



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



16th January, 2024

Wishing you and your families a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

As we embark on the journey of 2024, I am delighted to reflect on India's notable achievements, such as the pioneering moon mission and hosting the G20 Summit in 2023. These accomplishments have contributed to India's global leadership role. The Nation remains an attractive investment destination, as evidenced by the phenomenal performance of the Indian equity market in 2023. Benchmark indices, including the Nifty and Sensex, reached unprecedented highs, marking milestones at 21,000 and 70,000, respectively. The domestic demand remains strong, coupled with notable growth in the manufacturing and services sectors.

India's digital economy continues to captivate investors, drawing attention for its transformative impact on people's lives, governance, and enterprise operations. The integration of technology-based solutions further positions India as a dynamic and forward-looking player on the global economic stage.

BCC&I organised hugely subscribed and greatly impactful programmes in the last quarter of 2023. Notable among them were the India International Mega Trade Fair, the MSME Trade Fair, Kharagpur, the

CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Awards, the Annual Education Conclave and hosted the Australian Parliamentary Committee Delegation. Demonstrating our unwavering dedication to augmenting value for stakeholders within the districts, we conducted outreach camps for Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) in Chinsurah, Dhupguri, Raiganj, and Behrampore. These events not only showcased the vibrancy of our businesses but also provided valuable networking opportunities for our stakeholders.

We understand the importance of creating value for a wide variety of diverse sectoral stakeholders. Whether it pertains to fostering business connections, promoting innovation, or addressing serious industry concerns, our programmes and projects aim to facilitate meaningful interactions and collaborations.

I would like to thank you for your continued trust in The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Here's to a year filled with prosperity, growth, and shared success.

Sd/-
Gautam Ray
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to East India Pharmaceutical Works Ltd., MSH Business Consulting Pvt. Ltd. and S. S. Enterprise whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 28th November 2023.

PROGRAMME

7TH EDITION OF HALDIA INDUSTRIAL REGION
DISCUSSION FORUM ON ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

30th November 2023,
The Golden Retreat, Haldia



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organizes annual Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability in the Industrial Regions respectively in - Haldia, Siliguri and Durgapur-Asansol.

The Chamber has, over the last several years, been providing a relevant and sustainable forum towards promoting clean technology access and energy and environment management. A continuous endeavour has been to focus on sustainable development and to disseminate information and educate business, industry and society about the need for balancing industrial growth with ecological stability.

The Chamber has created the forum for the industrial stakeholders of Haldia to showcase their best practices and introduce to them latest technologies and business practices for industrial development in sync with ecological sustainability.

7th Haldia Edition of this forum, was organized, with a specially curated workshop on "Improvement in Industrial Sustainability with an approach to Net Zero", on 30th November 2023 at The Golden Retreat Haldia.

*Haldia is an important Industrial Belt in West Bengal. The Region's significance has enhanced due to the Port. Haldia, being a major trade port for Eastern India, the industries here belong to diverse fields such as petrochemicals, chemicals, refineries, oil and gas, shipping agencies, power etc. Apart from GHG emissions, the industrial belt of Haldia is impacted with various hazardous chemicals, particulate matter, toxic substances, biological organisms and the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, which may severely affect the socio-economic growth. With the looming threats of climate change and environmental degradation, the industries in Haldia must proactively address their ecological footprint. One of the key milestones in this journey towards sustainability is approaching towards net-zero emissions with a sincere effort. **To achieve the target, all Industries in Haldia need to adopt a combination of strategies, including reducing emissions through energy efficiency, transitioning to renewable energy, electrifying transportation and industrial sectors, improving***

land use and forest management, and implementing carbon capture and storage technologies along with planned afforestation and development of green belt.

Being a responsible Chamber of Commerce, our aim is to provide value added services to our members and stakeholders to up skill their knowledge about the importance of Net Zero in Industrial Sustainability. In this context, the Chamber organized this Ecological Sustainability Forum in Haldia on 30th November 2023 emphasizing on- "Improvement in Industrial Sustainability with an approach to Net Zero."

This year, discussions featured on :

- Energy Transition
- Sustainable approaches for factories and plants
- Renewable integrations

The programme was commenced with the formal Welcome Address by Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG, CESC Limited.

*"This annual initiative of The Bengal Chamber is an attempt towards the synergy between industrial developments and environment sustainability. However, The Bengal Chamber is keen to build a constant connect with Haldia. With this objective, a Haldia focused Committee would be created. Towards that aim, a stakeholders' meeting has been organized today afternoon which will create the roadmap for The Bengal Chamber's engagements in Haldia. The industrial growth of Bengal is greatly correlated with that of Haldia. However, the compliances of the environment have to be met, not only for protecting the Region and making it capable of housing more industrial units but also keeping with global dynamics and consciousness for responsible businesses." , said by the President of The Bengal Chamber - **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG, CESC Limited.*

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7TH EDITION OF HALDIA INDUSTRIAL REGION
DISCUSSION FORUM ON ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

Inaugural Session :

The Inaugural Session had witnessed the presence of the Dignitaries :

- **Shri Jyotirmoy Kar**, Chairman, Haldia Development Authority
- **Shri Sudhir Kontham**, IAS, CEO, Haldia Development Authority
- **Shri A. K. Mehra**, Deputy Chairman- HDC, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port

Shri Jyotirmoy Kar, Chairman, Haldia Development Authority (HDA) applauded BCC&I for organizing such a discussion forum on Ecological Sustainability. He mentioned about importance of vegetation and the increasing demand of organic vegetables and spices in today's world. However, agriculture is getting affected due to pollution. We have to adopt organic production of vegetables to minimize the usage of pesticides and medicines. More investment is needed in organic and ayurvedic products. He suggested that The Bengal Chamber's Haldia focused Committee may work with HDA and administration to address the pollution problems otherwise growth would not be sustainable.

Shri Sudhir Kontham, IAS, CEO, Haldia Development Authority congratulated The Bengal Chamber for organizing this seminar as a sharing platform on Ecological Sustainability. He stated that the Industries in Haldia should emphasize on environmental value of money besides time value of money. There are industries in this region which use traditional technology in the manufacturing sector. There is also the need of adopting sustainable methods, especially in the manufacturing industries instead of only focusing on Return on Investment (ROI). Land use and Development Control Plan (LUDCP) is being updated which will include green belt. Adoption of solar power generation in plants and offices are being encouraged. Cutting of the dependency on fossil fuels to generate electricity is one of the primary focus areas of HDA. The industries need to come forward and adopt green energy in their plants mainly in the form of installation of Solar power.

Shri A. K. Mehra, Deputy Chairman- HDC, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port mentioned that Haldia Doc Complex (HDC) has planted mangroves and taken other massive plantation initiatives for greening of the region. HDC planted over 5 lakhs plus trees. 1 MW Solar power plant has already been installed. HDC has already installed 150 KW of roof top solar panels and another 250 KW will be added. 80% sodium vapour lamps has been replaced by LED and plans are to go full LED illumination by 31st March 2024. Swachha Sagar portal is created to handle waste management and to make

the operations green. Coastal cleaning drive has also been taken up with local communities along with the coast guards every quarter. HDC will invest INR 15 crores for installing state of the art sewage system for Haldia & IOCL Township and other infrastructure development. HDC will fully mechanize all its processes by 2030. HDC has taken up initiatives to reduce pollution. Currently HDC is handling 48-50 m tonne traffic every year. AT HDC, an outer terminal for containers is in planning stage. HDC is also handling LNG cargos so that there is a reduction of fossil fuel for the automobile sector.

The Session was followed by the **Panel Discussion on "Best Practices on Industrial Production and Process for Haldia"**, moderated by **Mr. Sudipta Mukherjee**, Chief Advisor-Generation, CESC Limited. The esteemed Panelists were:

- **Mr. Guru Charan Mahto**, Plant Head, Electrosteel Castings Limited
- **Mr. Somnath Dutta**, Vice President & Plant Head, Haldia Energy Ltd. (A Subsidiary of CESC Ltd)
- **Shri Ashish Agarwal**, Deputy General Manager (Technical services), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Haldia Refinery)
- **Mr. Chandra Shekhar Prasad**, COO, Indorama India Private Limited
- **Mr. Barun Kumar Sarangi**, Vice President and Unit Head, Shree Renuka Sugars

Workshop : "Case Studies towards Net Zero in Haldia"

The programme featured a specially curated workshop, followed by a panel discussion on **"Case Studies towards Net Zero in Haldia"**. This discussion was moderated by **Mr. Sankar Mukhopadhyay**, Head Asia Institute- Power Management, CESC Limited. The following esteemed Panelists showcased the case studies of their respective industries and their effort towards improvement in Industrial Sustainability with an approach to Net Zero.

- **Mr. Subandhu Bhattacharya**, Deputy Manager Environment, Haldia Energy Ltd. (A Subsidiary of CESC Ltd)
- **Mr. Sujit Pal**, General Manager, Electrosteel Castings Limited
- **Mr. Subhash Chandra Sarkar**, General Manager – Finance and Commercial, Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd
- **Mr. Asit Mitra**, DGM – Manufacturing, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd
- **Shri Ramandeep Singh**, Chief Technical Services Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Haldia Refinery)
- **Mr. Arun Mondal**, Deputy General Manager – Environment, Indorama India Pvt Ltd

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- **Mr. Mantu Patra, GM-HMC, Tata Steel Limited (Hooghly Met Coke Division).** Haldia

From the feedback we have received, the programme was a great success. We were delighted to have had an enthusiastic participation of over 70 participants. The programme was well covered by media.

