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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



29th January, 2026

As we usher in the New Year, I extend my warmest wishes to you for a very **Happy New Year 2026**. May the year ahead bring good health, renewed optimism, and abundant opportunities for growth and prosperity.

As January 2026 begins with fresh aspirations, India continues to reinforce its position as the leading global economic force. The International Monetary Fund has revised India's FY 2025–26 growth forecast upward to 7.3%, reflecting sustained momentum and policy stability. At the World Economic Forum in Davos, it has been well established that India has transitioned from being an "emerging economy" to a "pivotal economy," playing a central role in shaping global growth, trade, and supply chains.

Recent developments further underline this progress :

- In West Bengal, the Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit on 17–18 January marked the launch of India's first Vande Bharat Sleeper Train from Howrah to Guwahati and the dedication of rail and road infrastructure projects worth ₹ 3,250 crore.
- At the national level, the visit of the President of the UAE on 19 January culminated in agreements to double bilateral trade to USD 200 billion by 2032, along with the signing of a 10-year LNG supply arrangement.
- The Government has also announced a major thrust on shipbuilding through enhanced budgetary support, positioning India as a global maritime and shipbuilding hub.
- Additionally, on 27 January 2026, India and the European Union (EU) successfully concluded negotiations on a landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA), hailed as the "mother of all deals" by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. Signed in the presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Ms. von der Leyen, and European Council President António Costa, the agreement eliminates or reduces tariffs on over 96-99% of traded goods—enabling the EU to drop tariffs on nearly all Indian exports (with most to 0% immediately), while India provides concessions on 97.5% of traded value. This historic pact, ending nearly two decades of talks, is set to create a 2-billion-person market, significantly boost bilateral trade, exports, technology collaboration, investment flows, and supply chain integration, while sending a strong message of cooperation in a fractured global landscape.

Looking ahead, anticipation is building for the Union Budget 2026–27, to be presented by the Hon'ble Finance Minister on 1 February—her ninth consecutive Budget—preceded by the Economic Survey on 31 January. The Budget is expected to focus on capital expenditure, job creation, tax rationalisation, and the vision of Viksit Bharat. As part of our institutional engagement, the Chamber has submitted two comprehensive pre-Budget memoranda—one on tax-related recommendations and another on non-tax issues—to the concerned government departments, advocating measures to support industry growth, ease of doing business, and balanced regional development in Eastern India.

In the months of December 2025 and January 2026, we hosted landmark programmes that reflected our deep commitment to nation-building and inclusive progress. These included the **2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&i Summit; The Bengal Chamber Marketing and Brand Conclave and 4th Edition of CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Awards** in Kolkata; and the **International Trade Conclave and Minerals, Mining and Metals Conclave** in Delhi. These initiatives brought together thought leaders, policy makers, and industry captains to shape solutions for tomorrow's challenges.

Looking ahead, we are excited to present a dynamic series of engagements: the **9th edition of BCC&i Health Tech Summit; 1st edition of BCC&i Entrepreneurship Recognition and Excellence Awards; UK Railway Delegation visiting Kolkata for networking session with Indian Rail Companies; GI Mahotsav, 10th edition of BCC&i Rural Connect and FPO Awards, 15th Edition of The Bengal Chamber's Technology Quiz-Inter College Quiz Fest** in Kolkata. These programmes highlight our continued commitment to fostering dialogue, innovation, and collaboration across key sectors, reinforcing BCC&i's role as a catalyst for sustainable growth and regional leadership.

I express my sincere appreciation to the Managing Committee and to the Mentors, Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons of our various Committees for assuming additional responsibilities and contributing meaningfully to the Chamber's programmes and outreach.

Together, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead, reinforcing our shared vision for a prosperous and resilient future.

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Abhijit Roy
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey Moreish Foods Ltd.; Jack Olivol Pvt. Ltd.; Capital Numbers Infotech Ltd.; Trisnota Technical Services Pvt. Ltd.; and A K Sports Foundation whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 28th November 2025.



MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY IN ASSOCIATION WITH JIS GROUP EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

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PROGRAMME

SPECIAL CEO LUNCH ORGANIZED BY BCC&I ON THE OCCASION OF ABP LTD.'S INFOCOM 2025

27th November 2025,
Hyatt Regency

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) partnered with ABP Ltd. as the Chamber Partner for Infocom 2025, hosting a Special CEO Lunch on 27th November 2025 at La Cucina, Hyatt Regency, Kolkata. Organized under the theme "Technology – Future Forward," the lunch was graciously hosted by Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, President & CEO, Salesforce, South Asia, and witnessed the participation of an eminent gathering of Managing Directors, CEOs, and senior industry leaders from Kolkata. Distinguished attendees included Mr. Dhruva Mukherjee, Chief Executive Officer, ABP Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I; Mr. Arnab Basu, Partner & Markets Leader (Eastern India), PwC India; Mr. Dhiru Khandelwal, Managing Director, E Square System and Technologies Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Samit Ray, Managing Director, Rice Adamas Group; Mr. Surbhit Lihala, CEO, Keventor Agro

Ltd.; Mr. Kaushik Roy, Managing Director, PCBL Chemical Ltd.; Mr. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group; Mr. Navanit Narayan, Managing Director, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.; Dr. Goutam Das, CEO, TCG Lifesciences; Mr. Arijit Basu, Managing Director, Veedol Corporation Ltd.; Mr. Harshavardhan Neotia, Chairman & Managing Director, Ambuja Neotia Group; Mr. Bimal Patwari, Managing Director, Pinnacle Infotech; Mr. Rudra Chatterjee, Chairman & Managing Director, Luxmi Tea Company Pvt. Ltd. and Dr. Rupali Basu, Managing Director & CEO, Charnock Hospitals Pvt. Ltd. The lunch served as an exclusive platform for high-level interaction and exchange of perspectives on technology-led growth, innovation, and future-ready enterprises, reaffirming various organizations' commitment to fostering industry leadership and collaboration in Eastern India.



Glimpses of Special CEO Lunch organized by BCC&I on the occasion of ABP Ltd.'s Infocom 2025

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DELEGATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER, COMMERCIAL TAXES, DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL TAXES, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

2nd December 2025

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry led a delegation to the office of Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, under the guidance and leadership of Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, on 2nd December 2025.

The issues that were discussed mostly in the sphere of GST included refund of IGST paid under Wrong Place of Supply (POS), Reverse Charge Mechanism (RCM) credit routed through regular GSTIN instead of ISD GSTIN, lack of bulk action facility in Invoice Management System (IMS), inability to modify or change or edit the ITC reclaim ledgers, hindrance in getting details of Credit Notes rejected through IMS at the time of GSTR-3B, hindrance in downloading Invoice Debit note or Credit Note Details via IMS for computation of GSTR-2B, decimal mismatch in Statement 3 of Form RFD-01 vs GSTR-

1 throws error in the portal and frequent downtime of GST portal during peak filing dates to name a few.

The members who joined the delegation were :

- Mr. Jaladhi Roy, Head - Indirect Tax, DIC India Limited
- Mr. Gaurav Agarwal, DGM - Accounts & Taxation, Dollar Industries Ltd.
- Mr. Goutam Sengupta, Sr. General Manager & Head Taxation, Eveready Industries India Limited.
- Mr. Gourab Ghosh, Deputy General Manager-Indirect Taxation, Finance & IT, Exide Industries Ltd.
- Mr. Soumick Das, Assistant General Manager - Indirect Taxes (Kolkata Region), Larsen and Tourbo Ltd.
- Mr. Prithanu Bhattacharjee, Sr. Manager-Indirect Taxation, Siemens Ltd., Eastern Region.
- Mr. Puranjit Seal, GM - Finance, Senco Gold Limited.
- Mr. Ranjan Kumar Pradhan, Sr. Manager (F&A), Tirumala Seven Hills Private Limited.



Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal with the members who joined the delegation



Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP discussing the issues



Discussion in progress



Members of the Delegation along with Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal

**5th December 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises** **“THE SECURITY ADDA - A CERTIFIED MASTERCLASS”**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in collaboration with Philanthropic Technical Association (PTA) and IEEE ComSoc organized “The Security Adda - A Certified Masterclass” on 5th December 2025 at BCC&I Premises.

The session brought together more than 50 CXOs from various companies across the Manufacturing, Financial Services, Consumer Goods and Retail, Information Technology sectors from the East India region. Companies such as- ABDOS INDIA GROUP, ABP Pvt Ltd, Balasore Alloys Ltd., Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd., Century PlyBoards India Limited, CESC, Ddev Plastiks Industries Ltd, Diamond Beverages P Limited, Dollar Industries Ltd., Electrosteel Group, ESKAG GROUP OF COMPANIES, Euro Healthcare & Group, Gainwell, GKB LENS PVT. LTD., Himadri Speciality Chemical Limited, Hoichoi Technologies, Indorama Ventures GCC, ITC Limited, Khadim India Ltd., KMC, Kredent Group, Linc Limited, Lux Industries Limited, mjunction, Ortem Securities Limited, OSL Group, PCBL Chemical Limited, Peerless Hospital, Rashmi Group, RetailEZ Pvt. Ltd., RPSG Group, Rupa

& Co. Ltd., Senco Gold, Shriram Insight, Shyam Steel, Skipper India Ltd., Star Cement Ltd., Super Smelters, Tata Medical Center, among others were present for the certified masterclass on Cyber Security.

An introduction of BCC&I was made by Mr. Partha Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President (I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Limited. The Welcome address of the Session was delivered by Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Chief Digital Officer, RPSG Group.

The masterclass featured engaging sessions conducted by the leadership of Motadata, Sonicwall and Softshield - cyber security domain experts who are catering to a wide range of industry in a global scale.

The session also featured an interesting Quiz track conducted by Mr. Abhishek Kar, Deputy Head- Technology, Mjunction.



Introduction on BCC&I by Mr. Partha Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President (I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Limited



Welcome address of the Session by Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Chief Digital Officer, RPSG Group

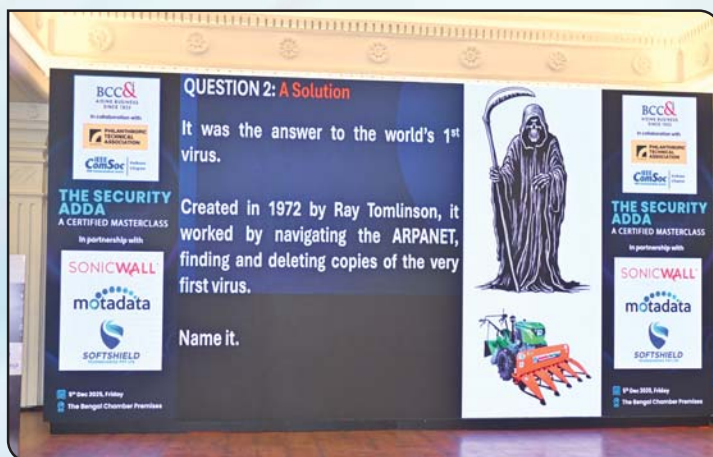
PROGRAMME

"THE SECURITY ADDA - A CERTIFIED MASTERCLASS"

5th December 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises



The Engaging Masterclass in progress, conducted by the leadership teams of Motadata, Sonicwall and Softshield



Glimpses from Quiz track featured in the session conducted by Mr. Abhishek Kar, Deputy Head- Technology, Mjunction

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The Bengal Chamber Premises

“THE SECURITY ADDA - A CERTIFIED MASTERCLASS”



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A snapshot of all CXOs participated in “The Security Adda- A Certified Masterclass” on 5th December 2025 at BCC&I Premises



5th and 6th December 2025
IMI Kolkata campus

6th EDITION OF THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MDP) ON “INTELLIGENT LOGISTICS POWERED BY AI”

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in collaboration with IMI Kolkata, successfully conducted the **6th Edition of the Management Development Programme (MDP) on “Intelligent Logistics Powered by AI”** on 5th and 6th December 2025 at the IMI Kolkata campus.

In an era where logistics is rapidly transitioning from traditional operations to data-driven, predictive, and adaptive systems, the programme was designed to equip professionals with a practical understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI), Generative AI (GenAI), and Agentic AI and their transformative impact on the logistics and supply chain ecosystem.

The course was inaugurated on 5th December, by **Mr. Adhip Pal Choudhuri**, Chairperson, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, The Bengal Chamber and CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., and **Dr. Mohua Banerjee**, Director, IMI Kolkata Campus.

The two-day programme featured **six intensive sessions**, combining academic rigor with real-world industry perspectives. Sessions were led by distinguished faculty members **Dr. Rohan Mukherjee**, Area Chair, MIS and Analytics, IMI Kolkata and **Prof. Atanu Ghosh**, Professor of Practice Academic Group : Management Information Systems. IIM Calcutta., alongside senior industry leaders representing organizations such as **Mr. Thomas Philip**, Business Services – India Industry Leader, Dassault Systèmes; **Mr. Atanu Guha**, Deputy CEO, Kody Group & Falcon Tech Robotics; **Mr. Rajan Subramanian**, Chief Technology Officer, Kale Logistics Solutions; **Mr. Mansur Faroqui**, Co-founder & CEO, Linqhaul; **Mr. Prasun Nandy**, Partner & Analytics Leader, PwC India; **Mr. Rizwan Noorullah**, Senior Director, APAC, Conversight; **Mr. Saugat Dutta**, Senior Director, Tech Delivery, D. P. World; **Mr. Gangesh Chaturvedi**, Head Exports (EP&D), Tata Steel Ltd.; and **Mr. Hitesh Arya**, Vice President, Adani Ports & Logistics.

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The course was attended by leading corporate representatives from Adani Ports and Logistics, Steel Authority of India, DPWorld, TM International Logistics, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd, Century Ply boards India Ltd, Linde India, Everett India, Haldia Petrochemicals, PDP Group, BG Somadder, CJ Darcl Logistics Ltd along with representatives from leading Shipping Lines, Customs Brokers, Stevedores/Cargo Handling Agents, Clearing and Forwarding Agents/Freight Forwarders, Logistics Service Providers, Supply Chain Operators, Exporters and Importers, and the total number of Participants present were 80.

Participants gained valuable insights into the evolving role of Artificial Intelligence in logistics, with a focus on practical applications such as demand forecasting, routing, inventory management, and network optimization. The programme also provided hands-on exposure to popular GenAI tools, highlighted ethical considerations and risks associated with GenAI and Agentic AI, and explored strategies for building smarter, more agile, and future-ready supply chains. The interactive case-based sessions and industry-led discussions were particularly appreciated for their practical relevance and applicability.



Mr. Adhip Pal Chaudhuri (Chairperson, National Shipping & Logistics Committee, BCC&I & CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.) delivering the Welcome Address in the 6th Edition of the Management Development Programme (MDP) on “Intelligent Logistics Powered by AI,” held on 5th and 6th December 2025 at IMI Campus, Kolkata



Address by Dr. Mohua Banerjee (Director, IMI Kolkata) on the role of academia in transforming industry learning



Dr. Rohan Mukherjee (Area Chair, MIS and Analytics, IMI Kolkata) taking a session



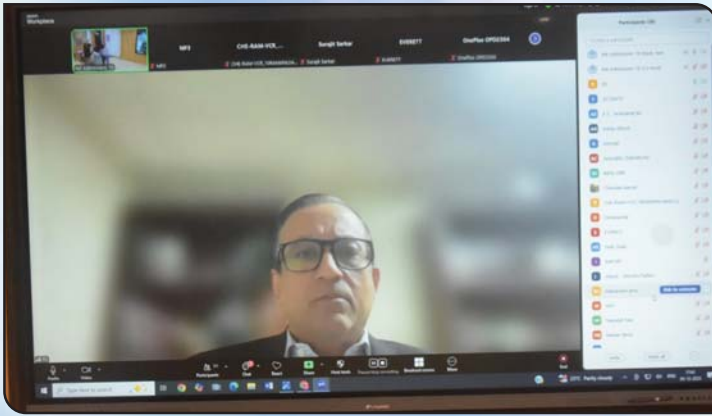
Mr. Thomas Philip, Business Services–India Industry Leader, Dassault Systèmes, taking a virtual session



Mr. Atanu Guha, Deputy CEO, Kody Group & Falcon Tech Robotics, taking a virtual session from Dubai

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Mr. Rajan Subramanian, Chief Technology Officer, Kale Logistics Solutions, taking a Virtual Industry Session



Prof. Atanu Ghosh, Professor of Practice, Academic Group : Management Information Systems, IIM Calcutta, taking a session on Generative AI for Logistics



Mr. Mansur Faruqi, Co-founder & CEO, Linqhaul, taking a Virtual Industry Session



Mr. Prasun Nandy, Partner & Analytics Leader, PwC India, taking an Industry Session



Mr. Rizwan Noorullah, Senior Director, APAC, Conversight, taking a Virtual Industry Session

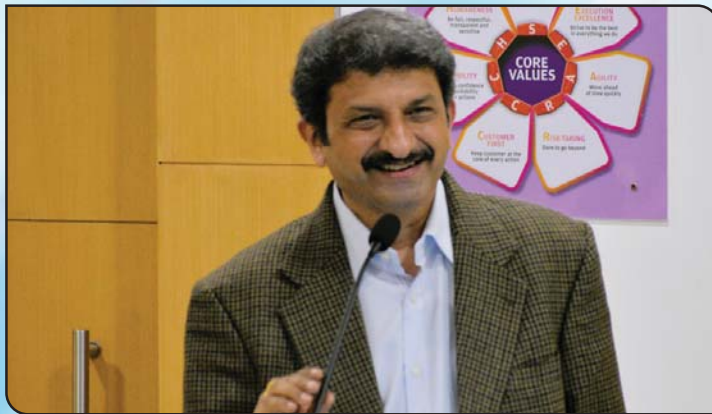


Mr. Saugat Dutta, Senior Director, Tech Delivery, D. P. World, taking a Virtual Industry Session

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Mr. Gangesh Chaturvedi, Head Exports (EP&D), Tata Steel Ltd., taking an Industry Session



Mr. Hitesh Arya, Vice President, Adani Ports & Logistics, taking a Virtual Industry Session



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I, delivering the vote of thanks



A section of participants from leading Shipping Lines, Customs Brokers, Stevedores/Cargo Handling Agents, Clearing and Forwarding Agents/Freight Forwarders, Logistics Service Providers, Supply Chain Operators, Exporters and Importers

ONLINE WORKSHOP ON LEVERAGING INDIA'S FTAs FOR EXPORT COMPETITIVENESS : A PRACTICAL WORKSHOP ON CETA AND BEYOND

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Leveraging India's FTAs for Export Competitiveness

A Practical Workshop on CETA and Beyond

10th & 11th December 2025 | Zoom Platform

In the current global trade environment marked by geopolitical realignments, supply chain disruptions, and rising protectionism, leveraging India's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) has emerged as a critical strategy for sustaining and enhancing trade competitiveness.

Global trade is increasingly being shaped by regional trade blocs and strategic economic partnerships, leading to a fragmentation of the multilateral trading system. In this context, India's calibrated approach to FTAs — both existing and those under negotiation with partners such as the UAE, Australia, the UK, the EU, and the EFTA bloc — is vital to

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ensure that Indian exporters continue to enjoy preferential market access and are not disadvantaged in comparison to competitors benefiting from other trade arrangements. This strategic engagement strengthens India's position as a reliable trading and manufacturing hub, aligned with the country's vision of "Atmanirbhar Bharat" and "Make in India for the World."

Moreover, with the United States market showing increasing trade policy unpredictability, India must actively diversify its export destinations through FTAs with high-potential regions in Africa, Latin America and East Asia. These markets offer significant opportunities for Indian products across sectors such as engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, textiles, agri-products, and services.

By leveraging FTAs effectively, India can build resilient and alternative trade linkages, mitigate exposure to any single market, and reinforce its role as a key driver of global trade growth.

In this context to facilitate the EXIM fraternity The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with Intuери Consulting LLP organised an online workshop on 10th and 11th December 2025.

The workshop was well attended by participants from companies like Tata Steel, EXIDE, Vesuvius, SAIL and many more.

Mr Surojit Bose, Senior Advisor- Intuери Consulting LLP setting the context of the workshop and delivered the theme address on Significance & Scope for Leveraging FTAs for Businesses. The workshop had eminent faculties like Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Mr. Sudhakar Kasture Director, Helpline Impex.

The workshop also witnessed the presence of **Shri A. Bipin Menon, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade** who spoke on India's Evolving FTA Strategy: Aligning Trade Policy with Export Competitiveness and **Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** who spoke on Policy framing of FTAs as an integration/connectivity tool.

Ms. Ishasree Mukherjee, Intuери Consulting LLP addressed the workshop on Rules of Origin & CAROTAR 2020 Compliance Clinic. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner – Intuери Consulting LLP and Past President, BCC&I shared his perspective on the current global trade environment, geopolitical changes and its unpredictability and how important it is for our country to adopt a critical strategy for sustaining and enhancing trade competitiveness.

It was an enriching workshop benefitting the EXIM Fraternity.



Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP addressing the workshop

Mr Surojit Bose, Senior Advisor- Intuери Consulting LLP addressing the workshop



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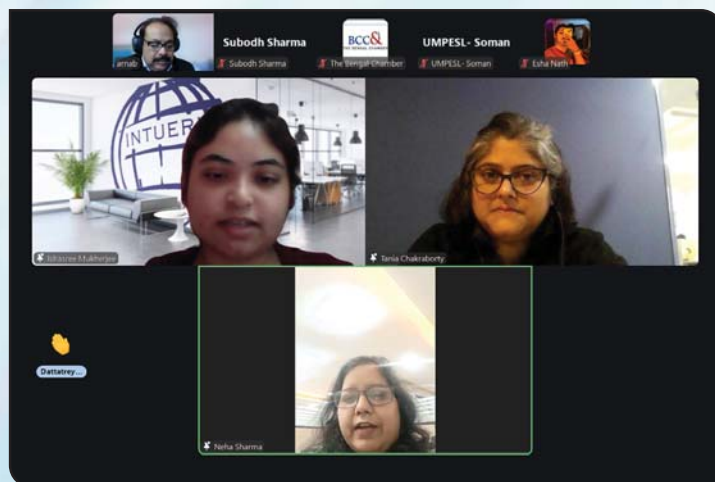
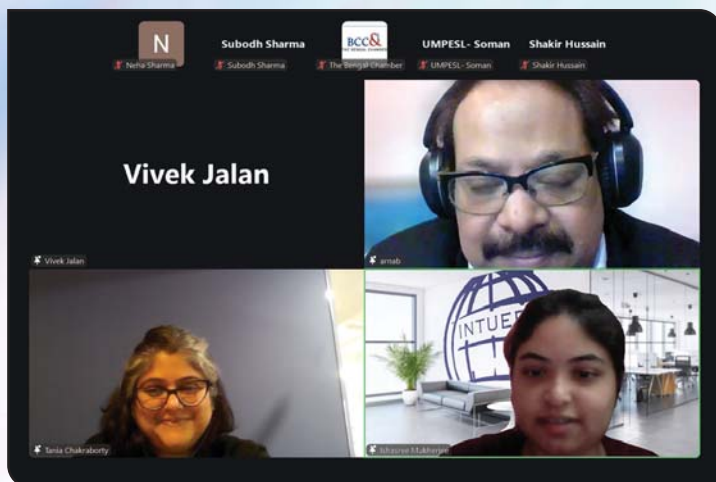
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Mr. Sudhakar Kasture Director, Helpline Impex addressing the workshop



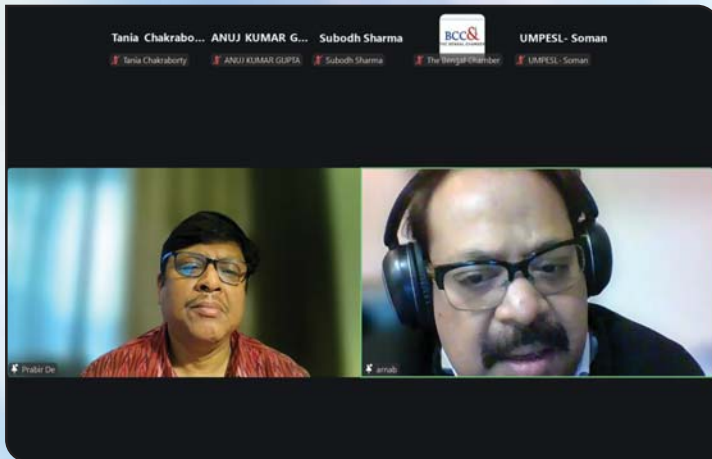
Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP answering the queries of the participants



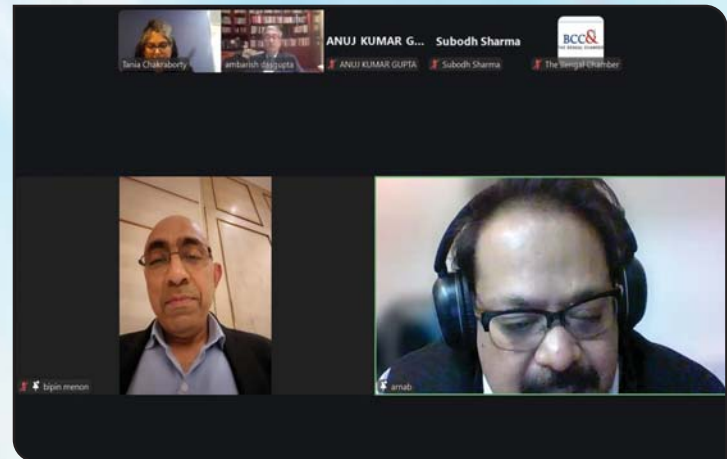
Ms. Ishasree Mukherjee, Intueri Consulting LLP addressing the workshop

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Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity (CMEC) at Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) addressing the workshop



Shri A. Bipin Menon, Additional DGFT, Directorate General of Foreign Trade addressing the workshop



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner – Intueri Consulting LLP and Past President, BCC&I sharing his perspective at the workshop



Mr. Sudhakar Kasture Director, Helpline Impexanswering the queries of the participants



The 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit 2025, held on 12th December 2025 at The Bengal Chamber Premises in Kolkata, marked a landmark gathering under the compelling theme "INDIA'S TURN - Seizing Opportunities Amid Geopolitical Challenges".

Organized by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in collaboration with the Rising Asia Foundation, the Summit served as a premier platform to examine India's strategic positioning in a world reshaped by geopolitical tensions, supply chain disruptions, regional conflicts, and great-power rivalries. Against the backdrop of global volatility—including ongoing issues in Ukraine and the Middle East, U.S.-China competition, climate imperatives, and energy insecurities—the summit highlighted India's emergence as a stabilizing force, a champion of the Global South, and a prime destination for investment and innovation.

The Summit brought together an influential array of stakeholders, including representatives from the Government of West Bengal, prominent industry leaders, defence sector experts, international diplomats, and thought leaders. Discussions delved into regional diplomacy, economic cooperation, and India's multifaceted responses to geopolitical shifts. Distinguished speakers from government, the private sector, academia, and the defence establishment shared forward-looking insights on emerging opportunities across logistics, green technology, fintech, defence exports, and beyond.

This transformative Summit was powered by the generous support of esteemed partners, including **Hindustan Unilever Limited, Advent Education; De Cielo, Bandhan Bank, Caring Minds International, Castrol, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited, Linde; Air Water India, Balmer Lawrie, IEM& UEM, Berger, Century Ply, De & Bose, and Calcutta Tea Traders Association.** The involvement of these high-calibre organizations not only elevated the Summit's prestige but also reflected the broad-based commitment to fostering dialogue on India's pivotal role in the evolving global order.

Over 150 attendees, comprising CXO-level executives, senior government officials, defence professionals, celebrities from

strategic and economic spheres, academicians, and representatives from leading corporations, engaged actively throughout the day. The agenda featured six high-impact thematic discussions that spotlighted India's strategic advantages: reimagining global logistics through supply chain diversification and infrastructure upgrades; asserting leadership in the Global South via inclusive multilateralism and institutions like BRICS+ and SCO; positioning India as a green tech hub with breakthroughs in lithium reserves, green hydrogen, and renewables; emerging as a fintech and investment powerhouse amid financial uncertainties; unlocking defence sector potential through explosive export growth and indigenous innovation; and envisioning 2036 with strengthened sports infrastructure to boost tourism and global events, including a potential Olympics bid.

The Summit was structured across seven focused sessions, addressing a wide spectrum of contemporary strategic, economic, and geopolitical questions ranging from "Can Indian Soft Power Steal the World's Heart?" to "Can India Play a Major Role in Creating a 'New Global Economic & Political Order' ?"; "Can India Build 'New Military and Strategic Alliances' ?"; "Overcoming the Headwinds of Global Financial Uncertainty : India as the Emerging Investment and Fintech Capital "; "Can India Be Among an Exclusive Club of Nations in the 'Second' Space Race? "; "Can Indian Industry Drive the Global Business Narrative? "; and "Can India Launch a 'New Green Revolution'? "

The Summit sparked meaningful exchanges on pathways to harness geopolitical flux for India's advantage—exploring foreign and trade policies to capitalize on tariff wars and boost the balance of payments, amplifying presence among developing nations, accelerating the shift to clean energy, tapping sports tourism potential, and building institutional resilience to match ambitious global goals while addressing investment realities.

The summit was inaugurated with an insightful address by **Ms. Meera Shankar, Former Ambassador of India to the United States.** She said, "India's demographic advantage requires strong job creation, skill development, and

12th December 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

2nd EDITION OF RISING ASIA-BCC&I SUMMIT

productivity improvements. If not managed effectively, the demographic strength could turn into a liability. India's expanding economic weight will also increase regional and global expectations from the country."

Delivering the keynote address virtually, **Dr. Sanjaya Baru, renowned Political Commentator and former Chief Editor, The Financial Express**, highlighted that "India's central challenge is to raise its growth rate from around 6% to a sustained 8% or more." Dr. Baru cautioned that "India's demographic advantage will only be beneficial if the country generates productive employment and raises labour productivity." He further stated that "India should aim not only to serve Asian markets but also to become a major producer within Asia."

Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I, highlighted the unique moment India finds itself in amid global uncertainties. "The world is navigating uncertainty, realignments, and rapid shifts in economic and strategic priorities. And yet, within this complexity lies a remarkable moment for India: a moment to lead, to innovate, and to shape the emerging global order."

Mr. Anirudha Lahiri, Former President, BCC&I; President, Rising Asia Foundation (RAF) and Convenor of the Summit, outlined key opportunities for India. He identified four major areas: supply chain realignment, leadership in the Global South, the green energy transition, and digital leadership.

Highlighting India's evolving security doctrine, **Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd.) remarked**, "In today's world, no country will fight your war for you—strategic autonomy backed by indigenous capability is India's only credible security guarantee."

Addressing the strategic importance of space and data, **Mr. Tapan Mishra, Founder Director, Sisir Radar and Former Director, Space Applications Centre (ISRO)**, stated, "In the next ten years, India will deploy over 300 satellites for military and strategic applications—because data today is more valuable than petroleum."

Other esteemed speakers were : **Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, SBI; Member, Sixteenth Finance Commission of India; Member PMEAC and Co-Chairperson, Economics Affairs National Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Ratan Kumar Kesh, ED & COO, Bandhan Bank Limited and Chairperson, Economics Affairs National Committee, BCC&I ; Mr. Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, Indian Film Director; Mr. Sumit Das Gupta, Founder, ALLCAP Communications Pvt. Ltd. ; Mr. Shaun Kenworthy, Eminent Chef, Restaurateur of Kolkata; Ms. Anuparna Roy, Indian Film Director and Screenwriter ; Mr. Navanit Narayan, Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited; Mr. Sachin Sharma, Vice President and Head-Agri & Dairy Operations and Member, Agri Business Management Committee, ITC Limited; Dr. Ashwini Deshpande, Head of the Department, Economics and Professor of Economics, Ashoka University; Ms. Nidhi Jain, General Manager East, Hindustan Unilever; Lt. Gen (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Eastern Command, Indian Army; Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd.), National Maritime Security Coordinator, ex-Commander-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command; Dr. Sandip K. Chakrabarti, Director and Professor, Indian Centre for Space Physics and Mr. Tapan Misra, Founder Director, Sisir Radar and Former Director, Space Applications Centre (ISRO) among many others.**

In conclusion, the resounding success of the **Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit 2025** stood as a powerful affirmation of collaborative vision and determination. It illuminated India's deliberate ascent on the world stage — not by chance, but through strategic diplomacy, economic foresight, and innovative partnerships. By convening diverse voices to chart realistic, opportunity-rich pathways, the Summit reinforced India's capacity to navigate uncertainty, drive inclusive growth, and emerge as a defining force in shaping a more balanced and prosperous global future.

Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. delivering the Welcome Address of the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



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Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Former President, BCC&I; President, Rising Asia Foundation (RAF) and Convenor of the Summit Setting the Context for 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Few Words on Rising Asia Foundation shared by Dr. Harish Mehta, Founder Chairman, Rising Asia Foundation Trust and Editor-in-Chief, Rising Asia Journal



Ms. Meera Shankar, Former Ambassador of India to United States delivering the Inaugural Address of the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Dr. Sanjaya Baru, Political Commentator & Ex Chief Editor, The Financial Express (Virtual) delivering the Keynote Address at the Inaugural Session of 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Dr. Sanjay Kathuria, Visiting Senior Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress (Virtual) delivering his address at the Session on "Can India Play a Major Role in Creating a "New Global Economic & Political Order?"



Dr. Ashwini Deshpande, Head of the Department, Economics and Professor of Economics, Ashoka University delivering her address during the Session on "Can India Play a Major Role in Creating a "New Global Economic & Political Order?"

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Ms. Nidhi Jain, General Manager East, Hindustan Unilever her address during the Session on "Can India Play a Major Role in Creating a "New Global Economic & Political Order?"



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I moderating the Session on "Can India Play a Major Role in Creating a "New Global Economic & Political Order?"



Special Address on "Making Sense of the World: Theorizing the Realm of the International" by Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu, Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University at the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Assistant Director General, BCC&I moderating the Session on "Can India Launch a New Green Revolution?"



Mr. Sachin Sharma, Vice President and Head- Agri & Dairy Operations and Member, Agri Business Management Committee, ITC Limited delivering his address at the Session on "Can India Launch a New Green Revolution?" at the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Dr. Sandip K. Chakrabarti, Director and Professor, Indian Centre for Space Physics sharing his insights during the Session on "Can India be Among an Exclusive Club of Nations in the "Second" Space Race?" at the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises

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Dr. Biswajoy Chatterjee, Vice Chancellor, University of Engineering and Management (UEM), Jaipur delivering his address during the Session on Can Indian Industry Drive the Global Business Narrative?



Mr. Sidharth Udani, Head Sales & Logistics (East), Balmer Lawrie sharing his leadership thoughts during the Session on Can Indian Industry Drive the Global Business Narrative?



Mr. Subhadip Kundu, National Head – Package Business, Air Water India Pvt. Ltd. delivering his address during the Session on Can Indian Industry Drive the Global Business Narrative?



Mr. Navanit Narayan, Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited. In conversation with the Speakers of the Session on Can Indian Industry Drive the Global Business Narrative? at 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises

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Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, SBI; Member, Sixteenth Finance Commission of India; Member PMEAC and Co-Chairperson, Economics Affairs National Committee, BCC&I sharing his leadership thoughts during the Session on "Overcoming the Headwinds of Global Financial Uncertainty: India as the Emerging Investment and Fintech Capital"



Mr. Ratan Kumar Kesh, ED & COO, Bandhan Bank Limited and Chairperson, Economics Affairs National Committee, BCC&I in conversation with Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, SBI; Member, Sixteenth Finance Commission of India; Member PMEAC and Co-Chairperson, Economics Affairs National Committee, BCC&I during the Session on "Overcoming the Headwinds of Global Financial Uncertainty: India as the Emerging Investment and Fintech Capital"



Special Presentation on "Rising Ambition : Carving New Pathways – India's Energy Transition" by Mr. Ajay Shankar, Former Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India and Distinguished Fellow, TERI at the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Lt. Gen (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Eastern Command, Indian Army sharing his insights during the Session on "Can India Build New Military and Strategic Alliances?"



Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd.), National Maritime Security Coordinator, ex-Commander-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command sharing his insights during the Session on "Can India Build New Military and Strategic Alliances?"



Mr. Anil Raj Kumar Mukerji, Chief Executive - Projects & Business Development - Texmaco Infra, Texmaco Rail and Engineering Ltd. in conversation with the speakers of the session on "Can India Build New Military and Strategic Alliances?" at the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises

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Mr. Shaun Kenworthy, Eminent Chef, Restaurateur of Kolkata delivering his address at the Session on "Can India's Soft Power Steal the World's Heart?"



Mr. Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury, Indian Film Director sharing his insights on "Can India's Soft Power Steal the World's Heart?"



Ms. Anuparna Roy, Indian Film Director and Screenwriter delivering her address during the Session on "Can India's Soft Power Steal the World's Heart?"



Mr. Sumit Das Gupta, Founder, ALLCAP Communications Pvt. Ltd. in conversation with the speakers of the Session on "Can India's Soft Power Steal the World's Heart?" at 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Mr. Rudra Chatterjee, Managing Director, Luxmi Tea delivering the Valedictory address of the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit, 12th December 2025 at BCC&I premises



Dr. Julie Mehta, Founder Trustee, Rising Asia Foundation Trust concluding the deliberations of the 2nd Edition of Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit with her

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SECTION-WISE WORKSHOP ON INCOME TAX ACT 2025

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a Section-wise Workshop on Income Tax Act 2025; the primary goal being to point out and compare “What Changes and What Does Not” between the Income Tax Act, 1961 and the Income Tax Act, 2025 (which received Presidential Assent on 21st August, 2025 and will come into effect from April 1, 2026). The workshop was spread over 5 days, 12th December, 2025 (Friday), 13th December, 2025 (Saturday), 18th December, 2025 (Thursday), 19th December, 2025 (Friday) and 20th December, 2025 (Saturday).

Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, joined as our distinguished faculty for the first session on 12th December, 2025. He delivered the Context Setting and Theme Address; Preliminary Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61) - Broad Change in Sections references - Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61).

For the second session on 12th December, 2025, experts from Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP,

Mr. Bikash Kumar Jain, Associate Partner and Ms. Megha Dhandhanian, Manager, presented on Heads of Incomes; - Broad Change in Sections references - Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61).

On 13th December 2025, Mr. Himanshu Patel, Partner and Mr. Alpesh Gupta, Associate Director, from Deloitte India joined for the first session as our distinguished faculties and they delivered on Collection and Recovery of Tax and Refunds - Broad Change in Sections references - Major Changes of

Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61) respectively. For the second session, Shri Ramesh Patodia, CA, Advocate, Litigation Consultant & Author, joined the discourse and delivered on Tax Administration; Return of Income Procedure For Assessment Special Provisions Relating To Certain Persons - Broad Change in Sections references - Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61).

Shri S. K. Tulsian, Special Invitee to National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advocate, M/s S. K. Tulsian & Co. joined the course as our distinguished faculty for 18th and 19th of December, 2025 (Friday and Saturday) delivering with ease and his expertise on Rebates And Reliefs - Broad Change in Sections references Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61), Double taxation relief, Special Provisions Relating To Avoidance Of Tax General Anti Avoidance Rule Mode Of Payment In Certain Cases, etc Determination of Tax in Special Cases Determination Of Tax In Special Cases - Broad Change in Sections references - Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61) and Non-Profit Organisations Appeals, Revisions And Alternate Dispute Resolutions - Broad Change in Sections and references - Major Changes of Income Tax Act 2025 (ITA'25) vis-à-vis Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA'61). He added examples from his experiences which helped the audience to understand the discussed topics better.

For the last day of the workshop we had Mr. Saurabh Gupta, CA, and Shri S. M. Surana, Advocate, who delivered on Income of Other Persons, Included In Total Income Of Assessee; Aggregation Of Income; Set Off, Or Carry Forward; Deductions; Miscellaneous and Penalties Offences and Prosecution respectively. Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson, National Fiscal

Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP provided a short recap of the entire workshop and delivered the closing remarks.

The workshop witnessed the launch of the book *The Income Tax Act, 2025- A Section-Wise Comparison With Income Tax Act 1961 and Select Committee Recommendations*, by Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

& Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Mr. Saurabh Gupta, CA (Vol I and Vol II) published by B.C. Publications.

The delegates were spread over both physical and online modes in this workshop and made the sessions interactive, clearing their doubts and discussing with the experienced faculties the areas where they might face problems and the faculties reverted to those queries with attention and sincerity. Around 50 delegates joined the workshop, including online and offline participation.



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Section-wise Workshop on Income Tax Act 2025, Day 1 : 12th December, Faculties : Mr. Bikash Kumar Jain, Associate Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP & Ms. Megha Dhandhanian, Manager, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Section-wise Workshop on Income Tax Act 2025, Day 2 : 13th December, Faculty : Mr. Himanshu Patel Partner, Deloitte India Mr. Alpesh Gupta Associate Director, Deloitte India

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Section-wise Workshop on Income Tax Act 2025, Day 2 : 20th December, Faculty : Mr. Saurabh Gupta, CA



Section-wise Workshop on Income Tax Act 2025, Day 2 : 20th December, Faculty : Shri S. M. Surana, Advocate



Audience at the Workshop



Presentation of the Book on Income Tax Act 2025 Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Author of the book to Shri S. K. Tulsiyan, Special Invitee to National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advocate, M/s. S. K. Tulsiyan & Co

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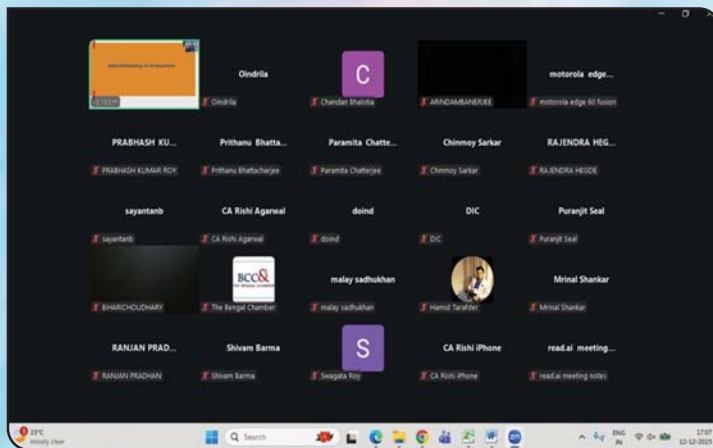
Presentation of Memento to Faculty : Mr. Saurabh Gupta, CA



Group picture with physical participants along with the faculties



Presentation of Certificates of the Workshop



Online participants at the Workshop

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The **Marketing & Brand (M&B) Conclave 2025**, organised under the aegis of the **Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I)**, was held on **13th December 2025** at **ITC Sonar, Kolkata**, bringing together senior marketing leaders, brand custodians, technology experts and business decision-makers from across the country.

Centered around the theme **“Navigating Through Transformation: How Brands & Marketers Can Differentiate in the AI-Driven Consumer Landscape,”** the conclave explored how artificial intelligence, data ethics and emerging technologies are reshaping consumer engagement, trust and brand growth.

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The conclave commenced with a **Welcome Address by Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and MD & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd.**, followed by **context setting by Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I.** A **Special Address** was delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) R. P. Banerjee, Author, Chairman & Director, EILM–Kolkata.**

The **Keynote Address**, titled *“Harnessing AI for a Transformational Business Advantage,”* was delivered by **Mr. Arun Kumar Parameswaran, Executive Vice President & Managing Director – Sales & Distribution, Salesforce, South Asia.** He shared valuable insights on leveraging AI for scalable, sustainable, and competitive business growth.

