



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



1st September, 2022

The novelist, Margaret Drabble, is oft quoted for her remark, "When nothing is sure, everything is possible". Perhaps that best summarizes the times we live in. The outlook for the global economy remains challenging. As the war in Ukraine lingers, private consumption shows signs of weakening in the midst of intensified inflationary pressures and rising uncertainty globally. Global real GDP growth is expected to slow down significantly from a strong recovery of 6.2% in 2021 to 3.0% in 2022 and 2.9% in 2023 as per baseline forecasts. Inflation is projected to surge further in many key economies as a result of ongoing rises in food and energy prices, curbing real incomes and consumer spending and further dampening the global growth outlook.

But then, everything is perhaps still possible! India will continue to remain the fastest-growing major economy during this global slowdown. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest July update on the World's Economic Outlook (WEO), has revised India's growth forecast for 2022-23 to 7.4%, which is slightly higher than the 7.2% projected by Reserve Bank of India (RBI). RBI also raised its inflation estimate twice, from 4.5% in February to 5.7% in April, and then to 6.7% in June as the West ratcheted up sanctions on Russia. Retail inflation in April-June came in at 7.3% against the Central Bank's forecast of 7.5%. During the bimonthly review of monetary policy in June, the RBI assessed risks to its growth forecast,

which were broadly balanced. This assessment sees growth dropping from a high 16.2% in the April-June quarter (because of a low base in the previous year) to 6.2% in June-September, and then tapering off to 4.1% and 4% in the subsequent quarters. So far, high-frequency indicators suggest that this estimate is holding.

As we prepare for our next Annual General Meeting in September, I reminisce with fondness the many achievements of The Chamber during the year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank The Former Presidents, Members of The Managing Committee, Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons and Members of our Expert Committees and our Chamber Members for making this a truly memorable year.

It has been an enriching experience serving this historic institution and it gives me great joy to have been a part of its journey. I look forward to the many signature programmes that are lined up and waiting to be executed in a grand scale in the month of September.

Sd/-

Abraham G Stephanos
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to B Sirkar Johuree Pvt. Ltd., Oceanwhale Shipping Services Pvt. Ltd., Zoom Enterprises Limited & Procam Worldwide Pvt. Ltd. whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 10th August 2022.

Being India's oldest Chamber of Commerce, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) has been playing a pioneering role as a helmsman, steering the evolution of Commerce and Industry in India since last 189 years. Hence, The Chamber shares an umbilical attachment with the hallowed journey of India since the time the Country achieved independence. BCC&I has been one of the advocators in promoting the growth path of India, one of the largest economies of the world. So, for BCC&I, commemorating the 75th year of India's independence was just not a celebration of a landmark year but it was an occasion of sharing knowledge by those stalwarts who have traversed the path of making a Self-Reliant India when it was being laid.

"India at 75," a specially curated programme held on 11th August at The Chamber premises was marked by sharing knowledge and wisdom. The programme commenced with the National Anthem. Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber spoke on the perspective and the thought process which led to the idea of curating a special evening for reminiscing and learning.

While delivering the Welcome Address, Mr. Abraham Stephanos said that India is now a brand of shared future and opportunities for achieving progress and prosperity for its billion plus citizens, making her a notable power to appreciate and collaborate with.

The panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Past President of The Chamber and Partner of Intueri Consulting LLP. He started with his understanding about the concept of Nation. Referring to his conversations with about 100 people across India from various works of life, he has inferred that the understanding of Nation/Country gradually disappears when one goes down the economic strata. Mr. Dasgupta also referred to his conversations with scholarly people and his understanding of views of world visionaries and stated that it is not nationalism but humanism which is the common thread that binds people defying any geographical boundary. Mr. Alope Mukherjee and Mr. Indrajit Sen, both Past Presidents of The Chamber, shared their tryst with freedom and their memories of the day on which the independence was achieved after 200 years of struggle. They shared their own journeys which are intertwined with the journey of India and interestingly, the stories were marked by unparallel courage and uncompromising passion when it came to work at the time of building the Nation. Mr. Partha Bhattacharya, a corporate leader of modern India who has steered Coal India Limited from a "Miniratna" to a "Maharatna" shared his stories which reverberate with the stories of an "ordinary" Indian achieving "extraordinary" milestones for the Nation and its people. Their stories reverberated with the

lines penned by the Nobel Laureate poet, "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high."

The thought-provoking discussion was brilliantly summarized by Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, the Chief Guest of the evening. Shri Bandyopadhyay said that listening to the experiences shared by the panelists rekindled the fire of Patriotism; Patriotism that inspires people to make the Country great, which takes people out of sheer selfishness, makes them less greedy and less cowardly. With his mastery over Literature, History, Philosophy, Polity and Contemporary World Issues, Shri Bandyopadhyay shared his views of Nationalism which were contrary to the views of many left liberal intellectuals. He elucidated the significant distinctions between the Nationalism in its violent xenophobic forms and Patriotism in its spiritual sense.

While concluding Shri Bandyopadhyay suggested that BCC&I may take the initiative of documentation of its discourses on Decolonization of Bengal as well as India with special focus on trade and business. He laid emphasis on the history of Partition which fragmented Bengal and in turn devastated the economy. Referring to the Partition he said Bengal (West Bengal) overnight became one third of what it was. Hence, while assessments are done on West Bengal's trade and economy a complete understanding of the Partition and its impact should not be forgotten. Citing the example of jute industry, he said that undivided Bengal was the heart of India's economy. Jute production and market were housed in Bangladesh, part of undivided Bengal while jute factories were located in West Bengal. It was an organically integrated economy and one fine morning that integration was ruptured. The rupture, the disruption resulted in militancy, flight of capital from this part of the country. Shri Bandyopadhyay requested The Chamber to take initiatives for igniting conscious thinking of the Partition which had desolating impression on Bengal. Hence, Shri Bandyopadhyay suggested two initiatives and requested The Chamber to take them up which include:

- A study to understand the scope of economic and trade integration of Bengal and Bangladesh, not in a political sense but in a common economy sense, the model which is practiced in European Union
- A study to reveal how the border related challenges may be turned into opportunities for the State. Bengal shares borders with Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan which have hitherto hamstrung the State. The study may reveal the path through which Bengal becomes the gateway to the south eastern part of Asian Continent.

Documenting the evolution of trade and commerce in the

11th August 2022,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

INDIA AT 75

Country has been a mandate for The Chamber. Decolonization of the Country's political and cultural economy, trade and business is an integral part of that mandate; hence, The Chamber looks forward to take up the studies which may reveal an unexplored path for the growth of the Country as well as the State.

The valedictory session of the evening was marked by a musical performance of The Chamber's very own choir saluting the martyrs whose sacrifice made India an independent nation.



National Anthem being sung to commence the Programme



Introduction of the Programme by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Welcome Address by Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Shri Ambarish Dasgupta, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner, Intucri Consulting LLP, moderating the session



Shri Alope Mookherjea, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, delivering his address



Shri P S Bhattacharyya, Former Chairman, Coal India Limited and Vice Chairman, Peerless Group, delivering his address



Shri Indrajit Sen, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, International Combustion (India) Limited, delivering his address



Special Address by the Guest of Honour, Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal and Former Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal



A glimpse of the section of the Audience during the Programme



Guest of Honour along with the Panelists and Moderator addressing the Audience during the Q&A session



The Chamber Secretariat performing Patriotic songs as a Choir

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The Bengal Chamber Premises

INDIA AT 75



Mr. Avijit Das, Managing Director, Hermes Voyages Pvt. Ltd. handing over Memento to Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal and Former Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal



Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry handing over memento to Shri Alope Mookherjea, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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Mr. Gautam Ray, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry handing over Memento to Shri Indrajit Sen, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, International Combustion (India) Limited



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(From L-R) Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Former President of The Bengal Chamber and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP.; Shri Alope Mookherjea, Former President, BCC&I; Shri Indrajit Sen, Former President, BCC&I and Managing Director, International Combustion (India) Limited; Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal and Former Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal; Shri P S Bhattacharyya, Former Chairman, Coal India Limited and Vice Chairman, Peerless Group; and Shri Avijit Das, Managing Director, Hermes Voyages Pvt. Ltd.

The Hospitality Committee of The Bengal Chamber conducted the first Annual Hospitality Conference which was in sync with the futuristic Hospitality trends. The objectives of the conclave were to learn about, share and exchange best practices in Hospitality strategies for the next generation.

The Annual Hospitality Conference 2022 was held on the 12th of August 2022, at Vivanta, EM Bypass, Kolkata. Two panel discussions were held - Hospitality- Bounce Back and Staffing Challenges, It's Impact and The Way Forward in The Hospitality Industry. There was a special fireside chat with Mr. S. S. Mukherji Chairman, EIH Associated Hotels Limited & Corporate Advisor, EIH Limited. The panelists of the first panel were Mr. Shekhar Mukherjee, General Manager, Taj SATS Air Catering Limited, Mr. B. R. Oberoi, Founder and Managing Director, Elgin Hotels Pvt Limited, Mr. Sourav Ghosal, General Manager, Taj City Center, New Town and Mr. Sumeet Suri, General

Manager, JW Marriott Kolkata. The panelists of the second panel were Mr. Abhishek Sachdeva, Hotel Manager, Fairfield by Marriott, Mr. Vishal Sharma, General Manager, Vivanta Kolkata EM Bypass, Mr. Shaun Kenworthy, Chef & Restaurateur and Mr. Sagar Daryani, Co-Founder & CEO, Wow Momo. Both sessions were moderated by Mr. Paul Walsh, Managing Trustee, Founder, Jungle Crows.

On the same occasion we had the I IHM Hospitality Honours List 2022, presented by The Bengal Chamber. Restaurants and Hotels all over West Bengal were awarded in various categories. Also, The Bengal Chamber Hall of Fame award was awarded to Mr. S. S. Mukherji Chairman, EIH Associated Hotels Limited & Corporate Advisor, EIH Limited. The lifetime achievement award was given to Mr. Raju Bharat, Managing Director, Kenilworth Hotels & Resorts. Overall it was a very successful programme.



Welcome Address by Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber



Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman, Hospitality Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Mentor, International Institute of Hotel Management delivering the Special Address



Mr. S. S. Mukherjee Chairman, EIH Associated Hotels Limited & Corporate Advisor, EIH Limited along with Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman, Hospitality Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Mentor, International Institute of Hotel Management



The Bengal Chamber Hall of Fame award being conferred to Mr. S. S. Mukherjee Chairman, EIH Associated Hotels Limited & Corporate Advisor, EIH Limited by Dr. Suborno Bose Chairman, Hospitality Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Mentor, International Institute of Hotel Management and Mr. Deb Mukherjee Immediate Past President, The Bengal Chamber

12th August 2022,
Vivanta, EM Bypass, Kolkata

THE BENGAL CHAMBER ANNUAL HOSPITALITY CONFERENCE



Fire Side Chat with Mr. S. S. Mukherjee Chairman, EIH Associated Hotels Limited & Corporate Advisor, EIH Limited with Dr. Suborno Bose, Chairman, Hospitality Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chief Mentor, International Institute of Hotel Management



Ms. Swarnali Dhar
Assistant Director, The
Bengal Chamber of
Commerce and Industry



Panel Discussion 1, L-R Moderated by : Mr. Paul Walsh, Panelists: Mr. B. R. Oberoi, Founder and Managing Director, Elgin Hotels Pvt. Limited, Mr. Shekhar Mukherjee, General Manager, Taj SATS Air Catering Limited, Mr. Sourav Ghosal, General Manager, Taj City Center, New Town, Mr. Sumeet Suri, General Manager, JW Marriott Kolkata



Panel Discussion 2, L-R : Mr. Vishal Sharma, General Manager, Vivanta Kolkata EM Bypass, Mr. Abhishek Sachdeva, Hotel Manager, Fairfield by Marriott, Mr. Shaun Kenworthy, Chef & Restaurateur, Kolkata, Mr. Sagar Daryani, Co-Founder & CEO, Wow Momo, Moderated By : Mr. Paul Walsh, Managing Trustee, Founder, Jungle Crows



PROGRAMME

THE BENGAL CHAMBER ANNUAL HOSPITALITY CONFERENCE

12th August 2022,
Vivanta, EM Bypass, Kolkata



IIHM Hospitality honors 2022 being presented to Flurys



IIHM Hospitality honors 2022 being presented to Taj Bengal



IIHM Hospitality honors 2022 being presented to Hyatt Regency Kolkata



IIHM Hospitality honors 2022 being presented to Vivanta Kolkata, EM Bypass



IIHM Hospitality honors 2022 being presented to 6 Ballygunge Place

15th August 2022,
Virtual Platform

NATIONAL ONLINE ENTREPRENEURSHIP QUIZ

The Entrepreneurs' Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry on the occasion of The Independence Day organized a unique quiz contest titled "National Online Entrepreneurship Quiz" on 15th August 2022 through online mode.