Shri Sudhir Kontham, IAS, CEO, Haldia Development Authority gracing the session



L-R- Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Barun Kumar Sarangi, Vice President and Unit Head, Shree Renuka Sugars; Mr. Guru Charan Mahto, Plant Head, Electrosteel Castings Limited; Mr. Chandra Shekhar Prasad, COO, Indorama India Private Limited; Mr. Sudipta Mukherjee, Chief Advisor- Generation, CESC Limited; Shri A.K.Mehra, Deputy Chairman- HDC, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port; Shri Jyotirmoy Kar, Chairman, Haldia Development Authority; Shri Sudhir Kontham, IAS, CEO, Haldia Development Authority; Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG, CESC Limited; Mr. Somnath Dutta, Vice President & Plant Head, Haldia Energy Ltd. (A Subsidiary of CESC Ltd); Shri Ashish Agarwal, Deputy General Manager (Technical services), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Haldia Refinery)



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Mr. Sankar Mukhopadhyay, Head Asia Institute - Power Management, CESC Limited (Session Moderator) at the Podium, L-R on the dais: Mr. Arun Mondal, Deputy General Manager – Environment, Indorama India Pvt Ltd; Mr. Subhash Chandra Sarkar, General Manager – Finance and Commercial, Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd; Mr. Sujit Pal, General Manager, Electrosteel Castings Limited ; Mr. Subandhu Bhattacharya, Deputy Manager Environment, Haldia Energy Ltd. (A Subsidiary of CESC Ltd); Mr. Asit Mitra, DGM – Manufacturing, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd; Shri Ramandeep Singh, Chief Technical Services Manager, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (Haldia Refinery); Mr. Mantu Patra, GM-HMC, Tata Steel Limited (Hooghly Met Coke Division). Haldia



Distinguished audience

PROGRAMME

FPO OUTREACH CAMPS

November 2023 – January 2024,
Kolkata, Chinsurah, Dhupguri, Raiganj, Berhampore

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently organized a series of Farmers Producers Organization (FPO) camps in multiple districts across West Bengal – on 30th November 2023 over 50 FPOs from North and South 24 Parganas joined the FPO camp held at The Bengal Chamber, Kolkata while another round of FPO outreach camp was held in Chuchura on 8th December 2023, where around 40 FPOs from Howrah and Hooghly joined for an interactive knowledge session with the State Bank of India (SBI) and IFFCO representatives.

The camps were held in collaboration with the State Bank of India (SBI) where the focal point was to inform FPOs regarding various provisions of loans and funding available for them and a team of SBI representatives specializing in facilitating loans and funding for FPOs was present to directly interact with the FPOs. They provided the attendees with an insightful presentation, including different funding options available for the FPOs according to their needs as well as qualifying criteria to help FPOs decision makers make the right decision for themselves.

On 21st December, 73 FPOs from Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri, Cooch Behar, Darjeeling and Kalimpong joined the FPO outreach program, while on 22nd December 35 FPOs from Uttar and Dakshin Dinajpur and Malda joined the camp in Raiganj, thus covering over 100 FPOs at grassroot level in North Bengal region with the aim to empower farmers in every rural corners of Bengal.

As part of our endeavor to cover all districts of West Bengal, another round of FPO camp was organized on 5th January 2024 in Berhampore where 55 FPOs joined the camp from Murshidabad district.

This district basis interaction between SBI and FPOs helped facilitating direct interaction between the bank with the FPOs and they were able to raise their questions and concerns regarding loans and funding policies with the SBI team, who offered their valuable guidance.

IFFCO also conducted informative knowledge sessions in every FPO outreach camp where an agriculture expert talked about reducing use of chemical fertilizer for sustainable farming practices as well as encouraged farmers to adopt environmentally friendly alternatives of chemical fertilizers highlighting the risks of overusing them putting emphasize on regenerative agricultural practices.

IFFCO also talked about the latest technological innovations in fertilizer sector specially nano fertilizers that will help farmers use fertilizers judiciously as they provide greater crop yield with less amount of usage therefore lowering the environmental impact of chemical fertilizers. Apart from this, IFFCO's expert also talked about crop management and IFFCO licensing and dealership.

These camps also helped FPOs network with each other in their respective districts and gain a better understanding about market linkages, crop storage facilities, etc. The camps were successful in knowledge sharing regarding important areas of business for FPOs, such initiatives are important to help Indian rural livelihoods in a meaningful way that ensures the growth and prosperity of FPOs in their respective districts.

The camps also had the support of Agricultural Marketing division of WBAS whose representatives gave valuable guidance to the FPOs regarding market linkages.



Camp in Bengal Chamber premises with FPOs of North and South 24 Parganas



SBI Representative at the Chinsurah Camp



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Dhupguri Camp



Raiganj Camp



Berhampore Camp

2ND EDITION OF BCC&I CSR CONCLAVE & SOCIAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

7th December 2023,
The Bengal Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on December 7th 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises.

This year the initiative has gone pan India with an aim to commemorate the most admired and outstanding development initiatives in the country and acknowledge the notable contributions that were raising benchmarks by bringing transformative change in society through innovation and excellence. Over 100 corporates and NGOs participated in the Awards, to showcase their exemplary developmental projects.

The programme commenced with Welcome Address by Mr. Gautam Ray, President of BCC&I. He highlighted the synergy between corporates and NGOs that formed the essence of the event.

Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chairperson of the CSR Committee of BCC&I, followed up with the theme address. He explained that the objective of the initiative was to collaborate with and

handhold stakeholders, including corporates and NGOs, besides recognizing the excellent work being done in the field of CSR.

Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha, Former Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force, and Former Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, honorary member and Ambassadeur Extraordinaire of BCC&I highlighted how a lot more can be done to improve social indices to ensure improvement in the quality of life and standard of living for the downtrodden in India.

Mr. Subir Chakraborty, CEO and Managing Director of Exide Industries Limited and Immediate Former President of BCC&I, spoke about making CSR projects more effective and meaningful by reflecting a spirit of true partnership between corporate houses as well as NGOs all the while ensuring long-term commitment towards wholesome upliftment.

Mr. Jaidip Mukerjea, Former Indian Tennis Player, recipient of the Arjuna Award and Director of the Jaidip Mukerjea Tennis Academy commented on how sports isn't an organised industry

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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

in India yet, but in a country that is teeming with talent, help from CSR projects can tap into the sporting potential of Indians.

Mr. Ravindra Chamaria, Mentor, CSR Committee of BCC&I, urged all to give not with a sense of obligation but privilege, and to receive not with a sense of entitlement but gratitude.

Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs mentioned how the CSR ecosystem in India is unique, with neighbours like Nepal taking inspiration from us.

Dr. Neepa Saha Sharma, Co-chairperson of the CSR committee of BCC&I stressed on how corporates and NGOs have to complement each other and build on each other's strengths and weaknesses.

This was followed by three panel discussions, namely 'CSR as a Business Strategy: Linking Purpose and Profit', which was moderated by Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. The panelists of the session were: Mr. Anurag Pratap, Vice President and CSR Leader, Capgemini India Private Limited; Ms. Medha Oka, Executive Director, India Sponsorship Committee; Ms. Meera Shenoy, Founder-CEO, Youth 4 Jobs; Mr. Amit Vatsyayan, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP; and Ms. Madhupee Bhaumik, Youth representative from Indus Valley World School.

The second session was on 'Impact Funding with focus on Social Stock Exchange' the eminent panelists were: Dr. CS Adv Mamta Binani, National Past President, Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI); Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP; CS Rupanjana De, Central Council Member, ICSI. This was moderated by Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

The third and final session was on Social Impact : 'Collaboration and partnership for effective CSR'. The sessions were moderated by Ms. Sujata Sen, CEO, Future Hope India. The panelists of this session were - Ms. Puja Marwaha, Chief Executive Officer, Child Rights and You (CRY); Ms. Anagha Mahajani, Chief Impact Officer- Ambuja Cement Foundation; Mr. Suparno Moitra, Public Speaker, Life Coach, Communications & Cause Advocacy Specialist and Ms. Souptika Bhattacharya, Youth representative from B. D. M. International School.

A case study was presented by Mr. Sudipta Mukherjee, Chief Advisor, Generation, CESC Limited, on a CSR project of Haldia Energy Limited that invested in the empowerment of the

underprivileged in rural Bengal, including provisions relating to sanitation, education and employment.

The main attraction of the show was the award ceremony which was judged by an esteemed panel of jury, namely, Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs; CS Manish Gupta, President, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India; Mr. P S Bhattacharyya, Former Chairman, Coal India Limited; Ms. Sujata Sen, Chief Executive Officer, Future Hope and Mr. Sumit Dasgupta, Founder and Director, Allcap Communications Pvt Ltd. The entire initiative was partnered by Yuva Unstoppable as Knowledge Partner.

The awards were announced one by one at the end of the programme. The winners of the Awards were — Roots Foundation and Hope Kolkata Foundation in the Small Project (NGO) category, Calcutta Rescue in the Medium Project (NGO) category, Youth 4 Jobs Foundation in the Large Project (NGO) category, Minda Corporation Limited in the Empowerment (Small Corporate) category, ITC Limited in the Empowerment (Large Corporate) category, Tata Metaliks Limited in the Education (Small Corporate) category, Capgemini Technology Services India Limited in the Education (Large Corporate) category, and Capgemini Technology Services India Limited and Schneider Electric India Private Limited in the Environment (Large Corporate) category.

The first runners-up were — Parivaar Education Society in the Large Project (NGO) category, Aditya Aluminium Limited for the Empowerment (Large Corporate) Category, The Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited in the Education (Small Corporate) category, and Tech Mahindra Foundation in the Education (Large Corporate) category. Moreover, a second runners-up award was presented to Vihaan in the Large Project (NGO) category.

Special Jury Awards were given to The Rangeen Khidki Foundation in the Small Project (NGO) category, Sanjog India in the Medium Project (NGO) category, JSW Foundation in the Large Project (NGO) category, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited in the Empowerment (Small Corporate) category, Infinity Infotech Parks Limited in the Education (Small Corporate) category, and Exide Industries Limited in the Education (Large Corporate) category.

The initiative was supported by Exide Industries Limited, and Infinity Group. It was very well covered by the leading media with huge social media impact. Around 200 audiences attended this day long programme.

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Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chairperson of the CSR Committee of BCC&I, delivering the theme address at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



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Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, at the Inaugural Session of the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



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Calcutta Rescue, winner of the Medium Project (NGO) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



Youth 4 Jobs Foundation, winner of the Large Project (NGO) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



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Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, winner in the Empowerment (Small Corporate) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



Aditya Aluminium Limited, winner for the Empowerment (Large Corporate) Category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



Minda Corporation Limited, winner in the Empowerment (Small Corporate) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



Tata Metaliks Limited, winner in the Education (Small Corporate) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



Capgemini Technology Services India Limited, winner in the Education (Large Corporate) category, and Capgemini Technology Services India Limited, winner in the Environment (Large Corporate) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises



Exide Industries Limited, winner in the Education (Large Corporate) category held at the Second edition of the CSR Conclave Social Leadership Awards on 7th December 2023, at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises

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The Bengal Chamber Premises

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTARY VISIT

The Australian Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, comprising of 5 Members of the Australian Parliament visited Kolkata and requested for a Meeting with Senior Members/Executives of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 3:15 pm on Monday, 11th December 2023. The roundtable was organized to understand more on outcomes of the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (in case any Member has benefitted from it) and gain insights on the business environment in the Eastern part of India.

