



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,

2016 has dawned on us amidst a flurry of activities. While our offerings of events, activities and projects have been scaled up, the scope and reach of each activity have also been magnified. The Bengal Chamber has focused on creating synergies and adding value to the stakeholders in each activity that it has engaged itself in.

For example, in Health, while on the one hand we are organizing Wellness Expo for the general public bringing together various hospitals and Medical Service providers showcasing their various facilities that they have on offer and by organizing free health checkups and health advice; on the other, we have been inking partnerships with renowned institutions like NICED (National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases) on cutting edge research in diseases that can assume endemic proportions. Similarly, within a month of setting up base in North Bengal we have come up with a research paper bringing to board the various advantages for business growth and the unexplored enablers for economic growth in North Bengal. The paper was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of the State.

Our immediate and regular connect with the critical taxation related aspects for businesses has similarly been manifested through critical and very well appreciated courses on indirect taxation as well as oversubscribed workshops on some of the most complicated and controversial aspects like works contract tax.

From adopting selected villages for our rural development project in Birbhum with Visva-Bharati University as our partner, to organizing a programme for farmers attended by over five hundred farmers, focused on potato exports, in Bankura, our catalytic work in agriculture, which is critical for the State is yet another example of our multi-faceted, in-depth engagement with the State and its citizens.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the State Government on the success of the Bengal Global Business Summit and the announcements at the Utkarsh Bangla platform, which is a skills training initiative for the youth. On a different note, we are looking forward to the Union Budget, which would be presented on 29th February. The expectations range from reviving investments without deviating from the medium-term fiscal consolidation agenda to improvements on ease of doing business as well as easing norms for foreign investments.

By the time I am writing to you next, we should be having a clearer understanding on how our economy has performed and what lies ahead of us in 2016!

Sd/-
Ambarish Dasgupta
President

members news corner



*Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey **Kali Kripa Agro Investments Pvt. Ltd.** whose application for membership was tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 28th December 2015.*

NEWS FLASH

CHAMBER'S MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF ETHIOPIA



Mr. A.Mandal (third from left in picture), President Business Development, Techno Electric & Engineering Co. Ltd. and Member of the Chamber's Managing Committee met the Prime Minister of Ethiopia (second from left) during his recent visit to Ethiopia & Kenya to assess the business opportunity for Indian Companies. There are quite a few Indian companies, which are at present operational in Ethiopia, where the market is still largely unexplored. The Chamber is exploring such future opportunities. The Ambassador of Ethiopia in New Delhi (extreme left) and India's Ambassador in Addis Ababa (extreme right) are also in the picture.

PROGRAMME

Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes

December 2015,
Chamber Premises

The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry had organized a Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes in December, 2015. This was the 3rd batch with more than 25 participants from different sectors. The last two batches were held in 2014. There were 7 days of classes, held on Fridays (4:00 pm – 7:30 pm) and Saturdays (10.00 am – 5:30 pm) on Indirect Taxes (Excise, Customs, GST, Service Tax, CENVAT Credit Rules both Excise / Service Tax, VAT, FTP, Duty Drawback, etc.) under the overall guidance of Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes committee, BCC&I and Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited. Other faculty members were Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes committee,

BCC&I & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP, Mr. Debasish Ghosh, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt Ltd, Mr. Mrityunjay Acharjee, AVP (Corp. Tax & Internal Audit), Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Kolkata, Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, M/s JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants and Mr. Anjan Sircar, Consultant- Central Excise, Customs, Service Tax, Sales Tax, VAT and other Indirect Taxes, who are the experts from the industry in taxation matters. This is an extremely relevant training programme for taxation professionals for overall improvement of operational efficiency in their respective organizations. Mostly senior and mid-level executives of different organizations took part in the course.

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Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes



Certificate Course on Indirect Taxes. Faculty: Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, M/s JAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress. Faculty: Mr. Anjan Sircar, Consultant- Central Excise, Customs, Service Tax, Sales Tax, VAT and other Indirect Taxes



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress. Faculty: Mr. Mrityunjay Acharjee, AVP (Corp. Tax & Internal Audit), Balmer Lawrie & Co Ltd, Kolkata



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty: Mr. T. B. Chatterjee, Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I and & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty: Mr. Pulak Saha, Co-Chairperson - Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP



Training Session on Indirect Taxation in progress, Faculty : Mr. Debasish Ghosh, Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt Ltd

**20th December 2015
The Bengal Club**

Exclusive Dialogue with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Art of Living Foundation

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Exclusive Dialogue with Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar for Decision Makers and Thought Leaders on 20th December 2015 in Bengal Club.