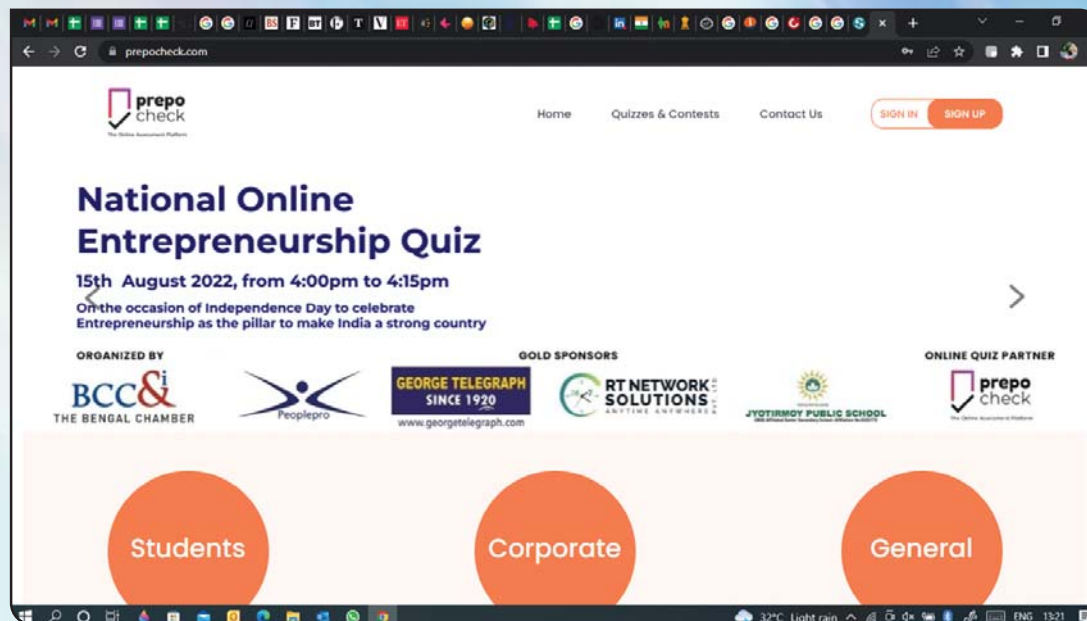
Indian entrepreneurs today are triumphant and have gone global. They are not only helping themselves but also are creating jobs in the market at an unprecedented rate. Recently, India is considered to be amongst the top three investment destinations. To celebrate this spirit of new India, on the occasion of Independence Day, The Entrepreneurs' Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized

the "National Online Entrepreneurship Quiz" on 15th August 2022 from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. through online mode.

Entrepreneurs, people and students from all across India participated in this exciting quiz. Questions covered topics around entrepreneurship in India, global entrepreneurship, future of entrepreneurship, startups and unicorns etc. and it was fun for everyone who participated.

Candidates appeared in the competition online from all over India. The entire contest was in MCQ format through an online portal.

The committee aspires to organize more quizzes in future.



17th to 20th August 2022,
Singapore

THE BENGAL CHAMBER EDUCATION DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE

The Education Committee of The Bengal Chamber took an Education delegation to Singapore from the 17th of August to 20th of August 2022. The team consisted of 5 members and 1 Secretariat member from The Bengal Chamber. The delegation visited various renowned Universities and Business Schools of Singapore and discussed on the possibilities of MOUs, Dual Degrees, Online Joint Courses, Joint Conclaves, Conferences etc. Campus visits were also conducted.

The delegation was led by Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and Co – Chairperson, Education Committee of The Bengal Chamber. The other members of the delegation were

Ms. Sila Singh Ghosh, VP - Corporate Relations, JIS Group, Ms. Ina Bose, Director - HR, Corporate Communications & Industry Connect, Sister Nivedita University, Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, CEO & Director, Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd and Mr. Arindam Basu, Head of the Department – Economics, Delhi Public School Ruby Park. From The Chamber Swarnali Dhar, Assistant Director coordinated the delegation.

The universities and Business Schools visited were **S P Jain School of Global Management, James Cook University, Nanyang Polytechnic, Singapore Management University, ESSEC Business School and INSEAD Singapore.**

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THE BENGAL CHAMBER EDUCATION DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE

17th to 20th August 2022,
Singapore

Day 1



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation with Members of S. P. Jain School Of Global Management, Rashmi Udaykumar, Director – Campus Administration & Admissions (Singapore) and Ms. Anu Madan, Deputy Director-Alumni Relations

Day 2



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation Members with Mr. Parthipan Poospernathan Senior Regional Manager, James Cook University



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation with Members at the James Cook University Campus

The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation team was invited for Lunch by the senior officials of the Nanyang Polytechnic International

**17th to 20th August 2022,
Singapore**

THE BENGAL CHAMBER EDUCATION DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation with the senior officials of the Nanyang Polytechnic International



Handing over of the memento to Mr. Chua Gim Peng, Senior Manager, Nanyang Polytechnic International, by Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and Co-Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Handing over of the memento to Ms. Esther Bay, Director, Nanyang Polytechnic International by Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber



Handing over of the memento to Mr. Lim Chin Tong, Chairman, Board of Directors, Nanyang Polytechnic International by Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber



Handing over of the memento to Dr. Henry Hong, Chief Executive Officer, Nanyang Polytechnic International by Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Co-Chairperson IT Committee and Member, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber and CEO & Director Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd

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THE BENGAL CHAMBER EDUCATION DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE

17th to 20th August 2022,
Singapore

Day 3



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation Members with the team at Singapore Management University

Handing over of the memento to Ms. Lydia Ang, Client Director, Singapore Management University Executive Development by Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Co-Chairperson IT Committee and Member, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber and CEO & Director Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd



Handing over of the memento to Ms. Charmaine Wong, Commercial Team Assistant, SMU Executive Development, by Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Diector, JIS Group and Co-Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber

The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation Members in a meeting at ESSEC Business School



17th to 20th August 2022, Singapore **THE BENGAL CHAMBER EDUCATION DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE**



Handing over of the memento by Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Co-Chairperson IT Committee and Member, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber and CEO & Director Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd



Handing over of the memento to Ms. Yvonne Tan, Director, Recruitment, Marketing and Communications, ESSEC Business School, by Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and Co-Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Handing over of the memento to Ms. Reetika Gupta, Deputy Dean, ESSEC Business School, by Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and Co-Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation Members with the team at ESSEC Business School



Handing over of the memento to Mr. Duarte Lima, Project Director, Dean's Office, INSEAD, by Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and Co-Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber



The Bengal Chamber Education Delegation Members with the team at INSEAD, Singapore

PROGRAMME

MEETING WITH MR. DREW SCHUFLETOWSKI, MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AFFAIRS, U.S. EMBASSY

18th August 2022,
The Bengal Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a meeting with Mr. Drew Schufletowski, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi on 18th August 2022 in The Bengal Chamber premises.

The discussions focused on the regional dynamics and also sectoral perspectives on knowledge, manufacturing, logistics, and the green economy.

The meeting was joined by Ms. Melinda Pavek, US Consul General, Kolkata and Ms. Sonia Laul, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs, US Consulate General in Kolkata. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. Deb A. Mukherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Nitin Jain, Managing Director & VP - India & South East Asia, Vesuvius India Limited and Mr. Manojit Sengupta, Delivery Centre Head - Eastern Region, Tata Consultancy Services Limited participated in discussions. The meeting was also joined by Ms. Sangita Dey Chanda, Economic Specialist at U.S Consulate General, Kolkata, Ms. Pratinashree Basu, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation and The Bengal Chamber Secretariat- Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General; Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General; Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Director and Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Assistant Director. The members also shared their experiences of working in West Bengal.

President, BCC&I highlighted the availability of minerals and

resources in eastern India and the importance of Kolkata with its connectivity advantage.

President-designate, BCC&I mentioned about the land availability from the Government of West Bengal. President also mentioned about mobility in India. India is one of the highest vehicle consumers, and a major shift to electric vehicles has been identified. Smart traffic management may offer opportunities in the future. He emphasized on potential of agriculture and related areas like food processing, cold chain, new technologies, etc. He appraised the diplomats against the general perception. West Bengal offers working convenience for industries and many industries thriving in the state. The Government of West Bengal is also engaging continuously to promote the offerings and address the perception. He also mentioned about the Chambers' involvement in these areas.

The wishlist suggested by Mr. Deb A. Mukherjee, where the Chamber may play a part :

- Image and ecosystem
- Value generation and taking research to market with a focus on commercialization and IP
- Green transformation
- Food-energy-water system

President, BCC&I shared about the need and the scope of technical training. President-designate, BCC&I mentioned about the courses in the format of dual certification from India and abroad initiated by Govt. of West Bengal.

Mr. Manojit Sengupta mentioned about the role of IT industries in the context of industries-academia connect, being enquired by the consul general on the sectoral importance of the same.



L-R : Ms. Pratinashree Basu, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation; Mr. Nitin Jain, Managing Director & VP - India & South East Asia, Vesuvius India Limited; Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. Drew Schufletowski, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi; Ms. Melinda Pavek, US Consul General, Kolkata; Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited; Mr. Deb A. Mukherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Manojit Sengupta, Delivery Centre Head - Eastern Region, Tata Consultancy Services Limited

**18th August 2022,
The Bengal Chamber premises**

**MEETING WITH MR. DREW SCHUFLETOWSKI, MINISTER
COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY AFFAIRS, U.S. EMBASSY**



Meeting with Mr. Drew Schufletowski, Minister Counselor for Economic, Environment, Science and Technology Affairs, U.S. Embassy in New Delhi in progress

Ms. Melinda Pavek, US Consul General, Kolkata interacting with Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited



**24th August, 2022,
The Bengal Chamber Premises & Virtual Platform**

WORKSHOP ON NEW WAREHOUSING SCHEME (MOOWR) & SEZ POLICIES AND RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS ON CUSTOMS AND GST

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry had organized a Workshop on New Warehousing Scheme (MOOWR) & SEZ Policies and Recent Supreme Court decisions on Customs and GST on 24th August, 2022 in The Bengal Chamber premises. Online participants joined via Zoom.

Mr. Timir Baran Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner & Mentor, TCN Global & Economic Advisory Services LLP., deliberated in the 3rd Technical Session on New Warehousing Scheme (MOOWR).

Opening remarks was given by Mr. Timir Baran Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner & Mentor, TCN Global & Economic Advisory Services LLP.

The deliberations after each session were followed by an interactive session with the participants. The Workshop was attended by more than 50 delegates from all over India.