A brief note on Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement :-

The coming into force of Ind – Aus ECTA brings together two major economies of the world - India the 5th largest economy and Australia the 14th largest economy. Since the trade between the two countries is hugely complementary, this offers opportunities on both sides and will pave the way for a win-win solution for both India and Australia. The India Australia-ECTA is expected to further grow the existing trade in sectors like minerals, cosmetics and wine and give a big boost to several other sectors of the Indian economy especially textiles, gems, jewellery and pharmaceuticals. Australia will provide zero-duty access to India for 100 percent of its tariff lines. India will provide zero-duty access immediately on 40.3 percent of its tariff lines and the remaining 30 percent in a phased manner over a period of three, five, seven, and 10 years. This also includes 125 tariff lines where duties will be reduced rather than eliminated.

For more information on Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, please refer to:-

<https://www.dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/in-force/australia-india-ecta/outcomes/australia-india-ecta-benefits-australia-overview#:~:text=ECTA%20will%20enable%20Australian%20goods,by%20value%20will%20be%20eliminated.>

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1889525>

The meeting was attended by delegation from Australian Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, comprising of 5 Members of the Australian Parliament accompanied by the Australian Consul General in Kolkata, Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Austrade Trade Commissioner, Mr. John Southwell and Austrade Director – Business Development, Mr. Varun Kukreti.

Attendees of the meeting :

- ❖ Members from Australian Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, Australian Parliament, Austrade and Australian Consulate:
 - Mr. Matt Burnell MP, Federal Member for Spence, Federal Parliament, Australia
 - Mr. Josh Wilson MP, Federal Labor Member for Fremantle, Federal Parliament, Australia
 - Senator Matthew Canavan, LNP Senator for Queensland, Federal Parliament, Australia
 - Mr. John Southwell, Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Australian Government
 - Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Consul General, Consulate of Australia
 - Mr. Varun Kukreti, Director - Business Development, Kolkata, Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)
- ❖ Relevant senior members, stakeholders and executives of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry:
 - Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG, CESC Limited
 - Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
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 - Mr. Bidyut Majumder, AGM- Business Development, JIS Group
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 - Ms. Surbhi Sharma, Associate Consultant, Intueri Consulting LLP
 - Ms. Sohini Nayak, Senior Research Associate, CUTS International, Kolkata
 - Mr. Sushil Dugar, Head Logistics Services Business, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.
 - Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd
 - Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
 - Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
 - Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

- Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

President, Mr. Gautam Ray, rightly pointed out in his opening remarks that, the Australia-India ECTA in the years to come will help expand the trade vision between India and Australia and shall strive new horizons of business among the two countries.

According to him, the ECTA should bolster services trade between the two countries, particularly due to commitments in the agreement covering the movement of natural persons under Mode 4 of the General Agreement on Trade Services and in the category of professional services. The agreement on professional services should support Mode 4 access, particularly as a result of the decision to develop systems for 'recognising professional qualifications and experience, registration and licensing of professionals, including through mutual recognition or similar arrangements'.

The Consul General, Ms. Ainsworth said that, "The trade relation has never been better among India and Australia. The Audio-Visual Co-operation agreement is one such example. ECTA has eliminated most of tariffs that gives a frontload approach to the businesses who are benefitted right away. Since the ECTA is devised Indian textile exports to Australia has gone up to 28%. Additionally, CECA once operational, will provide a more comprehensive sets of benefits to the countries.

MP, Mr. Josh Wilson, MP, Federal Parliament, Australia & chair of the board of the drafting committee of ECTA has pointed out during the meeting that, "the bilateral relation when in draft form was addressed as one of the most dynamic treaty with a vibrant outlook on trade affairs".

Since the ECTA is still at a very nascent stage of its function, the roundtable also featured a discussion on the unrealized benefits of the agreement. The senior members and stakeholders from The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry were requested to identify few of the unrealized benefits of the ECTA as per their opinion.

One of the objectives for the discussion was identifying the benefits of Australia-India ECTA so far experienced by the Indian industry since its implication on 29th December 2022. Since the effect of the ECTA, Exide business has gone up by 2.45% due to customs reduction by 5%. The aim for the organization next year is reaching the 5% growth. Which can be further accelerated if their dependence on Chinese raw material is could be reduced.

Although exports of minerals and textiles have increased significantly since implementation of ECTA, Ms. Ainsworth additionally gave an overview on the expectations from Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) which is set to be signed by December 2023. According to the feedback, Australia-India CECA will provide more comprehensive sets of benefits for both the countries once operational.



(Left to Right) Mr. Josh Wilson MP, Federal Labor Member for Fremantle, Federal Parliament, Australia, Senator Matthew Canavan, LNP Senator for Queensland, Federal Parliament, Australia, Mr. Matt Burnell MP, Federal Member for Spence, Federal Parliament, Australia, Mr. John Southwell, Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Australian Government, Mr. Varun Kukreti, Director - Business Development, Kolkata, Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade), Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Consul General, Consulate of Australia, Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG, CESC Limited, Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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(Left to Right) Mr. Gautam Ray, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry and Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG, CESC Limited during his opening remarks and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry were also present



Glimpse of Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Consul General, Consulate of Australia addressing the gathering



Senator Matthew Canavan, LNP Senator for Queensland, Federal Parliament, Australia sharing views on how dynamic the ECTA was at a draft level



(Left to Right) Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd, Mr. Bidyut Majumder, AGM- Business Development, JIS Group, Mr. Sushil Dugar, Head Logistics Services Business, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Ms. Surbhi Sharma, Associate Consultant, Intueri Consulting LLP & Ms. Sohini Nayak, Senior Research Associate, CUTS International, Kolkata among others



Discussion on Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement in progress



Group snapshot of the Australian Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, Australian Parliament, Austrade, Australian Consulate & Relevant senior members, stakeholders and executives of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

PROGRAMME

KHARAGPUR TRADE FAIR FOR VENDOR DEVELOPMENT

14th to 18th December 2023,
Kharagpur College Ground

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce organized a Mega Trade Fair in collaboration with the Ministry of MSME, Govt. of India, at Kharagpur from 14th December to 18th December 2023. The five days program's focal point was B2B vendor development and facilitate industrial networking, was attended by companies and executives from Eastern India region as well as significant presence of executives from across India. The trade fair attracted participation from 50 companies across industries, who set up their stalls in an exhibition format along with many other companies who sent their delegates to attend the trade fair for vendor development and to explore market linkages.

India is a rapidly developing market and at present world's 5th largest economy, the nation of 1.4 billion people is also striding towards becoming USD 5 Trillion economy by 2028. It is important to ensure an equitable distribution of industrial development and economic mobility across Indian geography. So conducting a trade fair in district level at Kharagpur was a step towards being economically inclusive and offering local MSMEs a platform to showcase themselves and connect with industry leaders. Kharagpur, already being a place of thriving businesses, production units and entrepreneurial spirit was an ideal location for this trade fair.

The trade fair also attracted large corporates and PSUs from sectors such as engineering, machinery, tools, equipment, defense, plastics and polymer, power and energy, transport, logistics and shipping, agro, rural development and food processing, etc.

Some of the companies who supported us and set up their stalls are – The Supreme Industries Ltd, L&T Sufin, Girish Chandra Ghosh & G.G.S, Datre Corporation Ltd, JAIPSO, Webel Fujisoft, Tata Ezyfit, Hindusthan Tractor Machineries, Tata Steel, Protect Fire, Techo Enterprise, LIC of India, Indobell Insulations Ltd, Tally Solutions Pvt Ltd, UCO Bank, ASL Plastics Pvt Ltd, Intech Safety Pvt Ltd, Tata AIA Life Insurance, Megatherm Induction Ltd, United Engitech Ltd, MSME DFO, Dynamic Elevator Pvt Ltd, Yes Tecno Ltd, BEML, GRSE, Exide and many more.

We are pleased to inform that Shri Manas Bhunia, Minister of Water resources investigation and development was present for the inaugural session of the trade fair and it was extensively covered by both print and digital media, further highlighting the BCC&I's attempt to promote trade and businesses in West Bengal and the eastern region of India at large.

Key takeaways from the event

- The five days trade fair was accompanied by panels and knowledge sessions attended by founders, policy makers and industry leaders who talked about strategies for

business development, market analysis and scope of expanding businesses in West Bengal.

- Fostering vendor development and partnerships between business to promote 'Make in India' and 'Vocal for local' initiatives and to explore ways to increase local manufacturing output.
- Sectoral analysis of industries to understand business needs and highlighting how challenges can be solved through innovation and partnerships with an emphasize on capacity building and infrastructural development.
- Exchange of industry experiences and information resources to strengthen and encourage research and development initiatives by companies.
- Discussion on up and coming technologies and industry trends with special emphasize on sustainability and green energy to promote responsible businesses that will have greater social impact.

Apart from the interest expressed by the business community for this trade fair, it also generated great excitement from the locals who enthusiastically supported the trade fair by attending it and learning much about regional businesses and trade relations in India. It was also excellent opportunity for local businesses and startups to interact directly with large corporates and discuss about business requirements and help the local economy.



The venue from outside



Sri Manas Ranjan Bhunia, Minister-In-Charge, Water Resources Investigation And Development, GoWB visiting the stalls at the fair



Sri Manas Ranjan Bhunia, Minister-In-Charge, Water Resources Investigation And Development, GoWB visiting the stalls at the fair



Sri Manas Ranjan Bhunia, Minister-In-Charge, Water Resources Investigation And Development, GoWB addressing the audience



Sri Manas Ranjan Bhunia, Minister-In-Charge, Water Resources Investigation And Development, GoWB being welcomed by Mr. Gautam Ray, President, Bcc&I; Executive Director (Hr & Admin.) - Cesc Limited & President (Hr) – Power Group, RPSG




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SECTORAL WORKSHOP ON LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN SECTOR

The Technical Education, Training & Skill Development (TET & SD) Department, in partnership with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, conducted a Sectoral Workshop on Logistics and Supply Chain on 16th December 2024 at the Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan. The key objectives of the Sectoral Workshop on Logistics and Supply Chain were–

The Sectoral Workshop commenced with the welcome address by Sri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, Principal Secretary, Technical Education and Training and Skill Development Department (TETSD), Govt. of WB, followed by the inaugural address by Dr. Hari Krishna Dwivedi, Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal. The session was also addressed by Mr. Debasis Dutta, Chairman, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Director, BGS Group (B G Somadder & Sons Private Limited), who said for logistics sector skill development plays a very crucial role, Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I & Executive Director- CESC Limited & President (HR)- Power Group, RPSG, said that the logistics sector is highly technology driven and as technology is being enhanced at a fast pace; skilling and up-skilling both are crucial for logistics sectors and Mr. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railways, Kolkata, said that considering all modes of transport, till today railways is the most efficient considering all aspects such as time, sustainability and coverage.

