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**INDO-PACIFIC  
ECONOMIC  
CONCLAVE 2024**

on the occasion of BCC&I's 170th  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

THEME: "THE INDIA VISION FOR ONE INDO-PACIFIC:  
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**Conclave Theme: The India Vision for One Indo-Pacific; Technology in Connecting Trade and Economic Progress**

<b>DAY 1</b>		
<b>26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024</b>		
<b>Venue: THE BENGAL CHAMBER HERITAGE PREMISES, ROYAL EXCHANGE, KOLKATA</b>		
<b>Day 1 Theme: "Emerging Technologies and Their Impact on Indo-Pacific Relations"</b>		
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Registration and Networking Tea/Coffee	
3:00 pm – 3:05 pm	5 minutes video of BCC&I's the year that was....	
<b>Inaugural Session</b>		
3:05 pm – 3:10 pm	<b>Opening Address</b>	<b>Mr. Gautam Ray</b> , President, BCC&I & President - Corporate, RPSG Group
3:10 pm – 3:20 pm	<b>Partner Address</b>	<b>Dr. Prabir De</b> , Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Member, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I
3:20 pm – 3:40 pm	<b>Inaugural Address by Chief Guest</b>	<b>Dr. Amit Mitra</b> , Hon'ble Principal Chief Advisor to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal and Finance Department (in Cabinet Minister Rank), Government of West Bengal
3:40 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Ms. Paramita Tripathi</b> , Joint Secretary, Indo-Pacific Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (virtual)
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Conclave Address 1</b>	<b>Ms. Kathy Giles-Diaz</b> , Consul General, U.S. Consulate General Kolkata
	<b>Conclave Address 2</b>	<b>Mr. Kevin Goh</b> , Deputy Consul General, Australian Consulate-General Kolkata
	<b>Conclave Address 3</b>	<b>Mr. Nakagawa Koichi</b> , Consul General, Consulate General of Japan Kolkata
4:30 pm – 4:35 pm	<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	<b>Mr. Arnab Basu</b> , President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.
<b>Session Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri</b> , Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I		
4:35 pm – 4:40 pm	Changeover	
<b>Plenary Session</b>		



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4:40 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Special Address</b>	<b>Dr. Rupa Chanda</b> , Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP (United Nation Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)
<b>Session Moderator: Dr. Prabir De</b> , Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Member, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&i		
5:00 pm – 5:05 pm	Changeover	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Session I</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sub-Theme: Harnessing Technology to Integrate Key Sectors into Global Value Chains</b></p> <p>India's "One-Indo Pacific" vision revolves around leveraging technology as a central pillar to enhance trade connectivity and economic progress across the Indo-Pacific region. To realize this vision, a structured discussion at the Conclave should focus on integrating various sectors into global value chains (GVCs). The goal is to create an interconnected, prosperous Indo-Pacific community by harnessing technology to bridge distances, enhance trade and foster collaboration.</p> <p><b>Discussion points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blockchain Technology in International Trade Finance: Sectoral Integration Strategies.</li> <li>Tech-Enabled Supply Chain Resilience: Best practices for building resilient supply chains using technology.</li> <li>Regional Collaboration: Opportunities for technology-driven collaboration across the Indo-Pacific.</li> <li>Policy Frameworks: What policies are needed to support technology adoption and integration?</li> </ul>		
5:05 pm – 6:05 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Pralok Gupta</b>, Associate Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, IIFT New Delhi</li> <li><b>Amb (retd.) Sumith Nakandala</b>, Former Secretary General, BIMSTEC, Colombo</li> <li><b>Mr. Abhijit Banerjee</b>, Managing Director, Linde India Ltd.</li> <li><b>Mr. Jitendra Kumar</b>, President (Legal &amp; Corporate Affairs) &amp; Company Secretary, Exide Industries Limited.</li> <li><b>Dr. Priyadarshi Dash</b>, Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) (virtual)</li> </ul>	
<b>Session Moderator: Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee</b> , Member, Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&i, Former Member Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Adviser, Centre for Sustainable Development Goals, Government of Assam.		
6:05 pm – 6:10 pm	Changeover	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Session II</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Roundtable Dialogue of the Association of Indo-Pacific Chambers of Commerce (AIPCC)</b></p>		
6:10 pm – 6:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mr. Indronil Sengupta</b>, Chairman, Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)</li> <li><b>Dato' Ramesh Kodammal</b>, Co-Chair, ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC), Malaysia and Chairman, Goldtex Group of Companies (virtual)</li> <li><b>Mr. Subhodip Ghosh</b>, Director General, BCC&amp;i</li> </ul>	
<b>Session Moderator: Mr. Vivek Jalan</b> , Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP		
6:30 pm onwards	Networking High Tea for all guests and delegates	