The 1st Technical Session was on Recent Supreme Court judgements on Customs and GST and was deliberated by Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP.



Mr. M. S. Mani, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Subject Matter Expert joined online from Mumbai and deliberated on recent changes in EOU/SEZ policies impacting business and incongruities between the SEZ Law and the GST Law in the 2nd Technical Session.

Address by Mr. Timir Baran Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Senior Partner & Mentor, TCN Global & Economic Advisory Services LLP

PROGRAMME

WORKSHOP ON NEW WAREHOUSING SCHEME (MOOWR) & SEZ POLICIES AND RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS ON CUSTOMS AND GST

24th August, 2022,
The Bengal Chamber Premises & Virtual Platform



Address by Mr. M. S. Mani, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Subject Matter Expert



Address by Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP

Secondment of employees held as a 'service'

Comm. of Cus. CE & ST vs. M/s. Northern Operating Systems Pvt. Ltd.

- Assessee agreed to provide back office support and other services to its foreign group companies
- Under secondment agreement, assessee requested its overseas group company ('henceforth referred to as overseas company') to provide employees who have required expertise, on secondment to India (temporarily seconded)
- The employees remain on the payroll of the overseas company (the social security and other matters)
- During the period of secondment, the assessee has control over the employee. The assessee is responsible for the work of the seconded employee and overseas company is absolved of any liability for job or work of the seconded employee.
- The overseas company pays the seconded employee which is reimbursed by the assessee
- The secondment is for a specific duration and on conclusion, the employee repatriates back to the overseas company

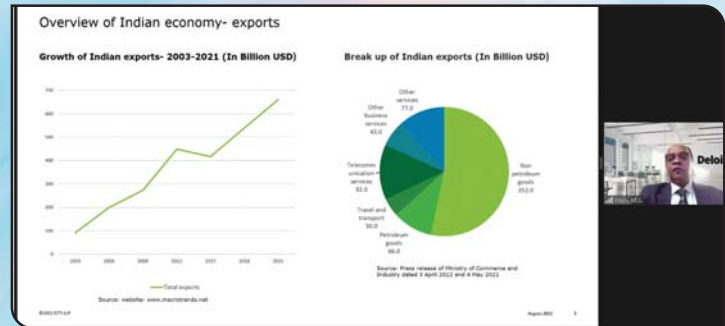
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Issues

- Whether the overseas company provides manpower supply services, for discharge of its functions through seconded employees? (Who is the real employer - Indian company or Overseas company?)
- Whether the extended period of limitation can be invoked?

Comments

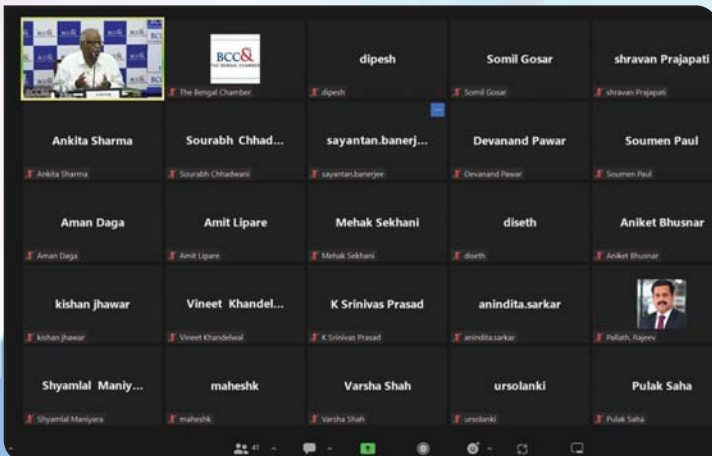
- The assessee was the service recipient for services of (manpower recruitment and supply services) by the overseas company, in regard to the seconded employees, for the duration of their secondment - disallowed
- Invocation of extended period of limitation is unjustified, unreasonable and not tenable since there was no wilful suppression or deliberate misstatement or concealment to evade tax
- Assessee must discharge service tax liability for the normal period



Workshop in progress



Audience at the Workshop



Audience at the Workshop

24th to 26th August 2022,
Virtual Platform

3 DAY MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND TRADE DOCUMENTATION

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) organized the 3rd edition of 3-Day Management Development on Global Logistics and Trade Documentation during 24th to 26th August 2022 on Digital Platform. This Online Certification Course was organized based on the huge success of last year.

The focus of the course was to encourage Participants in bringing coherence and to increase collaboration amongst them, representing different stakeholders. The course has been designed to help in learning the functions of various stakeholders, understanding their issues and challenges, etc. for the benefit of the trade. Besides, it provided understanding to the Participants on the International Business, especially from the Legal, Procedural, Financial, Logistics and Supply Chain perspectives and helped them in developing strategies and meeting the challenges in International Business Transactions.

The course was inaugurated by **Mr. S Hajara**, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, The Bengal Chamber and it was conducted by Senior Faculties **Dr. Deepankar Sinha**, Professor and Head - Research Division [Management], Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata and **Dr. Jayanta Kumar Seal**, Professor, Accounting and Finance, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata along with modules facilitated by **Mr. Subhojit Roy**, Member, Shipping and Logistics

Committee of The Bengal Chamber & Partner, Victor Moses & Co (Solicitors, Advocates & Trademark Attorneys) and Guest Faculty **Mr. Mannu Choudhary**, Secretary, Calcutta Customs House, Agents Association (CCHAA) & Managing Director, Masum Agencies Pvt Ltd

Topics like KYProduct, KYEnvironment, KYMarket, KYCustomer, KYCountry, KYTrade, INCO Term, Payment terms, Global Logistics Channel, Laws in International Sale and Carriage Contracts, and Incentive Schemes were covered under this course.

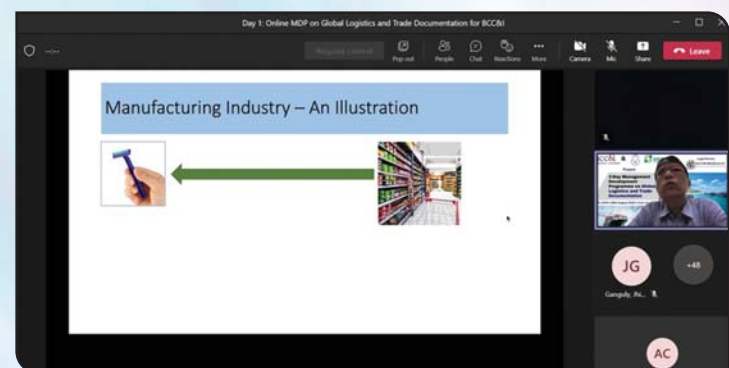
The course is attended by Representatives of Shipping Agents, Shipping Lines, Port Officials, Customs Brokers, Stevedores/ Cargo Handling Agents, Clearing and Forwarding Agents/Freight Forwarders, Logistics Service Providers, Supply Chain Operators, Exporters and Importers, Maritime Lawyers, Vessel and Barge Owners/Operators, Representatives from the Ship and Barge Building and Repairing Industry, Maritime Institutes, etc. and the total number of Participants present were 54.

The course was an eye-opener for the Participants as it provided a clear understanding on the overall logistics operations globally and also on the procedures of trade documentation for the benefit of EXIM trade and industry at large.



Mr S Hajara, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I inaugurated the three day Online Certification Course on Global Logistics and Trade Documentation on 24th August 2022

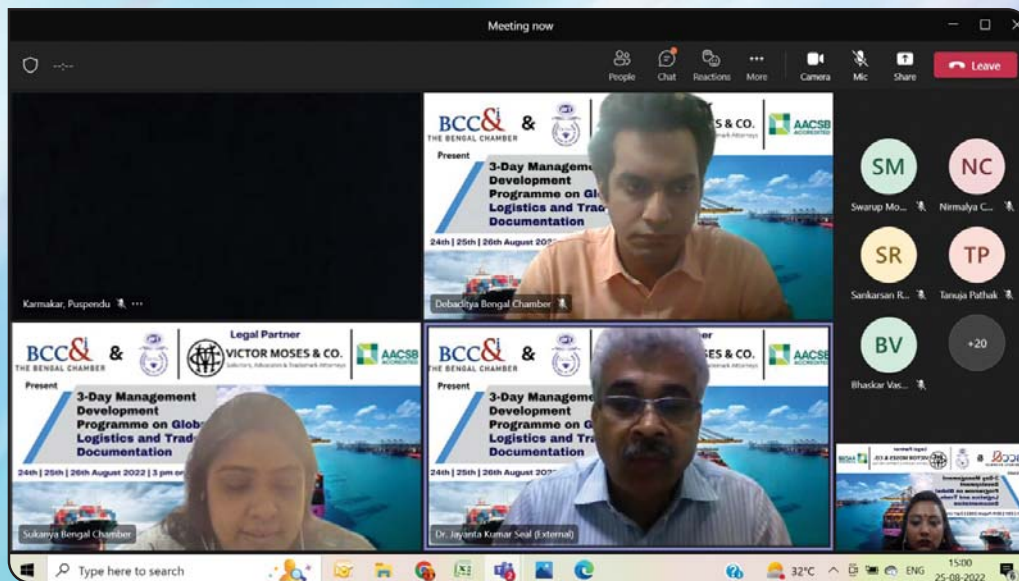
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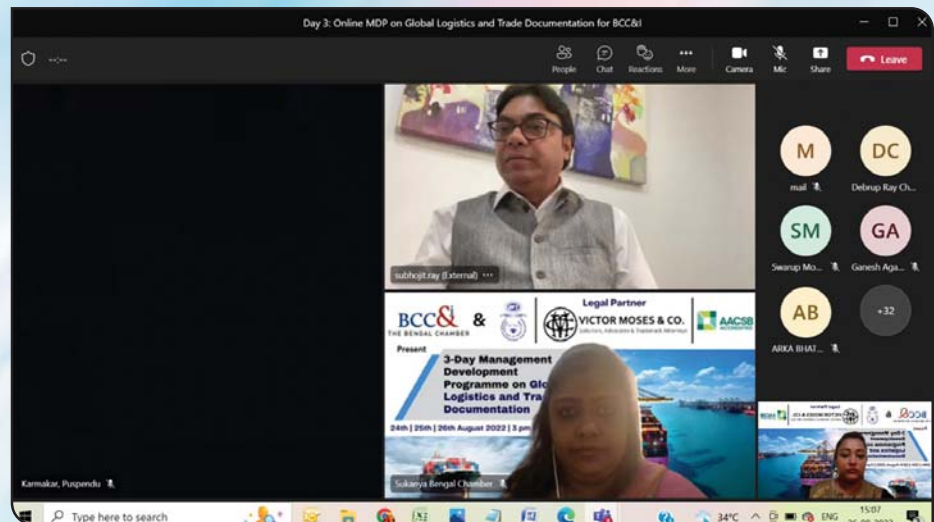
3 DAY MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND TRADE DOCUMENTATION

24th to 26th August 2022,
Virtual Platform



Dr. Jayanta Kumar Seal, Professor, Accounting and Finance, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata, conducting the course on 25th August 2022

Mr. Subhojit Roy, Member, Shipping and Logistics Committee of The Bengal Chamber & Partner, Victor Moses & Co (Solicitors, Advocates & Trademark Attorneys), conducting the course on 26th August 2022



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the formal Vote of Thanks on 26th August 2022

25th August 2022,
Virtual Platform

ONLINE B2B MEETING WITH TAIWAN TRADE DELEGATION

Taipei World Trade Center Liaison Office in Kolkata (TAITRA) in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), organized 1-on-1 B2B meetings with the Taiwanese Suppliers from various industries, on 25th August 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on virtual platform. The aim of this B2B Session was to discuss all possible business collaborations between Taiwan and India.