A key highlight of the morning session was **“Voice of the Leader : Amul – Navigating Through Transformation,”** featuring **Mr. Jayen Mehta, Managing Director, Amul (GCMMF),** who joined virtually and shared perspectives on transformation within one of India’s most iconic and trusted brands.

The conclave featured two high-impact panel discussions :

- **Panel Discussion 1 : Adapting to Change: Insights from Industry and Brand Managers,** featuring **Mr. Nishant Gupta, Marketing Head, Berger Paints India Ltd.;** **Mr. Murali Krishnan, Co-Founder & CMO, Wow! Momo Foods** and **Mr. Subhro Sarkar, AVP & Head – Brand Marketing (AI Cell & Innovation Strategy), Ambuja Neotia.** The session was chaired by **Mr. Debarshi Chakravorti, Vice President – Interactive Avenues.**
- **Panel Discussion 2 : Trust in the AI Era: Ethical Data Handling & Building Consumer Confidence,** with **Mr. Abhishek Rungta, Founder & CEO, Indus Net Technologies Pvt. Ltd.;** **Mr. Debayan Banerjee, Digital Head, Berger Paints India Ltd.** and **Mr. Arnab Ganguly, Vice President – Data Analytics & Customer Experience, former Tata Digital.** The session was chaired by **Mr. Navarun Sen, Chief Operating Officer, Century Plyboards (India) Limited.**

The post-lunch sessions focused on emerging AI-led solutions and marketing innovation. These included the launch of **INT Vyom – a Goal-Oriented Voice Agent by Indus Net Technologies Limited;** a presentation by **Mr. Milan Majumder, Director, AI & Data Science, Digital Sherpa;** session on **data quality and governance in data-driven marketing** by **Mr. Debasish Addy, Founder, Addy Digital Analytics Private Limited** and insights into **experiential marketing strategies** by **Mr. Shuvadip Banerjee, Chief Digital Marketing Officer, ITC Ltd.** The conclave concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** by **Mr. Praveen Srivastava, Chief – Marketing & Sales (Branded Products and Retail), Tata Steel Limited.**

The **M&B Conclave 2025** reaffirmed its position as a significant thought leadership platform, underscoring **BCC&I’s commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue at the intersection of marketing, technology and business transformation in an AI-first world.**



Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I setting the context of the Conclave



Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and MD & CEO Berger Paints India Ltd. during his Welcome Address



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Special Address by Prof. (Dr.) R. P. Banerjee, Author, Chairman & Director EILM-Kolkata



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director emceeding the Conclave



Gifts and mementoes are being handed over by Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I to Prof. (Dr.) R. P. Banerjee, Author, Chairman & Director EILM-Kolkata



Keynote Speaker Mr. Arun Kumar Parameswaran, Executive Vice President & MD, Sales & Distribution, Salesforce, South Asia spoke on "Harnessing AI for a Transformational Business Advantage"



Gifts and mementoes being handed over to Mr. Arun Kumar Parameswaran, Executive Vice President & MD, Sales & Distribution, Salesforce, South Asia by Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and MD & CEO Berger Paints India Ltd



Mr. Jayen Mehta, MD, Amul (GMMF) joined online for his session "Voice of the Leader: Amul: Navigating Through Transformation"

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Quiz in progress



AI Quiz organised by Mr. Jayen Mehta, MD, Amul (GCMMF)



Winners of the AI Quiz. Amul gifts are being handed over by Mr. B. R. Mullick, General Manager (Sales), Amul and Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Assistant Director General, BCC&I



Winners of the AI Quiz. Amul gifts are being handed over by Mr. Praveen Shrivastava, Chief of Marketing & Sales Branded Products & Retail (FP), Tata Steel Limited



Panel Discussion on "Adapting to Change: Insights from Industry and Brand Managers". From left Mr. Debarshi Chakravorti, VP-Interactive Avenues (Session Chair); Mr. Nishant Gupta- Marketing Head, Berger Paints India Ltd; Mr. Murali Krishnan, Co-Founder & CMO, Wow! Momo Foods and Mr. Subhro Sarkar, AVP & Head Brand Marketing -AI Cell & Innovation Strategy, Ambuja Neotia
Session Chair - Mr. Debarshi Chakravorti, VP- Interactive Avenues

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Mr. Subhro Sarkar, AVP & Head Brand Marketing - AI Cell & Innovation Strategy, Ambuja Neotia



Gifts and mementoes are being handed over to Mr. Subhro Sarkar, AVP & Head Brand Marketing - AI Cell & Innovation Strategy, Ambuja Neotia by Mr. Santanu Mukherjee, Director - Growth, Indus Net Technologies Ltd (INT Ltd)



Gifts and mementoes are being handed over to Mr. Murali Krishnan, Co-Founder & CMO, Wow! Momo Foods by Mr. Sidhartha Roy, CEO, Response India Limited

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Mr. Debayan Banerjee, Digital Head, Berger Paints Pvt. Ltd



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Mr. Shuvadip Banerjee, ITC Ltd, Chief Digital Marketing Officer (ITC LTD) | Content, Commerce, Community, D2C, Insights & Analytics, Media, CRM speaking on Experiential Marketing: Anticipating & Creating Consumer Desire

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Q&A Session



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INT Vyom launch - Goal-Oriented Voice Agent by Ms. Anya Deb, Senior Manager, Business Growth, Indus Net Technologies Limited



Live demo in progress



The Agentic AI BPM Platform for Scalable Growth by Mr. Milan Majumder, Director, AI & Data Science, Digital Sherpa



Presentation by Mr. Milan Majumder, Director, AI & Data Science, Digital Sherpa

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Mr. Debasish Addy, Founder, Addy Digital Analytics Private Limited speaking on “Data-Driven Marketing Starts with Data Quality and Governance”



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Mr. Praveen Srivastava, Chief – Marketing & Sales (Branded products and Retail), Tata Steel Limited during the Vote of Thanks

BCC&I INFRASTRUCTURE CONCLAVE, “FROM ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ASSETS — FAST-TRACKING INDIA’S CORE INFRASTRUCTURE”

19th December 2025,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized its flagship “BCC&I Infrastructure Conclave” on 19th December 2025 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The Conclave was spearheaded by Mr. Dip Kishore Sen, Former L&T Board Member, Advisor to CMD for Development Projects, Larsen & Toubro Limited & Chair, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Jayanta Basu, Managing Director, Cemindia Projects Limited and Member, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I. Their visionary leadership was complemented by the valuable contributions of the distinguished members of the National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I, who collectively enriched the Conclave with their profound expertise and strategic insights. The Conclave theme was “From Announcements to Assets-Fast-tracking India’s Core Infrastructure.” The theme reflected

India’s decisive shift from policy intent to tangible, on-ground outcomes. Over the past few years, the National and sectoral infrastructure commitments have increasingly translated into executed corridors, expressways, logistics systems and integrated transport networks demonstrating the country’s growing ability to move from planning to delivery with speed, scale and precision. The Conclave highlighted India’s new infrastructure ethos where announcements, DPRs and policy frameworks are no longer endpoints but the starting point for accelerated execution, integrated planning and time-bound delivery.

The Conclave began with the Opening Session where Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I delivered the Welcome Address and Mr. A. R. Soni, EVP and Head – Corporate Affairs, Larsen & Toubro delivered the Opening Address.

**19th December 2025,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi**

BCC&I INFRASTRUCTURE CONCLAVE, “FROM ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ASSETS — FAST-TRACKING INDIA’S CORE INFRASTRUCTURE”

The Keynote Address was given by Chief Guest Shri Alok Raj, Former Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India.

This was followed by the Experts’ Roundtable titled “From Announcements to Assets — Fast-tracking India’s Core Infrastructure,” moderated by Mr. A. R. Soni and featuring industry leaders Mr. Parvesh Minocha, Chairman, Feedback Highways OMT Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Pawan Kant, CEO, Interise Investment Managers Ltd., and Mr. Sudhir Hoshing, Former CEO, IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd. and Member, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I.

The next roundtable, “Spanning the Future: Bridges, Tunnels and Changing Urban Landscape,” was moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty and included expert insights from Mr. Bhadresh Pathak, Chief Executive, L&T Sufin and Member, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Mahesh Chandran, Business Head – Equipment & Services, Underground & Infrastructure, Normet India Pvt. Ltd.

The discussion on “Materials & MSMEs – Click-to-Concrete: Digital Supply Chains for Infra,” also moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty brought perspectives from Mr. Bhadresh Pathak and Ms. Swagata Rane, Head – Distribution Channel & Anchor Sourcing, Supply Chain Finance, L&T Finance Ltd.

The Conclave concluded with a Valedictory Session themed “Rs. 11.21 Lakh Crores & Beyond: Funding the Next Decade,” moderated by Dr. P. R. Jaishankar, Former CMD, IIFCL and Member, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I with speakers Mr. Saurabh Suneja, Director – Strategy and Policy, National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL) and Mr. Arun Kirtania, CFO, Nabha Power Limited.

The Conclave brought together industry stakeholders across various sectors including Roads & Highways, Urban Development & Metro Rail, Railways and Logistics, Infrastructure Finance, Technology and Skill Development to have insightful discussions and collaborative explorations in overcoming the infrastructure challenges and to have sustainable infrastructure of global standard in India.



BCC&I Infrastructure Conclave held on 19th December 2025, New Delhi



Mr. A R Soni, EVP and Head Corporate Affairs, L&T delivering the Opening Address



Chief Guest, Mr. Alok Raj, Former Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India delivering the Keynote Address



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I at the Opening Session with Mr. Alok Raj, Former Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India and Mr. A R Soni, EVP and Head Corporate Affairs, L&T

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(L-R) Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I, Mr. Sudhir Hoshing, Former CEO, IRB Infrastructure Developers Ltd. and Member, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I, Mr. Alok Raj, Former Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, Mr. A R Soni, EVP and Head Corporate Affairs, L&T, Mr. Bhadresh Pathak, Chief Executive, L&T Sufinand Member, National Infrastructure Committee, BCC&I



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Participants at the BCC&I Infrastructure Conclave

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) successfully organized the **Annual Corporate Governance Session and its flagship 4th edition of BCC&I CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Conclave & Awards 2025**, on 19th December 2025, from 10:00 am at Taj City Centre, Kolkata.

This initiative was designed to celebrate the most remarkable and impactful development efforts in the country and aimed to honour exceptional contributions that set new benchmarks by driving transformative change through innovation and excellence. Over 80 corporates and NGOs participated in the Awards, highlighting their outstanding developmental projects.

The conclave commenced with a **Welcome Address by Mr. Jitendra Kumar**, Chairperson, National CSR and Corporate Governance Committee, BCC&I, who underscored the urgent need for **collaborative action between corporates, government and civil society** to build a sustainable and inclusive future. He introduced the session theme and emphasized that sustainability today demands shared ownership rather than isolated initiatives.

Dr. Meera Mitra, Guest of Honour and Governing Body Member, Centre for Responsible Business, highlighted the interconnected nature of environmental, social and governance challenges. Drawing from global environmental experiences and innovation frameworks, she stressed that sustainability is as much about **internal transformation as external action**, remarking that “the biggest challenge in sustainability is to change yourself.”

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP and Former President, BCC&I, traced the evolution of CSR in India, highlighting the mobilization of over ₹ 2 lakh crore and introducing the concept of CSR 2.0. He identified six forces shaping the next phase of CSR, including technology and AI adoption, geopolitical integration, governance-linked impact investment, activist consumers, and outcome-driven implementation.

Mr. Jaidip Mukerjea, distinguished Director, Advisory Board Member, Govt. of West Bengal, and Director of Jaidip Mukerjea Tennis Academy, was the esteemed Guest of Honour at the Inaugural Session.

The **Chief Guest, Shri Suresh Kumar, IAS**, Chairman, Damodar Valley Corporation, emphasized India’s unique climate vulnerability and biodiversity, advocating CSR leadership anchored in **trust, accountability and integrity**, noting that “sustainable business is built not on financial capital, but on human trust.”

Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former DG & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, described India’s CSR journey as a global success story and a people’s movement. He stressed that the future of CSR lies in **ESG integration, AI-enabled monitoring, long-term project design, and measurable impact**.

‘In a special presentation, **Mr. Malay Pit**, Founder & CEO, Positive Barta shared an inspiring narrative on purpose-driven entrepreneurship and cultural branding. Through initiatives like **Bolpur Haat**, he demonstrated how structured story telling and branding can empower local artists and artisans, enabling creativity to thrive while preserving cultural heritage.

This was followed by three panel discussions, the first session on **“ESG in the Boardroom: From Compliance to Competitive Advantage,”** moderated by **Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee**, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. The esteemed panel comprised **Mr. Saunak Saha**, Partner – Climate Change and Sustainability Services, Ernst & Young; **Mr. Sujay Biswas**, Senior Vice President and Head of Corporate Strategy and Sustainability, Exide Industries Ltd.; **Prof. Rohan Sarma**, Social Scientist and Invited CSR and Sustainability Expert associated with BIS, CII, Balmer Lawrie and the EBG Federation; and **Mr. Saket Sah**, Group Head – Investor Relations and ESG Reporting, RPSG Group. The panelists underscored that ESG must move beyond a checklist-driven compliance exercise to become a strategic lever for long-term value creation, anchored in transparent disclosures, ecosystem collaboration, indigenous sustainability thinking and capital market alignment, noting that ESG delivers true competitive advantage only when embedded within corporate strategy and board-level decision-making.

The second session, titled **“Managing Data Risk: DPDP Compliance for Corporates,”** was powered by **AQUILAW** as the Legal & Technical Partner and moderated by **Mr. Rajarshi Das Gupta**, Executive Director, AQUILAW. The panel featured **Mr. G. R. Srikanth**, Group General Counsel, RPSG Group; **Mr. Debarshi Mukherjee**, Managing Counsel and Global Head for Product, Marketing and Intellectual Property, Coursera; and **Mr. Abhiroop Mukherjee**, Associate General Counsel, ITC Limited. The discussion underscored the urgency of adopting a **policy-first, board-owned approach** to data protection, with speakers emphasizing the need for organizational culture change, robust accountability mechanisms, effective consent management, and awareness of the significant financial and reputational risks arising from non-compliance. The panel concluded that **DPDP compliance is a core governance imperative rather than a mere legal formality**.

The third session, titled **“Collaborating for Change: Corporate–NGO Synergy for Viksit Bharat,”** was moderated

by **Mr. Amitabh Shah**, Founder & Chief Inspiration Officer, Yuva Unstoppable. The panel comprised **Ms. Sujata Sen**, CEO, Future Hope; **Mr. Nishant Sinha**, Head – CSR, Exide Industries Ltd.; **Mr. Atul Singh**, Advisor and Consultant – CSR & Sustainability, Emami Ltd.; and **Ms. Avni Khodiar**, Student Representative, LakshmiPat Singhania Academy, Kolkata. The discussion centred on the shift from traditional philanthropy to **co-creation partnerships**, with panelists emphasizing the importance of hyper-local NGO engagement, outcome-based audits, convergence with government initiatives, and ecosystem collaboration to scale impact effectively. The session concluded that sustainable development can be achieved only through **collaboration, trust and shared ownership across sectors**.

The fourth and final session, titled **“Impact Redefined: CSR in the Age of Artificial Intelligence,”** was moderated by **Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee**, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs. The panel featured Mr. Kumar Anurag Pratap, Vice President & Head – CSR and Sustainability, Capgemini Technology Services India Ltd.; **Ms. Puja Marwaha**, Chief Executive Officer, Child Rights and You (CRY); **Mr. Aninda Das**, Vice President – Marketing, Infinity Infotech Parks Limited; and **Ms. Aiushi Thakur**, Student Representative, BDM International School, Kolkata. The discussion explored how **Artificial Intelligence can augment—but never replace—human judgment, empathy and ethics** in CSR, with speakers highlighting the role of augmented intelligence, the need for clear ethical boundaries, and the primacy of human values when working with vulnerable communities. The session concluded that technology can amplify social impact only when guided by **human intent, accountability and responsibility**.

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 along with Mr. Amitabh Shah, Founder & Chief Inspiration Officer, Yuva Unstoppable; **Ms. Puja Marwaha**, Chief Executive Officer, Child Rights and You (CRY); Mr. P S Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Peerless Group & Former Chairman, Coal India; and **Mr. Ritesh Sinha**, Head ESG, HDFC Bank Ltd. **Intueri Consulting LLP**, a renowned consulting agency was the Knowledge Partner for this year.

The programme culminated in a prestigious **Award Distribution Ceremony**, celebrating exceptional contributions to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). A key highlight was the **Lifetime Achievement Award** conferred upon **Mr. Ravindra Chamaria**, Chairman & Managing Director, **Infinity Group**, for his enduring contribution to corporate leadership and social responsibility. Among NGO awardees, **Special Jury Awards** in the **NGO – Small**

Category were presented to **Bhaktivedanta Research Center** and **Network for Enterprise Enhancement and Development Support (NEEDS)**, while **Smile Foundation** received the **Special Jury Award** in the **NGO – Large Category**. In the **NGO – Small Category**, **Indian Cancer Society** emerged as the Winner, with **Mukti** as First Runner-up and **Child in Need Institute** as Second Runner-up; in the **NGO – Medium Category**, **Environment Conservation Society (Switch ON Foundation)** was declared the Winner, followed by **Tagore Society for Rural Development** as First Runner-up, **Nav Srishti** as Second Runner-up and **Centre for Catalyzing Change** as Third Runner-up; and in the **NGO – Large Category**, **Dilasa Janvikas Pratishthan** and **VIHAAN** were named Joint Winners, with **Transform Schools and Parivaar Education Foundation** as Joint First Runners-up, **Leap For Word** as Second Runner-up, and **Anudip Foundation for Social Welfare** as Third Runner-up.

From the corporate sector, the awards recognised exemplary CSR leadership across categories. **Special Jury Awards** under the **Small Corporate Category** were conferred upon **TM International Logistics Limited** for outstanding contribution to **Environment** and **Genius HRTech Ltd.** for **Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, and Women Empowerment**, while under the **Medium Category**, **Infosys Limited** received the **Special Jury Award** for its contribution to **Healthcare, Welfare, Empowerment and Community Development**. In the **Small Corporate Category**, **Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.** and **Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited** were named **Joint Runners-up** for **Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, and Women Empowerment**, with **Grasim Industries Ltd. – Aditya Birla Insulators, Rishra** declared the **Winner**; for **Healthcare & Empowerment / Holistic Development**, **Century Plyboards India Ltd.** was the **Runner-up**, while **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.** emerged as the **Winner**. Under the **Medium Corporate Category**, for **Healthcare, Welfare, Empowerment and Community Development**, **Mahanagar Gas Limited** was the **Runner-up** and **Century Plyboards India Ltd.** the **Winner**, while for **Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, and Women Empowerment**, **Vesuvius India Limited** was named **Runner-up** and **TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited** the **Winner**. In the **Large Corporate Category**, for **Healthcare**, **Damodar Valley Corporation** and **Jindal Steel Ltd.** were declared **Joint Winners**; for **Education, Skill Development & Livelihood and Empowerment**, **EXL** was the **Runner-up** and **Capgemini Technology Services India Limited** the **Winner**; and for **Environment and Sanitation**, **Bosch Limited** was awarded the **Winner**.

The initiative was supported by Conclave Partner – Exide Industries Limited, Platinum Partner – Infinity Infotech Parks Limited, In Association with Friends FM, Gold Partners –

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The conclave reaffirmed that the future of CSR, ESG and sustainability lies in collaboration over compliance, impact over intent, and trust over transactions. By bringing together diverse stakeholders on one platform, BCC&I reinforced its commitment to shaping a compassionate, inclusive and impact-driven development agenda for India.

Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chairperson, National CSR Committee & Corporate Governance Committee, BCC&I and Company Secretary & President (Legal & Corporate Affairs), Exide Industries Limited delivering the Welcome Address at the Inaugural session of the Annual Corporate Governance Session and 4th Edition of CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Awards on 19th December 2025 at Taj City Centre, Kolkata



Address by Guest of Honour Dr. Meera Mitra, Governing Body Member Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) and Special Invitee to BCC&I Sustainability Forum and Adviser at the Inaugural session of the Annual Corporate Governance Session and 4th Edition of CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Awards on 19th December 2025 at Taj City Centre, Kolkata

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Mr. Malay Pit, Founder & CEO, Positive Barta presented a special presentation narrative on purpose-driven entrepreneurship and cultural branding



Moderator Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs of the Panel Discussion 1 - "ESG in the Boardroom : From Compliance to Competitive Advantage,"

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Mr. Saunak Saha, Partner Climate Change and Sustainability Services, Ernst and Young, one of the panelists of Session 1 sharing his insights



Mr. Sujay Biswas, Senior VP – Head of Corporate Strategy and Sustainability, Exide Industries Ltd one of the panelists of Session 1 sharing his insights



Prof. Rohan Sarma, Social Scientist and Invited CSR and Sustainability Expert - BIS, CII, Balmer Lawrie and EBG Federation one of the panelists of Session 1 sharing his insights



Mr. Saket Sah, Group Head Investors Relation and ESG Reporting, RPSG Group, one of the panelists of Session 1 sharing his insights



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Panel Discussion 2 on “Managing Data Risk: DPD Compliance for Corporates”, powered by AQUILAW was moderated by Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director, AQUILAW

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Mr. G R Srikanth, Group General Counsel, RPSG Group one of the panelists of Session 2 sharing his insights



Mr. Debarshi Mukherjee, Managing Counsel and Global Head for Product, Marketing and Intellectual Property, Coursera one of the panelists of Session 2 sharing his insights



Mr Abhiroop Mukherjee, Associate General Counsel, ITC Limited one of the panelists of Session 2 sharing his insights



Mr. Amitabh Shah, Founder & Chief Inspiration Officer, Yuva Unstoppable, moderated the Panel Discussion 3 on "Collaborating for Change: Corporate – NGO synergy for Viksit Bharat"



(From L-R) Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Asst. Director General, BCC&I; Mr. G R Srikanth, Group General Counsel, RPSG Group; Mr Abhiroop Mukherjee, Associate General Counsel, ITC Limited; Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director, AQUILAW; Mr. Jitendra Kumar, Chairperson, National CSR Committee & Corporate Governance Committee, BCC&I and Company Secretary & President (Legal & Corporate Affairs), Exide Industries Limited; Mr. Debarshi Mukherjee, Managing Counsel and Global Head for Product, Marketing and Intellectual Property, Coursera



Ms. Sujata Sen, CEO, Future Hope one of the panelists of Session 3 sharing her insights

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Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, Former Director General & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, moderated the Panel Discussion 4 on “Impact Redefined: CSR in the Age of Artificial Intelligence”



Mr. Kumar Anurag Pratap, VP & Head - CSR & Sustainability, Capgemini Technology Services India Ltd one of the panelists of Session 4 sharing his insights

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Ms. Puja Marwaha, Chief Executive Officer, Child Rights and You (CRY) one of the panelists of Session 4 sharing her insights



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The award process was presented by the Knowledge Partner, Mr. Dattatreya Datta from Inteuri Consulting LLP at the 4th Edition of the BCC&I Social Leadership Awards, held on December 19, 2025, at Taj City Centre, Kolkata



Mr. Ravindra Chamaria, Chairman & Managing Director Infinity Group receiving "Life Time Achievement" award at the 4th Edition of the BCC&I Social Leadership Awards, held on December 19, 2025, at Taj City Centre, Kolkata

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Bhaktivedanta Research Center receiving the Special Jury Awards in the NGO – Small Category



Network for Enterprise Enhancement and Development Support (NEEDS) receiving the Special Jury Awards in the NGO – Small Category



Smile Foundation receiving the Special Jury Award in the NGO – Large Category



Indian Cancer Society receiving the Winner award in the NGO – Small Category



Mukti receiving the First Runner-up award in the NGO – Small Category

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Child in Need Institute receiving the Second Runner-up award in the NGO – Small Category



Environment Conservation Society (Switch ON Foundation) receiving the Winner award in the NGO – Medium Category



Tagore Society for Rural Development receiving the First Runner-up award in the NGO – Medium Category



Nav Sriшти receiving the Second Runner-up award in the NGO – Medium Category



Centre for Catalyzing Change receiving the Third Runner-up award in the NGO – Medium Category



DilasaJanvikasPratishthan receiving the Joint Winner award in the NGO – Large Category

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VIHAAN receiving the Joint Winner award in the NGO – Large Category



Transform Schools receiving the Joint First Runner-up award in the NGO – Large Category



Parivaar Education Foundation receiving the Joint First Runner-up award in the NGO – Large Category



LeapForWord receiving the Second Runner-up award in the NGO – Large Category



Anudip Foundation for Social Welfare receiving the Third Runner-up award in the NGO – Large Category



TM International Logistics receiving the Special Jury Award in the Small Corporate Category for outstanding contribution to Environment

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Genius HRTech Ltd. receiving the Special Jury Award in the Small Corporate Category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, and Women Empowerment



Infosys Limited receiving the Special Jury Award in the Medium Corporate Category for its contribution to Healthcare, Welfare, Empowerment and Community Development



Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. receiving the Joint Runner-up Award in Small Corporate Category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, and Women Empowerment



Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited receiving the Joint Runner-up Award in Small Corporate Category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, and Women Empowerment



Grasim Industries Ltd - Aditya Birla Insulators, Rishra receiving the Winner Award in the Small Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, Women Empowerment



CENTURY PLYBOARDS INDIA LTD receiving the Runner-up Award in the Small Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Healthcare & Empowerment, Holistic Development

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Vesuvius India Limited receiving the Runner-up Award in the Medium Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, Women Empowerment



TP Central Odisha Distribution Limited receiving the Winner Award in the Medium Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, Women Empowerment



DAMODAR VALLEY CORPORATION receiving the Joint Winner Award in the Large Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Healthcare

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ANNUAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE SESSION AND 4th EDITION OF BCC&I CSR CONCLAVE AND SOCIAL LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE & AWARDS 2025

19th December 2025, Taj City Centre, Kolkata



JINDAL STEEL LTD. receiving the Joint Winner Award in the Large Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Healthcare



EXL receiving the Runner-up Award in the Large Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, Empowerment



Capgemini Technology Services India Limited receiving the Winner Award in the Large Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Education, Skill Development & Livelihood, Empowerment



WINNER for outstanding contribution in Environment, Sanitation (Large Corporate) -Bosch Limited receiving the Winner Award in the Large Corporate category for outstanding contribution in Environment, Sanitation



Section of audience of the Annual Corporate Governance Session and 4th Edition of CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Awards on 19th December 2025 at Taj City Centre, Kolkata



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director and Ms. Debarati Kundu, Project Manager, BCC&I announcing the awards

20th December 2025,
The Golden Retreat, Haldia

9th EDITION OF HALDIA INDUSTRIAL REGION DISCUSSION
FORUM ON ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the 9th Edition of Haldia Industrial Region Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability at The Golden Retreat, Haldia on 20th December 2025. The forum continues as BCC&I's long-standing commitment to fostering sustainable industrial growth while addressing environmental challenges specific to the Haldia industrial region.

Haldia has long been a backbone of industrial growth in Eastern India but as a coastal industrial region it is important to ensure that the ports, refineries, manufacturing units and logistics networks can withstand climate change while continuing to provide livelihoods and economic stability. A resilient industrial ecosystem is one that can adapt, recover and move forward stronger.

Aligned with this vision, the theme of the Forum this year was — '**Resilient Industrial Ecosystems: Integrating Climate Adaptation with Sustainable Growth**' which underscores the need to embed climate resilience within long-term industrial and economic planning for the region.

The discussion witnessed the esteemed presence of **Mr. Jyotirmoy Kar**, Chairman, Haldia Development Authority; **Mr. Vaibhav Chaudhary**, IAS, CEO, Haldia Development Authority;

Mr. Susanta Kumar Das, Executive Director (Technical), IOCL, Haldia Refinery; **Mr. Chandra Shekhar Prasad**, Chairperson, Haldia Focus Committee, BCC&I and COO, Indorama India Private Limited; **Mr. Susobhan Patra**, Co-Chairperson, Haldia Focus Committee, BCC&I and Vice President & Plant Head, Haldia Energy Ltd; **Mr. Barun Kumar Sarangi**, Vice President and Unit Head, Shree Renuka Sugars Ltd., **Mr. Sandeep Balkrishna Vipra**, Head Operations, Head Plant Office, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd., **Mr. Subhasish Pal**, General Manager – Technology, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd., **Mr. Satyajit Ganguly**, Chief Manager, Haldia Energy Limited and **Mr. Arun Mondal**, Deputy General Manager-Environment, Indorama India Pvt. Ltd.

The discussion forum highlighted that collective responsibility is the key to address climate change, biodiversity loss and the depletion of natural resources and that collaborative action and knowledge-sharing are essential to fostering harmony between human development and the environment. The discussions also emphasized on the need to promote green infrastructure development in Haldia to ensure a sustainable future alongside improved operational efficiency. The programme was attended by around 85 participants representing the petrochemicals, chemicals, refineries, oil and gas, power sector etc. of the Haldia industrial region.



Left to Right - **Mr. Subhasish Pal**, General Manager –Technology, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd (giving presentation), **Mr. Arun Mondal**, Deputy General Manager-Environment, Indorama India Pvt. Ltd, **Mr. Satyajit Ganguly**, Chief Manager, Haldia Energy Limited

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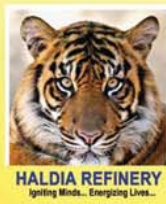
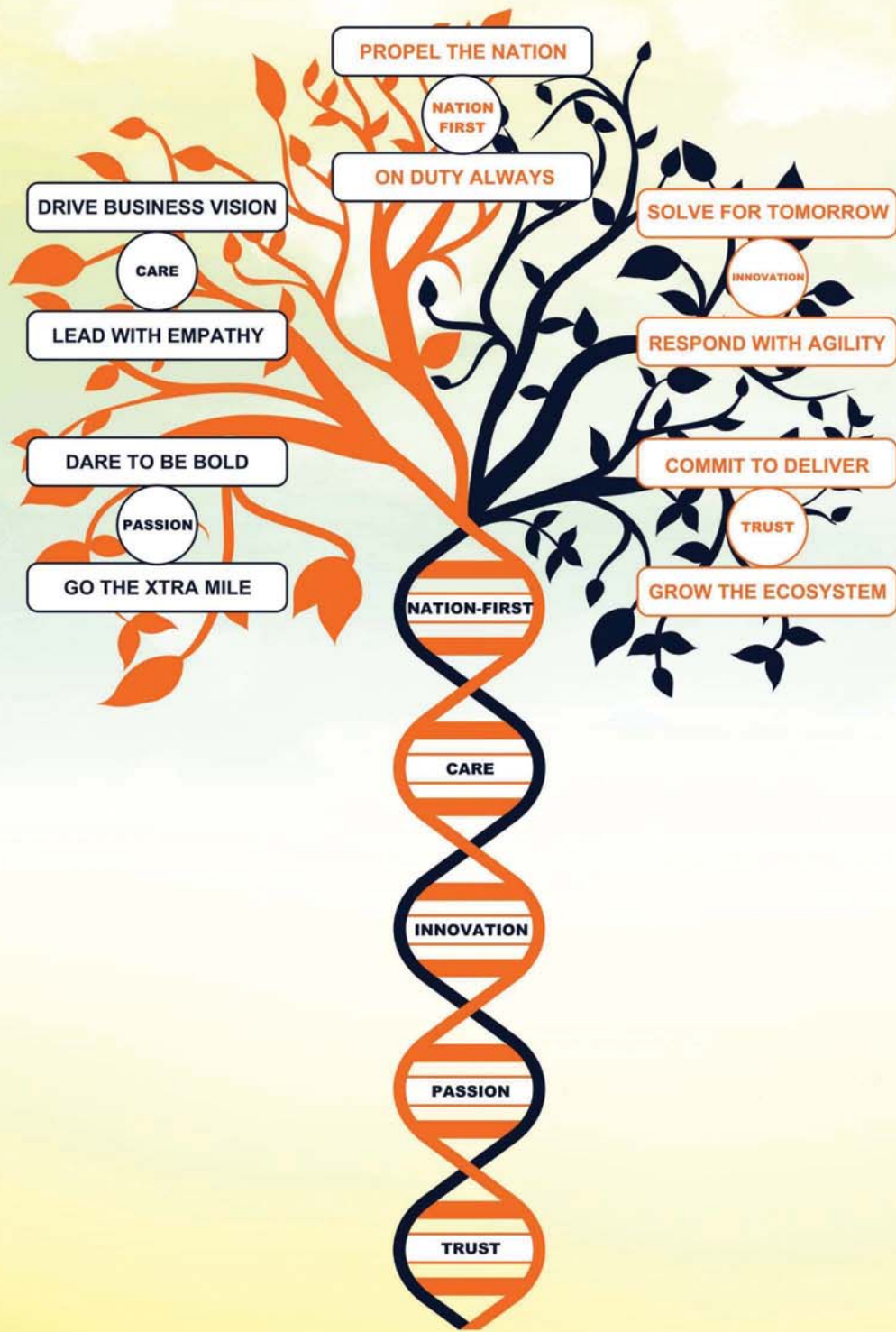


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Distinguished Audience during the Programme

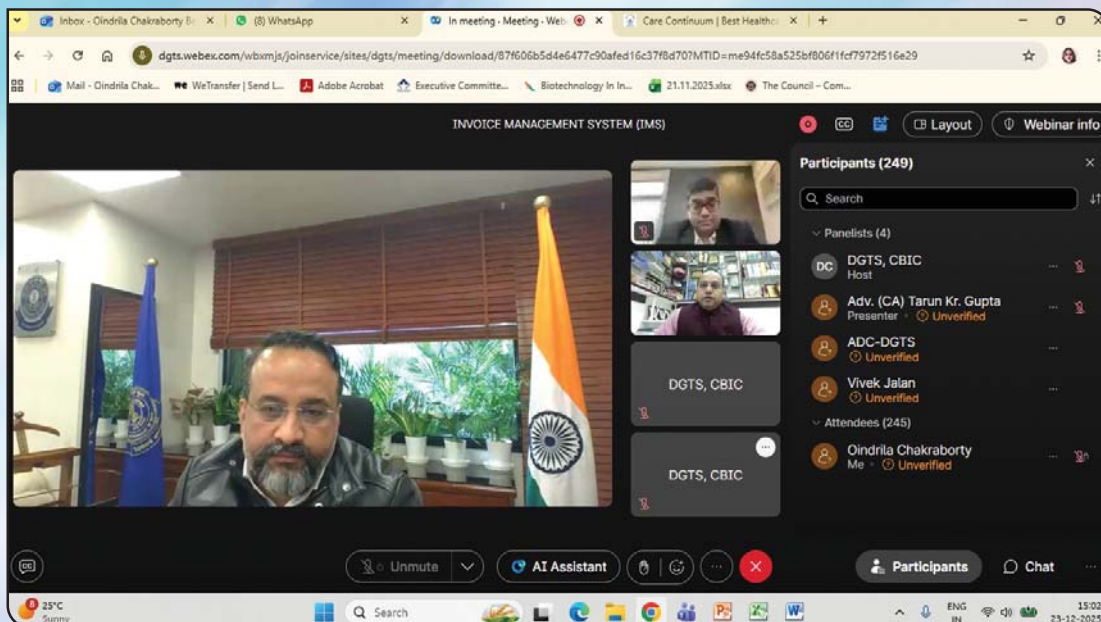




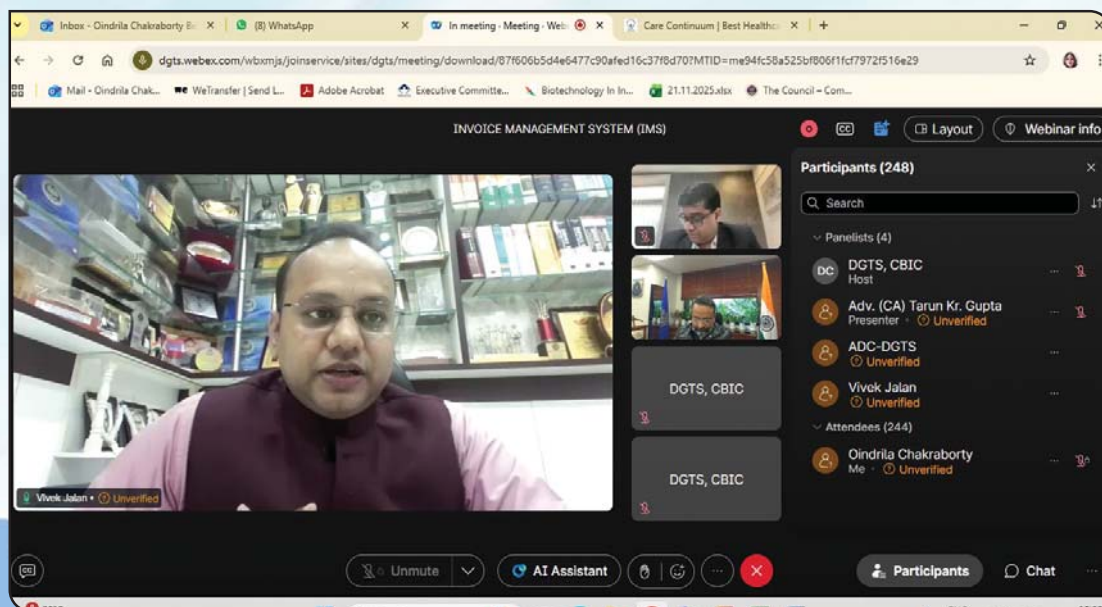
DGTS-CBIC in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a Pan-India Webinar on “Invoice Management System”, on 23rd December, 2025 from 3.00 pm onwards.

The webinar witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Ravindra Joshi, Additional Director, DGTS, CBIC; Shri Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Mr. Tarun Kumar Gupta, Advocate (CA), Guest Faculty at NACIN, Kolkata. Shri Ravindra Joshi, Additional Director, DGTS, CBIC welcomed the audience and introduced the speakers for the webinar. Shri Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation

Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, set the ground by throwing light upon what is Invoice Management System (IMS) and the basics and accessing of the same; he welcomed and introduced Mr. Tarun Kumar Gupta, Advocate (CA), Guest Faculty at NACIN, Kolkata to provide a detailed presentation touching upon Amendments for IMS in CGST Act, 2017 and Proposed Amendments in CGST Rules, 2017, Inward Supplies, Accept, Reject or Pending Actions, Credit Notes, Generation of GSTR 2B, Final Status of invoices in IMS, Outward Supplies, Navigating to IMS directly from GSTR 2B and Recent advisory and FAQs. The webinar was attended by more than 350 delegates from all over India.



Welcome Address by Shri Ravindra Joshi, Additional Director, DGTS, CBIC

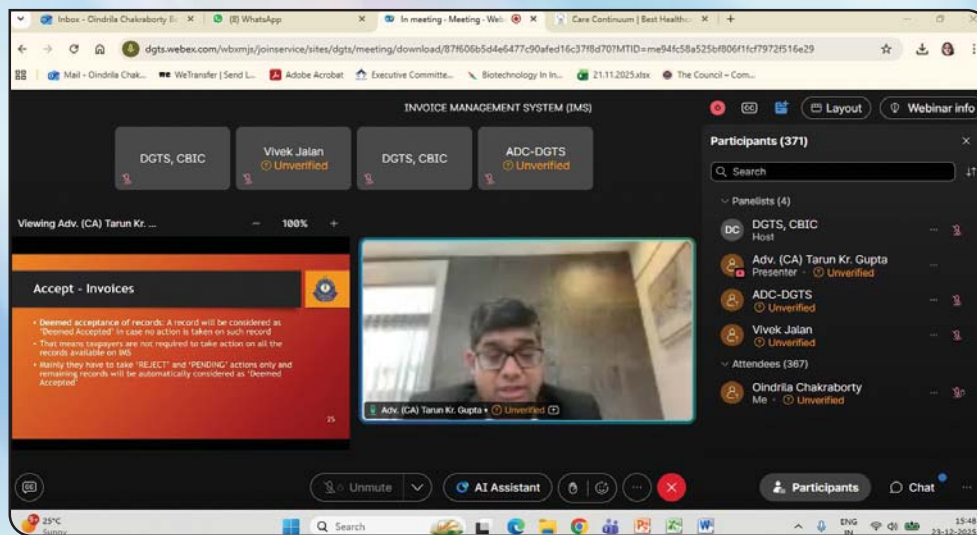
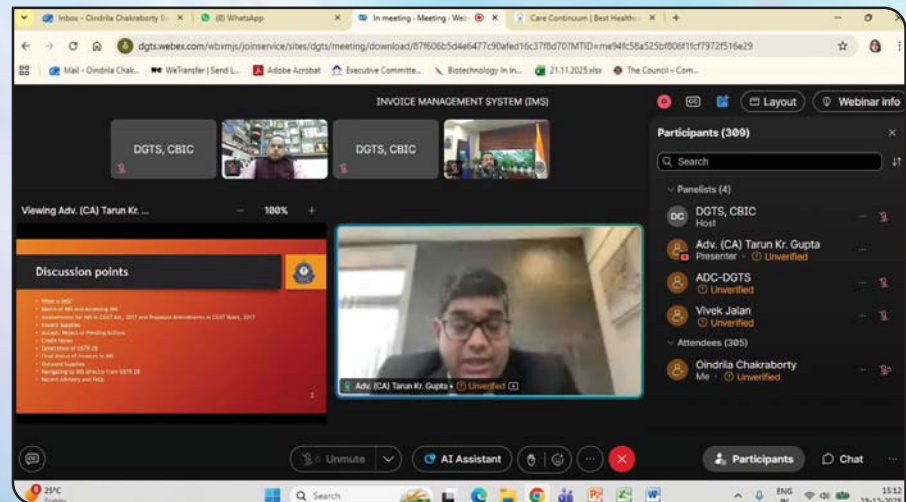


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23rd December 2025, Online

WEBINAR ON “INVOICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM”

Presentation by and Mr. Tarun Kumar Gupta,
Advocate (CA), Guest Faculty at NACIN, Kolkata



Webinar in progress

23rd December 2025,
Lake Club, Kolkata

BANGLA BAND NIGHT

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in association with Lake Club, Kolkata, organized an unforgettable evening titled “**Bangla Band Night**”, a unique cultural initiative of the Lifestyle Committee of BCC&I. Continuing its legacy of promoting arts and culture, the Chamber hosted a Musical Night featuring two of Bengal’s most iconic contemporary bands—**Lakkhichhara and Chandrabindoo** — on **Tuesday, 23rd December**, at **Lake Club, Kolkata**.

Bengal’s cultural tapestry seamlessly weaves together the timeless elegance of Rabindra sangeet and the vibrant energy of modern band music. Through this event, the Chamber sought to highlight this artistic continuum — where tradition meets contemporary expression and Bengal’s creative identity resonates strongly with today’s audiences.

The programme drew an enthusiastic gathering of over fifteen hundred individuals from various sectors of industry, cutting

across age groups and professional backgrounds. With their distinctive musical styles and socially rooted, thought-provoking lyrics, Lakkhichhara and Chandrabindoo captivated both long-time admirers and younger listeners alike. The performances created a lively atmosphere of shared nostalgia and modern expression, fostering a meaningful intergenerational connect and underscoring the enduring relevance of Bengali band music in the contemporary cultural landscape.