A very niche audience of only the decision makers in the corporates was invited. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar connected with the audience and

interacted with them on managing perpetual change which is intrinsic to decision making in today's business. It was a unique experience learning from Sri Sri Ravi Shankar about the real role of executive leadership, which is not about driving people to change but creating an organizational environment that inspires the imagination and initiative that exists throughout the organization. The programme concluded with a half an hour meditation session.

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Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address.



The Select Audience.



Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar interacting with the audience.



Mr. Anirudha Lahiri, Past President, The Bengal Chamber, who moderated the session, presenting a memento to Sri Sri Ravi Shankar.

Partnership with the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED)

15th January 2016
Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) and the National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases (NICED) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 15th January 2015 to undertake cutting-edge research on enteric diseases, including Hepatitis-C. The main objective of the partnership is to intensify the efforts to serve the cause of medical research with focus on public health interventions in West Bengal.



Special Address by Dr. Shanta Dutta, Scientist G and Director-in-Charge, National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases



Welcome address by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Keynote Address by Dr. Samiran Panda, Senior Deputy Director & Scientist-F at NICED, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

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Signing of MoA. L-R: Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber, Dr. Samiran Panda, Senior Deputy Director & Scientist-F at NICED, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber, Dr. Shanta Dutta, Director-In-Charge & Scientist G, National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Dr Arunaloke Bhattacharya, Member – Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Press Meet in progress



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16th January 2016
The Park, Kolkata

Seminar for BCC&I Awards for Excellence in Best Practices of MSMEs

The Manufacturing Committee of BCC&I organized the eight edition of the annual MSME Excellence Awards titled “Seminar for BCC&I Awards for Excellence in Best Practices of MSMEs” with the participation of senior representatives from the Government, Industry, Academia and experts on Saturday, 16th January 2016 at 10.00 a.m. at The Park, Kolkata.

The focus of the event has always been to create a benchmark for the MSMEs by giving them exposure to the best manufacturing and service practices adopted and implemented by their peers/counterparts so that they could learn, adopt and implement these practices in their respective organizations, which would help them to achieve better productivity as well as quality at lesser cost.

This is an annual event of BCC&I and it is being organized to reward the MSMEs for their “Excellence in Best Practices” in spite of the severe logistical and infrastructural constraints they come across. The focus is also to give exposure to the MSMEs and extend them the opportunity of networking with industry which comprises of large corporates and MSMEs. The event helps the large scale industries to contribute in their continuous endeavour in developing or upgrading their vendor base by inducting quality vendors for furthering growth

and development of their businesses.

This year, our award programme was presided over by Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I, who commenced the session by giving a Welcome Speech. Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President – Designate, BCC&I presented the BCC&I Trophies and the Certificates of Appreciation to the award winners and concluded the eight edition of the BCC&I MSME Excellence Awards by giving the concluding remarks.

The key speakers were :

Shri R K Middya, Jt Director (P&S), Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal

Shri P.K. Saha, Ex Chief General Manager of SIDBI & Currently representative of Kolkata Chapter of Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE)

Mr. Soundarajan.V, Sr General Manager, Business Development, BSE Limited

Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya, President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries (FOSMI), West Bengal

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The panel of judges who evaluated the presentations of the participating MSMEs was headed by Mr Alope Mookherjea (Chief Judge), Past President, BCC&I and Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited; Mr Debkumar Basu, Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd.; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited (TSPDL) and Dr Suman K

Mukerjee, Sr Professor and Former Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science (Kolkata Kendra).

The judges selected the one best case study presentation in Steel & Manufacturing Category and two best case study presentations in Service Category out of a series of presentations made by the participating MSMEs. Following were the MSMEs which won the Award along with the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation.