Andrew Yule & Company Limited, one of the esteemed member companies of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, joined the aforesaid B2B meetings.



Meeting in progress.

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Hyatt Regency, Kolkata

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The COP 26 Presidency and the incoming-COP 27 Presidency are committed to ensuring a transparent and inclusive process in the lead-up to COP 27 to be convened in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from 6 – 18 November 2022. COP 26 was held in Glasgow, UK in November 2021.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented 15th Edition of Environment and Energy Conclave (EEC) on 25th August 2022 at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata. The theme, this year, was “Journey from COP 26 to COP 27 and beyond”. UK was the Country Partner.

Senior level representations from both UK and Egypt visited Kolkata for the Conclave.

His Excellency Wael Mohamed Awad Hamed, Ambassador, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, New Delhi addressed the audience on “Towards COP 27” at the Conclave.

“For climate action, we need finance, finance and more finance. When we talk about growth, we need to talk about global growth, not of just one country but the global economy. Growth of developing countries positively affect the developed countries.” said His Excellency Wael Mohamed Awad Hamed.

Mr. Nick Low, British Deputy High Commissioner to East and Northeast India, who was present at the Conclave said: “I am delighted that the United Kingdom, as COP 26

President, is once again the Partner Country of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry's flagship clean energy event. We look forward to launching UK-India initiatives on electric mobility to accelerate clean energy transition. These will support decarbonisation of high emission sectors such as transport, which directly address climate change.

Our dedicated UK session covered potential partnerships with West Bengal on sustainable finance, green hydrogen, asset monetisation for renewable energy projects, carbon capture and storage, cable monitoring for the transmission and distribution sector, energy storage, EV skills and lots more.

UK participated with a delegation on Clean Transition Policies and Technologies. A Paper on "Roadmap for development of an Innovation Centre for Electric Mobility" was launched by Ms. Anna Shotbolt, Deputy Trade Commissioner to South Asia, British High Commission, Delhi; Ms. Libby Green, Climate and Energy Lead, British High Commission New Delhi and Mr. Nick Low.

The innovation centre is an innovative, effective and sustainable solution for promoting brand neutral, unbiased facilities dedicated to providing free, non-technical education and information on EV technologies and encouraging EV uptake among all sections of the population. The innovation centre will lead to a series of positive impacts, including increased confidence among customers and hence increased adoption of electric vehicles, skill enhancement of staff and the development of innovative business models. During the Environment and Energy Conclave, the template for state level EV awareness portal was launched which is hosted under e-AMRIT. The prototype portal can be used by other states to develop EV awareness platforms for their respective states. This state web portal intends to complement the e-AMRIT portal on raising awareness on EVs at the State level.

The Bengal Chamber participated in COP 26 last year presenting a 90 minutes Session on Electric Mobility. A Delegation visited Glasgow, speakers joining from Kolkata and Delhi virtually. Hon'ble Transport Minister of Government of West Bengal addressed, virtually, from The Bengal Chamber as the Chief Guest.

Mr. Abraham Stephanos, President of The Chamber observed, "The Bengal Chamber understands that to address the issues of climate change and achieve the mission of Sustainable Development Goals or SDG 17, the needs include:

- Appropriate policies both at Government and Business Levels

- Financial models for implementations
- Technology Back Up

Collaborations would be essential to enable these. Therefore, The Chamber focuses on B2B meetings with international participation."

Mr. Gautam Ray, Senior Vice President and Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber said, "Our effort in the forum of The Bengal Chamber's Environment and Energy Conclave is to add value to the ecosystem by disseminating knowledge, collating inputs for policy advocacy, facilitating B2B, promoting startups and innovations, aiding collaborations and similar such engagements."

Mr. Sudhendu J Sinha, Adviser (Infrastructure Connectivity - Transport and Electric Mobility), NITI Aayog, Government of India mentioned, "Commitment to sustainability in manufacturing process is required for access to foreign markets."

Shri S. Suresh Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Power, Government of West Bengal

- Great need to bring in electricity for cooking purposes since 60% of cooking energy needs still met through biomass. Cleaner energy will help reduce air pollution cause by cooking biomass and as well as positively affect the health of women.
- The grid needs to be made smarter so that it can accommodate the renewable energy, which is slated to come in a big way.
- There is a lot of scope for energy saving in compressors, furnaces, pumps and motors and MSME sector needs to be engaged in this regard.
- More modern and better energy-efficient building rules is the need of the hour.

The Conclave featured Exhibition by Startups in SDG space. The startups were the incubatees of Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre and also the ones who work closely with The Chamber, namely :

- Creatronics
- Horsemen Energy
- Janta Group
- QuicFind
- Schoppen Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- Solaire Initiative Pvt. Ltd.
- Motovolt Mobility Pvt. Ltd.
- Sunanda Environmental International Pvt. Ltd.

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Australia has passed the country's first climate target updates while India and Egypt have updated their Paris Agreement pledges in preparation for COP 27. The Australian House of Representatives moved to pass a new bill including legally binding emissions reduction targets for 2030 and 2050. The United States and Egypt launched a joint group to prepare for COP 27. Focus is for concerted efforts to cut carbon dioxide emissions by a minimum of 45% by 2030 to be able to reach a pollution-neutral planet by mid-century. USA and Australia were present at the Conclave to share their views. Ms. Melinda Pavek, Consul General, U S Consulate Kolkata and Mr. Daniel Sim, Acting Consul General, Australian Consulate-General, Kolkata were also present.

The other speakers in the Opening Session were Ms. Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, IAS (Retired), Former Secretary, Dept. of Empowerment of Person With Disabilities, Govt. of India and Former Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh; Dr. Vibha Dhawan, Director General, The Energy & Resources Institute (TERI) (joined virtually) and Mr. Arun Kumar Mishra, Chief Executive Officer, EESL (joined virtually).

Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Former President, The Bengal Chamber was felicitated for being a leading expert in the realm of Energy, Environment Sustainability.

This year, the Conclave featured discussions on :

- Energy Future and Resources Security
Session Chairperson - Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer, Exide Industries Limited

Speakers :

- Shri. Debashis Sen, Managing Director, WBHIDCO Limited & Chairman, New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA)
- Mr. Rajesh Mediratta, MD, Indian Gas Exchange Ltd (VIRTUAL)
- Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, Asia Pacific (Lead) – Decarbonization & Circular Economy, Senior Operations Officer, Manufacturing, Agribusiness & Services (MAS) Advisory, IFC (World Bank Group)
- Dr. Vijay Prakash, General Manager, (Engineering Services), NTPC Limited
- Video Address : Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Managing Director, Swach Environment Pvt. Ltd.
- Grid Stability, Renewable Integration and Cross-Country Connectivity

Session Chairperson- Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Speakers :

- Mr. Harish Saran, ED Commercial, Operations & HR, PTC India Ltd.
- Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee, Executive Director (DT), CESC Limited
- Ms. Monali Zeya Hazra, Regional Energy and Clean Energy Specialist, Indo Pacific Office, USAID India (VIRTUAL)
- Mr. Sthitadhee Sarkar, Delivery Manager, TNCC, Electricity Transmission, National Grid and Dr. Xiaoyao Zhou, Operability Policy Manager, National Grid UK
- Mr. Promod Singh, President- Regulatory & Commercial, India Power Corporation Limited
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion- symbiotic relationship with Sustainability
Session Chairperson: Ms. Sonia Laul, Consul for Political and Economic Affairs, US Consulate General in Kolkata

Speakers :

- Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson – Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Consultant, Indofil Industries Limited
- Mr. Jayanta Basu, Journalist and Environment Expert
- Ms. Shveta Verma, Inclusion and Diversity Leader- India and APAC, PwC India (VIRTUAL)
- Mollah M Amzad Hossain, Editor, Energy & Power (Bangladesh)

- Green Livelihood and Inclusiveness

Speakers :

- Mr. Ardhendu S. Chatterjee, President, Development Research Communication and Services Centre
- Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Integrator, Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN)

The programme was streamed in multiple digital platforms simultaneously.

The conclave was participated by prominent stakeholders from different parts of the country. There were vibrant discussions. Around 350 audience were present at the Conclave.

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His Excellency Wael Mohamed Awad Hamed, Ambassador, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, New Delhi



Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG setting the context at the Conclave



(L-R) Shri S. Suresh Kumar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Power, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG; Ms. Shakuntala Doley Gamlin, IAS (Retired), Former Secretary, Dept. of Empowerment of Person With Disabilities, Govt. of India and Former Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh; Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited; His Excellency Wael Mohamed Awad Hamed, Ambassador, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, New Delhi; Ms. Anna Shotbolt, Deputy Trade Commissioner to South Asia, British High Commission, Delhi; Mr. Sudhendu J. Sinha, Adviser (Infrastructure Connectivity – Transport and Electric Mobility), NITI Aayog, Government of India; Mr. Sudhendu J. Sinha, Adviser (Infrastructure Connectivity – Transport and Electric Mobility), NITI Aayog, Government of India; Mr. Nick Low, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata and other dignitaries; Mr. Daniel Sim, Acting Consul General, Australian Consulate-General, Kolkata.



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Mr. Sudhendu J. Sinha, Adviser (Infrastructure Connectivity – Transport and Electric Mobility), NITI Aayog, Government of India



UK Session



Felicitation to Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Former President, The Bengal Chamber by Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited



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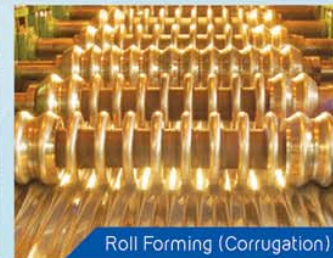
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Mr. Ardhendu S. Chatterjee, President, Development Research Communication and Services Centre in the session on Green Livelihood Case Studies



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Integrator, Professional Assistance for Development Action (PRADAN) addressing in the session on Green Livelihood Case Studies



The footfall at the stalls



The footfall at EV Cycle Stall

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Visitor taking test ride
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BCC&I organized the 6th edition of its Leadership Lecture Series with Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Founder Chairman, The Chatterjee Group. Former President of BCC&I Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri was in conversation with Dr. Chatterjee.

Sharing snippets of his life in an hour long freewheeling chat, Dr. Chatterjee shared the stories of his Mothers influence in his life, and how, in spite of contrary views expressed by many, he wrested back control of Haldia Petrochemicals Limited, a Company he co founded in 1994. In the course of his deliberations, he also recounted the efforts put in by Former Chief Minister of West Bengal Shri Jyoti Basu and renowned industrialist Shri Sadhan Dutta's to have him invest in a greenfield petrochemicals plant in West Bengal.

Since its investment in West Bengal in 2014, it has been a remarkable journey for The Chatterjee Group. After turning around HPL, which had closed down due to the want of working capital, Dr. Chatterjee acquired the PTA plant from Mitsubishi and turned it around, too.

Then came the \$2.725 billion acquisition of Lummus Technology, a giant in process technology with several patents, followed by the acquisition of Garden Silk Mills and Nagarjuna Oils among others.

Dr. Chatterjee has now set his eyes on developing a university in Calcutta to do frontier research which can also find applications in real life.

On this occasion, The Chamber also handed over to Dr. Chatterjee "The Bengal Chamber - Sardar Jodh Singh Award for Igniting Minds". The Chamber had created this Award as an Annual and most prestigious Award which The Bengal Chamber would like to bestow on an iconic personality every year. The awardee would have played a role as a true visionary and leader, cutting across any Business, Cultural, Philanthropic or Social spheres, and stand for values and ethics that have helped in "Igniting Minds" of Indians. The Award is named after Sardar Jodh Singh, a visionary and far-sighted personality, who always aspired to bring about a positive transformation in the society by educating minds. Apart from education, Sardar Jodh Singh also developed industries in various sectors like diary, cargo, telecom, infrastructure, etc. Sardar Jodh Singh's hard work and progressive activities have led to the global eminence of JIS Group, which has generated employment to more than 22000 people in the recent years.