Sri Rajesh Pandey, Principal Secretary MSME & T Department, Govt. of WB; Smt. Vandana Yadav, Pr. Secretary, IC&E Department, Govt. of WB and Sri Saumitra Mohan, Secretary, Transport Department, Govt. of WB Department also spoke on the occasion and briefed about the State Logistics Policy, support to MSMEs in Logistics and the support of Transport Sector for the Logistics.

The State Logistics Policy 2023 was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister during the Bengal Global Business Summit 2023. The Sectoral workshop on Logistics and Supply Chain turned out to be the follow up workshop on the Logistics Policy. This was also the first of the Sectoral Workshops held by the TETSD Department.

The workshop was held to have stakeholder discussion at a more expansive level to help the Department with the following:

1. Identifying the gap areas and the requirements for viable Logistics and supply Chain Sector in the state.
2. Identifying the digitization processes and other technology adopted by the stakeholders to help optimize use of available infrastructure, reduce cost, create efficient and safe delivery systems and to create Centers of Excellence (CoEs) & Advanced Training Centers (ATCs) for encouraging and green technologies.

3. Identifying gap areas in skill requirement, level of skilling required, nature of workers to be trained, upskilled, reskilled
4. Road map for mitigating the skilling gap and creation of CoEs, ATCs.

The Industry session where the most prominent industry practitioners and officials from Rail, Road, Port, Airways, and Freight participated in the discussion to identify the major gap areas, followed by 5 Break away sessions as under :

1. Port : Bulk and Break Bulk, ICD, CFS, Dry Dock
2. Rail, Road, Waterways, Multi Modal transport, Freight Corridor, Container shipment
3. Cold Chain, Warehousing, Drone, Supply-chain, Logistic Parks
4. Ecommerce, Digitization of Logistics
5. Skill Development Initiatives.

Major areas of Skill requirement as identified by the participants of these the sessions were :

- Requirement for Awareness generation
- Create Greater access to skilling and upskilling
- Main Skill Requirements identified by all Sector session and Industry Session
- Existing Manpower Training requirement
- Training of Trainers Mandatory
- Recommendations for E-Commerce and Digitalization of Businesses:
- Recommendations for Ease of Regulatory Framework
- Training strategy

All the prominent industries that are functioning in various fields under the sector i.e. Port, Rail, Road, Inland Waterways to Drone Freight, Dry Docks and E-Commerce, bulk loads, containers, warehouses, Cold chain, Logistics parks were invited to the workshop. About 88 lead industries, academic institutes and certifying bodies from across the country participated in the discussions.

The Officials from stakeholder departments of Government of West Bengal like IC&E, MSME, Transport, FP&H, ARD, UDMA, P&RD, PWD, Agri-Marketing and central agencies such as Shipping, AAI, IWAI, and Ports etc. also attended the workshop.

A Sectoral Advisory Committee would be formed as a follow up of this workshop that will help and advice the department with the way forward as per the Roadmap and also handhold the department in creation of Advanced Training Centers/Centers of Excellence with R&D and Incubation facilities and help in collaboration with leading industry, academia, accreditation and certifying bodies so that the

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trainees/students can be imparted training as per globally acceptable standards. The Advisory Committees could also help in identification of regulatory and policy support needed for the efficient and planned growth of the sector.

Overall the participation was very encouraging and resulted in threadbare discussions on multiple areas of the sector leading to recommendations for skilling and employment in the sector.



Inaugural Session (From L-R) : Mr. Debashis Dutta, Chairman, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Director, BGS GROUP (B G Somadder & Sons Private Limited); Mr. Gautam Ray, President, BCC&I & Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG; Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway, Kolkata; Sri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, Government of West Bengal; Dr. Hari Krishna Dwivedi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal; Sri Rajesh Pandey, Principal Secretary MSME & T Department, Government of West Bengal and Smt. Vandana Yadav, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal



Address by Sri Saumitra Mohan, Secretary, Transport Department, Govt. of WB



Address by Dr. Hari Krishna Dwivedi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal



**16th December 2023,
Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan**

**SECTORAL WORKSHOP ON LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY
CHAIN SECTOR**



A section of Audience at the Sectoral Workshop



Industry Expert Session is undergoing



Break away session 2 is undergoing



Break away session 3 is undergoing



Break away session 4 is undergoing



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Break away session 5 is undergoing



Presentation by 5 Session Chairpersons is undergoing (From L – R) : Mr. Sudip Kumar Dey, Honoraray Secretary, FFAI; Shri P. Uday Kumar Reddy, General Manager, Metro Railway, Kolkata; Mr. Amit Kamat, Chairman - Elect, Federation of Freight Forwarders' Associations in India; Sri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, Director Service Business, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.; and Mr. Surajit Sarkar, CEO, GIR Logistics Pvt Ltd

PROGRAMME

22ND INDIA INTERNATIONAL MEGA TRADE FAIR

16th December 2023 – 1st January 2024,
The Science City Ground

The 22nd India International Mega Trade Fair was organised by The Bengal Chamber and G S Marketing Associates. IIMTF Inaugural Ceremony of the India International Mega Trade Fair was held on December 16, 2023 : 4.00 PM at The Science City Ground. The IIMTF continued until January 1, 2024.

The 22nd India International Mega Trade Fair had 1050 stalls this year from 20 countries. The Partner Countries are Afghanistan and Bangladesh and Focus Countries are Thailand and Iran. Australia and Myanmar are Highlighted Countries.

It had participation from the length and breadth of the country. Delhi and Tamil Nadu are the Partner States and Karnataka and Jammu and Kashmir are the Focus States. Highlighted States are Gujarat and Kerala. 23 States have participated in total this year. Of course the Host State is West Bengal.

We were privileged to have Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Industry, Commerce and Enterprises, Government of West Bengal and Shri Sujit Bose, Hon'ble Minister of State, Fire and Emergency Services with Independent Charge, Government of West Bengal at the Inaugural Ceremony. Mr. Gautam Ray, President was also present, along with Janab Andalib Elias, Hon'ble Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh and Mr. Tin Moe, Consul General, Consulate-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Inaugural Ceremony.



(L-R) Janab Andalib Elias, Hon'ble Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh, Mr. Gautam Ray, President BCC&I, Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise, Government of West Bengal, Shri Sujit Bose, Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (Independent Charge) Government of West Bengal and Mr. Tim Moe, Consul General, Consulate-General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar



The stalls were offering various kinds of products including Food, Clothing, Furniture, Interior, Electronic appliances, HealthCare, Cosmetics & Lifestyle, Handicrafts & Consumer Durables.

The direct selling industry in West Bengal has come close to the Rs.2,000 crore mark. With the notification of the Direct Selling Rules in 2021, followed by the establishment of West Bengal State Monitoring Authority on Direct Selling, more credible opportunities will be created for micro-entrepreneurs who wish to take it up professionally.

The strength of the consumer base of Kolkata is manifested by the journey of the India International Mega Trade Fair over the past 22 years.

With the advent of digital influence in our lifestyle, e-commerce poses a challenge to direct selling industry. The unique feature of the India International Mega Trade Fair is of course getting such a wide range of products from different countries and states, and moreover authentic products at competitive prices.

Footfall was between 50000 to 55000 visitors per day. Beyond, buying and selling, we are happy to bring together people with the spirit of celebration.



Lamp lighting Ceremony (L-R) Mr. Gautam Ray, President Bcc&I, Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise, Government of West Bengal, Shri Sujit Bose, Hon'ble Minister of State, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (Independent Charge) Government of West Bengal and Mr. Tim Moe, Consul General, Consulate -General of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise, Government of West Bengal, visiting the Fair

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15th December 2023,
The Bengal Chamber premises

PROGRAMME ON “REVOLUTIONIZING SUPPLY CHAIN STRATEGIES”

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and Indian Institute of Materials Management (IIMM) Kolkata, jointly organized an industry connect programme on “Revolutionizing Supply Chain Strategies”, on 15th December 2023 in Kolkata.

The focus was on how redefining the Supply Chain, business growth may be achieved Enhancing profitability is possible by leveraging the supply chain. Integrating Supply Chain with Information Technology and artificial Intelligence is the need of the hour.

Mr. Arnab Basu, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Advisory Leader, PwC India gave the opening remarks and mentioned that The Bengal Chamber has been engaging in supply chain space to facilitate members and stakeholders on compliances, strategies and global practices. Implementing green supply chain management practices is essential for import-export which also includes reduction of carbon footprint, sustainable packaging and waste management, ethical sourcing, and fair trade among other aspects.



Mr. Koushik Roy, Chairman, Indian Institute of Materials Management, Kolkata Branch mentioned that the workshop is a learning drive designed & dedicated to the SCM professionals to appraise them about the cutting-edge strategies of SCM towards enhancing profitability. IIMM through its wide network throughout the country is imparting Materials Management education & also providing MDP and consultancy services to Corporates & MSME's.

Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Former Head of Supply Chain , PepsiCo, Project Management Consultant and business Strategist, Secretary and faculty at Indian Institute of Materials Management; **Mr. Sajal Das**, General Manager (Procurement), Linde India Ltd. and **Mr. Sudipto Basu**, Former Regional Head of Materials, Hindalco, Blue Star, Sterling & Wilson and Chairman MDP & Consultancy Services and Faculty at Indian Institute of Materials Management were among other notable speakers.

Altogether, fifty-four industry representatives from public and private sector organizations came together to take the learning. Coal India Limited, one of the renowned Navaratna Companies of the public sector, joined to support in making the industry future-ready, equipped with new dynamics of global supply chain patterns, compliances, tools, and practices. Special thanks to Coal India Limited, Star Cement, Century Ply, and M J Steel for their kind support towards the “Revolutionizing Supply Chain Strategies” workshop as esteemed Sponsors.

Workshop in progress

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(L to R) : **Mr. Arnab Basu**, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Advisory Leader, PwC India, **Mr. Sudipto Basu** – Former Regional Head of Materials – Hindalco, Blue Star, Sterling & Wilson and Chairman MDP & Consultancy Services and Faculty at Indian Institute of Materials Management, **Mr. Koushik Roy** – Chairman - Indian Institute of Materials Management, Kolkata Branch, **Mr. Sanjay Gupta**, Former Head of Supply Chain – PepsiCo, Project Management Consultant & Business Strategist, Secretary & Faculty at Indian Institute of Materials Management and **Mr. Sajal Das** – General Manager (Procurement) – Linde India Ltd

5-A - SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT FOR SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES

19th and 20th of December 2023,
Techno World School ground, Siliguri

The North Bengal Committee and The Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber organized a 5- A -Side Football tournament for schools, colleges, and universities on the 19th and 20th of December 2023 at the Techno World School ground, Siliguri.