Steel & Manufacturing Category :

- I & B Engineers Pvt Ltd

Service Category :

- Orion Edutech Pvt Ltd
- Indus Net Technologies

The award programme was attended by well over 170 delegates from industry representing sectors like manufacturing, engineering, petrochemicals, chemicals, financial institutions, bankers and others. The feedback from the session was extremely positive as it was an excellent learning experience and networking forum.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I addressing the eighth edition of the BCC&I MSME Excellence Award programme. Seated (L-R): Mr Jayanta Basu, Director, Techo Enterprise; Mr Sanjiv Kumar Sadhu, Dy General Manager – Technical, Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd; Shri R K Midhya, Jt Director (P&S), Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal; Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya, President, Federation of Small and Medium Industries (FOSMI), West Bengal, Mr. Soundarajan. V, Sr General Manager, Business Development, BSE Limited and Mr Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I.



Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya addressing the session.



Mr. Soundarajan.V addressing the session.

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Mr Jayanta Basu addressing the session.



Mr Sanjiv Kumar Sadhu addressing the session.



Shri R K Midya addressing the session.



The panel of judges and the delegates present in the programme.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr. Soundarajan. V.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Shri R K Midya.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Mr Jayanta Basu.



Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr Sanjiv Kumar Sadhu.

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Mr Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Mr Biswanath Bhattacharya.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh addressing the Inaugural Session of the programme.



Mr Aloke Mookherjee, Past President, BCC&I and Chairman, Howden Solyvent (India) Private Limited addressing the Technical Session I of the programme.



A section of the audience present in the programme.



A participant from Orion Edutech Pvt Ltd under the service category making a presentation in the programme.



A participant from M/s. Girish Ch. Ghosh and GGS under the service category making a presentation in the programme.



A participant from I & B Engineers Pvt. Ltd. under the steel and manufacturing category making a presentation in the programme.

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Shri P.K. Saha, Ex Chief General Manager of SIDBI & Currently representative of Kolkata Chapter of Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGT- MSE) addressing the Technical Session II of the programme while seated on the dais (L-R): Mr Ashok Ghosh, Managing Director, PABSTA Engineers India Ltd, Mr Debasish Jana (Session Chairman), Co-Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I, Mr Nilanjan Ray, Director, Metal Engineering & Treatment Company Private Limited and Mr. N K Kajaria, Director, Anderson Printing House.



Mr Nilanjan Ray addressing the session.



Mr. N K Kajaria addressing the session.



Mr Ashok Ghosh addressing the session.



Mr Debasish Jana presenting a memento to Mr. N K Kajaria.



Mr Debasish Jana presenting a memento to Mr Nilanjan Ray.



Mr Debasish Jana presenting a memento to Mr Ashok Ghosh.

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Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting the BCC&I Trophy and the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation at the Valedictory and Award Distribution Session to Indus Net Technologies (one of the winning participants under the Service Category).



Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting the BCC&I Trophy and the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation to Orion Edutech Pvt Ltd (one of the winning participants under the Service Category).



Mr Debkumar Basu, Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Mr P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited (TSPDL) and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Mr Pritish K Sen, Head - Market Research & External Affairs, M&S Division, Tata Steel Limited and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited and one of the jury members presenting a memento and a certificate of participation to one of the participants.



Mr Sutanu Ghosh addressing the Valedictory and Award Distribution Session of the programme.



A group photo with the award winners.

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Mr Sutanu Ghosh presenting the BCC&I Trophy and the Certificate of Best Case Study Presentation to I & B Engineers Pvt Ltd (the winning participant under the Steel and Manufacturing Category).



A section of the audience present in the programme

21st January 2016
Siliguri

**Bengal Chamber Study on North Bengal Industrial and
Economic Prospects released by Hon'ble CM in Siliguri**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee released the Bengal Chamber study on North Bengal Industrial and Economic Prospects, at a special programme in Siliguri on 21st January 2016. The Hon'ble CM specially spoke about the Bengal Chamber's special contribution to development in the State and greatly appreciated this work culminating in the report.

She congratulated the Chamber's work and its opening a new office in Siliguri and spoke glowingly about the President, Mr. Dasgupta as being an "excellent" leader. She also spoke about Mr. K K Mittal, CMD, PCM Group of Industries being present. Mr. Mittal is the Chamber's great supporter in our work in North Bengal. The Hon'ble CM also observed that the Chamber's in-depth study covering each District of North Bengal was critical in mapping the advantages and immediate and future prospects.