Mr. Abraham Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber, MD, TSDPL, delivering the Welcome Address

Conferring of The Bengal Chamber Sardar Jodh Singh Award for Igniting Minds to Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee by Mr. Abraham Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Subir Chakraborty President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group



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LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES & IGNITING MINDS AWARD



Handing over of the memento to Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee by Mr. Abraham Stephanos, President, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Subir Chakraborty President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group



Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Former President, The Bengal Chamber, moderating the session



Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Founder Chairman, The Chatterjee Group



The distinguished audience



Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Former President, The Bengal Chamber in conversation with Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Founder & Chairman, The Chatterjee Group



During the session

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Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber, Emceeing the Programme



Mr. Subir Chakraborty, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director & CEO, Exide Industries Ltd delivering the Vote of Thanks



Handing over a Memento to Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Former President, The Bengal Chamber by Mr. Arnab Basu, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber & Advisory Leader, PWC India



The distinguished audience

**26th August 2022,
Virtual Platform**

**WEBINAR ON CONSTRUCTION WITH SPEED
AND SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH STEEL**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a Webinar on "Construction with Speed and Sustainability through Steel" in association with JSW Severfield Structures Ltd. (JSSL) on 26th August, 2022 from 4pm to 5:30pm on Zoom.

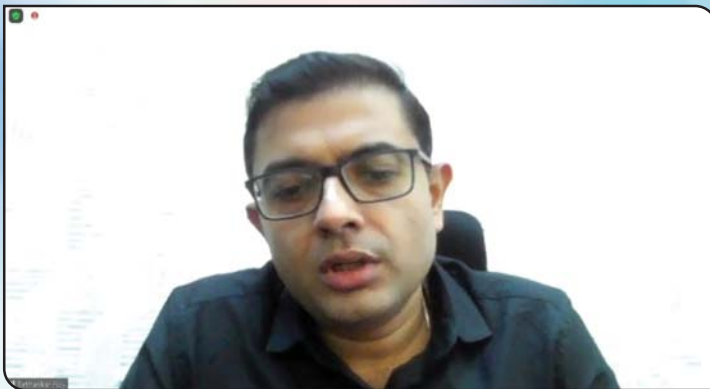
The Webinar was addressed by Mr. Tirthankar Roy, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd., Mr. Puneet Puri, Head-Business Development, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd. and Mr. Prasad Sawant, Head-Design & Engineering, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd.

The objective of the webinar was to introduce and demystify common myths related to construction with steel, share experience through case studies of similar construction in the recent past and identify future projects ideal for steel application.

The Indian Government has laid special emphasis on infrastructure development through schemes like National Infrastructure Pipeline, Housing for all, Bharatmala Project, Sagarmala Project, Construction of Dedicated Freight Corridor

etc. The Government has been engaging stakeholders from various sectors such as Housing & Construction, Infrastructure, Urban Development, Railways, Defence, Oil & Gas, Civil Aviation, etc. with a view to promote usage of steel and to boost the demand in Construction/Infrastructure. As urbanization gains further momentum, it becomes imperative to support it by building required infrastructure in earnest. Also important is the fact that such development is done with minimum impact on the environment. Hence "Speed" and "Sustainability" become the dual targets as India marches forward to become "Ecologically Conscious Economy". Steel is one such versatile material which ensures both – Speed and Sustainability and we can see the trend with increased consumption in India, which is going to grow further. The speakers addressed all these points in great detail and interacted with the participants answering all their queries.

The Webinar generated huge interest among the industry stakeholders. It was attended by around 200 Infrastructure Developers, Real Estate Developers, Architects, Engineers, Consultants and other relevant stakeholders.



Mr. Tirthankar Roy, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd. delivering the Opening Remarks

Mr. Puneet Puri, Head-Business Development, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd

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Mr. Prasad Sawant, Head-Design & Engineering, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd

Mr. Prasad Sawant, Head-Design & Engineering, JSW Severfield Structures Ltd. describing steel applicability via various case studies

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Mr. Prasad Sawant

1 DAY ADVANCED PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL LOGISTICS AND TRADE DOCUMENTATION

27th August 2022,
Virtual Platform

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) for the first time organized a 1-Day Advanced Development on **Global Logistics and Trade Documentation** on Saturday 27th August 2022 on Digital Platform. This Online Certification Course was organized as Refresher training mainly for the Participants who had attended the last year's 3 Day Management Development Programme on the same topic.

The course was inaugurated by **Mr. S Hajara**, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, The Bengal Chamber and it was conducted by Senior Faculty **Dr. Deepankar Sinha**, Professor and Head - Research Division [Management], Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata.

Topics covered under this course were Risk of Rejection – Non-payment – Prohibition – Currency Fluctuation – Damage INCO Terms – Payment Terms – ECGC – Hedging – Transit

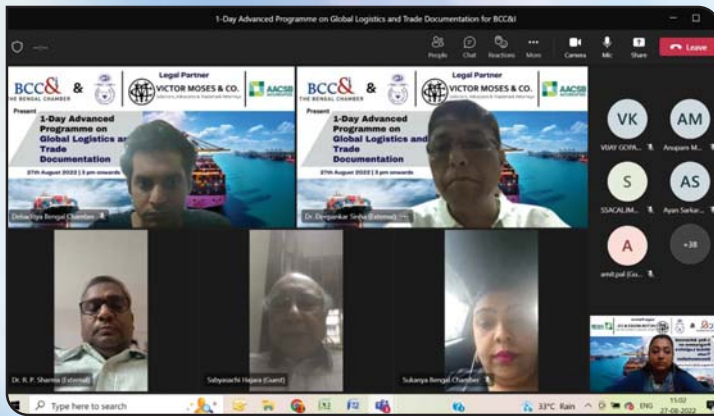
Insurance along with a module on Logistics Stages, Possibilities of Errors and Remedial Strategies.

The course was attended by Representatives of Shipping Agents, Shipping Lines, Port Officials, Customs Brokers, Stevedores/Cargo Handling Agents, Clearing and Forwarding Agents/Freight Forwarders, Logistics Service Providers, Supply Chain Operators, Exporters and Importers, Maritime Lawyers, Vessel and Barge Owners/Operators, Representatives from the Ship and Barge Building and Repairing Industry, Maritime Institutes, etc. and the total number of Participants present were 75.

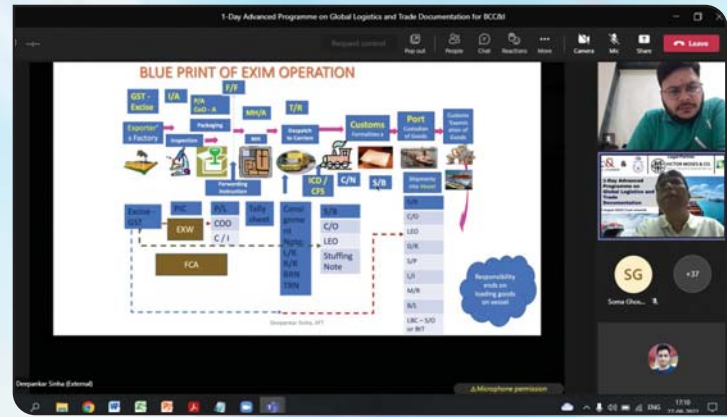
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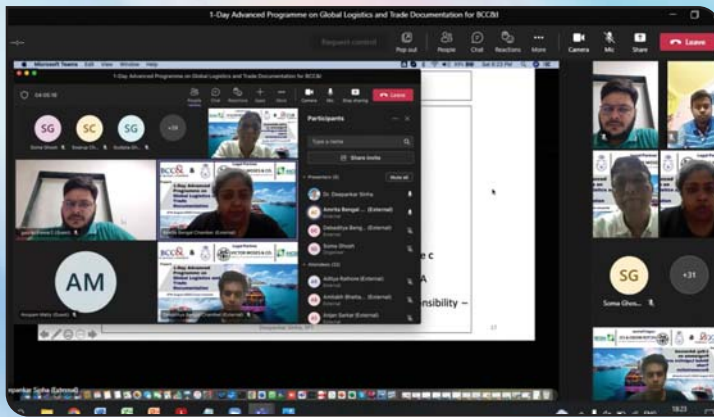
**1 DAY ADVANCED PROGRAMME ON GLOBAL
LOGISTICS AND TRADE DOCUMENTATION**



Mr. S Hajara, Chairperson, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I delivering Welcome Address during the 1Day Advanced Programme on Global Logistics and Trade Documentation, held on 27th August 2022



Dr. Deepankar Sinha, Professor and Head - Research Division [Management], Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata, conducting the course



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the valedictory remark



Thank you Partners

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

FinTech & Credit Expo 2022, 9th September 2022, The Bengal Chamber Premises

Marketing Conclave, 10th September 2022, ITC Sonar Bangla

Step Forward, 14th September 2022, Virtual

Financial Market Conclave, 15th September, ITC Grand Central Mumbai, Phygital

International Health & Wellness Expo, 15th & 16th September, Radisson Blu BayView Chattogram

The Entrepreneurship Conclave 2022, 16th September 2022, The Bengal Chamber Premises

Meeting with Ever Clear- Taiwanese Company, 20th September 2022, The Bengal Chamber premises

Education Conclave, 24th September 2022, Hyatt Regency, Kolkata

Online Taiwan Expo 2022, 28th – 30th September 2022, Virtual

India Economic Conclave: A Mid Semester look at the Indian Economy on the occasion of AGM 2022, 29th September 2022, The Bengal Chamber Premises

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Bone and Joint Day observation : 4th August, 2022 :

AEC, in collaboration with Indian Orthopedic Association observed the Bone and Joint Day on 4th August, 2022. The theme was **Each ONE Save ONE** and the mission being **SAVE ROAD ACCIDENT VICTIM**. Dr. Nirjhar Maji, Dr. Nirjhar Mukhopadhyay, and Dr. Suryasekhar Sarkar were present for the demonstration session on a human model/mannequin. To-Do's were explained regarding the first aid to be applied on a road accident victim.



5th Foundation Day Celebration: 8th August, 2022:

AEC proudly celebrated its 25th birthday on 8th August 2022. It was an extremely proud moment for all the stakeholders of AEC. On the occasion of Silver Jubilee, various events were organised throughout the day. It started with the garlanding of the foundation stone laid at college entrance, followed by institute anthem and institute flag hoisting, cake cutting etc.



The celebration continued with plantation of saplings, followed by blood donation in collaboration with State Blood Transfusion Council, West Bengal. We have received blood from 51 donors which includes both students and faculty & staff members.

2A Cleanliness drive by NSS Unit, AEC: 12th August, 2022 :

The NSS Unit of Asansol Engineering College organized a cleanliness drive in the surrounding area of our college on 12th August, 2022. During the drive, the students members as well as the faculty & staff members involved themselves in cleaning the bus stop, auto stand, passenger shelters and other surrounding areas. It was indeed a very noble initiative taken up by the NSS Unit.



Photography club students unfolded the glimpses of AEC in past years. Last but not the least, there were sparkling cultural performances from our students as well as faculty & staff members. Dancing, Singing, Recitation, Instrumental performances were show cased by our students as well as faculty & staff members.



Amrit Smriti@ 75 Celebrated by AEC : 12th August, 2022 :

The Institution's innovation Council (IIC) of AEC organized a series of competitions/contests on 12th August, 2022 to mark the Iconic week of 75th Independence Day. Slogan Contest (Topic : AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV), Essay Writing Competition (Topic : INDIA'S HEALTH QUOTIENT@75), Poster making competition were held. Online digital certificates were given to the participants and the winners. Best submissions are supposed to be published in AEC TIMES SPARKS. Many students across different streams participated in the said events.