Day 1

8 schools participated in the tournament on the 1st day of the tournament (19th of December). The teams who participated were **Techno India Group Public School (2 teams), Delhi Public School, Siliguri, Auxilum Convent School, Lime Light Senior Secondary School, Bagdogra, Birla Divya Jyoti School, Army Public School (Sukna), and Doon Heritage School.**

After some very exciting knock off matches the semi-finalists were **Techno India Group Public School, Delhi Public School, Siliguri and Lime Light Senior Secondary School, Bagdogra and Army Public School (Sukna).**

An extremely exciting match was played in the final between **Lime Light Senior Secondary School, and Army Public School (Sukna).** The Lime Light Senior Secondary School, Bagdogra emerged as winners and picked up the **Winner's Trophy.**

The prizes were handed over to the teams by **Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I, Chairman, The Indian Football Association & MD, The George Telegraph Group, Mr. Tanmay Banerjee, Co-Chair, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I & Director, RT Network**

Solutions Pvt Ltd., Mr. Debdut Roy Chowdhury, Director, Techno India Group, Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President Techno India Group, Ms. Mira Bhattacharya, Director Techno India Group World School and Mr. Manab Pal, Managing Director Shree Balaji Group and Managing Committee Member , The Bengal Chamber.

Day 2

20th of December 2023 was the second day of the tournament. The 8 teams who participated were **Siliguri Institute of Technology (2 teams), North Bengal Medical College (2 teams), Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy Government College, Inspiria Knowledge Campus, and Indian Institute of Legal Studies.**

The semi-finalists were :

- Siliguri Institute of Technology - Team 1
- North Bengal Medical College - Team 2
- Inspiria Knowledge Campus
- Indian Institute of Advanced Studies

Finalists were

- Siliguri Institute of Technology - Team 1
- Inspiria Knowledge Campus

Inspiria Knowledge Campus won the finals.

The prizes were handed over to the teams by **Hon'ble Deputy Mayor of Siliguri Shri Ranjan Sarkar, Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I,**

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Group World School, Dr. Sandip Sengupta, Dean, North Bengal Medical College and The Bengal Chamber North Bengal Committee member and Mr. Manab Pal, Managing Director Shree Balaji Group and Managing Committee Member, The Bengal Chamber.

Day 1



From Left to Right Mr. Nirmalya Acharya, DGM, School Operation, North Bengal, Techno India Group, Ms. Mira Bhattacharya, Director Techno India Group World School, Mr. Bikramjit Saha, Sr. Executive, BCC&I, Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, BCC&I, Ms. G Jayashree, Headmistress Techno India Group World School and Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President Techno India Group during the inauguration ceremony



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, BCC&I during the matches



A match in progress



Mr. Manab Pal, Managing Director Shree Balaji Group and Managing Committee Member, The Bengal Chamber handing over a Man of the Match trophy to a participant



Mr. Debdut Roy Chowdhury, Director, Techno India Group handing over the Best Player and Top Scorer Trophy to a player from Lime Light Senior Secondary School, Bagdogra



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Mr. Tanmay Banerjee, Co-Chair, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I & Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd handing over The Best Goalkeeper Award to a player from Lime Light Senior Secondary School, Bagdogra



Runner-Up Team from 5-A-Side football team - Group-A - Schools-Army Public School (Sukna)



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I, Chairman, The Indian Football Association & MD, The George Telegraph Group and Mr. Debdut Roy Chowdhury, Director, Techno India Group handing over the winner trophy to Lime Light Senior Secondary School from 5-A-Side football tournament-Group-A – Schools



Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President Techno India Group during the inaugural speech



Dr. Sandip Sengupta, Dean, North Bengal Medical College and The Bengal Chamber North Bengal Committee member during the inaugural speech

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Ms. Mira Bhattacharya, Director Techno India Group World School welcoming the teams with her inaugural speech



Teams during the Oath taking ceremony



A match in progress



Ms. G Jayashree, Headmistress, Techno India Group World School handing over a memento to a coach

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Day 2



Dr. Sandip Sengupta, Dean, North Bengal Medical College and The Bengal Chamber North Bengal Committee member handing over a Man of the Match Trophy



Hon'ble Deputy Mayor of Siliguri Shri Ranjan Sarkar handing over The Top Scorer Trophy



Ms. Mira Bhattacharya, Director Techno India Group World School handing over The Best Goalkeeper Trophy



Hon'ble Deputy Mayor of Siliguri, Shri Ranjan Sarkar; Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President Techno India Group and Mr. Tanmay Banerjee, Co-Chair, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I & Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd. handing over the runner-up trophy to Team 1 of Siliguri Institute of Technology (SIT)



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Winner of the 5-A-Side Football Tournament (Group-B Colleges/ Universities) Inspiria Knowledge Campus



A match in progress



Teams getting lined up for a match



A match in progress



A cultural dance performed by the students



Referees being honoured by Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President Techno India Group

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Hon'ble Deputy Mayor of Siliguri Shri Ranjan Sarkar speaking about the tournament



A match in progress



Audience cheering for the teams



Participating Teams in the Oath Taking Ceremony



From left to right Hon'ble Deputy Mayor of Siliguri, Shri Ranjan Sarkar, Mr. Bhaskar Roy, Vice President Techno India Group and Mr. Arun Ray, Project Director during the matches

PROGRAMME

THE BENGAL CHAMBER ANNUAL EDUCATION CONCLAVE 2023 – EDUCATION MILIEU

23rd December 2023,
Oberoi Grand, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized its 6th Annual Education Conclave on the 23rd of December 2023 at The Oberoi Grand, Kolkata. The conclave had erudite speakers who shared with us their views, recommendations and suggestions on the future of education.

The topics covered were as follows:

Panel Discussions on :

- **Navigating the Future : School Education Transformations**
- **AI& Robotics: Transforming Education**
- **Innovations in Academia : The Unconventional Study Subjects**

Expert Speakers spoke on :

- **School Education – Upto class 12**



Mr. Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Founder & Managing Director, Techno India Group, Chairperson-Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcoming the Chief Guest Shri Bratya Basu, Hon'ble Minister, Department of Education, Govt. of West Bengal

- **Role of MSME - Entrepreneurship (How children can look at being entrepreneurs)**
- **Higher Education and Marketing Management**
- **Vocational Education**
- **International Perspectives**

Theme of the Conclave

The theme this year was- **The Future of Education**. The Education system is expected to undergo changes as the world is changing. New modes of learning are slowly evolving. Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning, Data Science, etc. are gaining momentum. The students are also choosing new avenues as career –Film, Music, Theatre, Yoga, Sports etc. are also being taken up as subjects for higher Studies. A new term which has been quite popular is **STEM Education**. (**Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics**).



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Mr. Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Founder & Managing Director, Techno India Group, Chairperson-Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry giving the Welcome Address and Setting the Context



Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co- Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Director, JIS Group welcoming Shri Manish Jain, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal

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Shri Manish Jain, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal during his Opening Keynote Speech

Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Co- Chairperson, Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Director, JIS Group handing over a memento to Shri Manish Jain, IAS, Principal Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal



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Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber emceeing the event



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber emceeing The Bengal Chamber Annual Education Conclave 2023



Shri Bratya Basu,
Hon'ble Minister,
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West Bengal, Chief
Guest of the event



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Expert Speaker Dr. Biswajit Saha, Director, CBSE, Ministry of Education, Government of India conducted his session online and spoke about School Education



The Panel Discussion on Navigating the Future: School Education Transformations was Moderated by Professor Dr. Suman Kumar Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College

Speakers : Ms. Rupkatha Sarkar, Principal, LA MARTINIÈRE FOR GIRLS, Ms. Rupa Sanyal Bhattacharjee, Principal, South Point High School, Ms. Nandini Dasgupta , Director Academics, Techno India Group Public Schools and Ms. Kamalpreet Kaur, Principal Narula Public



**Ms. Kamalpreet Kaur,
Principal Narula Public**



Dr. Suman Kumar Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College moderator of the session on Navigating the Future: School Education Transformations

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Ms. Rupkatha Sarkar,
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Ms. Rupa Sanyal
Bhattacharjee, Principal,
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Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Raja Ramanna Chair Professor, Jadavpur University, Distinguished Hon. Prof. Sister Nivedita University, Hon. Professor Shiv Nadar University handing over a memento to Dr. Suman Kumar Mukerjee, Director General, The Bhawanipur Education Society College



Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Raja Ramanna Chair Professor, Jadavpur University, Distinguished Hon. Prof. Sister Nivedita University, Hon. Professor Shiv Nadar University handing over a memento to Ms. Rupkatha Sarkar, Principal, LA MARTINIÈRE FOR GIRLS



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Raja Ramanna Chair
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University, Distinguished
Hon. Prof. Sister Nivedita
University, Hon.
Professor Shiv Nadar
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Director Academics,
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Expert Speaker Er Ramesh Kumar, F.I.E., Chartered Engineer (India),
Senior Advisor, World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises
(An International Organization) spoke on the Role of **MSME -
Entrepreneurship**



Professor Dr. Suman
Kumar Mukerjee,
Director General, The
Bhawanipur Education
Society College handing
over a memento to **Mr.
Er Ramesh Kumar, F.I.E.,
Chartered Engineer
(India), Senior Advisor,
World Association for
Small and Medium
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Organization**



The Panel Discussion on AI & Robotics : Transforming Education was moderated by Prof. Ujjwal K Chowdhury, Strategic Adviser, Techno India Group, Kolkata, Vice President, Global Media Education Council, Mentor, NextGen Academy & CTPL
Speakers : Prof. Dr. Anupam Basu, Raja Ramanna Chair Professor, Jadavpur University, Distinguished Hon. Prof. Sister Nivedita University, Hon. Professor Shiv Nadar University, Dr. Indranil Mitra, MD, **Advanced Analytics, AI & Gen AI**, PwC and Prof. Dr. Saptarshi Das, Assistant Professor and Head, Centre for Data Science, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies and Research, JIS University

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Speakers : Mr. Souvik Basu, Director of Photography, Dr. Madhab Milan Ghosh, Associate Professor, Faculty In-charge & Coordinator (Administration), Department of Sports Management, Indian Institute of Social Welfare And Business Management (IISWBM), Yogacharya Mary Cecil, HOD, Department of Yoga, NSHM School of Health Sciences, NSHM Knowledge Campus and Mr. Sourav Chakraborty, Founder & CEO, Student Lifestyle, Sconto



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Expert Speaker Dr. Vinay Swarup Mehrotra, Professor and Head of Curriculum Development and Evaluation Centre at PSS Central Institute joined online and spoke on Vocational Education



Prof. Prafulla C Sarker, Vice Chancellor (Designate), Sheikh Hasina University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh spoke on the **International Perspectives : The Future of Education**



