4th October 2010, Chamber premises
- The Bengal Chamber Trophy – A Golfing Extravaganza for Corporates, 29th October 2010, The Tollygunge Club