75th Independence Day Celebration: 15th August, 2022 :

India celebrated its 75th Independence Day with pomp and splendour throughout the nation, so did Asansol Engineering College. This day was just after a week of the silver jubilee birthday of AEC. AEC enthusiastically celebrated the 75th Independence Day. The entire college was decorated with tri color paper flags. The celebration started with flag hoisting followed by speeches from dignitaries, faculty & members as well as from our dear students. Sweets were distributed and several cultural performances were show cased.



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Detailed Overview of Data Structures and Algorithm” : 19th August, 2022 :

The Hardware Club of AEC organized an online workshop on “DETAILED OVERVIEW OF DATA STRUCTURES AND ALGORITHM” on 19th August from 8PM onwards. The resource person was Ms. Arnabi Mitra, SDE-1 at Amazon. Many students attended the session and was extremely benefitted. It was a highly interactive session where our students clarified their doubts as well as enriched their knowledge base to a large extent.



A Session on Innovation and Startup Ecosystem Enablers : 21st August, 2022 :

The Institution’s innovation Council (IIC) of AEC organized an extremely useful session on “INNOVATION AND STARTUP ECOSYSTEM ENABLERS” for the future entrepreneurs on 21st August, 2022 from 11AM onwards. We were privileged to have amongst us the eminent personality Prof. Dr. J. K. Roy as the speaker who happens to be the Founder Director of System Advance Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Chairman of Eureka Scientech Research Foundation and the Chairman of Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (ETE). Large number of students as well as faculty & staff members attended the session.



ABACUS INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

WALL MAGAZINE ‘ANWESHA’ 2k22 COMPETITION : 1.08.2022

With immense pleasure we are glad to share that the Electronics and Communication Engineering Department of our esteemed institution had organized a wall magazine competition ‘Anwasha’ 2k22 on 1st August, 2022. The theme of the event was ‘Freedom’. It was organized with the benevolent effort and active participation of all the students of the ECE department. The students took great interest in preparing their presentations and decorating the final version of the wall magazine. The program was inaugurated by the Honourable Principal Madam. The efforts and the representations by all the 16 participants were really remarkable. There were 10 participating groups in the competition. First 3 winning groups of the competition were awarded. We are looking forward to more such participations and presentations by our students.



EVENT ON PPT PRESENTATION: 2.08.2022

It gives us immense pleasure in sharing that the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management has successfully conducted a PPT Presentation in the college campus on 02.08.2022. The participants were the Undergraduate students of 2nd year. There were 43 students in all. They presented their PPT on various technical topics picked up from their subject of study. The event started at 11:00 am by welcoming all. This event instilled confidence among the students along with enhancement of their technical knowledge and presentation skills. Departmental faculties along with faculties from different departments were present throughout the program. The PPT presentation was a very enriching experience and it went on smoothly with team effort and participation by all. At the very end there was arrangement for refreshments for all.



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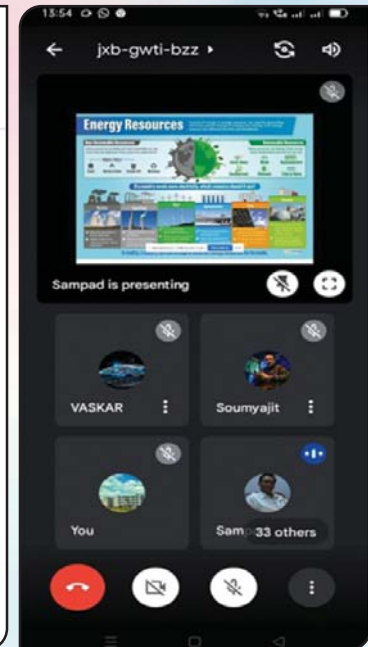
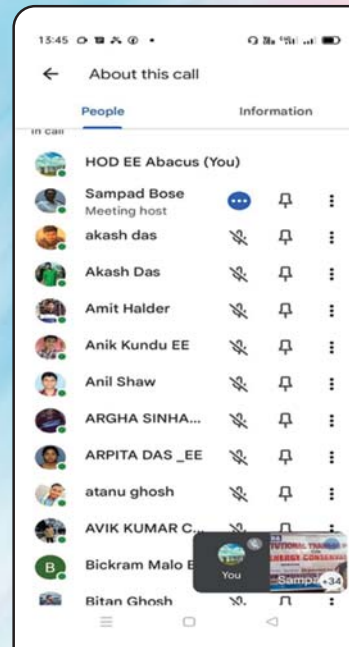
INDUSTRIAL VISIT : 3.08.2022

It is an immense pleasure to share that the Civil Engineering Department of our institution had arranged an industrial visit to Bengal Shriram Hi-Tech City Pvt. Ltd., Hindmotor Testing Road, Hooghly, on 3rd August, 2022. The visit had been organized with 15 number of students. Industrial visit has its own importance in the career achievements of a student who is pursuing a professional degree. The objective of industrial visit is to offer an insight into the internal working of companies and it is considered as a part of institute level curriculum. With an aim to go beyond academics, industrial visit provides students to explore into the practical perspective. The purpose of this visit was mainly to help students understand field construction and demonstration of the theoretical concepts within field construction techniques; reinforced cement concrete, foundation engineering, road construction and materials testing subject in field demonstration. Practical, hands-on learning is essential for better understanding of work processes and civil engineering functions. Industrial visits give greater clarity about important engineering concepts, as students practically experience how these concepts are put into action.



WEBINAR ON “ENERGY CONSERVATION”: 4.08.2022

It gives us immense pleasure in sharing that the Electrical Engineering Department of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management has successfully conducted an Institutional training program on “Energy Conservation” organized by Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) on 4th August, 2022. The webinar focused on the analysis and comparison, the demand and advantages of renewable and non-renewable energy resources. There was a session for minimum 30 participants which included 3rd year Electrical Engineering students from the college. The program started at 1.30 pm by welcoming the speaker Mr. Sampad Bose, Faculty Member, PCRA- ER. The session and explanation on various topics were enriching and cultivated a great interest in the minds of the participants and was appreciated by them. The presentation was an engrossing experience for all of our participants.



INTRA-COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION: 18.08.2022

It fills us with great joy in sharing that the Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management has successfully conducted an Intra- College Photography Competition to celebrate World Photography Day on August 18, 2022. A huge number of participants from all the departments have taken part in the above-mentioned event to express their thoughts regarding the theme ‘Animals and Birds Behavior, Natural Landscape and Night Beauty’. One of our alumni Mr. Ranodeep Bhattacharya who is now a professional photographer was present as a judge of that event. At the end of the event, the names of the winner were announced. The event ended with prize distribution ceremony in presence of all.

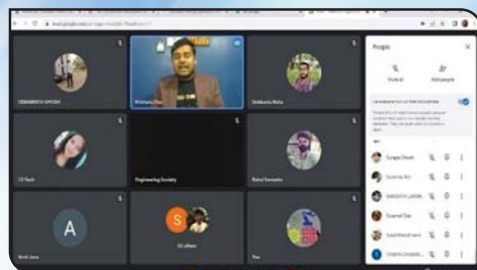


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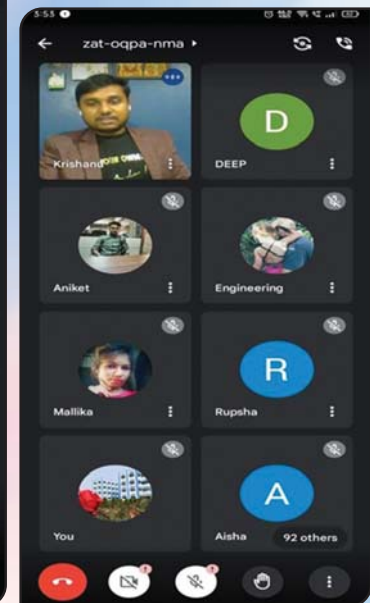


WEBINAR ON “OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENT AND FACULTY AS AN EARLY STAGE ENTREPRENEUR”: 18.08.2022

It gives us immense pleasure in sharing that the department of Mechanical Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management has organized a webinar on “Opportunity for student and faculty as an early stage entrepreneur” in collaboration with Institute Innovation Council (IIC) on 18th August, 2022. The Program started at 3.30 pm on Google Meet platform. The lecture was delivered by our guest speaker Mr. Krishanu Das, Associate Director of BeSmarter Smartovations. Mr. Krishanu Das delivered a lecture on the topic “Opportunity for student and faculty as an early stage entrepreneur”. He explained about the importance of entrepreneurship and the ways to start at an early stage. He has also explained what difficulties he faced during the first phase of his start-ups and emphasized on the ways he overcame the issues. He also delivered a brief speech about the importance of strategy, soft skill techniques and proper diagnosis of problems to survive in the market. The session was very motivating as the students and the faculties engaged in conversation with



him and everyone gathered a good knowledge on the subject. A good response was received from the audience and also they gave very good feedback. The resource person thanked the organizers for arranging the live webinar. The program ended with a vote of thanks.



GARGI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Online Parents-Teacher Meet'

The Department of Electrical Engineering has organized the 'Online Parents-Teacher Meet' on 6th August 2022. All the years of UG were invited to participate in that meeting. The following points were covered during the meeting :

- Teaching Methodology
- Possible Pattern & Time of the Examination
- Departmental Activities
- Training and Placement Activity

We are delighted to get connected with all the parents virtually even in this pandemic situation & in this meeting we got an overwhelming response from all the parents.



Technical Webinar on “Introduction to Smart Metering System”

Department of Electrical Engineering & Research and Development Cell (R&D), Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology (GMIT) has successfully organized a Technical Webinar (No.: 47) on “Introduction

to Smart Metering System” on 21st August 2022. In this program, the honorable speaker, Mr. Biswajit Paul, Assistant General Manager, Maco Corporation India Pvt. Ltd., West Bengal, India, conducted an informative and interactive session on the Smart Meter. Students, who attended, hope it was an insightful session for everyone.

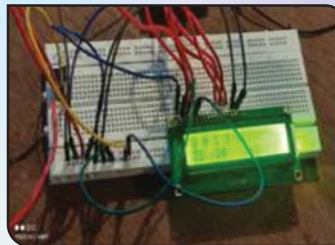


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Hands-on-Virtual Workshop on "Arduino UNO for Beginners"

Department of Electrical Engineering, Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology (GMIT) has successfully organized a Hands-on- Virtual Workshop on 22nd August 2022 on "Arduino UNO for Beginners" for EE 3rd Semester Students. Prof. Srijan Banerjee, Asst. Prof., EE Dept., GMIT & Prof. Amartya Roy, Asst. Prof., EE Dept., GMIT, was the instructor of the workshop and shared his experience with a Real-time sensor-based system design and its applications. Students, who attended, hope it was an insightful session for everyone.



2 days Workshop entitled "INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON PROGRAMMING"

Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering organized a 2 days Workshop entitled "INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON PROGRAMMING" on 11th & 12th August 2022 for 2nd year students of the ECE Department in association with NIKHIL BHARAT SIKSHA PARISHAD.

The Workshop commenced with the inaugural speech by Mrs. Bipasha Chakrabarti Banik, TIC, ECE.