Mr. Satyam Roy Chowdhury, Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Founder & Managing Director, Techno India Group, Chairperson- Education Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce handing over a memento to Prof. Prafulla C Sarker, Vice Chancellor (Designate), Sheikh Hasina University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

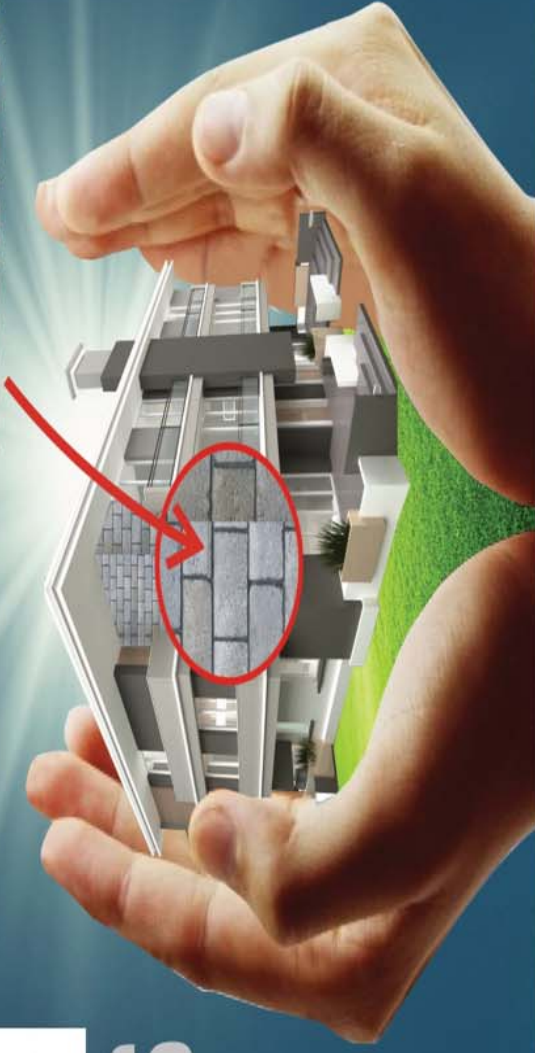
- New Age Infrastructure Conclave, 18th January 2024, KIIT Campus, Bhubaneshwar
- Minerals, Mining and Metals Conclave, 19th January 2024, Swasti Premium, Bhubaneshwar
- Entrepreneurs' Business Summit – 6th Edition Theme: Market Linkage (India-Thailand), 25th January 2024, Hotel Holiday Inn, Silom, Bangkok
- 2nd Meeting of AIPCC, 25th January 2024, Hotel Holiday Inn, Silom, Bangkok
- Interim Union Budget Viewing Session, 1st February, 2024, The Bengal Chamber premises
- CXO Connect Roundtable on Business Transformation with Oracle, 2nd February 2024, JW Marriott Kolkata
- BCC&I Corporate Badminton Gold Cup, 2nd to 4th February 2024, Star Badminton Academy, Harinavi, Kolkata
- 7th Edition of Durgapur-Asansol Industrial Region Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability, 3rd February 2024, Asansol Engineering College
- 3rd Edition of Short Term Certificate Course on Cyber Security 2024, in association with WEBEL Fujisoft Vara CoE 4.0, Day 1 - 17th Feb 2024 –In Person at the CoE 11:00am to 5:00pm (6Hrs), Day 2- 24th Feb 2024 - Virtual 6:30pm – 8:30pm (2Hrs), Day 3 - 2nd March 2024 – Virtual 6:30pm – 8:30pm (2Hrs), Day 4- 9th March 2024 –In Person at the CoE 11:00am to 5:00pm (6Hrs), WEBEL-Fujisoft Vara CoE: Plot No 2222, Action Area- IIIA, Jothbhim, Baligari, New Town, Kolkata 700156
- FPO Outreach for Bankura and Purulia, 7th February 2024, Bishnupur
- FPO Outreach for East Burdwan, West Burdwan and Birbhum, 16th February 2024, Burdwan
- The People Management Conclave – 6th Edition, Theme : Nation Building – The Human Resource Perspective, 16th February 2024, SCOPE Convention Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- Crop Protection Conclave, 19th February 2024, Bengal Chamber Premises
- 7th edition of Health Tech Summit, 1st March 2024, The Park, Kolkata
- 3rd Edition of PINK IT 2024, 14th March 2024, Five Mad Men Salt Lake Sector V Kolkata
- 13th Edition of BCC&I- GNIT Technology Quiz-Inter-College Quiz Fest 2024, 16th March 2024, GNIT Campus



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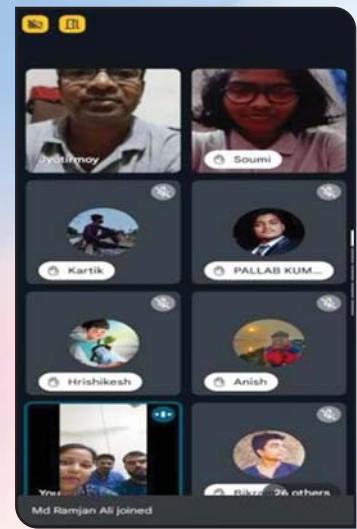
GARGI MEMORIAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Parent-Teacher Meetings (PTM)

The Basic Science & Humanities Department of Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology has organized a hybrid (offline & Online) Parent Teacher Meeting for the whole 1st year students of all the streams on 6th December 2023. The offline and online meetings were conducted by the Teacher In Charge of 1st-year students of GMIT, Dr. Sayantani Das, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Physics, in the presence of Dr. Saurav Naskar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Chemistry, Dr. Saddam Mollah, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Md. Ramjan Ali, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mathematics, Mrs. Itu Chowdhury Gupta, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Humanities, and the teachers and technical staff of the other departments associated with 1st year. This is the 1st PTM with the freshers students of the session 2023-2027. All the Faculty and Staff members attended the meeting and interacted with the guardians. Parents discussed with the subject teachers about the academic progress of their wards. All the parents appreciated the initiative taken for the all-round development of the students.

The agenda of the PTM :

1. Mentor–mentee interaction.
2. Academic performance of the students.
3. Over all improvement of the students.



Guru Nanak Gurpurab 2023

The Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology (GMIT) has celebrated the 554th Birth Anniversary 1st Sikh Guru, Guru Nanak DevJi.



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

1. GNIT Success Story : Srishti Mandal Receives 'Best Performing Student 2023' at ISTE-State Annual Convention-23

GNIT@FT is delighted to share that Ms. Srishti Mandal, a graduate from the Class of 2023, has been honored with the title of "Best Performing Student 2023" at the ISTE-State Annual Student Convention-23. This prestigious award was bestowed upon her during the event held on 10th October 2023 at the Institute of Engineering & Management in Kolkata.

Srishti attained a remarkable DGPA of 9.37 in her B.Tech. She has contributed to both conference and journal publications and received the AICTE Chattra Vishwakarma Award alongside her teammates. Presently, she is pursuing her M.Tech. at the National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM) after qualifying in the GATE examination.

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology congratulates her for securing the "Best Performing Student 2023" award.

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2. Workshop: "Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity in the field of IoT" @ECS @EDC @GNIT

The Department of Electronics & Computer Science @GNIT in association with EDC@GNIT organized a workshop on "Entrepreneurship and Innovation as Career Opportunity in the field of IoT" on 24th November 2023, for the 3rd year students of the department.

The session began with the welcome speech by Ms Bapita Roy, HOD, Dept. of Electronics and Computer Science, GNIT; followed by the felicitation of Mr. Shouvik Sarkar, Technical Head of Core Technologies, Ardent Computech Pvt. Ltd.

The facilitator of the day, Mr. Sarkar, addressed the students regarding Raspberry Pi and highlighted the significance of each hardware component. His engaging demonstration of the architecture of Raspberry Pi and the contribution of it to the flexibility and

adaptability in diverse applications encouraged the students. He also explained the coding behind each project and inspired the students to explore similar applications. The combination of theoretical insights, practical demonstrations, and active students' engagement contributed to a comprehensive learning experience for all students, solidifying their understanding of Raspberry Pi and its vast applications.

The participants were overwhelmed by the speaker's wonderful and motivating talk. The informative session culminated with facilitating the trainer and with a group photograph. The speaker was acknowledged and presented with a memento, as an effort of appreciation by Ms. Bapita Roy.

The Program was coordinated by Ms. Suparna Maity, Asst. Professor; Mr. Mrinmoy Dutta, JTA ; along with other members of the department.



3. Industry Vist : Racily Udyog, P. B. Samadder Industrial Estate @EE @GNIT

The Department of Electrical Engineering @GNIT had organized an Industry Visit to Racily Udyog, P. B. Samadder Industrial Estate at Ruiya, Khardah, a manufacturing unit of Lead Acid Battery, for the 2nd and 3rd year students of the department, on November 24, 2023. The tour commenced with an overview of the Manufacturing facility. The state-of-the-art production line showcased a well-organized and efficient process, emphasizing precision and quality control at every stage of battery production.

During the visit, the students were taken to the different sections, namely Production Process, Electrode manufacturing, Cell assembly and Testing, Quality Assurance, Innovation & Research, Interaction with Experts. The aim of this Industrial visit was to provide detailed

knowledge related to the Construction of Lead Acid Battery and testing procedures.



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4. Donation Campaign : GOONJ @ASHU @NSS Unit @GNIT

A team of 1st Year B. Tech students and NSS Volunteers accompanied Dr. Indrajit Bose and Mr. Goutam Mondal of the Dept. of Applied Science and Humanities @GNIT on a clothes donation activity to GOONJ on 28th November, 2023. They undertook a visit to the central GOONJ processing and distribution unit located in Posta, near Science City, Kolkata. The program was a collaborative effort of the NSS Unit and the Department of Applied Science and Humanities@ GNIT. The GNIT Visiting Team was welcomed at the GOONJ Centre by Mr. Vishal, GOONJ. Fellow, who thanked the students and faculty members representing GNIT for their clothes donation. He further gave an illustrated talk on the inception, workings and activities of Goonj.