Hon'ble CM of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee releasing the Bengal Chamber study on North Bengal Industrial and Economic Prospects, at a special programme in Siliguri on 21st January 2016. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President (R) and Mr. K K Mittal representing the Industry fraternity of the Chamber's North Bengal initiative (Middle) along with Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal with the Hon'ble CM.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President (R) and Mr. K K Mittal representing the Industry fraternity of the Chamber's North Bengal initiative (Middle) along with Shri Basudeb Banerjee, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal are with the Hon'ble CM.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, along with Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate and Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director visited Chittagong from 30th January 2016 to 1st February 2016 to attend the Centenary Celebration of The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The programme on 30th January was graced by Sheikh Hasina, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh. The first-ever World Trade Center (WTC) in Bangladesh was also inaugurated by her during this programme. The programme was held at the WTC, Chittagong.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate was invited to join the Panel Discussion on "Bay of Bengal Growth Triangle and the Southern Silk Route – Completing Vision 2021" on 31st January 2016 in Radisson Blu, Chittagong. He was the only representative from India in the Panel. The other Panelists were H.E. Benoît-Pierre Laramée, High Commissioner of Canada; Mr. Oleg Tonkonojenkov, Deputy Country Director, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Bangladesh; Mr. Hitoshi Ara, Senior Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Mr. Abdul Matlub Ahmed, President, The Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FBCCI); Mr. Md. Shafiqul Islam (Mohiuddin), First Vice President, FBCCI and Mr. Abrar A. Anwar, CEO, Standard Chartered Bangladesh. Mr. Salahuddin Kasem Khan, Managing Director & CEO, A.K. Khan & Co. Ltd. and

President, Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF) was the Keynote Speaker. Mr. A.H.M. Mostafa Kamal, Minister for Planning, Government of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest.

There was International Tourism Summit held in Arannok Cottage in Rangamati, Chittagong on 1st February 2016. Mr. Sutanu Ghosh shared his thoughts on Bangladesh - its economic development in the context of tourism development opportunities. He also expressed his gratitude to The Chittagong Chamber for inviting The Bengal Chamber to this programme. Mr. Shajahan Khan, Hon'ble Shipping Minister of Bangladesh was the Chief Guest. Mr. AJM Nasiruddin, Mayor, Chittagong City Corporation was also present.

The programmes were also graced by Mr. MA Latif, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Former President, The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry and also Mr. Mahbubul Alam, President, The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Sutanu Ghosh mentioned that The Bengal Chamber would be delighted to work together with The Chittagong Chamber towards enhancing B2B linkages between Bangladesh and Eastern and North Eastern India.



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber in the International Business Conference addressing the Panel Discussion on "Bay of Bengal Growth Triangle and the Southern Silk Route – Completing Vision 2021"



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber in the International Business Conference



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber in the International Business Conference



Networking Dinner at Chittagong Club with the President and the Committee Members

30th January - 2nd February, 2016

Visit to Chittagong



Networking Dinner at Chittagong Club with the President and the Committee Members



Networking Dinner at Chittagong Club with the President and the Committee Members



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh addressing at the International Tourism Summit.



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury in a meeting with delegates from Japan.

3rd February 2016
The Park

The Bengal Chamber organised the Loan for All Conclave on 3rd February 2016. From past few years with the significant rise in the service sector the definition of middle class in terms of wealth has changed completely. Ranging from car, home, or any dream products which was beyond reach of a middle class man has been made affordable to them via various loan schemes. Gold as an instrument of alternative funding source has been identified. There are bonanzas, special offers, tie ups with direct manufacturers and various strategies of PSUs which have been instrumental in increasing their market share. PSUs have also played a major role in financing Large and Mid Corporate Players along with private Bankers and NBFCs. With the changing global scenario and rapid changes in Indian economic policies how the PSUs, private bankers, and NBFCs would strategize their investment decisions and align the same with large and Mid Corporate players' perspective? According to a recent statistic, 33% of companies operating in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector have access to banks and financial institutions, while the rest remain excluded and are compelled to raise money through informal channels. Till date, banks and NBFCs have not been able to finance this debt gap effectively. SME loans are a very crucial area where

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NBFCs have thrived with low NPAs. The Private Banks, Financial Institutions (FIs) and Non Banking Financial Corporation (NBFCs), Angels and Venture Capitalists should also come forward and take the responsibility to help the Start Up Ventures with easy and cheap credit within strict timelines and enabling schemes for their adequate growth.

Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President, BCC&I and Founder, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank and Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network graced the occasion, as the Guests of Honour. Mr. Eric Anklesaria, Partner Management Consulting, KPMG shared his views as the Conference Chairman. The summit also witnessed the deliberations of eminent speakers like Mr. U S Roy, Former Deputy MD, SBI, Former MD, SBI Life and Director, IndiaFirst Life Insurance; Mr. Arun Kumar Verma, General Manager, Canara Bank; Mr. Ashim Bhuyan, Regional Manager, LIC Housing Finance Ltd.; Mr. N K Bhattacharya, General Manager, Syndicate Bank; Mr. J S Rama Rao, Assistant General Manager, Andhra Bank; Mr. Mainak Banerjee, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda and Ms. Banashri Guha Neogi, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda.

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Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President, BCC&I and Founder, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank addressing the audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network.



Inaugural Session of Loan for All Conclave- Mr. Eric Anklesaria, Partner Management Consulting, KPMG as the Conference Chairman; Mr. C S Ghosh, Vice President, BCC&I and Founder, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank and Ms. Padmaja Ruparel, President, Indian Angel Network, as the Guest of Honour and BCC&I President Designate, Mr. Sutanu Ghosh.



Audience at Loan for All Conclave.



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Audience at Loan for All Conclave.



Mr. U S Roy, Former Deputy MD, SBI and Former MD, SBI Life and Director, IndiaFirst Life is addressing the audience.

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Mr. Arun Kumar Verma, General Manager, Canara Bank.



Mr. Ashim Bhuyan, Regional Manager, LIC Housing Finance Ltd.



Session I – Experts' Roundtable on "Financing the Mid Scale Corporate and Enterprises".



Mr. N K Bhattacharya, General Manager, Syndicate Bank.



Ms. Banashri Guha Neogi, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda.



Mr. Mainak Banerjee, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda.



Mr. J S Rama Rao, Assistant General Manager, Andhra Bank.



Session II – Experts' Roundtable on "Loan For MSME Finance , Start Up Ventures and Retail Customers: Various Products and Alternative Sources"

PROGRAMME

Visit to Santiniketan by the Agro and Rural Development Committee for the rural development project in villages near Bolpur

4th-5th February 2016

Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairman of the Agro and Rural Development Committee of BCC&I along with senior members of the Committee, visited Santiniketan on February 4&5, 2016 on the project initiated by the Committee for adopting five villages in and around Santiniketan, in association with VISVA BHARATI UNIVERSITY.

The main objective of this project is “Economic Upliftment of Farmers” of those five villages by providing them technical support for farming vis-à-vis market linkage of their produce through Sufal Bangla, an initiative of Agriculture Marketing Department, Government of West Bengal. The Committee led by Mr. Mukherjee along with Dr. Sabujkoli Sen, Director of Studies, Visva Bharati University and District Officers of Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal met villagers/farmers of those villages during the visit.

The following points were raised by farmers during the meetings :

- a) Need for Soil Health Card/Soil Testing
- b) Need help for Organic farming with Organic Fertilizers
- c) Need help to improve irrigation facilities
- d) Market Linkages

After meeting farmers of those villages, the Committee met Dr. Prof. Swapan Datta, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Visva Bharati University along with other members of the committee for a wrap up meeting. Dr. Datta assured us of all possible help for our endeavour. Dr Datta also pointed out that Drinking water and Sanitation is a big problem in the area. He also said that a lot of things are required to be done for bettering the lives of the farmers in the region. The following points/course of actions emerging out of this meeting were:

- a) Mobile Soil Testing Van for those villages
- b) Training session on Organic Fertilizer/Organic Farming
- c) A questionnaire to be distributed to Farmers asking for details of farming/non farming activities and offseason activities.