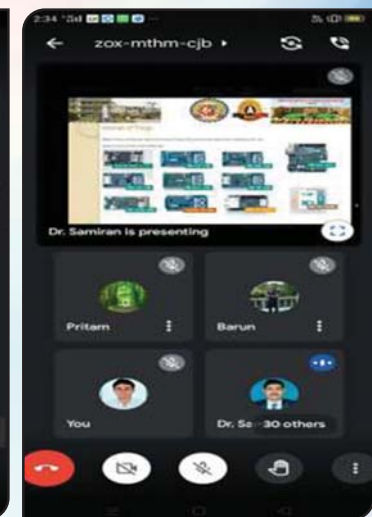
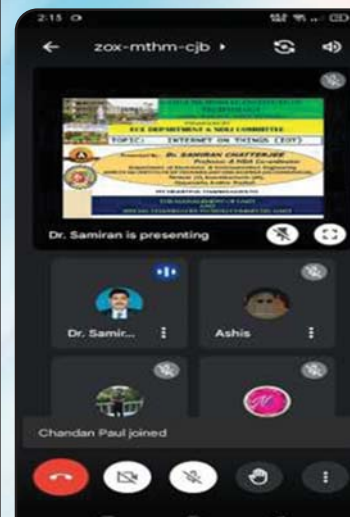
The speaker Mr. Sayantan Chakraborty delivered a lecture on the basics of Python along with hands-on work on these consecutive 2 days.

30 participants from 2nd year attended this interactive 2 days workshop. All participants were awarded Certificates at the end of the workshop.



Technical Webinar on "IOT"

Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, NDLI club & Library Committee, Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology (GMIT) has successfully organized a Technical Webinar on "IOT" on 20th August 2022. In this program, the honorable speaker, Dr. Samiran Chatterjee, Professor & NBA Coordinator, Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering, Amrita Sai Institute of Science & Technology (Autonomous), AP, India, conducted an informative and interactive session on the latest trends of IOT. Students, who attended, hope it was an insightful session for everyone.



Workshop on "Why Mechanical Engineering"

Department of Mechanical Engineering of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology, organized a 2 day workshop on "Why Mechanical Engineering!" in offline mode for the students of class XII of Rhode Island Public School, Sister unit of GMIT on 4th & 5th August 2022. Mr. Soumyodeep Mukherjee, Assistant Professor & Teacher-In-Charge of ME Department, Mr. Joydip Paul, Mr. Hiranmoy Samanta & Mr. Somnath Mitra, Assistant Professor of ME Department along with Mr. Tanujit Mete, T.A. of ME department took the full initiative & conducted this workshop as speakers and presenters for the students to explore the mechanical engineering workshops and labs. Few experiments were conducted for the students which were

related to their Physics syllabus. Basic manufacturing labs were demonstrated and the students performed a few experiments through machining.

All the students appreciated & got benefited by the sessions which really helped them to learn a new thing.



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Educational Initiatives

Technical Fest "TECH-IT-2K22"

Research & Development Cell of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology has organized the Technical Fest "TECH-IT-2K22" on 16th August 2022 from 12:30 PM onwards to motivate the youth talents of Rhode Island Public School (Sister Unit of GMIT) along with the students of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology.

Too many innovative projects were showcased on behalf of RIPS & GMIT, which were evaluated by our respected Judges.

3 Projects were selected as 1st, 2nd & 3rd according to the decision of our Chairman Sir & Mrs. Reena Mazumder (Principal, RIPS).

1. THE BIONIC ARM
2. SMART BIKE FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION
3. CLIP TYPE IRON

Winners were felicitated with Cash Prize along with all participation certificates.

Spontaneous participation of all the members has made this event more lively, enjoyable & grand success.



Execution of MOU Signed between Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology and Advanced Development for Scientific Research & Society (ADSRS)

Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology had organized a MOU signing Ceremony with Advanced Development for Scientific Research & Society (ADSRS).

The Memorandum of understanding was signed between R&D CELL of GMIT and Advanced Development for Scientific Research & Society (ADSRS) on 17th August 2022 at 3 PM Prof. (Dr.) Somnath Maiti, Principal-GMIT acted as the signatory for GMIT and Dr. Ankush Ghosh acted as a signatory on behalf of Advanced Development for Scientific Research & Society (ADSRS).

The MOU was signed in presence of the following :

1. Mrs. Bipasha Chakrabarti Banik (TIC, ECE Department, Convener, R&D Cell)

Celebration of 11th Foundation day of GMIT

The Cultural Committee, GMIT has organized a program to celebrate the occasion of 11th Foundation day on 16th August 2022 in DB Auditorium. The program started with lamp lighting in presence of respected Chairman, Dr. G.L. Dutta, Principal, Dr. Somnath Maiti, Vice President, Mr. Binoy Panda, Deputy Registrar, Mr. Chinmoy Chatterjee, and all the faculty members, staff members, students of the GMIT family. A lot of cultural events like singing, dance, recitation, and instrumental performances were Performed by the students of GMIT and RIPS (sister unit of GMIT). A Photography competition was also organized in the theme of "GMIT and Its Campus Life". The First, Second and Third position holders of this competition were awarded. The program concluded with the cake cutting ceremony. All the students and the staff members were present in this program and enjoyed it a lot.



2. Mr. Amartya Roy (TIC, EE Department)
3. Mr. Sayan Mazumder (TIC, CSE Department)
4. Mr. Soumyadeep Mukherjee (TIC, ME Department)
5. Mr. Arnab Ganguly (Assistant Professor, EE Department)
6. Mr. Hiranmoy Samanta (Co-Convener, R&D Cell, GMIT)

The MOU was signed in order to:

- Recognize the importance of research and development in the areas of engineering and management and imparting various Webinars to the engineering students.
- Organizing National & International Seminar.
- Aim to organize Hackathons, and workshops for engineering students. This MOU will help us in the long run for Research related activities for the B.Tech Students of GMIT.



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Execution of MOU Signed between Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology and Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad

Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology had organized a MOU signing Ceremony with Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad. The Memorandum of understanding was signed between GMIT and Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad on 17th August 2022 at 3 PM. Prof. (Dr.) Somnath Maiti, Principal-GMIT acted as the signatory for GMIT, Mr. Sayantan Chakraborty acted as a signatory on behalf of Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad.

The MOU was signed in presence of the following :

1. Mrs. Bipasha Chakrabarti Banik (TIC, ECE Department)
2. Mr. Amartya Roy (TIC, EE Department)
3. Mr. Sayan Mazumder (TIC, CSE Department)
4. Mr. Soumyadeep Mukherjee (TIC, ME Department)
5. Mr. Arnab Ganguly (Assistant Professor, EE Department)
6. Mr. Hiranmoy Samanta (Coordinator, IIC Cell, GMIT) The MOU was signed in order to:

- Recognize the importance of research and development in the areas of engineering and management and imparting various industrial training to the engineering students.
- Desire to double the efforts of the Institution by combining the expertise and resources of its various departments.
- Aim to form a basis for promoting excellent quality manpower in the fields of engineering, technology and sciences. The outcome of this Program:

GMIT and Management and Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad shall encourage interactions between the Engineers, Scientists, Research fellows, faculty members, and students of both organizations. Among the many arrangements discussed a few are :

- Organization of joint conferences and seminars
- Practical training of students of GMIT at Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad
- Joint guidance of student projects / thesis in areas of Engineering & its application and other areas of national interest by Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad on mutually agreeable terms.
- Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad would accommodate B.Tech students who have completed at least the 1st semester of

their program in such a number that Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad deems convenient to it for the purpose of imparting industrial training.

- Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad will support and facilitate the placement and related activities of trained students of GMIT in the industry
- Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad may depute its personnel as visiting faculty to teach any of the regular Courses or specialized topics in any Department of GMIT.
- Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad may seek assistance/guidance of the faculty member/s of GMIT in product/process modification, modernization, troubleshooting, etc.
- Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad may request to design and teach a Course or Courses that it deems fit to enhance the quality and performance of its employees. Such Courses may be run at any mutually convenient premises.
- B.Tech final year students will be allotted a Research supervisor from GMIT faculty members. A Research Scientist/Engineer at Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad may be appointed a Co-research guide as per the rules of the respective institute for a student Registered for B.Tech. degree at GMIT if permitted by the Institute's regulation of the respective course. The student may be encouraged to take up the project such that Nikhil Bharat Shiksha Parisad desirably benefits from its outcomes.

This MOU will help us in the long run for academics, training & placement activities for the B.Tech Students of GMIT.



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. AICTE sponsored International conference on Communication, Computing and Nano-Microwave Technology (CCNMT 2022)

The department of Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) and the department of Food Technology (FT) from Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), Kolkata, organized the AICTE sponsored International conference on Communication, Computing and Nano-Microwave Technology (CCNMT 2022) on 08-09 July 2022 at the college campus. The conference sought to contribute to presenting novel research results in all aspects of Engineering Technology and Applied Sciences. It also provided the premier interdisciplinary forum for scientists, engineers, and practitioners

to present their latest research results, ideas, developments and applications in all areas of Communication Engineering, Computer Engineering and Nanotechnology. The conference aimed to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all aspects of Science and Technology. More than 150 participants attended in CCNMT 2022, including delegates from Vietnam, Canada and Bangladesh.

The conference was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Kr. Sen, Principal@GNIT along with other delegates from JIS group. The first keynote address was delivered by Dr. Tien Anh Tran, Assistant

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Professor @ Vietnam Maritime University, Haiphong City, Vietnam, on the development of energy efficiency management framework based on machine learning techniques for Maritime Transportation Industry. Subsequently the second keynote address was delivered by Prof. Anisul Haque, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering East West University, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on the topic of Bifacial Photovoltaics. There were several invited talks and oral presentations blended with the main thematic discourses. Among them one invited lecture was delivered by Prof. Rajat Subhra Chakraborty, Associate Professor @ CSE Department of IIT Kharagpur, on the topic of secure computing from both software and hardware perspectives. Another key person Mr. Bidhan Das, Deputy Director & Branch Head Indian Institute of Packaging, Kolkata Centre, delivered the invited lecture on Recent Trends and Innovation in Food Packaging in Light Of Nano Technology. Around 70 research papers are

presented by researcher scholars, scientists and academicians during the conference.

This conference was extremely useful as it was attended by Physicists, Industry Experts, Engineers and Technologists, making it a truly multidisciplinary conference. Young professionals were encouraged for international communication and collaboration; promoted professional interaction and lifelong learning; recognized outstanding contributions of individuals and organizations; encouraged scholar researchers to pursue studies and careers in circuit branches and its applications. The conference was an ideal confluence for researchers to present their innovations, compare notes, develop new interfaces, benchmark their work, exchange views and widen the scope and range of their research activity through dynamic networking.



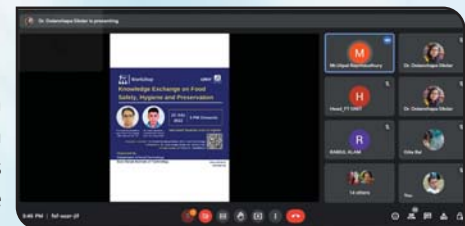
2. Workshop : "Knowledge Exchange on Food Safety, Hygiene and Preservation" @ Food Technology

Department of Food Technology@ GNIT organized a Workshop entitled "Knowledge Exchange on Food Safety, Hygiene and Preservation" on 22nd July, 2022 for Diploma Students and School Students of different Colleges and Schools respectively of West Bengal. The Workshop commenced with the inaugural speech by Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, FT@ GNIT. The speakers, Mr. Saikat Mazumder, Assistant Professor, FT@ GNIT and Prof. Utpal Ray Chaudhuri, Professor, FT@ GNIT discussed food safety, hygiene and

preservation and their significance in day to day life and in the industry. Mr. Saikat Mazumder elaborated food safety, various norms regarding the same, and food security challenges in the industry. Prof. Utpal Ray Chaudhuri discussed the preservation techniques used in different food industries and the significance of hygiene and preservation in processing of food.



43 participants from different Diploma colleges and schools attended the interactive workshop.