Organized with the support of **Adamas University, Jac Olive Oil, Makruzz, Ascensive Educare Ltd., Damodar Valley Corporation, Sun Dew Solutions Pvt Ltd. and Ritu Hospitality Services Pvt Ltd**, the Musical Night was not only a celebration of modern Bengali band music but also a reflection of the Chamber’s continued commitment to nurturing and promoting Bengal’s vibrant cultural heritage.

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BANGLA BAND NIGHT

23rd December 2025,
Lake Club, Kolkata



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I addressing the crowd of the Bangla Band Night on 23rd December, at Lake Club, Kolkata



Performance of Lakkhichhara



Performance of Chandrabindoo

FPO OUTREACH PROGRAMME

8th January 2026,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in association with the Department of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Government of West Bengal, organised a FPO Outreach Programme with a focused Buyer – Seller Meet on 8th January 2026 at the BCC&I premises, Kolkata.

West Bengal has shown notable improvement in **export performance, with its Export Preparedness Index (EPI) rank improving from 14 in 2022 to 12 in 2024**. While agri and food products form a significant part of the export basket, substantial potential remains untapped. FPOs continue to face challenges related to **direct market access, organised buyer engagement and access to institutional credit**. The Outreach Programme was designed to address these gaps through a **B2B-led, outcome-oriented approach**.

The programme brought together **Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), micro food processing entrepreneurs, buyers, exporters, financial institutions and government departments**, creating a structured platform to strengthen **market access, financial**

inclusion and value-chain integration for farmer-led enterprises in the State.

Participation and Programme Design

The programme witnessed participation from **117 stakeholders**, including **64 FPOs/FPCs and micro entrepreneurs** from North **24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas**, alongside buyers, exporters, agri-tech platforms, financial institutions and senior government officials.

Designed as a **B2B-focused outreach initiative**, the programme combined:

- Policy and institutional perspectives
- Scheme awareness and financial guidance
- District-level production and processing insights
- A **dedicated Buyer–Seller Meet** as the core component

Key Buyers and Market Platforms

Prominent buyers and market enablers participating in the programme included **Spencer's Retail, Agrofresh Pvt. Ltd.,**

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Giri's Solutex Corporation, TKS Exporters, Bengal Farmer Producer Association, and the digital agri-marketplace Farmer Bazar, with State Bank of India participating as the institutional partner for credit linkage.

B2B Engagement and Outcomes

The Buyer–Seller Meet facilitated structured one-to-one interactions across fresh produce, processed foods, honey, pulses, bakery products, herbs and vegetables.

Key outcomes included :

- **Export-oriented engagement** on fresh fruits, vegetables, honey and value-added products
- **Sample exchange and trial-level discussions** for rice, pulses, muri, processed dal and vacuum-packed products
- Clear guidance to FPOs on **quality standards, packaging, labelling and organised retail requirements**
- Strong interest in **aggregation-led sourcing models** and continuity-based supply
- High interest among FPOs in **digital market access and onboarding** through agri-tech platforms

Overall, the B2B interactions resulted in **assured buyer interest,**

sample-level engagement, digital onboarding intent and structured follow-up pathways, demonstrating the effectiveness of a market-driven outreach model.

Financial Linkages

On the financial inclusion front, a **dedicated SBI help desk** facilitated direct interactions with participating FPOs. **Twelve FPOs and producer enterprises** engaged with SBI officials to explore credit linkage opportunities, particularly under **PMFME-linked financing, with two FPOs fixing follow-up meetings for loan initiation.** These interactions strengthened awareness around **formal banking, credit discipline and scheme convergence.**

Way Forward

The FPO Outreach Programme reinforced the importance of **coordinated engagement between government, industry, financial institutions and market actors** to enable sustainable market integration of FPOs. By combining **policy support, financial facilitation and structured buyer engagement,** the programme laid a strong foundation for **follow-up actions, capacity building and conversion of early-stage engagements into long-term partnerships.**



Inaugural session of the FPO Outreach Programme, with senior representatives from BCC&I the Department of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Government of West Bengal and senior representative from SBI addressing participating FPOs and stakeholders.

Buyer–Seller interaction with Gigi's Solutex Corporation, involving product evaluation and discussion on sourcing, processing standards and market linkage.



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Large-scale participation of FPO representatives during technical and policy sessions, reflecting strong interest in market access, credit linkage and institutional support



Buyer – Seller interaction with Spencer's Retail, involving product evaluation and discussion on sourcing, processing standards and market linkage

SCREENING OF 4K RESTORED VERSION OF "ARANYER DIN RATRI"

9th January 2026,
PVR ICON, DLF Promenade, Vasant Kunj, Delhi

The Delhi Council (TDC), an initiative of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with Piyali Films (Priya Entertainments), organised a special screening of the 4K restored version of "Aranyer Din Ratri" (Days and Nights in the Forest, 1970), the iconic film of Satyajit Ray, on 9th January 2026 in Delhi (at PVR ICON, DLF Promenade, Vasant Kunj)

Smt Sharmila Tagore, who was in the lead cast of the film, joined the Talk Session along with Mr. Arijit Dutta, Actor and MD, Priya Entertainment Pvt. Ltd.

Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, The Delhi Council and Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry also joined the session before the screening.

This digital version of the film had its world premiere at the 78th Cannes Film Festival on the French Riviera in May 2025.

The digitally restored cult classic was also showcased at the 50th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) and 63rd New York Film Festival (NYFF) this year.

The India Release was in Kolkata on 7th November at Priya Cinema by BCC&I and Piyali Films (Priya Entertainments), followed by the screening at the 31st Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF).

Actor and Director Mr. Tinnu Anand, who was Assistant Director of the film, could not join due to health reasons. However, he sent his voice message sharing anecdotes of his experience of working with Satyajit Ray. BCC&I team also worked closely with Mr. Shivendra Singh Dungarpur, Founder Director, Film Heritage Foundation who was part of the restoration. The programme was well covered with print and digital media.

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**SCREENING OF 4K RESTORED VERSION
OF "ARANYER DIN RATRI"**



Smt. Sharmila Tagore at the Screening



Smt. Sharmila Tagore during the media address at the Screening



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, The Delhi Council and Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry felicitating Smt. Sharmila Tagore, who was in the lead cast of the film



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, The Delhi Council and Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry receiving Smt. Sharmila Tagore along with Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd and also Co-Chairperson of Health (National) Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with his family



Mr. Andreas B. Schei, Counsellor, along with Ms. Elisabeth Strand Vigtel, Counsellor of Research, Technology and Higher Education, Embassy of Norway



Mr. Arunangshu Sarkar, Director (Strategy & Corporate Affairs), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited Chairman, ONGC Tripura Power Company Limited, Director ONGC Green Limited

INDIA TODAY

Best outdoor shoot of my life: Sharmila Tagore recalls Aranyer Din Ratri in Palamu

Sharmila Tagore revisited the making of Satyajit Ray's Aranyer Din Ratri during its 4K screening in Delhi. She highlighted the film's lasting relevance and the tough conditions of the shoot that shaped its unique character.

Sharmila Tagore at the screening of Aranyer Din Ratri at PVR Icon, DLF Promenade, Vasant Kunj.

Satyajit Ray's celebrated film Aranyer Din Ratri (Days and Nights in the Forest, 1970) was showcased in Delhi in its 4K restored version at a special screening, which was also attended by Sharmila Tagore, who was a part of the film.

Before the screening the veteran actor took the audience down memory lane, reflecting on the making of the Satyajit Ray classic and why the film continues to resonate more than five decades after its release. She recalled how highly Ray

classic and why the film continues to resonate more than five decades after its release. She recalled how highly Ray himself regarded Aranyer Din Ratri. "When I once asked him about his favourite films, he said Charulata, of course. But after that, he spoke very fondly of this film as well," she said.

Sharmila Tagore in a still from Aranyer Din Ratri.

Life on location was far from comfortable. There were no real amenities, and while some of the cast stayed in a forest bungalow, the male actors had to make do with a tin-roofed structure on stilts. "You can imagine how hot it must have been," Tagore said, adding with a smile that she herself had a slightly better arrangement, complete with a generator, cooler and an attached bathroom - much to the envy of her co-actors.

Sharmila Tagore with Arjit Dutta (right) of Piyaa Entertainment and Deb A Mukherjee (left) of Bengal Chamber.

Because of the extreme heat, filming was limited to early mornings and late evenings. The long afternoons, however, became moments of bonding. "We would sit around, chat and, as we say in Bengali, do adda. It was the best outdoor shoot of my life," she said. One such memorable moment was celebrating Ray's birthday on May 2, when a cake was brought all the way from Kolkata and the team spent the day in good cheer.

Reflecting on the film's themes, Tagore noted that Aranyer Din Ratri remains strikingly relevant. The story follows four young men from the city who arrive in the forest carrying their own prejudices and insecurities. "They are rootless in many ways. They don't really know who they are. They can't even appreciate a sunset without comparing it to American films," she said, pointing out their detachment from their own culture.

She also spoke about the moral contradictions within the characters. "They look down on the tribal people and yet have no problem bribing the forest guard to stay in the bungalow, even saying, "Thank God for corruption," while considering themselves cultured and well-read."

While the forest becomes a transformative space for most of the characters, Tagore noted that change is not uniform. "Three of the four are changed by the end. One remains the same. And the agents of that change are the two women they meet there," she said, referring to her own character and Kaberi Bose's.

As the evening drew to a close, Tagore left the audience with a final thought. While Ray always considered Charulata his finest work, she said, Aranyer Din Ratri stood among his most important films.

The screening was organised by The Delhi Council (TDC), an initiative of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with Piyali Films (Priya Entertainments).

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Sharmila Tagore with Arijit Dutta (right) of Priya Entertainment and Deb A Mukherjee (left) of Bengal Chamber.



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India's re-release trend is bridging the generational gap by bringing classic films from the golden era back to the silver screen. After a grand premiere at Cannes, Toronto, and the New York Film Festival, Satyajit Ray's #AranyerDinRatri is now out in Indian cinemas. Sharmila Tagore spoke exclusively with WION's @amsam247 about the enduring impact of the film and the experience of watching it in a theatre today.

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry have launched the **BCC&I Leadership Institute (BLI)** to foster leadership development among working professionals. As part of this initiative, BLI organised a special workshop titled “**Learning From Stalwarts**” on **15th January 2026**. This exclusive workshop was tailored for mid and senior level professionals, aspiring to transition to leadership role.

The workshop had session on the following 2 topics :

1. Making tough decisions
2. Building a sustainable culture.

The core faculty of the workshop were **Air Chief Marshal Mr. Arup Raha**, Hon. Member & Ambassadeur Extraordinaire, BCC&I, Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM), Vayu Sena Medal (VM), Former Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force & Former Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and **Mr. Anoop Hoon**, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, BCC&I, Former President (Marketing & OD), Century Plyboards (India) Ltd.

The workshop was moderated by **Mr. Supriyo Sinha**, Chairperson, BCC&I Leadership Institute and Director - Business Transformation & Corporate Strategy, Peerless Group who guided the discussion and facilitated meaningful engagement between the speakers and participants. **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Former President, BCC&I and President – Corporate, RP-Sanjiv

Goenka Group and **Mr. Subir Chakraborty**, Former President, BCC&I and Former MD & CEO, Exide Industries also graced the session with their presence and shared insights about their career and words of encouragement for all the participants. They also cited real life experience on how to tackle tough situations.

Designed as an interactive and insight-driven session, the programme offered participants a rare opportunity to learn directly from distinguished leaders with extensive experience across industry and public service.

Drawing from their rich professional journeys, **ACM Arup Raha and Mr. Anoop Hoon** shared compelling anecdotes on making difficult decisions under pressure, balancing ethical considerations with organisational objectives and leading with clarity during times of uncertainty. They emphasised that effective decision-making requires courage, accountability and a strong value system, while inclusive leadership is rooted in trust, empathy and the ability to build a shared culture that empowers people.

The workshop was attended by 15 participants representing 8 companies in various sectors like Steel and Metals, Pharmaceuticals, Hotel, Hospital, Pest Management, Logistics, Oil and Gas and Consultancy.



Left to Right - **Mr. Anoop Hoon**, Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee, BCC&I, Former President (Marketing & OD), Century Plyboards (India) Ltd., **Mr. Supriyo Sinha**, Chairperson, BCC&I Leadership Institute and Director - Business Transformation & Corporate Strategy, Peerless Group, **Air Chief Marshal Mr. Arup Raha**, Hon. Member & Ambassadeur Extraordinaire, BCC&I, Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM), Vayu Sena Medal (VM), Former Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force & Former Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and **Mr. Subir Chakraborty**, Former President, BCC&I and Former MD & CEO, Exide Industries

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The Bengal Chamber Premises

LEARNING FROM STALWARTS



Distinguished participants during the workshop

16th January 2026,
India Habitat Centre, Jacaranda Hall, New Delhi

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONCLAVE

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International Trade Conclave 2026

Building the India +1 Trade Model: Preparedness
for Global Play

📅 16th January 🕒 10.00 AM Onwards

📍 India Habitat Centre, Jacaranda Hall, New Delhi



The International Trade Conclave of the Bengal Chamber is an annual event of the Chamber being held in the National Capital for last few years

This year's theme was **"Building the India + 1 Trade Model: Preparedness for Global Play"**.

India + 1 Trade Model is an emerging economic concept that suggests global businesses should look to India as a complementary or an alternative trade partner to current major hubs like China. This model is driven by global supply chain diversification and India's growing economic measures.

The Opening Session of the Conclave led to a detailed

discussion and analysis of the Preparedness for Global Play. Guest of Honour Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi, VP, Invest India, set the tone by declaring that India is soon to sign an FTA with European Union. Speaking further on “Unlocking the Untapped Potential of India’s Trade Agreements : A Trade–Investment Convergence Perspective” she said that FTAs certainly help increase exports but industry needs to be aligned with the products which are high on demand in FTA markets so that India’s share in their import basket increase. She highlighted that while the Government of India has created multiple FTA opportunities, India has not fully leveraged them. She urged industry—especially MSMEs—to view FTAs as strategic business tools. She stressed on the fact that it is time to change our focus from traditional exports to innovation and shifts in consumer demands, focus investments in innovative raw material and technology and in new focus areas on traceability and sustainability, logistics etc.

Addressing ground realities, Mr. Subir Kumar Das, Executive Director, ECGC, spoke about challenges faced by exporters due to geopolitical disruptions, rising logistics costs, and higher transaction expenses. He underlined the crucial role of MSMEs, contributing nearly ₹16–17 lakh crore in exports, and strongly advocated for Trade Tech to improve transparency, efficiency, and cost competitiveness. He cautioned that India’s Trade Tech adoption remains far behind global leaders like China.

Adding a strategic mindset perspective, Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I, called for a mass movement to promote exports through a relatable campaign titled “Exports Sahi Hai Yaar.” He stressed the need to create a pro-export culture, adopt professional export practices, and expand focus beyond manufacturing to include ****service exports***, where India holds a natural advantage.

The Experts’ Roundtable on “Role of digitization in facilitating International Trade” had, Mr. Gaurav Ranade, Critical Infrastructure Architect and PhD Scholar (AI & Cyber security), highlighting India’s digital ascent spoke on India’s transition from a technology test bed to a global exporter of advanced digital and cyber security solutions. He cited Indian startups and platforms like Unified Payments Interface as global benchmarks.

The Roundtable was also joined by Mr. Asad Kadri, Head-Government Relationship, Wipro Ltd. and Mr. Suvayu Ray, Senior Partner, CLA Global IVC

Experts’ Roundtable on “Preparedness for Global Play: Indian Supply Chain and Logistics” had Mr. Gangesh Chaturvedi, Head Export Planning and Documentation, Tata Steel Ltd., Mr. Gaurav Pandey, Senior Director, DP World and Chairman, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Manish Agarwal - Country Head -TKM & ILSand Member, International Trade

Committee, BCC&I participating in it with the discussions being moderated by Mr. Soumitra Singh, Co - Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Head Container Management, Procurement Logistics, Tata Steel Ltd.

The Session offered a practical and industry-focused perspective on where India stands today in strengthening its supply chain and logistics ecosystem—and what still needs to be done.

Responding to a question on India’s preparedness, Mr. Pandey stated that the country is clearly on the right track, particularly when supply chain reforms are viewed through two critical lenses: infrastructure development and digital transformation.

The Session while discussing **Infrastructure in terms of Reducing Cost and Improving Efficiency** highlighted that India has made significant progress in physical infrastructure development, especially in logistics and ports. Investments in port infrastructure, logistics parks, and allied systems are helping reduce logistics costs while improving turnaround time and operational efficiency. It was noted that these developments directly address long-standing bottlenecks in India’s export–import ecosystem.

Discussing on **Digital Journey: Transforming Supply Chain Visibility**; it was highlighted that the most transformative change, lies in India’s digital journey explaining how logistics traditionally involved multiple stakeholders—shipping lines, ports, transporters, railways, and customs—forcing exporters and importers to track shipments across multiple platforms, often with limited visibility. The Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) was cited as a game-changer. ULIP integrates multiple systems such as :

- ICEGATE for customs
- FOIS for rail freight
- Port and shipping line systems

This integration enables end-to-end track and trace, providing exporters and importers with real-time visibility across the entire logistics value chain — dramatically improving transparency, predictability, and decision-making.

Together, the speakers brought forward a clear message: India’s trade future lies in FTA utilisation, MSME empowerment, Trade Tech adoption, service exports, and digital innovation, supported by strong industry – government collaboration.

The Conclave saw a varied participation from the EXIM Fraternity amongst whom were the Exporters and Importers, Large and MSME, Aspiring exporters, Global and National Supply Chain Leaders, Freight Forwarders, Trade Financers, Trade Consultants, Embassies and High Commissions.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONCLAVE



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty Delivering the Opening Address



Speakers at the Opening Session **Mr. Subir Das**, ED ECGC; **Mr. Gaurav Pandey**, Senior Director, DP world and Chairman, International Trade Committee, BCC&I & Senior Director, DP world and Chairman, International Trade Committee, BCC&I **Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi**, VP, Invest India



Guest of Honour, Dr. Tamanna Chaturvedi, VP, Invest India addressing on “Unlocking the Untapped Potential of India’s Trade Agreements: A Trade–Investment Convergence Perspective” at the Opening Session.



Tania Chakraborty, Sr. Manager, BCC&I emceeding the Conclave



Guest of Honour, Mr. Subir Kumar Das, ED, ECGC Ltd. addressing on “Navigating Tariff Disruptions : Strategic Pathways to Support India’s Export” at the Opening Session



A group Photo after the Opening Session

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Interaction between dignitaries



Experts' Roundtable on "Preparedness for Global Play : Indian Supply Chain and Logistics" in progress

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONCLAVE



A group photo with the Experts of the Roundtable on “Preparedness for Global Play: Indian Supply Chain and Logistics”



Experts’ Roundtable on “Role of digitization in facilitating International Trade” in progress



Participants from Yusen Logistics



Audience during the Conclave

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THE BENGAL CHAMBER MARKETING QUIZ 2026? WHAT'S YOUR MQ? 17th January 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Marketing Quiz 2025 - What's your MQ? on the 17th of January 2026.

The quiz was held at the Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber from 4:30 pm onwards.

The Quiz Masters were Mr. Charanpreet Singh & Mr. Auritro Chowdhury.

Taking part in this engaging marketing and brand quiz were 38 teams from corporates, cross corporates & management colleges from all over West Bengal.

The quiz comprised enthralling rounds with audio-visual questions concerning the world of marketing and brand. After the prelims round with 38 teams, 8 teams qualified for the finals out of which two were college teams.

The top 8 teams were;

- Ignorance is Bliss (B Naveen Kumar and Jayakanthan R)



Mr. Praveen Shrivastava, Co-Chairperson, Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I and Chief of Marketing & Sales Branded Products & Retail (FP), Tata Steel Limited, welcoming the participants for the Quiz



Participants for the Quiz

- Barclays – ESPN (Sreshth Shah and Rohan Khanna)
- No Brainer – (Rabi Sankar Saha and Samanway Banerjee)
- Smiling Buddha (The Heritage College) (YASHJIT MANDAL and THIRTHARAJ SUR)
- No Expectations (Kunal Mandal and Francis Rodrigues)
- Capgemini (Arijit Sen and Rajeev Bhattacharjee)
- Banshees of Answering' (Saransh Mohapatra and Baibaswata Jena)
- Techno India College (Ishita Pathak and Kaniska Mitra)

Winner - Ignorance is Bliss (B Naveen Kumar and Jayakanthan R) won prize money of Rs.40,000 along with other gifts.
1st Runner Up - No Brainer – (Rabi Sankar Saha and Samanway Banerjee) - won prize money of Rs. 25,000 along with other gifts.

2nd Runner Up - Barclays – No Expectations (Kunal Mandal and Francis Rodrigues) won prize money of Rs. 15,000 along with other gifts.



Quizmaster
Mr. Charanpreet Singh



Quizmaster
Mr. Auritro Chowdhury

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THE BENGAL CHAMBER MARKETING QUIZ 2026? WHAT'S YOUR MQ?



Quiz in full swing



Audience Gift being handed over by Mr. Sidhartha Roy, CEO, Response India Limited



Finalist Teams



Audience Gift being handed over by Mr. Praveen Shrivastava, Co-Chairperson, Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I and Chief of Marketing & Sales Branded Products & Retail (FP), Tata Steel Limited



Audience Gift being handed over by Mr. Navarun Sen, Co-Chairperson, The Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I and President – Plywood & Panel, Century Plyboards (India) Limited

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Emceeding the Quiz - Ms. Waindrilla Saha, Manager, BCC&I



Finalist Team - Techno India University



Finalist Team - Capgemini



Finalist Team - Smiling Buddha (Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata)



Finalist Team - Barclays, ESPN



Finalist Team - Banshees of Answering'

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The Bengal Chamber Premises

THE BENGAL CHAMBER MARKETING QUIZ 2024? WHAT'S YOUR MQ?