After the meeting Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee thanked Visva Bharati and District Officers from the Agriculture Department, Government of West Bengal for their support and expressed his gratitude for the help extended by them.



Visva Bharati Guest House.



Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairperson, The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the farmers of Kankutia and Halsidanga Village in Santiniketan.



Prof Sabujkoli Sen, Director – Studies, Educational Innovations & Rural Reconstruction, Visva Bharati University addressing the farmers of Kankutia and Halsidanga Village in Santiniketan.



Dr Ajoy Kar, Member, The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the farmers of Kankutia and Halsidanga Village in Santiniketan.



Dr P. K. Sen, Member, The Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry addressing the farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.

4th-5th February 2016

Visit to Santiniketan by the Agro and Rural Development Committee for the rural development project in villages near Bolpur



Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee addressing the farmers at Ramnagar Village in Santiniketan.



Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee addressing the farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.



Dr Ajoy Kar addressing the farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.



Participating Farmers of Khoshkadambapur and Paruldanga Village in Santiniketan.



Wrap up meeting in the office of Prof (Dr) Swapan Datta, Pro – Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University. L-R of Dr. Datta, Mr Satyabrata Mukherjee; Mr. Goutam Mukherjee, Project Director-Sufal Bangla, Govt. of West Bengal; Dr P.K Sen; Dr Ajoy Kar; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Prof Sabujkoli Sen, Director – Studies, Educational Innovations & Rural Reconstruction, Visva Bharati University. At the back, L-R Mr Samir Kumar Ghosh, Deputy Director of Agriculture(Admin) Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Head of Department, Visva Bharati University, and Mr. Soumendra Nath Das, DDA(WBP), Govt. of West Bengal.

10th February 2016
The Park, Kolkata

Climate Smart City

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata jointly organized a Dialogue on “Climate Smart City” and a Green Adda on “Climate Smart Kolkata” from 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on 10th February 2016 at The Park, Kolkata as part of the GREAT Britain in Kolkata Week.

The Dialogue on Climate Smart City focused on discussion on city level solutions in the form of policies or in the form of implementation of innovative projects, to address opportunities and challenges arising out of climate change. Kolkata with a population of more than 16

million is a vital centre of economic growth in key emerging markets in Eastern India. But at the same time, it has also been identified as a city which is extremely vulnerable to climate change, since it is exposed to sea level rise, flooding, heat waves, water shortages and climate-induced disasters such as increasingly severe and frequent storms and cyclones. Also the speed of urbanisation is fast emerging as an enhancer of the risks. Many reports over the years have stated that impacts of climate change could have far reaching consequences, not only for the people living in this city, but on business, national economy, trade and investment flowing into the State.

The panellists included Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Board; Mr. Simon Petrie, First Secretary - Low Carbon Growth, Energy, Climate and Growth Unit, British High Commission-DFID, India; Ar. Shakuntala Ghosh, Principal Architect and Partner, Ghosh Bose & Associates and Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited. The Dialogue was moderated by Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

The Dialogue was followed by the Green Adda on “Climate Smart Kolkata” which was an attempt to bring together eminent personalities and thought leaders from different walks of life to present views on how Kolkata can be one of the greenest, cleanest and climate smart cities of the world.

The Adda was joined by Mr. Barun Chanda, Actor and Author; Prof. Amita Dutt, Uday Shankar Chair Professor of Dance and Director, Performing Arts Therapy Centre, Faculty of Fine Arts, Rabindra Bharati University; Smt. Sharbari Datta, Fashion Designer and Mr. Joydeep Karmakar, Olympian Shooter. Mr. Scott Fursse-donn-Wood, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata moderated the Adda.

Shri Debasish Kumar, Member of Mayor-in-Council, Kolkata Municipal Corporation graced the occasion.

At the event, there was a curtain raiser of the proposed Kolkata Climate Change Cell being established at Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) which will be India’s first ever integrated and dedicated climate cell at a municipality with a dedicated web-portal and mobile app for citizens. The Climate Change Cell is part of the two-year UK-KMC Programme valued at £ 1 Million. The programme has helped design a Roadmap towards a low carbon and climate resilient Kolkata.