3. Industry Exposure Visit to Celebrity Breweries Pvt. Ltd. , Samsara @ Food Technology

Department of Food Technology@ GNIT organized an Industry Exposure Visit to Celebrity Breweries Pvt. Ltd., Samsara, for 3rd Year, 5th Semester and for 4th Year, 7th Semester students on 29th July 2022.

The visit started with a Safety Induction session for all the students and faculty members, followed by an introduction of the management and employees of the plant.

After the briefing, the students and faculties were escorted to the plant and they visited the following sections: Pretreatment, Processing, Packaging

The students were shown the details of beer processing:

Milling>> Mashing>> Lautering>> Boiling>> Clarification>> Cooling>> Fermentation>> Ageing>> Packaging

The interactive session continued with the Production Manager & Material Handling Manager on the Production and quality control process, material movement, safety considerations, product delivery system, and so on. The Packaging Portion and Recycle method was elaborately discussed and demonstrated by them. The visit ended with a debriefing session with the students, led by the Celebrity Breweries Pvt. Ltd.



4. Seminar on "Innovation/Prototype Validation – Converting Innovation into a Start-up"

Department of Computer Science and Engineering @ GNIT in collaboration with Institution Innovation Council organized a Seminar on the topic entitled "Innovation/Prototype Validation – Converting Innovation into a Start-up" on 29, July' 22.

The distinguished Speaker of the seminar was Mr. Arijit Hajra, CEO, THINK AGAIN LAB, a Techno-Spiritual Research Institute.

The session started with a brief introduction of the speaker by the Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharya, HOD@CSE, GNIT.

Mr. Arijit Hajra, organizer of NASA Space App Challenge India, Network Institute of ISRO; Mentor-of-Change, ATL, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India.; Director, Space Apps India; discussed how to convert an innovative idea to a start-up model, fit to be promoted to the market.

During the 3 hour long session, Co-founder of Quotationmart, Mr. Arijit Hajra shared his journey and his experience of starting with a prototype and converting it into a start-up idea, to being a successful entrepreneur.

More than 70 participants, comprising 2nd and 3rd year students of CSE and CA department attended the interactive session.



5. 7th IIC Regional Meet @ Ministry of Education & AICTE @ Eastern Region Nodal Center - GNIT

7th IIC Regional Meet, Kolkata was hosted by Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (Nodal Center @ Eastern Region) on 2nd August 2022. More than 340 faculty representatives from more than 230 institutions from Eastern Region (West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar etc.) participated in this IIC Regional Meet 2022 organized by Ministry of Education's Innovation Cell and All India Council of Technical Education.

The program started with an inaugural ceremony with Lamp Lighting and Saraswati Vandana followed by the Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Kumar Sen, Principal-GNIT and President IIC-GNIT. Prof (Dr.) Indranil Sengupta, honourable VC, JIS University, was felicitated as the Chief Guest of the Meet.

The honourable dignitaries of the event were Mr. Dipan Sahu, Assistant Innovation Director, MOE's Innovation Cell; Mr. Mrinal Konwar, ERO Regional Officer; Dr. Pradyot Koley, Assistant Innovation

Director, MOE's Innovation Cell; Mr. Udayan Maurya, MOE's Innovation Cell and Mr. Taran Kakar, Technical Assistant, AICTE. All the valued guests addressed the august gathering.

The National Anthem was sung after the Vote of Thanks by Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Vice President, IIC-GNIT at the end of the inaugural ceremony. 10+ Regional Ecosystem enablers include Incubators, Angel Investors, State Agencies; IP Firms were part of the Round Table Interaction to enhance their relation with Educational Institutions.

At the IIC Poster Gallery the participating IIC Institutions displayed posters highlighting IIC-Institution's Achievements. 75+ innovations and 48+ IIC posters were also exhibited during the meet.

An Impact Session was held on IIC model to discuss the achievement and performance escalation through Quality Participation of HEIs. Innovation Stalls were set up exhibiting different innovative initiatives and start up models.

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Four knowledge Sharing Sessions were held simultaneously. Track 1 and 2 was on Creation and sustaining I&E Ecosystems in HEIs, Visualization and Developing Action Plan for I&E Ecosystems Developments in HEIs respectively. Track 3 was on Benchmarking, Measuring I&E Ecosystems in HEIs and Impact Creation. On Track 4 discussions on IP and technology transfer were held.

During the Valedictory Session the best posters from IIC Institutions and best innovation stalls were appreciated. Across the country, more than 4000+ IICs established in HEIs are instrumental in building and enduring the evolution of Innovation and Startup culture development in Technical and Non- Technical Educational Institutions across India.



6. "EAT RIGHT MELA" @Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal @ Food Technology

The Health and Family Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal organized the "EAT RIGHT MELA" on 5th August 2022 at Swasthya Bhawan.

The Commissioner of Food Safety and Secretary of the Government of West Bengal invited Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, HOD, Dept. of Food Technology @ GNIT; Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Food Technology @ GNIT, with 8 accompanying students of 2nd, 3rd and 4th year of the department for attending the program at Swasthya Bhawan. The Hon'ble Commissioner of Food Safety, Health and Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal delivered the welcome address. Eminent government officials delivered keynote speeches on food safety, health and

hygiene. The program witnessed several technical presentations on the 'Eat Right' initiative by several Food Safety Officers. A demonstration of a portable mobile food safety analysis kit was performed by learned FSOs. In the afternoon session, a panel discussion on adulteration, contamination and eating habits was conducted by the respective HODs of the Food Technology Departments of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Jadavpur University, Haldia Institute of Technology, Techno India; along with the CEO of IIHM and Dy. CMOH II, Purba Bardhaman. Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay emphasized on the problems of adulteration in food and the awareness necessary to mitigate this problem. A competition on the demonstration of millet based healthy and nutraceutical fortified food recipes was also presented. The students of GNIT exhibited an outstanding performance in the Quiz competition. They bagged five individual prizes in the event.



7. GNIT celebrated the 20th Foundation Day on 16th August 2022

GNIT celebrated the 20th Foundation Day on 16th August 2022 with love and care.

The employees of GNIT assembled at 11:00 AM in the Admin Bay to pay a heartfelt tribute to Late Sardar Jodh Singh Ji, honourable Founder and Chairman Emeritus @ JIS Group and Late Sardarni Satnam Kaur, beloved Chairperson @ JIS Group.

Team GNIT then visited #Under-privilege School and #Orphanages, focusing on social responsibility among our Students and Employees. Food Packets and Gifts were distributed them.

LADDU were distributed among all the GNIT Students, Employees, Security staff and Local Community.

Tree Plantation was done after that in the GNIT Campus. The GNIT family had an amazing Lunch with National Food Khichuri, Beguni, Papad, Omelet, Rasogolla, Doi and Paan. Everyone joined hands to take care of each other.

On this auspicious occasion, GNIT employees celebrated the Foundation Day through a Cultural programme. The programme started with Lamp Lighting and Stotra by Mr. Ashim Chatterjee, Principal's Address; Registrar's Address; GNIT Journey Talk by Dr. Sucharita Bhattacharyya, Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti and Mr. Ashoke Ghosh.

With the GNIT Anthem – "Nanak er Mantra". Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Kumar Sen, took everyone down memory lane with his Foundation Day Speech as he drew inspiration from Late Sardar Jodh Singh Ji (our beloved Babuji) honourable Chairman Emeritus, Sardar Taranjit

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Singh Ji, honourable Managing Director@JIS Group, Mr. Simarpreet Singh, honourable Director@JIS Group and the management for their constant guidance and motivation.

The Cultural Programme witnessed Chorus Singing by GNIT employees; Recitation by Ms. Suparna Banerjee @ Library; Solo song by Mr. Shantanu Dasgupta@ Accounts; Solo song by Mr. Debashish Bhattacharya, Campus Administrator @ GNIT; Instrumental by Dr. Nabaneeta Banerjee, AP @ ECE; Solo Song by Dr. Rupak Chakraborty, AP @ CSE; Recitation by Mrs. Debashruti Ganguly, HOD @ BHM; Solo Song by Dr. Kaushik Roy, AP @ ECE and Self composed Song by Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Kumar Sen, Principal @ GNIT. The programme was anchored by Ms. Namrata Chakraborty, AP @ English and Mr. Saugata Banerjee, AP @ BHM.

Then followed the Fun Game where employees had to enact/talk/sing... on the option S/he selected through Lucky Draw. It was amazing and engaging which resulted in moments of Laughter Parade.

A 5 pounds cake cutting ceremony captured moments of oneness and togetherness to stay connected for life long.



JIS SCHOOL OF POLYTECHNIC

1) JISSP Conducted National Level Conference from 3rd Aug- 5th Aug : JISSP conducted JIS POLYPROD dated from 3rd Aug – 5th Aug. Lots of industry persons, schools were part of this program. The topic of the conference is Advances in Concurrent Diploma Education with Present Industry Scenario.

2) JISSP Organised Student Reunion Program : JISSP organised student reunion Alumni Meet program dated on 6/8/22 at APJ Abdul Kalam Auditorium , Kalyani University.



NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Eye Testing Camp organised on 5th August, 2022 :

The NSS Unit of Narula Institute of Technology in collaboration with ASG Eye Hospital, organized a Free Eye Testing camp for the faculty, students and staff members at the college premises on 5th August, 2022 where more than 200 faculty, students and staff members benefited from this camp.



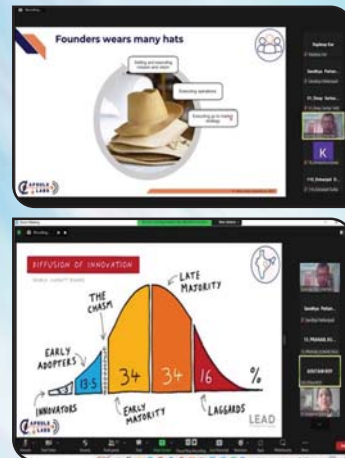
Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav :

To celebrate "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" and commemorate "75 years of Independence", Narula Institute of Technology took the oath "Freedom from the Odds" on 11th August, 2022. To commemorate the day, various activities were held to display harmony and integrity.



Session on Accelerators/Incubation - Opportunities for Students & Faculties - Early Stage Entrepreneurs:

The IIC section of Narula institute of technology organised session on Accelerators/Incubation - Opportunities for Students & Faculties - Early Stage Entrepreneurs on the 11th August, 2022 at 4pm. The session was taken by Mr. Atanu Roy Chowdhury, Capsule labs.



Report on "Progress Monitoring cum Feedback & Mentoring Session":

The Progress Monitoring cum Feedback & Mentoring Session was conducted by Narula Institute of Technology for the Mentee Institutes from 10th-12th August, 2022 under the Mentor Mentee Scheme of

MIC. The Mentee Institutes are: Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management, NIT Durgapur, St. Thomas' college of Engineering and Technology, Regent Education and Research Foundation & Swami Vivekananda Institute of Science and Technology.



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22nd College Foundation Day :

Narula Institute of Technology celebrated its glorious completion of 21 years on 17th August, 2022 in a momentous way. The college flag was hoisted on the ground to the tune of the NiT anthem. A

Langar Seva was also organized for more than 200 people from the local community followed by a fun-filled friendly Football match between NiT Admin vs Faculty/ TA.



Webinar on 'Journey of a Solar Entrepreneur':

The Business Administration Department of Narula Institute of Technology in association with the Computer Application Department organised a webinar on 'Journey of a Solar Entrepreneur' on 17th

August, 2022 at 4 PM. The speaker was Ms. Sangita Sen, Founder CEO, Sunny Ray Solutions who explained the traits and qualities possessed by an entrepreneur and motivated the students to shape their future with proper hard work.

WEBINAR ON

"A Journey of a Solar Entrepreneur"

Ms. Sangita Sen
Founder CEO
Sunny Ray Solutions

Jointly Organized by
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17th Aug 2022
04.00 PM Onwards

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