2nd Runner Up Team - No Expectations



1st Runner Up Team - No Brainer



Winning Team - Ignorance is Bliss



Gifts being handed over to the Quiz Masters



Mr. Navarun Sen, Co-Chairperson, The Marketing and Brand Committee, BCC&I and President – Plywood & Panel, Century Plyboards (India) Limited during the Vote of Thanks





The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) organised a Seminar on GSTAT : Challenging The Challenges, on 17th January 2026, from 9:30 am onwards at The Park, Kolkata.

On 21st January 2026, 91 out of 128 GSTAT Members across 31 State Benches and The Principal Bench in New Delhi, are expected to take charge at one go. In this backdrop the Seminar was organised with the idea to provide a platform to discuss and iron out issues and challenges relating to filing of Appeals. It was a PAN India Seminar in physical mode in Kolkata and Digitally across India.

Mr. Vivek Jalan Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP delivered the Welcome Address and set the agenda for the Seminar, mentioning that all Appeals before GSTAT can only be filed online, on the GSTAT Portal, as envisaged in Rule 115 of GSTAT Rules 2025. Certain technical and other challenges in GSTAT filings over the last few months and have also presented it before The Hon'ble President with our recommendations.

Hon'ble Dr. Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra Former Chief Justice, High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi and presently President, GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) was the Chief Guest and delivered the Keynote Address for the Seminar. In the words of His Lordship, almost 5.82 Lakhs cases had been filed before the Appellate Authority at The First Stage and even assuming in 35%-40% cases either the taxpayers or the GST Department prefer to Appeal before the GSTAT, then around 2 Lakh cases are expected to be filed across India by 30th June 2026. Hence, he urged the taxpayers and professionals to file Appeals as soon as possible and not wait for the Last Moment. He also stated that Appeals may not be marked by The Registrars as defective for small technical or human errors. He was joined by Shri Satya Gopal Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Member- Judicial - GST Appellate Tribunal, Shri Ranjan Kumar Sahoo, Member - Hon'ble Judicial-GST Appellate Tribunal, Shri Somnath

Ganguli, Member - Hon'ble Member Judicial - GST Appellate Tribunal and Shri. R. Murlidhar, Hon'ble Member (Judicial), Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal on stage as Guests of Honour.

The next session was Technical Session e-Filing: Understanding the GSTAT filing process. Mr. Alok Kumar EVP, Goods & Services Tax Network & Officers from Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) presented a walk through of the entire Appeal Filing module on the GSTAT Portal along with team member.

The next session was on 'GSTAT : GST Department's perspective'. Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal delivered the opening remarks. Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, was the moderator and Mr. Madhav Chandra Mishra, IRS, Commissioner of CGST & CX (South), Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Mr. Joyjit Banik, Additional Commissioner of Revenue & PRO, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal were the speakers.

Next was a Panel Discussion on 'Legal and Other Points of Taxpayers on Roll out of GSTAT.' The Panel consisted of Mr. Surya Prakash BS, Programme Director, DAKSH Society, Bangalore as the moderator and Mr. N R Badrinath, Chairman - Indirect Taxes, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce & Partner, Singhvi, Dev & Unni LLP and Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director and Head of Indirect Taxes, Aquilaw as the panelists.

There was a special session, curated particularly for Tally Solutions. CA Suyash Tulsyan, Tulsyan Infotech, Tally Certified Partner deliberated on how Tally can handle GST compliance in a better way.

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The last Session an Open House Session with the audience.

The Seminar was attended by more than 120 delegates in physical mode and more than 200 delegates in the online mode with participation from all over India

The Seminar was concluded by the National Anthem, with the idea of fostering unity among the Taxation Fraternity of India.



Opening Session (L-R): Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Shri Satya Gopal Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Member-Judicial - GST Appellate Tribunal, Hon'ble Dr. Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi and presently President, GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT), Shri Somnath Ganguli, Member - Hon'ble Member Judicial - GST Appellate Tribunal, Shri Ranjan Kumar Sahoo, Member – Hon'ble Judicial-GST Appellate Tribunal, Shri. R. Murlidhar, Hon'ble Member (Judicial), Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson - National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP delivering the Welcome Address and Setting the Agenda



Hon'ble Dr. Justice Sanjaya Kumar Mishra, Former Chief Justice, High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi and presently President, GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) delivering the Keynote Address



Mr. Alok Kumar, EVP, Goods & Services Tax Network presenting a walk through of the entire Appeal Filing module on the GSTAT Portal in the Technical Session e-Filing: Understanding the GSTAT filing process



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Session on Legal and Other Points of Taxpayers on Roll out of GSTAT, (L-R) Mr. N R Badrinath, Chairman – Indirect Taxes, Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce & Partner, Singhvi, Dev & Unni LLP, Mr. Surya Prakash BS, Programme Director, DAKSH Society, Bangalore, Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta, Executive Director and Head of Indirect Taxes, Aquilaw



Open House for Questions



Q & A in progress



Audience in the Seminar

19th January 2026,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

MINERALS, MINING AND METALS CONCLAVE, THEME : INDIA'S MINERALS & METALS : TOWARDS A RESILIENT MINERALS AND METALS FUTURE

The Minerals, Mining and Metals Conclave is an annual event of the Chamber being held in the National Capital for the last few years.

This year's theme was "India's Minerals & Metals: Towards a Resilient Minerals and Metals Future."

Setting the tone for the conclave, **Mr. Nagendra Sinha, Mentor, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and former Secretary, Ministry of Steel**, highlighted India's emergence as the world's leading growth engine, comparable to China's role 15–20 years ago.

He noted that India's economy continues to grow despite geopolitical uncertainty, driving sustained demand for metals. Steel demand grew by 9–10 percent, while aluminium and copper recorded nearly 8 percent growth. These trends, he said, are expected to continue. He referred to the government's long-term vision of achieving 500 million tonnes of steel capacity by 2047, along with ambitious expansion plans for aluminium and copper supported by recycling and secondary refining.

He also emphasised the strategic importance of the National Critical Minerals Mission in strengthening India's economic security and clean energy transition.

Speaking on "Scaling India's Steel Production: Vision for Capacity Expansion & Global Competitiveness" Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Director – Strategy and External Relations, Jindal Steel, highlighted that India's 8.2 percent quarterly GDP growth is rooted in its consumption-driven economy, strengthened by the Make in India initiative. Steel, he noted, remains the backbone of India's industrial growth. With production at around 160 million tonnes and consumption growing at nearly 10 percent annually, demand is largely driven by infrastructure spending. The planned increase in infrastructure investment from 3.1 percent of GDP to nearly 6 percent under National Infrastructure Pipeline 2.0 will further accelerate steel demand, supporting targets of 300 million tonnes by 2030 and 500 million tonnes by 2047. He cautioned that decarbonisation remains the sector's biggest challenge, with steel accounting for nearly 12 percent of industrial carbon emissions, and highlighted policy tools such as the Carbon Credit Trading System as critical enablers of transition.

From a policy standpoint, **Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Steel**, highlighted India's position as the brightest spot in global steel trade, even as other countries reduce production.

He explained the rationale behind safeguard duties introduced earlier this year and finalised for a three-year period, aimed at protecting domestic producers, stabilising margins, and encouraging fresh investments. While India has strong iron ore reserves, he cautioned against dependence on imported coking coal and exposure to global price volatility.

Providing a quantitative perspective, **Mr. Dhruv Goel, CEO of BigMint**, presented a detailed outlook on steel supply-demand dynamics up to 2030 as he spoke on "India's Iron Ore Outlook 2030 - mapping supply demand dynamics".

He projected steel demand to rise from around 150 million tonnes currently to over 204–205 million tonnes by 2030, driven primarily by construction and infrastructure, which account for 60–65 percent of total demand. Installed capacity, currently at around 215 million tonnes, is expected to expand to nearly 280 million tonnes by 2030.

He also highlighted a gradual shift in steelmaking routes and its implications for raw materials. Iron ore demand is projected to rise sharply from 256 million tonnes in FY25 to nearly 375 million tonnes by FY30, underscoring the importance of long-term resource planning.

Summing up the broader industry sentiment, **Mr. Jagjit Singh, Managing Director, TSDPL and Chairman, Metals National Committee, BCC&I**, stressed that scaling up today is not merely about adding volumes, but about scaling responsibly. He emphasised the need to move from linear to circular value chains, improve raw material efficiency, adopt digital technologies, and earn a social licence to operate. Drawing from global examples, he highlighted the shift from blast furnace-based steelmaking to electric arc furnaces, noting that similar transitions will become inevitable in India despite high capital requirements.

The Conclave also discussed issues like :

- Transforming India's Mining Value Chain: ESG, Technology and Investment Synergies
- Unlocking India's Rare Earth Potential: Strategic Mining, Value Addition & Supply Chain Security
- Decarbonisation & Green Steel Transition: Tech, Finance & Policy Pathways

The Conclave witnessed the presence of other speakers like :

- Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Steel, Government of India
- Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC
- Mr. Tuhin Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I and Advisor, Bathwal Corporation;

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Former Advisor Mineral Resources & Mining, ABMCPL, & Managing Director, EMIL

Mr. K. Raghava Reddy, Chairman, Midwest Energy Ltd.

Mr. R R Satapathy, Executive Director, Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd.

Mr. Ranjit Ravindran, Head, Mining Business, Universal MEP Projects & Engineering Services Limited.

Mr. Manish Mishra, Chief Corporate Affairs, Tata Steel Ltd.

Mr. Gaurav Verma, DGMBD and BH, M N Dastur

Mr. K Raghav Reddy, Chairman of Midwest Energy Ltd, sensitised the Conclave highlighting India's vulnerability in permanent magnets, a critical component for electrification. He pointed out that 93 percent of electric motors rely on permanent magnets and that supply disruptions could cripple global industries. With China tightening export controls, he outlined Midwest Energy's efforts to build domestic magnet

manufacturing capacity and bridge the interim supply gap until India fully utilises its vast monazite reserves.

The conclave underscored that India's minerals and metals sector stands at a defining crossroads. With strong domestic demand, policy backing, and ambitious capacity targets, growth opportunities are unprecedented. At the same time, sustainability, decarbonisation, technology localisation, and critical mineral security will determine how resilient and globally competitive this growth will be.

The Conclave was attended by 150 – 160 participants who are involved in mining, mining technology, mining equipment manufacturing, engineering and automation, safety solution providers, steel manufacturers, mineral exporters and importers, scientists and academicians, and Geological Survey of India.



Minerals, Mining and Metals Conclave, 19 January 2026 New Delhi



Mr. Tuhin Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I and Advisor, Bathwal Corporation; Former Advisor Mineral Resources & Mining, ABMCPL, & Managing Director, EMIL addressing the Opening Session



Mr. Nagendra Sinha, Mentor, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India delivering the Welcome Address



Address by Special Guest Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Director-Strategy and External Relations, JSPL

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Address by Special Guest Mr. Dhruv Goel, CEO, Big Mint



Mr. Jagjit Singh, MD, TSDPL and Chairman, Metals National Committee, BCC&I delivering the Concluding Remarks at the Opening Session



Dignitaries at the Opening Session



Tania Chakraborty, Sr. Manager, BCC&I addressing the august gathering



Experts' Session on "Transforming India's Mining Value Chain: ESG, Technology, and Investment Synergies" (L-R) Mr. Tuhin Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I and Advisor, Bathwal Corporation; Former Advisor Mineral Resources & Mining, ABMCPL, & Managing Director, EMIL, Mr. Ranjit Ravindran, Head, Mining Business, Universal MEP Projects & Engineering Services Limited, Mr. R R Satapathy, Executive Director, Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd



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Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC addressing the Exclusive Session on 'Unlocking India's Rare Earth Potential: Strategic Mining, Value Addition & Supply Chain Security'



Mr. K. Raghava Reddy, Chairman, Midwest Energy Ltd. on 'Unlocking India's Rare Earth Potential: Strategic Mining, Value Addition & Supply Chain Security'



Mr. K. Raghava Reddy, Chairman, Midwest Energy Ltd. being felicitated



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Munmun Chakraverty, Sr. Manager, BCC&I welcoming the dignitaries at the Valedictory Session



Special Guest Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Steel, Government of India delivering the Keynote Address at the Valedictory Session



Valedictory Session on “Decarbonization & Green-Steel Transition: Tech, Finance & Policy Pathways”(L-R) Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I, Mr. Nagendra Sinha, Mentor, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, Mr. Gaurav Verma, DGMBD and BH, M N Dastur, Mr. Manish Mishra, Chief Corporate Affairs, Tata Steel Ltd



Mr. Ashwini Kumar, Economic Advisor, Ministry of Steel, Government of India being felicitated by Mr. Tuhin Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I and Advisor, Bathwal Corporation; Former Advisor Mineral Resources & Mining, ABMCPL, & Managing Director, EMIL



Valedictory Session on “Decarbonization & Green-Steel Transition : Tech, Finance & Policy Pathways” in progress

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Mr. Jagjit Singh, MD, TSDPL and Chairman, Metals National Committee, BCC&I presenting a memento to Mr. Manish Mishra, Chief Corporate Affairs, Tata Steel Ltd



(L-R) Mr. Tuhin Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I and Advisor, Bathwal Corporation; Former Advisor Mineral Resources & Mining, ABMCPL, & Managing Director, EMIL with Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC



Valedictory Session

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Networking at the Conclave

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GENDER SENSITISATION WORKSHOP

22nd January 2026

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry at India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi

Gender Sensitisation Workshop was organised on 22nd January 2026, Thursday by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry at India International Centre, New Delhi, for a comprehensive approach to POSH implementation benefits not only individuals but the entire organisation, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future. It was to orient on sensitive language, professional courtesy and other appropriate responses.

The Workshop was designed to create awareness of the POSH Act, explain with examples what constitutes sexual Harassment, the redressal process and the legal implications.

We got participants from Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd (TPDDL), Oroprise Solutions Pvt Ltd, STEAG Energy Services India Ltd.

The Training was felicitated by Ms. Geetanjali Solanki, an accomplished professional with 24 years of experience in Human Resources and Leadership roles. Previously serving as the Country Manager, India for Cotton Connect South Asia, she was dedicated to reimagining the future of supply chains through sustainable farming practices and gender empowerment.



Snapshots of the Gender Sensitisation Workshop

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

Union Budget 2026-27 Viewing Session, 1st February 2026, The Bengal Chamber Premises

Union Budget 2026-27 : An In-depth Analysis, 2nd February 2026, The Bengal Chamber Premises

UK Railway Delegation visiting Kolkata for networking session with Indian Rail Companies, 6th February 2026, Hybrid Mode

The Bengal Chamber Corporate Badminton Gold Cup - 3rd Edition, 7th and 8th February 2026, Star Badminton Academy, Harinavi, Kolkata

15th Edition of BCC&I-GNIT Technology Quiz, 21st February 2025, GNIT Campus

9th edition of BCC&I Health Tech Summit, 27th February 2026, The Park, Kolkata



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NGO Visit and Blanket Distribution Program: 06.12.2025

A humanitarian outreach program was organized by Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM) in collaboration with an NGO initiative conducted at Mogra Uttam Chandra High School on 06/12/2025. The event was arranged by Sri Radhamadan Gopal Jiu and Mahaprabhu Thakur Trust with the objective of distributing winter clothes and blankets to orphans and underprivileged children to uplift their livelihood. The visit was carried out by the 1st year B. Tech, BCA and Diploma students of AIEM, under the guidance of Dr. Soumya Bhowal (HoD, BSHU), Mr. Nabakumar Ghosh and Ms. Swathi Roy.

Upon arrival at Mogra Uttam Chandra High School, the students and faculty members were warmly welcomed by the organizers of the trust. The children also participated in the clothes distribution program.

The NGO outreach visit to Mogra Uttam Chandra High School proved to be a meaningful and enriching experience for everyone involved. The combined efforts of AIEM students, faculty members, and Sri Radhamadan Gopal Jiu and Mahaprabhu Thakur Trust successfully provided relief to children in need while fostering a spirit of compassion and service among the young learners.



AIEM for Reaching SIH 2025 Grand Finale and Participating at GIET, Gunupur: 10.12.2025

A successful participation in the Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025 Grand Finale, held at Gandhi Institute of Engineering and Technology (GIET), Gunupur.

Mentor Dr. Debabrata Roy - Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering, AIEM, with the students from 2nd year Electrical Engineering and Computer science Department qualifying for and competing in the SIH 2025 Grand Finale at GIET, Gunupur itself is a prestigious

achievement and a matter of immense pride for the entire AIEM fraternity.

The Management, Faculty, and Students of AIEM extend their heartiest congratulations to **Team Drona Vahana** – AIEM for their commendable achievement in qualifying for and participating in this prestigious national-level competition. This accomplishment stands as a testament to the team’s innovation, technical expertise, dedication, and collaborative spirit.



Second International Conference on Green Technology and Smart Systems (ICGTSS 2025) : 19.12.2025 and 20.12.2025

Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM), Natungram, Mogra, Hooghly successfully organized the **Second International Conference on Green Technology and Smart Systems**

(ICGTSS–2025) on 19th and 20th December 2025. The conference was conducted in hybrid mode and served as a significant interdisciplinary platform for academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and students.

The conference received **139 research paper submissions** from

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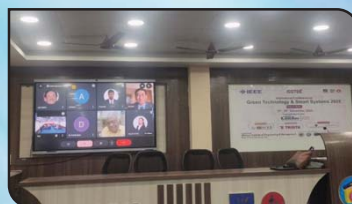


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national and international contributors across countries such as the **USA, UK, Philippines, Vietnam, Bangladesh, and India**, covering more than **Ten Indian states**. After a rigorous review process, **25 high-quality papers** were selected for presentation. The conference was **technically sponsored by IEEE Communications Society (IEEE ComSoc) and IEEE ComSoc Kolkata Chapter**, in collaboration with **Jesselton University College, Malaysia**, and supported by **World Research Union (WRU) and IMED Conference 2025**.

The technical program featured an **invited talk** by **Dr. Jitendra Nath Bera (Professor, University of Calcutta)** and a **keynote address** by **Prof. Debesh Das (Former Cabinet Minister and Professor, Jadavpur University)** on the **“Future of Computing – Quantum Computers,”** highlighting the transformative potential of quantum technologies in smart and sustainable systems. **The plenary talks** further enriched the discourse, with **Joy Chakraborty (Divisional Engineer, WBREDA)**

discussing low-carbon societies through technology and practices, **Prof. Amit Kumar Dutta (IIT Kharagpur)** presenting on quantum computation in signal processing and communication, **Dr. Goutam Chattopadhyay (Scientist, NASA JPL, USA)** sharing insights on technologies and humanity’s place in the universe, and **online sessions** by **Prof. Indranil Manna (Vice Chancellor, BIT Mesra; Former Director, IIT Kharagpur)** and **Dr. Robin Augustine (Uppsala University, Sweden)**, offering global perspectives on futuristic research directions. We extend our sincere thanks to the **Honorable MD Sir, Sardar Taranjit Singh, JIS Group**, for his constant support in organizing the conference, and to **Mr. Tapan Kumar Ghosh, Secretary, Chinsurah Academia Educational Society**, for graciously being present, as well as to **Dr. Jyoti Sekhar Banerjee, Joint Convenor and Vice Chairman, Computer Society of India, Kolkata Chapter**, for his valued support and encouragement.



4th JIS Innovation Award Ceremony 2024–25: 24.12.2025

It gives us immense pleasure to share with you all that our college, **Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Mogra, West Bengal**, had organized the award ceremony for **4th JIS Innovation Award 2024-2025** on **24th December 2025** in the Seminar Hall of our college from **12 noon onwards**.

The programme commenced with the traditional **Lamp Lighting Ceremony** by the esteemed dignitaries, followed by a welcome address delivered by our **Honorable Principal Madam, Prof. Jinia Datta**. The occasion was graced by the presence of **Prof. (Dr.) G. L. Datta, Chairman, Board of Governors (BoG), AIEM and Former Dean (Mechanical Engineering), IIT Kharagpur** as the **Chief Guest**, **Dr. Nabarun Bhattacharyya, Director, School of Information Science**

and **Technology, MAKAUT, West Bengal**, as the **Guest of Honour**, and **Mr. Devmalya Banerjee, Registrar, AIEM**. Their presence added immense value and dignity to the programme.

This segment then followed into the much-awaited **4th JIS Innovation Award 2024-2025** for the academic year of **July 2024 to June 2025**. A total number of **Twenty faculty members** and **Two students** received the renowned **JIS Innovation Award** for their innovation, excellence and research in their respective domains in various categories.

We feel honoured and would like to express our gratitude to the whole management of the **JIS Group** for allowing us to host such a magnificent celebration in honour of the **"JIS Innovation Award-2024-2025."**



1. GNIT (ASHU & NSS Unit) : Strengthening Social Responsibility Through a Special Drive for Senior Citizens

In a heartfelt initiative dedicated to humanity and social responsibility, the NSS Unit of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) organized a special outreach drive on the auspicious occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, celebrated on 7th November 2025. The program aimed to embrace the elderly members of society with affection, empathy, and solidarity, honouring the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji that emphasise service, compassion, and universal brotherhood.

A dedicated GNIT team comprising Dr. Sreyasree Basu, senior faculty member of the ASHU Department and member of the GNIT NSS Unit; Dr. Mainak Debnath, Convener, GNIT NSS Unit; and Mr. Sanat Ghosh, a staff member, visited the Ramkrishna Briddhashram, Sodepur. The team spent valuable time interacting with the elderly residents; listening to their stories, understanding their emotions, and offering warmth and companionship that brought visible comfort to the inmates.