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<p><b>DAY 2</b></p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Venue: THE BENGAL CHAMBER HERITAGE PREMISES, ROYAL EXCHANGE, KOLKATA</b></p> <p><b>AGENDA</b></p>		
<p><b>Day 2 Theme: "Strengthening Indo-Pacific Partnerships through Technology Collaboration"</b></p>		
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Registration and Networking Tea / Coffee	
10:30 am – 10:40 am	Guests to be Seated	
<p><b>Inaugural Session</b></p>		
10:45 am – 10:50 am	<p><b>Opening Address</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Gautam Ray</b>, President, BCC&amp;I &amp; President - Corporate, RPSG Group</p>
10:50 am - 11:35 am	<p><b>Address by</b></p>	<p><b>Ms. Mikiko Tanaka</b>, Director and Head, South and South-West Asia Office (ESCAP-SSWA), New Delhi, UNESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)</p>
	<p><b>Keynote Address By Chief Guest on:</b> "Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Catalyzing Indo-Pacific Growth"</p>	<p><b>Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran</b>, Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India</p>
	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Arnab Basu</b>, President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&amp;I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.</p>
<p><b>Session Coordinator: Mr. Subhodip Ghosh</b>, Director General, BCC&amp;I</p>		
11:35 am – 11:40 am	Changeover	
<p><b>Interactive Session: Fintech Innovation and Standardization for Seamless Trade and Payments in the Indo-Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Leveraging Tech and Infrastructure for Trade Standardization:</b> Examining how companies can contribute to creating unified standards, driving innovation in digital infrastructure and ensuring secure, efficient cross-border transactions in the Indo-Pacific</li> <li>• <b>Driving Fintech Collaboration:</b> Exploring how fintech ecosystems can foster innovation and partnerships to enhance financial inclusion and economic growth.</li> <li>• <b>Global Digital Payment Integration:</b> Discussing the role of digital payment systems in promoting interoperability and expanding financial inclusion across borders</li> </ul>		
11:40 am – 12:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Balaji Rajagopalan</b>, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), State Bank of India</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ratan Kumar Kesh</b>, Managing Director &amp; Chief Executive Officer (Interim), Bandhan Bank Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Raj Jain</b>, Managing Director and CEO, RS Software</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Sidharth Prashar</b>, DGM - GVLA Business - BD/IS/Govt. Large Accounts Business Group, Tally Solutions Pvt. Ltd.</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Raj Rajesh</b>, Director, Department of Economic &amp; Policy Research, Reserve Bank of India</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Karthik Srinivasan</b>, Founder &amp; CTIO, Ziksu</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Session Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri</b>, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&amp;I</p>		
12:45 pm – 12:50 pm	Changeover	
<p align="center"><b>Experts' Roundtable on: Digital Transformation in Indo-Pacific Trade and Connectivity</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• India's Vision for Digital Connectivity and Technological Innovation in the Indo-Pacific</li> <li>• Bridging the Digital Divide: Initiatives for Inclusive Growth in the Indo-Pacific</li> <li>• Opportunities and Challenges for Indo-Pacific Economies in Adopting Digital Technologies</li> <li>• Enhancing Cybersecurity and Data Governance in the Indo-Pacific Nations</li> <li>• Technological Innovations for Tax Harmonization in the Indo-Pacific</li> <li>• Technologies needed in cross-border financial transactions</li> </ul>		
12:50 pm – 1:45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kamal Nath</b>, CEO, Sify Technologies Ltd</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jay Doshi</b>, MD, Digital, Corporate Units &amp; India, British Telecom Group</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Balaji Doraiswamy</b>, South Asia Head, RE &amp; Infra, Oracle India (virtual)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Anirban Banerjee</b>, Global VP – Operations, Wipro</li> <li>• <b>Mr. C N Raghupathi</b>, Founder Director, Manipal Innovation Leadership and Entrepreneurship School and Former Head, India Business, Infosys (virtual)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Session Moderator: Mr. Arnab Basu</b>, President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&amp;I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.</p>		
1:45 pm – 1:50 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Mr. Arnab Basu</b> , President Designate and Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.
1:50 pm onwards	Changeover to The Bengal Chamber 170 <sup>th</sup> AGM (For BCC&I Members)	
1:50 pm onwards	Networking Lunch for Guests	