Mr Vishal then gave the GNIT visiting team a detailed conducted tour of the Goonj processing unit including :

Facilities for sorting, screening and packing of clothing bundles for donation

Resources for Schoolchildren—including the collection of story books and textbooks, notebooks, exercise books, stationery items, lunch boxes, colouring sets, toys

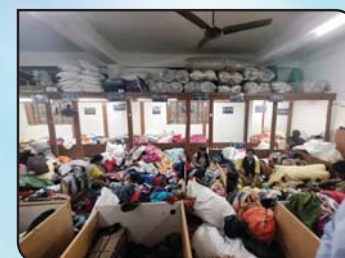
Resources for weddings—the refashioning of clothes into wedding wear

Menstrual hygiene kits—preparation of



hygiene kits from cotton cloths
Picture gallery—containing photos of the developmental work undertaken or promoted by Goonj all over India

He also spoke of the pan-India network of Goonj, including 28 Indian States, and their efforts to promote developmental work in the remote, under-resourced villages through the “Clothes for Work”(“Kapdo ke liye kaam”) initiative. He outlined some of the developmental efforts undertaken in the villages and stressed that Goonj’s emphasis was on preserving human dignity, rural development, health and conservation.



5. GNIT Luminary Talk : Amrit Kaal - 2047 @ IIC

GNIT in association with the Institute Innovation Cell organized a program entitled “Amrit Kaal @ 2047” commemorating “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav” on 4th December 2023. The distinguished guests present at the program included Ambassador Deepak Vohra (educationist, diplomat, television celebrity and best-selling author), Commander V. K. Jaitley (educational advisor, motivational speaker, coach and writer) and Ms. Pragya Jhunjhunwala (Corporate Trainer, Serial Entrepreneur and Business Consultant.

Prof. Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal-GNIT inaugurated the program, welcomed the guests and spoke briefly about the focal theme of “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”.

Ambassador Deepak Vohra then took the assembled audience, including a huge crowd of students, on a guided tour of India’s achievement of developmental goals in the new millennium, and emphasized the inborn capacities of excellence, resilience, and toughness already present in India. Lauding the infinite capacities for self-sacrifice, creativity and strength of mind in the face of disaster management, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, displayed by countless Indian men and women, Ambassador Vohra spoke of these qualities as contributing to the building of a resurgent India, excelling in health, education, technological and digital infrastructure. He enthused the students

with his lively anecdotes and witty remarks and evoked pride in India and Indianness.

Commander Jaitley spoke of the importance of communication to students, achieving SMART goals and the 8 Cs of communication. Both Commander Vohra and Ms. Jhunjhunwala had a lively interactive quiz on “AMRIT KAAL” and prizes were also given to the students. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Indrajit Bose of GNIT and the playing of the National Anthem.



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6. GNIT - Catalyst Advisory Services @ MoU Signing Ceremony @ Department of Hospital Management

The Department of Hospital Management signed MoU with Catalyst Advisory Services, Kolkata for a period of 5 years.

Catalyst is focused on providing directions for evolving career-graphs and personas for students. It is an organization designed to facilitate career focus in students, educationists and teachers. We have piloted intervention programmes in career direction, psychometric testing, career counseling and Life skill management workshops. Catalyst has piloted intervention programmes in career direction, aptitude testing (My Vector), follow-up career counseling and life skill management workshops in areas such as :

Communication Skills
Time Management
Stress Management
Motivation
7 Habits of Highly Effective People
Life Skills

Catalyst has a combined experience as Counsellors, Facilitators, Consultants, and Teachers of over 25 years in the industry working across several organisations such as USIEF, IC3 Forum, Star TV, Grindlays Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Sobhagya Advertising, Jay Engineering, the British Council, Learndirect in the UK, the Lancashire County Council, Delhi Public School, South Point School, Garden High School and many more.



7. CONGRATULATIONS Team Tech6ers @SIH @GNIT

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology congratulates Team Tech6ers, comprising Ayon Ghosh, Aishee Mukherjee, Amit Dutta, Rema Chowdhury, and Rehan Sarkar, for their outstanding performance at the Grand Finale of SIH software segment 2023 hosted at P.R. Pote Patil College of Engineering and Management, Amravati, Maharashtra, during 18th-20th December, 2023. The team's exceptional efforts, unwavering dedication, and intrepid spirit have set them apart, bringing immense pride to Guru Nanak Institute of Technology.

Led by Ayon Ghosh, a 3rd Year CA student at GNIT, Tech6ers shines brightly among the top 100 solutions in the illustrious realm of innovation. Guided by mentors Dr. Ananjan Maiti and Mr. Chiranjib Dutta, Assistant Professors, GNIT, their journey unfolds as a symphony of brilliance. Ayon Ghosh's leadership during the intense 36-hour session resulted in the acceptance and processing of the new shipment.

This triumph is a testament to their brilliance and unwavering perseverance. The innovative methodology and dedication to excellence have left an indelible mark, highlighting not only technical prowess but also the harmonious and fervent spirit of Team Tech6ers.



8. Mathematics Week Celebration@ Seminar: "How Mathematics in the Game Changer in Sensing @ASHU @GNIT

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities (ASHU) @GNIT organized a Seminar on "How Mathematics in the Game Changer in Sensing", on 21st December 2023, as part of Mathematics Week celebration, as proposed by AICTE.

The first half of the day's programme, had Dr. Indrajit Bhattacharyya, Assistant Professor, ASHU, deliver an absorbing session on the Life and Works of Ramanujan.

In the second half, Ms. Nandini Basumallick, Principal Scientist, Fiber

Optics and Photonics Division, CSIR, CGCRI, delved into the multifaceted realm of sensors, emphasizing their pivotal role in modern technology. Commencing with a discussion on the fundamental principles, the spotlight shifted to the intricate relationship between mathematics and sensing, illustrating how mathematical concepts underpin the design and functionality of sensors.

A significant portion of the seminar was dedicated to the exploration of mathematical modelling, illustrating its necessity in predicting sensor behaviour. The focus then transitioned to Fiber Bragg Gratings (FBG), shedding light on their unique characteristics and applications. Participants gained insights into the operational mechanism of FBGs

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as sensors, particularly in monitoring strain and temperature variations. The seminar elucidated the extensive parameters FBGs can sense, ranging from structural strain to environmental temperature, making them exceptionally versatile.

Attendees also learned about the advantages of utilizing FBG sensors, including high sensitivity, reliability, and resistance to electromagnetic interference. The seminar delved into the specific application of FBG in vibration sensing, covering FBG accelerometers and addressing challenges posed in vibrational sensing for civil structures and electronic machines.

9. Seminar : "Energy Applications of Nanotechnology" @ASHU @GNIT

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities (ASHU) @GNIT organized a highly informative seminar on "Energy Applications of Nanotechnology" on January 10, 2024.

The esteemed speaker for the event was Prof. (Dr.) Kalyan Kumar Chattopadhyay, the Head and Professor of the Department of Physics, Thin Film and Nanoscience Laboratory, and the former Director of the School of Materials Science and Nanotechnology at Jadavpur University. The seminar commenced with a warm welcome address from the Principal, Dr. Swarup Kr. Mitra, who then felicitated Prof. Chattopadhyay along with the HOD, ASHU, Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti. Prof. Chattopadhyay captivated the audience of approximately 100 students by delving into the intricacies of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology. He began with a reference to Prof. Feynman's iconic statement from 1959, emphasizing the vast potential in the realm of nanotechnology.

The speaker eloquently explained the concept of "quantum confinement" leading to 0D Quantum Dots, a pivotal aspect of contemporary research. Topics such as Graphene, Carbon Nanotubes (CNT), and various energy applications of Nanotechnology were discussed, including alternative sources of energy generated from motions and vibrations. The seminar proved to be an interactive session, with enthusiastic participation from the students, who posed insightful queries.

Dr. Soma Mukherjee, Associate Professor at ASHU, efficiently coordinated the entire program. The event concluded with a gracious Vote of Thanks from Dr. Sucharita Bhattacharyya, Professor at ASHU, and was expertly anchored by Dr. Indrajit Bose, Assistant Professor at ASHU.

Participants gained valuable insights into the latest developments in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, making the seminar a resounding success.



10. KRITI EXCELLENCE AWARD 2023 @GNIT

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology witnessed a stellar award-giving ceremony on 11th January 2023 when the achievements in diverse fields of students, alumni, faculty and staff members was recognized and applauded at KRITI EXCELLENCE AWARD 2023. Following a tradition of honouring skill-based excellence, beginning in 2016, and this annual event brought together students past and present, guardians, distinguished guests and academics in a glittering ceremony, where academic excellence, leadership skills, commitment

and dedication, reflective thinking, collaborative skills were showcased and held up as role models for the future.

The event took place at the GNIT Auditorium to a packed crowd of 400 students, parents, faculty and alumni. Nearly 240 awards were given and the students received words of wisdom and encouragement from the distinguished guests.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the distinguished guests and Heads of the Departments and the

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chanting of the auspicious Ganesh Vandana by students. The Principal, Professor Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, gave the Welcome Address, inviting all to witness the galaxy of talents and exhorted all to work towards achieving even greater standards of excellence. The Chief Guest for the programme, Smt Debika Basu, Headmistress of Baghbaazar Multipurpose Girls' School, Kolkata, spoke about igniting the passion for meritorious achievements in academic and extra-academic fields, and the role of the institution in nurturing talent and creativity. The other distinguished guests attending the programme, Professor Abhijit Sengupta, Director, GNIPST and Dr. Lopamudra Datta, Principal, GNIPST, also spoke of the need for skill-building in the present-day context and especially urged the students to develop and sustain the passion for learning and the need to innovate to match the sweeping changes and advances in technology and daily life.

Awards were subsequently given in diverse categories. Students and their Mentors were felicitated for Outstanding Achievement of the Year—in Smart India Hackathon, both Hardware and Software Editions. Students were also awarded for their contribution in Cultural Activities, in Digital Technology Support, Website and Social Media Management.

In the Alumni Achievers category, several distinguished alumni presently established in the fields of IT, entrepreneurship, education

and medical and health services, were all felicitated.

Academic Achievers in all the Departments of Applied Science and Humanities, EE, ECE, IT,CSE, ECS, FT, Hospital Management, Computer Applications and B Sc, from 1st to 7th Semesters and 2023 passout batch, were awarded for being the Departmental Topper (in terms of YGPA) and the Top Student in terms of DGPA. Ms. Anindita Bhattacharya of CSE Department was felicitated as College Topper with a DGPA of 9.76.

Students were also awarded for their achievements in Cultural, Sports, External Projects and Research. Employee Achievers were also awarded from the various Departments in recognition of achievements like Elite category score in NPTEL MOOCs, award of Ph. D. degree, nomination of Fellows in distinguished bodies, grant of patents. Faculty and staff members were also felicitated for twenty years, fifteen and ten years of continuous service in the Institute. A few cultural events like a song and dance recital by students were also there in the programme.

Professor Dr. Santanu Kumar Sen, the former Principal of the Institute, and currently the Principal of Shahid Anukul Chandra Mahavidyalaya, also attended the programme as Special Guest, and exhorted the students and employees to achieve further laurels.