To mark the occasion, the team distributed sweets and fruits, symbolizing love, goodwill, and festive cheer. The elders responded with blessings, smiles, and heartfelt gestures, expressing their joy through warm hugs and emotional conversations. The visit created an atmosphere filled with humanity, understanding, and mutual respect.

This noble initiative allowed GNIT to reaffirm its commitment to community welfare, emotional care, and social inclusion, inspiring students and faculty alike to engage in compassionate social service. Witnessing the radiant smiles of the elderly and their heartfelt gratitude brought a sense of blissful peace to the visiting team, reinforcing the spirit of seva (service) that defines the core values of NSS and GNIT.

The event concluded on a profoundly meaningful note, with the GNIT team returning enriched with valuable life lessons — reminded that even small acts of kindness can bring immense happiness and restore dignity to those who often feel forgotten.



2. GNIT (Computer Applications): Industrial Visit to Euphoria GenX Empowers Students with Real-World Tech Exposure

The Department of Computer Applications, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, successfully organized an enriching Industrial Visit to Euphoria GenX, Salt Lake, for second-year students on Wednesday, 19th November 2025. This initiative was designed to bridge academic learning with industry exposure, providing students a real-time understanding of software industry operations, workflows, and technological environments. A total of 36 students, accompanied by faculty members, participated in this insightful experience.

During the comprehensive 3-hour session, the students undertook a guided tour of the organization's state-of-the-art Data Science laboratories, data centres, and development wings. The primary focus of the visit was to help students gain first-hand knowledge of the Industrial Applications of Cyber Security and Data Science, fields that continue to drive global digital transformation. Experts from Euphoria GenX provided detailed demonstrations on data handling, threat

detection, machine learning workflows, secure development practices, and the role of automation in optimizing system performance.

The visit proved to be an invaluable exposure, allowing students to witness how theoretical concepts are implemented in real-time industry settings. This interaction not only strengthened their technical understanding but also inspired them to explore emerging fields such as ethical hacking, penetration testing, predictive analytics, and enterprise-level data management.

In addition to the technical immersion, students also received a detailed briefing on the latest recruitment trends, skill requirements, and industry expectations within the software sector. This session equipped them with clarity regarding the competencies needed to excel in future placements and prepared them to strategically plan their professional journey.

The department believes that such initiatives significantly enhance students' confidence, industry readiness, and motivation to pursue advanced learning.



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3. GNIT (Food Technology) : Empowering Students Through Industry-Integrated Learning Experiences

The Department of Food Technology (GNIT), successfully organized a two-day industrial visit for its B.Tech 2nd-year students to Vinayak Oil & Fats Pvt. Ltd., located in the bustling industrial hub of Jalan Complex (Industrial Estate), Domjur, West Bengal. This immersive learning experience was designed to provide students with real-world exposure to contemporary edible oil manufacturing and quality assurance practices.

Students were warmly welcomed by the Production Manager, Quality Assurance Team, and Technical Staff of the industry. The visit began with a mandatory safety briefing, emphasizing industrial hygiene, workplace discipline, and compliance procedures that uphold the highest standards of food safety.

During the structured plant tour, students explored a wide spectrum of processing and analytical operations, including :

Students closely observed mechanical cleaning, grading, and conditioning operations essential for ensuring raw material purity.

They witnessed both expeller-based extraction and solvent extraction systems, gaining clarity on equipment functionality and process efficiency.

The technical team demonstrated the complete refining chain:

- Degumming
- Neutralization
- Bleaching
- Deodorization

This helped students understand how crude oil is transformed into safe, stable, and consumer-ready products.

Students interacted with QA experts and observed critical analytical tests, such as:

- Free Fatty Acid (FFA) estimation
- Peroxide value measurement
- Moisture analysis
- Adulteration detection

These insights reinforced their classroom learning in food chemistry, analytical techniques, and quality standards.

The tour also covered modern automatic and semi-automatic bottling lines, showcasing activities such as filling, sealing, capping, and labelling under stringent GMP protocols.

This industrial visit created a significant academic and professional impact by enabling students to:

Gain practical knowledge of large-scale edible oil processing, refining, and packaging.

Understand HACCP, GMP, and GHP standards, along with regulatory compliance essential in the food industry.

Strengthen their grasp of process flow diagrams, equipment design, and operational optimization.

Experience live demonstrations of quality control parameters influencing shelf life, stability, and sensory attributes.

Build confidence to pursue industrial training, internships, and future careers in the food processing sector.

GNIT expresses heartfelt gratitude to Vinayak Oil & Fats Pvt. Ltd. for their exceptional hospitality, detailed technical explanations, and commitment to supporting academic learning. The industry's collaborative approach contributed immensely to enhancing student knowledge and bridging the gap between theory and practice.

This visit is yet another example of GNIT's continuous efforts to provide industry-integrated learning, shaping students into competent, industry-ready professionals aligned with the dynamic needs of India's food processing ecosystem.



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4. GNIT (ECE) Empowers Students with Industry 4.0 Insights Through Automation & IoT Seminar

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering organised a Seminar on “Industrial Automation and IoT” on 2nd December 2025 from 11:00 AM onwards at the Seminar Hall. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 students of ECE (2nd Year) along with several faculty members, reflecting strong academic interest in emerging industrial technologies. The session was conducted by Mr. Abhijit Maitra, Director, Armatrics Applications, a distinguished industry expert with extensive experience in automation and IoT-driven industrial solutions. Mr. Maitra delivered a comprehensive and industry-oriented talk covering industrial automation fundamentals, PLCs, SCADA systems, IoT architecture, industrial sensors, communication protocols, and the role of Industry 4.0 in smart manufacturing ecosystems. He further elaborated on real-time industrial applications, predictive maintenance models, and IoT-based automation solutions developed by Armatrics, offering students valuable exposure to practical, industry-ready implementations.

The seminar was highly interactive, with students actively engaging in discussions on career prospects, required technical and

interdisciplinary skill sets, industrial deployment challenges, and future opportunities in automation and IoT domains. Such interactions enabled learners to align their academic preparation with current industry expectations and evolving technological demands.

The event was organised under the visionary guidance of Dr. Avali Banerjee, Head of the Department (ECE), and was efficiently coordinated by Dr. Kaushik Roy, Associate Professor (ECE) and Dr. Antara Ghosal, Assistant Professor (ECE). The seminar significantly enhanced students’ understanding of modern industrial practices, reinforcing GNIT’s commitment to industry-integrated learning, experiential education, and career-oriented technical training.



5. GNIT (ECE) Signs Strategic MoU with Armatrics Applications to Boost Industry–Academia Collaboration

The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Armatrics Applications on 2nd December 2025 marking a significant step towards fostering meaningful industry–academia collaboration. The MoU aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and industrial practice by aligning engineering education with contemporary industry requirements.

This strategic partnership is expected to facilitate curriculum enrichment, faculty industrial exposure, co-guided student projects, and skill-oriented training programs, ensuring that students gain hands-on experience with real-world technologies. The MoU also opens avenues for student internships, joint research initiatives,

expert seminars, workshops, and collaborative development projects, with scope for joint publications and patents, thereby encouraging innovation and research-driven learning.

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, in the esteemed presence of Dr. Avali Banerjee, Head of the Department (ECE), along with other faculty members of the department. Prof. Mitra appreciated the initiative and emphasized the critical role of industry partnerships in enhancing students’ technical competencies, practical exposure, and overall employability in a competitive global landscape.

Such collaborations reinforce GNIT’s commitment to experiential learning, skill development, and long-term collaborative growth, enabling students to become industry-ready professionals equipped to meet emerging technological challenges.



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6. The Department of Business Administration (GNIT) organized an Industry Interactive Seminar on “Frontiers of Business Management, Emerging Trends and Ways to Tackle Challenges” on 13th December 2025, from 10:30 AM onwards, at the Seminar Hall, GNIT.

The seminar was conducted as a part of the Students’ Induction Programme for the BBA Batch of 2025, with the objective of bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world industry practices. The session aimed to equip students with a deeper understanding of the rapidly evolving business environment, emerging managerial paradigms, and the competencies required to thrive in a technology-driven corporate landscape.

The event featured Mr. Satatya Das, Senior Associate HR, ITC Limited, as the distinguished resource person. Drawing from his rich corporate experience, Mr. Das delivered an insightful and engaging session on the growing role of Artificial Intelligence in business operations, emphasizing its application in data analytics, workforce planning, interpreting business needs, and enhancing strategic decision-making. He also shed light on key emerging trends in business management, including digital transformation, agility, innovation, and people-centric leadership.

A significant focus of the seminar was on empathetic leadership,

ethical decision-making, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as essential pillars of modern organizations. Mr. Das emphasized that future managers must balance technological competence with emotional intelligence to drive sustainable organizational growth. He further highlighted the importance of continuous skill development, identifying storytelling as an underrated yet impactful skill that enhances leadership communication, persuasion, and organizational influence.

The seminar featured a lively interactive question-and-answer session, enabling students to engage directly with industry perspectives and clarify career-related queries. Mr. Das also shared his personal professional journey, offering practical insights into career progression, adaptability, and resilience, which greatly inspired the students.

The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from BBA 1st and 2nd year students, who gained valuable exposure to industry expectations and future-ready skills. Overall, the seminar proved to be a highly enriching academic initiative, reinforcing GNIT’s commitment to nurturing holistic, industry-ready business professionals equipped to navigate challenges and opportunities in the contemporary corporate world.



7. GNIT (EE & Admission Cell) Celebrates National Energy Conservation Day with Innovative Electrical Model Competition for School Students

The Department of Electrical Engineering in association with the Admission Cell, organized an Electrical Model Competition for School Students on 16th December 2025, marking the celebration of National Energy Conservation Day. The event was designed to foster awareness among young learners about energy conservation, renewable energy solutions, and sustainable electrical technologies, while nurturing creativity, innovation, and scientific temper at the school level.

The programme commenced with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and sustainable thinking. The inaugural session was graced by the Honorable Principal of GNIT, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, Registrar, GNIT, and Dr. Barnali Kundu, Head of the Department of Electrical Engineering, along with faculty members of the department. The dignitaries highlighted the importance of National Energy Conservation Day and emphasized the pivotal role of educational institutions in shaping environmentally responsible future citizens.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra encouraged students to develop scientific curiosity and innovative ideas that contribute to energy efficiency and environmental sustainability. Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, Registrar, GNIT, underlined the significance of outreach initiatives that bridge school education with higher technical education. Dr. Barnali Kundu, HoD, Electrical Engineering, motivated the participants by discussing the relevance of electrical engineering in addressing contemporary energy challenges and inspiring students to consider careers in engineering and technology.

The academic and technical coordination of the event was led by Mr. Susovan Dutta, Assistant Professor, EE (Faculty Coordinator), along with Mr. Suman Adhikary, Admission Cell, GNIT (Joint Coordinator). The smooth technical execution and mentoring support were provided by Ms. Subhra Sen, Mr. Bapi Tarafdar, Mr. Arnab Kumar Roy, and Mr. Vivekananda Kumar, who guided the participants throughout the competition.

The competition was conducted at the Circuits and Networks Laboratory, Department of Electrical Engineering, GNIT. Students from Classes IX to XII representing ICSE, CBSE, WB and other boards participated with remarkable enthusiasm. Schools from various

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regions took part, including Barasat M.G.M, Netaji Sikshayatan Agarpara, Barasat Binapani High School, Sodepur Karmadakshya High School, Satadal Girls' High School, Mahajati High School, Chandrachur Boys' High School, Deshbandhu Boys' High School, Kalyannagar Boys' High School, and Konnagar Hiralal Paul Girls' High School. Around 60 students and school representatives attended the programme, making it a vibrant and intellectually engaging academic gathering.

Participants showcased innovative working models on themes such as solar and wind energy systems, energy-efficient homes, automatic street lighting, smart electrical applications, and electrical safety measures. Each team demonstrated strong conceptual clarity by explaining the working principles, components, and real-life applications of their models. The evaluation was carried out by faculty members of the Electrical Engineering Department based on innovation, technical understanding, relevance to energy conservation, and presentation skills.

The event proved to be highly impactful in enhancing practical

exposure, awareness, and interest in sustainable energy practices among school students. All participants were awarded certificates of participation, and special appreciation was extended to students who demonstrated outstanding creativity and technical insight.

The Electrical Model Competition emerged as a meaningful and successful celebration of National Energy Conservation Day, reinforcing GNIT's commitment to academic excellence, community outreach, and sustainable development. The Department of Electrical Engineering, GNIT, extends sincere thanks to the Principal, Registrar, Admission Cell, faculty members, participating schools, and students for their valuable support and cooperation. The department looks forward to organizing many more such initiatives to nurture young minds and promote energy-conscious living.



8. GNIT (BBA-HM) Promotes Digital Awareness Through Wall Magazine on "Digital Literacy for All"

The Department of Hospital Management (GNIT), Kolkata organized a Wall Magazine on 17th December 2025, centred on the theme "Digital Literacy for All." The initiative aimed to create awareness about the growing importance of digital skills in an increasingly technology-driven society, while also providing students with a creative platform to articulate their perspectives on digital empowerment.

The Wall Magazine showcased the critical role of digital inclusion, responsible use of technology, cyber awareness, and equitable access to information. Through an impressive display of posters, articles, illustrations, and informative content, students effectively highlighted how digital literacy enhances employability, supports informed decision-making, and contributes to inclusive societal development—particularly in the healthcare and service sectors.

The Wall Magazine was formally inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal in the esteemed presence of the Dr. Adish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar. The event was further enriched by the presence of Ms. Debashruti Ganguly, Head of the Department; BBA (Hospital Management), whose encouragement and guidance greatly motivated the students to explore contemporary social themes through academic creativity.

The event was efficiently coordinated by Ms. Arjama Halder, Assistant Professor, and Ms. Debattri Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Hospital Management, whose dedicated mentorship and planning ensured the smooth execution and academic relevance of the activity.

Students from all academic years of the BBA (Hospital Management) programme actively participated in the initiative. Their collective efforts reflected strong teamwork, communication, leadership, and critical thinking skills, aligning with GNIT's vision of holistic student development beyond the classroom.



The initiative received widespread appreciation from faculty members and visitors, who commended the students for their innovative approach, social sensitivity, and thoughtful representation of the theme. Overall, the Wall Magazine on "Digital Literacy for All" emerged as an engaging, educational, and impactful academic activity, reinforcing GNIT's commitment to nurturing socially responsible, digitally aware, and future-ready professionals.



9. GNIT (ASHU) Signs Academic Collaboration MoU with Panihati Mahavidyalaya

The Department of Applied Science & Humanities (GNIT) formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Panihati Mahavidyalaya (Degree College) on 18th December 2025, marking a significant step towards strengthening inter-institutional academic collaboration, interdisciplinary learning, and capacity building.

The MoU was signed by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, and Dr. Indrajit Bose, Head of the Department, Applied Science & Humanities (ASHU), GNIT, in the presence of faculty members of the Department of Applied Science & Humanities and Dr. Sucharita Chakrabarti, Dean, Student Affairs, GNIT. The agreement was witnessed by Dr. Sreyasree Basu, AP, Chemistry, GNIT, and from Panihati Mahavidyalaya by Dr. Debapriya De, Principal, along with Dr. Subhajit Saha, Coordinator, IQAC. The occasion reflected the shared academic vision and collaborative intent of both institutions.

The collaboration is being implemented through the Department of Applied Science & Humanities, GNIT, with the objective of promoting knowledge sharing, faculty exchange, student skill development, and research orientation. The partnership will facilitate joint academic initiatives across key disciplines including English, Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics, thereby enriching the teaching-learning ecosystem of both institutions.

Under this MoU, the institutions will jointly organize guest lectures, workshops, seminars; faculty development programmes (FDPs), student training sessions, and mentoring initiatives. Key focus areas include English language teaching and training, business communication, employability skills, interview preparation, phonetics,

and corporate grooming, alongside concept-based science education, laboratory skill enhancement, industrial chemistry awareness, and competitive examination support for JEE, JAM, CUET, GATE, ISI/CMI, among others. The collaboration also encourages joint research activities and academic publications, fostering a strong research-driven academic culture.

The MoU is valid for a period of three years and is non-exclusive, allowing both institutions to engage in additional academic collaborations. The agreement does not involve any financial obligations unless mutually agreed upon for specific programmes including :

- Enhanced interdisciplinary academic exposure for students of both institutions
- Strengthened faculty collaboration and academic exchange
- Improved student employability, communication, and analytical skills
- Increased preparedness for competitive examinations and higher studies
- Promotion of collaborative research, publications, and innovation
- Effective sharing of academic expertise and institutional resources

This strategic partnership reinforces GNIT's commitment to innovation-driven education, academic excellence, and holistic student development, while enabling Panihati Mahavidyalaya to expand its academic outreach and enrichment initiatives. The MoU stands as a testament to both institutions' dedication to nurturing competent, skilled, and future-ready learners through meaningful academic collaboration.



10. GNIT (IT) Advances Academic–Industry Integration through MoU with CyberSecops Unit ICSS

The Department of Information Technology (GNIT) organized a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Signing Ceremony with Indian Cyber Security Solutions (ICSS), a Unit of CyberSecops Private Limited, on 22 December 2025 at the Multimedia Lab (Room No. 303), GNIT. The ceremony marked a significant milestone in strengthening industry–academia collaboration in the domain of cyber security and emerging technologies.

Objective of the MoU

The primary objective of this MoU is to establish a strategic partnership between the Department of Information Technology, GNIT, and ICSS to promote academic–industry interaction, enhance employability-driven skill development, foster collaborative research, and provide students with hands-on industry exposure through structured internships, training programs, and joint initiatives.

About the Event

The MoU Signing Ceremony was formally conducted in the presence of institutional leadership, faculty members of the IT Department, and representatives from Indian Cyber Security Solutions. The event reflected GNIT's continued commitment to aligning academic learning with evolving industry requirements, particularly in the critical field of cyber security.

MoU Signing

The MoU was formally signed under the supervision of Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, and Ms. Suparna Karmakar, Head, Department of Information Technology, in the presence of all faculty members of the IT Department, reinforcing institutional support for collaborative academic growth.

Outcome of the Event

- The MoU will establish a strong and sustainable academic – industry partnership in the domain of cyber security and information technology.
- It will create structured pathways for student internships, industrial training, and placement opportunities in reputed cyber security organizations.

- Students will gain access to licensed cyber security tools, platforms, and real-time industry practices, enhancing hands-on technical competence.
- The collaboration will strengthen experiential learning through expert lectures, workshops, industrial visits, and live project exposure.
- Faculty members will benefit from Faculty Development Programs, technical training, and collaborative knowledge-sharing initiatives.
- The partnership will open avenues for joint research, industry-recognized certifications, and curriculum enrichment aligned with emerging market needs.
- It will encourage innovation, ethical hacking practices, start-up incubation, and entrepreneurial thinking among students.
- Overall, the MoU will significantly bridge the skill gap between academic learning and industry expectations, thereby improving graduate employability and professional readiness.

Event Coordinators :

From Guru Nanak Institute of Technology :

Mrs. Priyanjana Mitra, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Technology

From Indian Cyber Security Solutions (ICSS) :

Ms. Sangita Dey, Assistant Director, ICSS.

This MoU represents a forward-looking initiative aimed at nurturing industry-ready graduates equipped with contemporary cyber security skills. The collaboration will play a pivotal role in enhancing student employability, promoting applied research, and supporting GNIT's vision of innovation-driven education and entrepreneurship. GNIT remains committed to building meaningful industry partnerships that add tangible value to student learning and institutional excellence.



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11. GNIT Honours 442 Innovators at JIS Innovation Award 2025, Reinforcing Research Excellence

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology organized the JIS Innovation Award 2025 on 23rd December 2025, from 10:00 AM onwards, at the GNIT Auditorium, marking a significant milestone in promoting a robust culture of innovation, research excellence, and academic leadership.

The programme commenced with an inaugural address by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, who warmly welcomed the distinguished guests and highlighted GNIT's unwavering commitment to innovation-driven education, outcome-based research, and the creation of socially relevant knowledge aligned with national and global priorities.

The event was graced by eminent academicians and thought leaders, including Prof. (Dr.) Rahul Banerjee, Indian Organic Chemist and Professor, Department of Chemical Sciences, IISER Kolkata; Prof. (Dr.) Neeraj Saxena, Pro-Chancellor, JIS University, Kolkata; and Prof. (Dr.) Lopamudra Datta, Principal, Guru Nanak Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology. Their insightful addresses emphasized the critical role of innovation, high-impact research publications, patents, and interdisciplinary collaboration in driving institutional excellence and shaping future-ready professionals.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the conferment of the JIS

Innovation Award to 372 students for their outstanding research paper publications, recognizing their academic rigor, originality, and meaningful contribution to knowledge creation. In addition, 70 faculty members were honoured across nine distinguished categories, including Book Publication, Articles/Chapters & Journal Publications, Publications with Students, Patent Filed/Published/Granted, Grants Received, Research Guidance, Sponsored Research Projects, and Consultancy, acknowledging their sustained efforts in advancing research, innovation, and institutional growth.

Organized by the GNIT Research & Development Cell, the award ceremony served as a powerful motivational platform, fostering a competitive yet collaborative research ecosystem within the campus. The initiative reinforced GNIT's vision of nurturing innovation-oriented mind-sets, encouraging student-faculty collaboration, and translating research outcomes into real-world impact. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, expressing heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed speakers, award recipients, organizers, participants, and all supporting teams for making the event a grand success.

Through initiatives like the JIS Innovation Award, GNIT continues to strengthen its reputation as a leading institution committed to research-led education, innovation excellence, and national academic advancement.



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12. The Department of Electrical Engineering (GNIT) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Trisita Engineering LLP, marking a significant milestone in strengthening industry-academia collaboration and enhancing skill-based technical education.