11. Smt. Bharati Devi Excellence Award 2023 @GNIT

Notable features of all institutions are the special endowment awards given every year in memory of path breaking pioneers who remain figures of inspiration and guidance. In Guru Nanak Institute of Technology a noted endowment award is the Smt. Bharati Devi Excellence Award, which is given to the outstanding academic achiever across all disciplines in the Institute. On 11th January 2024 the Smt. Bharati Devi Excellence Award 2023 was given in a glittering award ceremony in the Institute auditorium, where students, alumni, distinguished guests and parents were present. Nearly 400 participants attended the programme.

The preamble to the conferring of the endowment award was given

by Dr. Indrajit Bose, Assistant Professor of the Department of Applied Science and Humanities, who commemorated the achievements of the Late Smt. Bharati Devi, her passion, self-sacrifice, dedication to service and unwavering support to the cause of the needy and the destitute. The award endowed in her memory only served to enshrine her selfless spirit and enkindle the youth of the Institute to achieve laurels of academic excellence.

The Smt. Bharati Devi Excellence Award 2023 was presented to Ms. Anindita Bhattacharya of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for outstanding academic accomplishment in achieving the highest DGPA score of 9.76 in 2023 in the B. Tech programme. Ms. Bhattacharya's proud parents were also present in the ceremony.

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Visit to the Apiculture Unit at Chakdah by the students of B. Sc Agriculture

On 6th November, Students of 5th and 7th Semester students studying the course B. Sc. in Agricultural Science, under JIS University visited Apiculture Unit at Chakdah, Nadia. 25 students along with two faculties Dr. Shamik Dey and Mr. Devayan Chatterjee accompanied the students



One day National Seminar on "Contemporary Legal Aspects of Human Rights – Its Issues and Futuristic Trends"

On 10th November 2023, a one day National Seminar on "Contemporary Legal Aspects of Human Rights – Its Issues and Futuristic Trends" was organized by Amity University Kolkata in collaboration with Jorhat Law College Assam. The seminar involved legal minds from across the country to showcase their legal acumen in the field of Human Rights which are basic fundamentals. Dr. Souvik Chatterji (HOD, Law, JIS University) presented a paper titled Examination of POCSO Laws and Juvenile Justice Act along with Samrat Samaddar (BBA-LLB Student). Dr. Souvik Chatterji (HOD, Law, JISU) was also cordially invited as one of the esteemed Chairpersons for the Event. The event was inaugurated by the esteemed Vice

Chancellor of Amity University Kolkata and Honorable Justices of High Court and followed by a flair of speeches by them. Dr. Souvik Chatterji mentioned that sexual offences in India have increased a lot over the last 20 years. It is no secret that many POCSO trials result in acquittals. Many cases in POCSO go unreported, and FIRs are not filed as some family members are involved in sexual abuses where parents try to hide the perpetrator of crime according to NCRB data. Dr. Souvik Chatterji was also one of the esteemed chairpersons of the event for his academic excellence. Dr. Souvik Chatterji questioned the candidates about the international cases and what the other countries view on these human rights. He further directed the presenters to present a thorough analysis and viewpoint about how those challenges can be dealt by the Indian Legal System.



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JIS University celebrated the Research Scholars' Day

JIS University celebrated the Research Scholars' Day, 2023 on 24th of November, 2023 in its campus. The title of the programme is "Translational Research, Statutory Issues and Mind Management". Prof. Arup Kumar Raychaudhuri, SERB Distinguished Fellow, CSIR, Prof. Tanusree Chakraborty, Associate Dean - Student Welfare, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, Dr. Jayanta Ghosh, Senior Research Fellow, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata and Dr. Souvik Chatterji, HOD, Department of Juridical Sciences, JIS University attended the programme as Speakers. The distinguished speakers delivered their speeches on "Necessity of Translational Research : A perspective from Academics, Three Secrets of Time and Mind Management in Daily Life – the Success Theory of IITians; Geographical Indication of Indian Products: Issues and Challenges and Concept of Copyright and Recourse of Law respectively.

The Hackathon event of JIS University

GDSC Club of JIS University with the support of Department of Computer Science & Engineering organised on 25th November "Hack

the Source Extended - Post Event Wrap-Up" sponsored by GitHub, at the University Auditorium.



Industry orientation program conducted by JIS University in collaboration with LI-MAT

LI-MAT Soft Solutions, a leading IT company based in Bengaluru, India, specializing in Artificial Intelligence, IoT, Machine Learning, Data Science, Mobile Apps Development, and Web Development, has joined hands with Department of Computer Science of JIS University to conduct an industry-oriented workshop on "Machine Learning and Data Science with Python" on 25th November, 2023 at JIS University campus.



JIS SIGNS MoUs WITH AIT (Thailand) & DHAKA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

JIS signed MoUs WITH AIT (Thailand) & DHAKA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY. JIS GROUP Educational Initiatives has signed MoUs with Asian Institute of Technology, (AIT) Thailand and Dhaka International University, Bangladesh at the 'Bengal Global Business Summit 2023'. With the AIT, the emphasis will be on student exchange, short training workshops at AIT, developing joint education programs, organizing conferences & workshops, faculty & staff development programs, amongst others. The areas of cooperation with the Dhaka International University will be in legal education. The specific areas of activity will be in joint research activities, student & faculty exchange, joint conferences, seminars and workshops. Sardar

Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group exchanged the MoUs with the representatives of Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand & Dhaka International University, Bangladesh, at the 'Bengal Global Business Summit 2023'. Shri. H. S. Maji, Dean - Academics, JIS University was also present on the occasion.



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IMD, RMC KOLKATA SIGNS MoU WITH JIS UNIVERSITY

India Meteorological Department, RMC Kolkata, Government of India, signed an MoU with JIS University, Kolkata to explore collaboration on education, research, outreach programs, product innovation & installation of an automatic weather station (AWS) at the JIS University campus. Sardar Simarpreet Singh, Director of JIS GROUP signed the MoU on behalf of JIS University and Dr. Sanjib Bandyopadhyay, Deputy Director General, RMC Kolkata signed on behalf of India Meteorological Department, RMC Kolkata.



JIS University was recognized as the 'Best Private University' for the academic year 2022-23.

Educational Initiatives have bagged six awards at the 11th edition of "Gurukul" awards for the academic year 2022-23 for defining Excellence in Education. It was organised by Lions International District 322B2, in Kolkata on 16th December. JIS GROUP Educational Initiatives bagged the 'Best Educational Group' award for the academic year 2022-23. JIS University was recognized as the 'Best Private University' for the academic year 2022-23.

Participation of JIS University in the "Annual Education conclave 2023"

On 23rd December (Saturday), Faculty and students of JIS University participated at the Annual Education Conclave 2023' with the theme 'Education Milieu – the way forward', organized by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industries held at Oberoi Grand Hotel, Kolkata. The session brought together faculty and students to discuss about the use of technology like AI, ML and its adoption, and innovative teaching methods.



JIS UNIVERSITY – UNIVERSITY OF THE YEAR 2023

Higher Education Review has recognized JIS University as the "University of the Year 2023". The certificate of achievement has recognized JIS University for its outstanding commitment to academic excellence, innovative teaching methodologies and unwavering dedication to fostering a culture of learning and growth among its students and faculty. This accolade stands as a testament to JIS University's unwavering commitment to fostering a culture of continuous learning and growth, setting a benchmark for educational institutions through its outstanding contribution and sustained pursuit of excellence.

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Participation in the 76th International Conference IICHe-CHEMCON 2023

Dr. Dipankar Ghosh (Associate Professor) of Department of Biosciences, JIS University Kolkata has participated and delivered Oral Presentation on Algal Biotechnology at 76th International Conference IICHe-CHEMCON 2023 along with his M.Sc student Research Team from 27th - 30th December 2023. Dr. Ghosh's M.Sc Research Students (Arnab Mondal, Akashdeep Saha and Poushali Mitra) have presented a Scientific Poster and highly appreciated by the eminent researchers in this esteemed event during this tenure. Articles have been published in E-proceedings of IICHe-CHEMCON

2023 (ISBN: 9789310000719) by Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers. We congratulate Dr. Ghosh and his team for this grand success on behalf of JIS University.



The Inter – College Competition among the JIS group colleges hosted by JIS University



We are pleased to share that JIS GROUP will be conducting an inter-college (among JIS group institutions) debate competition on 11th January 2024 organized by "NEW INDIA DEBATES". Two teams from our Colleges/ University under the aegis of JIS GROUP of Educational Initiatives will compete on the Dias. The first round of audition being conducted at JIS University Auditorium on 4th January for the final selection of 4 participants (2 participants- for the motion & 2 against the motion) are shared. The winning team will participate to compete for the final round on 11th January at JIS University campus organized by Sansad TV.

NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

NACMAT 2023

The BA Department of NiT has organised a "Two day National Conference on Contemporary Issues and Challenges in Management and Technology–NACMAT2023" on 22nd and 23rd November, 2023. The objective of the conference was to bring together an interdisciplinary team of researchers to share their ideas.



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2nd Degree Award Distribution Ceremony

NiT organised the 2nd Degree Award Distribution Ceremony on the 24th November 2023 for the class of 2020, 2021 and 2022 batches. 2344 students of B. Tech, M.Tech, and MCA were awarded their degree certificates.

Amrit Kal@2047

Narula Institute of Technology hosted a thought-provoking seminar on "AMRIT KAL@2047" on 4th December 2023, featuring distinguished speakers and a diverse audience. The event aimed to explore future possibilities and challenges, particularly focusing on the role of youth in shaping a prosperous India by the year 2047.



NiT Students at Yuva Sangam Phase 3

Siddhanta Ganguly IT 4th year, won 2nd prize in Chess Men and Rishabh Jaiswal CSE 4th year, won 2nd prize in carrom Men Single organised by AICTE and IRCTC with IIITDM Jabalpur. Developing friendships through sports! #Yuva Sangam Phase 3 brings together enthusiastic participants from West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh for amazing engagement over sporting events at IIITDM-Jabalpur.

NiT Bags Award at DIGII 100 SUMMIT

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director, JIS Group, accepted an award on behalf of Narula Institute of Technology (NiT) at the Digii 100 Summit in Delhi. NiT has been recognized as one of the Top 100 Higher Education institutions in India that are pioneering digital transformation.



NiT emerged as Winner under the Hardware Category of Smart India Hackathon 2023

The NiT team "Lunabytes" emerged as winner in Hardware Category of Smart India Hackathon 2023, Grand Finale. The Project- Monitoring through AI Based Remote Access Vehicle under the Ministry of Power under the aegis of Ministry of Power, redefines remote monitoring capabilities.