The MoU signing ceremony was held at the Conference Room, GNIT, in the esteemed presence of Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, and Dr. Barnali Kundu, Head of the Department, Electrical Engineering. Their presence underscored GNIT's continued commitment to fostering industry-oriented learning, experiential education, and career readiness among students.

The collaboration aims to provide students with enhanced technical exposure, hands-on training, internship opportunities, and industry-relevant skill development, thereby bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world industrial practices.

Following the signing ceremony, an interactive session was conducted in Room 414, with active participation from students of Diploma 1st Year, Diploma 2nd Year, B.Tech 2nd Year, and B.Tech 3rd Year. The session commenced with an introductory address by Dr. Aavek Chattopadhyaya, who welcomed the representatives from Trisita Engineering LLP and highlighted the importance of industry partnerships in shaping competent engineering professionals. Experts from Trisita Engineering LLP delivered an insightful PPT

presentation, introducing their company profile, areas of expertise, and the scope of collaboration under the MoU. A detailed discussion on AutoCAD and its advanced additions followed, providing students with valuable insights into practical applications, drafting techniques, and current industrial requirements. The session also included guidance on internship and training opportunities, enabling students to understand pathways for hands-on exposure and project-based learning.

The two-hour session concluded with an engaging quiz competition, encouraging active participation and reinforcing learning outcomes. The programme ended with a valedictory session, where faculty members and company representatives appreciated the enthusiasm and curiosity displayed by the students.

This MoU marks the beginning of a promising collaborative journey between the Department of Electrical Engineering, GNIT, and Trisita Engineering LLP, reinforcing GNIT's vision of producing industry-ready engineers through meaningful partnerships and practical learning initiatives.



13. GNIT (ECS) Hosts International Seminar on 'Advances in Intelligent Systems' with Global Industry Expert from Malaysia

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (ECS) organized an International Seminar on "Advances in Intelligent Systems" on 2nd January 2026 at the GNIT Conference Hall. The programme was conducted by the Department of Electronics & Computer Science (ECS) with the objective of exposing students and faculty members to cutting-edge global developments in intelligent and AI-driven systems.

The seminar featured an eminent international expert, Prof. Mohamed Rawidean Mohd Kassim, R&D Manager, Technology Deployment Department, Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (MIMOS), operating under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia. Prof. Kassim is also an IEEE Senior Member, Kuala Lumpur, and is widely recognised for his contributions to intelligent systems research and industrial deployment.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and inaugural address by the Honourable Principal, Prof. Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, followed by insightful addresses from the Honourable Registrar, Dr. Adhish Kr. Chakrabarty, and Dr. Bapita Roy, Head of the Department,

Electronics & Computer Science. The inaugural session was attended by senior faculty members, researchers, and a large number of enthusiastic students from the ECS department.

During the technical session, Prof. Kassim delivered an engaging and knowledge-rich lecture covering real-world applications of intelligent systems, emerging trends in artificial intelligence and smart technologies, industry-driven research ecosystems, and future challenges in intelligent system development. Drawing from his extensive industry and research experience at MIMOS, he emphasized the importance of academia-industry collaboration in translating research into scalable technological solutions.

As part of his visit, Prof. Kassim toured the technical laboratories of the ECS department, where he provided valuable recommendations for laboratory upgradation and shared strategic inputs for the future establishment of a Centre of Excellence in the IoT Lab. He also expressed his willingness to extend technical guidance and collaborative support for joint research initiatives between GNIT and international institutions.

The session witnessed active participation and vibrant interaction

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from students and faculty members, followed by a thought-provoking question-answer session coordinated by Ms. Soumili Chatterjee, ECS 2nd year student. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Suparna Maity, Faculty, ECS, acknowledging the resource person, dignitaries, and organizing team. The entire event was smoothly coordinated under the leadership of Dr. Bapita Roy, HOD, ECS.

The international seminar significantly enriched the academic and professional exposure of participants by providing first-hand insights into global research practices, industrial expectations, and innovation-driven technologies in intelligent systems. Students developed a clearer understanding of industry-relevant skill requirements, applied AI research directions, and emerging career pathways. Faculty members gained valuable perspectives on curriculum enrichment, interdisciplinary research, and international collaboration opportunities. The expert interaction fostered critical thinking, research orientation, and innovation-driven mind-sets, while also strengthening GNIT's vision of becoming a hub for advanced research,

industry partnership, and global academic engagement. Overall, the seminar reinforced GNIT's commitment to excellence in technical education, global exposure, and future-ready learning ecosystems.

The seminar stood as a testament to GNIT's continuous efforts in promoting international academic collaboration, research excellence, and industry-aligned education in the rapidly evolving domain of intelligent systems.



14. GNIT (Food Technology & Admission Cell) : Community Outreach Initiative on Food Safety at Begampur High School

The Department of Food Technology (GNIT) in association with the Admission Cell conducted a School Connect Program on "Food Safety" at Begampur High School, Begampur, West Bengal, on 6th January 2026 from 11:30 AM onwards. The outreach initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation from school students and faculty members, reinforcing GNIT's commitment to community engagement, preventive education, and social responsibility.

The program was designed with the objective of creating awareness among school students about food safety, hygiene practices, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle choices, while also strengthening the vital school-college connect through meaningful academic outreach. The session commenced with an introduction to GNIT, highlighting the institution's student-centric approach, academic excellence, and dedication towards societal well-being.

Ms. Riya Dasgupta, Assistant Professor, Department of Food Technology, GNIT, delivered an insightful session on the fundamentals of food safety. She emphasized the importance of personal hygiene, safe food handling, proper food storage, clean drinking water, and preventive measures against food-borne illnesses. By incorporating real-life examples from students' everyday food habits, the session became highly relatable, informative, and engaging.

Mr. Amit Barman, JTA, Department of Food Technology, GNIT, further enriched the program by focusing on the importance of nutrition and balanced diets for overall health and development. He also sensitized students to the issue of food adulteration, highlighting common adulterants found in daily food items and their harmful health effects. Students were encouraged to develop awareness by reading food labels and making informed food choices.

The program was conducted in an interactive manner, with students actively participating through questions and discussions on topics such as food hygiene, safety of street foods, identification of adulterated food, and healthy eating practices. The engaging question-and-answer session significantly reinforced the learning outcomes and left a lasting impact on the participants.

Mr. Asim Chatterjee, Department of Computer Science, GNIT, efficiently coordinated the program as the Local Coordinator, ensuring seamless communication and smooth execution in collaboration with the school authorities. The initiative was further strengthened by the active support of Mr. Suman Adhikary from the Admission Cell, GNIT, whose involvement enhanced institutional representation and outreach effectiveness.

The School Connect Program successfully achieved its objectives by enhancing awareness on food safety and hygiene, promoting healthy food habits, strengthening GNIT's institutional outreach, and fostering positive interaction between school students and GNIT faculty members.



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Through such initiatives, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology continues to reaffirm its role as a socially responsible institution, dedicated to empowering young minds with knowledge that extends beyond classrooms and contributes to a healthier, informed, and responsible society.



15. GNIT (BBA–Hospital Management) Marks a Milestone with the Inauguration of Its Official Newsletter “Memorem”

The Department of Hospital Management (GNIT) announces the successful inauguration of its departmental newsletter, “Memorem.” This significant academic initiative reflects the department’s continuous commitment to excellence in healthcare education, professional development, and knowledge dissemination.

Memorem has been conceptualized as a dynamic communication platform to systematically document and showcase the department’s academic milestones, research endeavours, student achievements, innovative practices, and institutional developments. The newsletter aims to foster a culture of collaboration, innovation, and lifelong learning by highlighting the intellectual and creative contributions of both faculty members and students. It also serves as an interface connecting students, alumni, and healthcare professionals by offering insights into industry trends, career pathways, and important departmental updates.

The inauguration ceremony witnessed enthusiastic participation from faculty members and students and was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT; Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar, GNIT; and Ms. Debashruti Ganguly, Head of the Department of Hospital Management, along with other respected faculty members. Their presence added immense value to the occasion and reinforced institutional encouragement for academic initiatives led by departments.

The programme commenced with a warm welcome address, followed by the formal unveiling of Memorem. In their addresses, the dignitaries highlighted the critical role of effective communication, leadership, ethical practices, and continuous learning in shaping competent healthcare management professionals. They appreciated the initiative as a meaningful step toward strengthening academic visibility and professional readiness among students.

Special appreciation was extended to the editorial board and student contributors whose dedicated efforts resulted in a comprehensive, well-curated, and impactful publication. Their commitment and teamwork were acknowledged as instrumental in presenting the department’s academic and co-curricular vibrancy through this newsletter.

Memorem stands as an important institutional record that captures the department’s vision, achievements, and growth trajectory, while enhancing internal communication and stakeholder engagement. The programme concluded with a photo session, marking the successful and memorable completion of the event.

We look forward to Memorem evolving as a strong academic voice of the Department of Hospital Management and contributing meaningfully to the healthcare education ecosystem.





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JIS University Hosts IIC Regional Meet 2025 with massive participation
On 25th November, 2025 JIS University, in collaboration with MIC & AICTE proudly hosted the Institution’s Innovation Council (IIC) Regional Meet 2025, one of the largest innovation gatherings in Eastern India, with participation from 450+ Institution Innovation Councils across West Bengal and neighbouring states. The inaugural session was graced virtually by AICTE Chairman, Prof. T. G. Sitharam, who highlighted India’s rising position in the Global Innovation Index, and emphasized the impact of initiatives like the Yukti Innovation Challenge and Productization Fellowship in strengthening India’s innovation ecosystem. 110 Yukti Innovation Projects were showcased, featuring groundbreaking student research prototypes and startup concepts. 15 ‘Vocal for Local – Udyami Bazaar’ stalls proudly promoted grassroots entrepreneurship and indigenous products.

The event featured thematic sessions on : Innovation Ecosystem Development, Startup Mentorship & Intellectual Property Awareness, Design Thinking & Prototype Refinement and Institutional Best Practices. Distinguished guests presence included, Shri Sitanath Mukhopadhyay, IEDS, Ministry of MSME as Chief Guest, Guests of Honour: Shri M. G. Vamsi Krishna (AICTE), Dr. Mahuya Hom Choudhury (WBSCST) Esteemed Guests : Prof. Nabendu Chaki (CU), Prof. Debasish De (MAKAUT), Prof. Jyotsa Kumar Mondal (Ex-VC, Raiganj University). JIS University Leadership included Prof. Dr. Bhaskar Gupta (VC), Prof. Dr. Goutam Ghosh (Pro-VC) and Prof. Dr. Rajendra Nargunkar (Pro-VC). The program was excellently coordinated by Prof. (Dr.) Dharpal Singh (IIC President) and Ms. Debmitra Ghosh (IIC Convenor), ensuring impactful sessions, exhibitions, and evaluations.



Hands on Learning Beyond Classroom by Faculty of Agriculture
On 26th November, the 7th Semester students of the Faculty of Agriculture, JIS University embarked on an insightful exposure visit to Chapra Dhantala Samabay Krishi Unnayan Samiti (SKUS), Nadia — a pioneering cooperative committed to uplifting agrarian communities. From its humble beginnings in farmer financing to expanding into fertilizer and seed production, SKUS has become a cornerstone of rural agricultural development. The organization plays a vital role as a buffer society for IFFCO, supports Self-Help Groups (SHGs) under NABARD’s subsidized schemes, and is actively engaged in paddy procurement and production of Foundation & Certified seeds under the guidance of the West Bengal State Seed Certification Agency. During this visit, our students gained invaluable insights into - Real-world operational frameworks of SKUS, Financial and support mechanisms for small and marginal farmers & SHGs,

advanced seed production, marketing, and quality supervision; Modern agricultural technologies: Polyhouse farming, micro-irrigation & value addition, Cultivation techniques for regional flowers like Tube Rose, Chrysanthemum, Marigold, and Gerbera and challenges posed by adverse weather conditions & strategies for mitigation. This experiential learning enhanced their understanding of the cooperative model, agricultural input management, and sustainable farming solutions — connecting knowledge to practice in the most meaningful way.



Sports Day Celebration at JIS University



The Department of Education, JIS University celebrated Sports Day on 28th November 2025 at the University playground. Students participated in a variety of outdoor sports events including Football match, 200-Metre Race, Passing the Pillow, along with several fun and competitive activities. The event encouraged students to embrace sports, stay active, and understand the importance of fitness for overall well-being. Our Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bhaskar Gupta graced the occasion during the prize distribution ceremony, congratulating the winners and appreciating the spirited participation of all students.

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SkillX 2025 on 29th November

JIS University organizes a unique exhibition SKILLX event every year to further the cause of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Development for the students. This is an exhibition of innovative projects undertaken by the students of undergraduate and post-graduate disciplines of JIS University. SkillX is JIS University's endeavour to equip young minds with innovative, enterprising & creative skills and ideas. It is the university's own enterprise to combine hands-on training and skill development with theoretical academic pedagogy. In this Skill exposition the young and talented students showcase their innovation and creativity through models & ideas, displayed across the campus ranging from Aerodynamics to Robotic Arms, Artificial Intelligence to Knowledge Management, Industrial

Biotechnology to Waste Management, Sewage treatment to Drug Design, to Solar Cell, home automation to electronic circuit application, new product development to business ideas. External Experts are arranged to evaluate the students of various disciplines at the SKILLX event.



SkillX Program at JIS University by the Faculty of Agriculture

The Faculty of Agriculture, JIS University, hosted The SkillX Program on 29th November beginning with an inaugural address by Prof. Sukanta Dasgupta (Dean, Faculty of Agriculture). We were honored to welcome Prof. Tapan Kumar Maity (Former Professor of Horticulture, BCKV) as the external evaluator. Faculty members of the Department of Agriculture also graced the event with their

presence. Students from 1st, 3rd, and 5th semesters presented a range of innovative agricultural models like - Soil Pollution Model, Orchard Model, Soil Profile Model, Smart Resource Optimization Technology Model, Informal Garden Model, Formal Garden Model. The program concluded with an inspiring speech by Prof. Tapan Kumar Maity, who applauded the students' creativity and encouraged them to continue exploring practical and innovative solutions in agriculture.



MOU with Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia

On 1st December, JIS Group Educational Initiatives has signed an MoU with the Asia Pacific University of Technology & Innovation (APU), Malaysia, marking a significant step towards advancing international academic cooperation. The MoU was signed by Prof. Bhaskar Gupta, Vice Chancellor, JIS University, and Prof. Dr. Murali Raman, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Development & Strategy), Asia Pacific University, in the presence of Mr. Bidyut Majumder, Deputy Director, JIS Group; Prof. (Dr.) Gautam Ghosh, Pro-Vice Chancellor, JIS University; and Prof. (Dr.) Rajendra Nargundkar, Pro-Vice Chancellor, JIS University. The proposed collaboration brings together leading institutions under the JIS Group—JIS University, JIS College of Engineering, Narula Institute of Technology, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Guru Nanak Institute of Pharmaceutical Science & Technology, Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel

Management, Guru Nanak Institute of Dental Sciences & Research, and Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute of Technology & Sports Complex—to establish a shared framework for academic and research-driven engagement with APU Malaysia. The MoU outlines the intent of both institutions to strengthen academic linkages through joint initiatives such as research collaboration, student and faculty exchange, academic exchange in the form of talks, lectures, and forums, and joint supervision for postgraduate research.



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Cleanliness Drive by the 1st semester Students of Faculty of Agriculture

Students of the Agriculture Department actively participated in the National Service Scheme (NSS 109) Cleanliness Drive, conducted as part of first-semester activities. The drive aimed to promote hygiene, sanitation, and environmental awareness across the campus and surrounding areas, in line with the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. With great enthusiasm, students swept pathways, cleared dry leaves and littered corners, emptied dustbins, and ensured proper waste disposal. Special focus was given to collecting single-use plastics, spreading awareness about minimizing non-biodegradable waste.

Their dedication, teamwork, and sense of responsibility contributed to creating a cleaner, greener, and healthier environment.



International Conference on Quantum Technology and Applications- QUANTUMKOL 2025

The International Conference on Quantum Technology and Applications (QUANTUMKOL-2025) was successfully held from December 17–19, 2025 at The Park Hotel, Kolkata, organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, JIS University, Kolkata. International speakers Prof. (Dr.) Andrew Briggs (Oxford University, UK) and Prof. (Dr.) Martin Wilkens (Wilhelm-und-Else-Heraeus Foundation, Germany) highlighted advances in fault-tolerant quantum computing, quantum machine learning, and quantum security. The event was further enriched by expert sessions from Mr. Rajtilak Majumder (PwC India) and Prof. (Dr.) Swagatam Das (Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata). Dr. Ritajit Majumdar (IBM Quantum, IBM India Research Laboratory) and Prof. Jyostna Kumar Mandal shared industry-driven insights into contemporary quantum technologies. A major highlight of the final day was the IEEE 6G Summit, organized in collaboration with the IEEE Communications Society (ComSoc), Kolkata Chapter, focusing on the convergence of quantum computing and 6G communication networks. Prof. (Dr.) Rajkumar Buyya of the University of Melbourne inaugurated with an insightful discussion on emerging trends and future directions in quantum computing and next-generation communication technologies.

The panel discussions were moderated by Prof. Subhamoy Chakraborti and Prof. Debashis De, and featured eminent panelists including Mr. Sourav Chatterjee, Research Scientist, TCS; Mr. Ambarish Natu, Vice-Chairman, IEEE ComSoc Australia Council; Dr. Ashutosh Dutta, IEEE Communications Society Member-at-Large (USA); Dr. Pallab Ganguly, Chairman, IEEE ComSoc Kolkata Chapter; and Prof. (Dr.) Angsuman Sarkar of Kalyani Government Engineering College and Mr. Chanchal Chakraborty (IEEE ComSoc, Kolkata Chapter, India). The sessions fostered insightful discussions on emerging trends and future directions in quantum computing and next-generation communication technologies. Some eminent speakers, including Prof. Susmita Sur-Kolay of ISI Kolkata, India and Professor (Dr.) Debabrata Datta, delivered online keynote addresses highlighting important applications of quantum technologies and recent research advancements in the field. The organizers expressed their sincere gratitude to all national and international speakers who joined the conference in online mode, sharing their valuable insights and enriching the academic discourse despite geographical boundaries. The conference concluded with a valedictory session included some knowledgeable insights by Dr. Chiranjib Mitra, Professor, Department of Physics, IISER, Kolkata marking QUANTUMKOL-2025 as a significant platform for fostering interdisciplinary research, global collaboration, and innovation in quantum and communication technologies.



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JIS University Team participated at the Indian Pharmaceutical Congress

The 74th Indian Pharmaceutical Congress was inaugurated on 19th December at BIEC, Bengaluru, amid vibrant energy and global participation. It was truly inspiring to witness pharmacists, researchers, academicians, and industry leaders from around the world come together to exchange knowledge and advanced pharmaceutical sciences. JIS University and JIS Group participated in this prestigious platform.



JIS Innovation Award 2025

The JIS Innovation Award celebrated excellence in research, innovation, patents, publications, sponsored projects, and scholarly contributions by our esteemed faculty members and students on 23rd December 2025 at the JIS University Auditorium, Kolkata. The event was graced by the presence of our Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellor, with Dr. Shibani Lahiri, Director & Professor, All India Institute of Hygiene & Public Health, as the Chief Guest. It was a proud moment for JIS University as we continue to foster a culture of innovation and academic excellence.



JIS SPIRIT 2026

JIS Spirit 2026 unfolded on a high-energy note at the NiT-JISU Ground, brought together talent, creativity, and cultural diversity from JIS Group colleges on a single vibrant platform from 7th to 9th January. The inauguration saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, and institutions across the group. The ceremony was graced by Guest of Honour Mr. Sabyasachi Chakraborty, whose presence added inspiration and prestige. The event began with a heartfelt tribute to 'Babuji' Sardar Jodh Singh and 'Mataji' Sardarni Satnam Kaur, honouring their timeless vision. The occasion was further dignified by Sardar Taranjit Singh, Managing Director and Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group. The presence of Directors and Principals of JIS Group colleges reflected the unity and collective spirit of the JIS academic community. Events at JIS Spirit 2026 included :

- Feet Beat (Group Dance) — electrifying synchronisation, energy, and vibrant storytelling on stage.
- In-Quiz-itive (Quiz) — a thrilling test of knowledge, awareness, and rapid thinking.
- Malang-e-Mridang — rhythmic brilliance and cultural expression through powerful beats.
- Sutradhar (Anchoring) — confidence, spontaneity, and seamless stage command.
- War of the Minds (Debate) — sharp arguments, perspectives, and intellectual depth.
- Recitation — voices filled with emotion, meaning, and impactful expression
- Fashion show



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Students of CSE department participate at the MeghnadSaha Smarak Vigyan Mela 2026

Students of the CSE department, JIS University participated in the Model Showcasing at Meghnad Saha Smarak Vigyan Mela 2026 on 12th January at Triangular Park, Kolkata where ideas transformed into impactful models and young minds met scientific curiosity. They presented models for the two projects -FPGA-Based Colour Sorting System for Mangoes Using Real-Time Image Processing and Machine Learning and KIZU : The Human Following Robot.

4th FICCI Industry – Academia Conference

The 4th FICCI Industry – Academia Conference being organised at JIS University on 17th January. JIS University proudly hosted a 90-minute interactive career counselling session for UG & PG students across disciplines, focused on preparing young minds for the future of work. The Theme of the session was "Emerging Career Opportunities" and the session was led by Mr. Sandip Sarkar, Head

– Sales & Operations (East), IDP Education, who shared valuable insights on : Emerging job trends, Industry expectations, Skill readiness for global careers. The objective of the session was : Understanding how job markets are evolving, identifying skills that truly matter for future careers, gaining practical clarity on steps students can take now and reducing anxiety around career decisions. An engaging and thought-provoking session empowered students to take charge of their career journeys with confidence and clarity.