The launch of a mobile app also took place in the programme on 10th February. The mobile app is a first-of-its-kind in the country and is intended to give information on various eco-friendly measures and alerts during disasters as part of preparedness planning. The app also consists of rooftop solar feasibility calculator, which is a one-of-its-kind initiative in India. This Climate Change Cell initiative is expected to help citizens take steps at the individual and collective level.



Dialogue on Climate Smart City (L-R): Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Ar. Shakuntala Ghosh, Principal Architect and Partner, Ghosh Bose & Associates; Mr. Simon Petrie, First Secretary - Low Carbon Growth, Energy, Climate and Growth Unit, British High Commission-DFID, India; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Kalyan Rudra, Chairman, West Bengal Pollution Board and Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited.



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Launching of the Mobile App(L-R): Mr. Deb A Mukherjee; Mr. Scott Fursse-donn-Wood; Shri Debasish Kumar, Member of Mayor-in-Council, Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Mr. Sutanu Ghosh.



Interactive Session with the 150-plus strong audience.

17th February 2016
Chamber premises

National Productivity Week Celebration: Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), partnering National Productivity Council (NPC), celebrated the National Productivity Week with the theme “Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth” on 17th February 2016 at BCC&I, Kolkata. The National Productivity Week Celebration is a significant event for BCC&I and NPC and it is celebrated every year between 12th -18th February.

The inaugural session was presided over by Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I. Mr. Ghosh delivered the Welcome Speech. Besides, there were other senior inaugural speakers like Mr A. K. Sinha, Regional Director, National Productivity Council, Kolkata; Mr. R.K.Chakraborty, President - HR & Corporate Affairs, Shyam Group of Industries; Smt R. Alice Vaz, IAS, Director, Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal and Mr Debkumar Basu, Co – Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I and Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. who concluded the inaugural session by delivering the Vote of Thanks.

Besides, there was a panel discussion on the theme of the programme and it was chaired by Mr. Debkumar Basu. The panel comprised of eminent panelists from industry (comprising of large corporates and MSMEs), academia, experts, etc and they were Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Videocon Infinity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., & Vice President and Chief Operating Officer KAIL Limited (Videocon Group); Mr Suman Lahiri, Visiting Professor, IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand, Consultant, IVL, Sweden and Former Regional Director, EBTC; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited (TSPDL); Dr. Subir Sen, Dean, Globsyn Business School, Prof. Sandeep Ghosh, Professor, IISWBM; Mr Sandip Kumar Neogi, Director, Neogi Technologies and Research Private Limited; Mr Jayanta Basu, Director, Techo Enterprise; Mr Supriyo Ghosh, CEO & Managing Partner, M/s Girish Ch. Ghosh & GGS and Mr Sudipta Chandra, Director, Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd.



Smt R. Alice Vaz, IAS, Director, Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Government of West Bengal addressing the session.



Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber presenting a memento to Smt R. Alice Vaz.



Mr A. K. Sinha, Regional Director, National Productivity Council, Kolkata presenting a memento to Mr R.K. Chakraborty, President - HR & Corporate Affairs, Shyam Group of Industries.



Mr Debkumar Basu, Co – Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I and Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. addressing the session.



A group photo of the Inaugural speakers.

PROGRAMME

National Productivity Week Celebration: Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth

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The Panel discussion of the National Productivity Week celebration based on the theme "Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth". L-R: Seated on the dais - Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Videocon Infinity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., & Vice President and Chief Operating Officer KAIL Limited (Videocon Group); Prof. Sandeep Ghosh, Professor, IISWBM; Dr. Subir Sen, Dean, Globsyn Business School; Mr Debkumar Basu; Dr. Anjan Ghosh, Former Vice President, Total Quality Management, Exide Industries Limited; Mr. P N Gupta, Consultant – Industrial Engineering and Productivity, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited (TSPDL) and Mr Suman Lahiri, Visiting Professor, IIM, Kashipur, Uttarakhand, consultant, IVL, Sweden and Former Regional Director, EBTC. Besides, there were other panelists (not in the picture) and they were Mr Sandip Kumar Neogi, Director, Neogi Technologies and Research Private Limited; Mr Jayanta Basu, Director, Techo Enterprise; Mr Supriyo Ghosh, CEO & Managing Partner, M/s Girish Ch. Ghosh & GGS; Mr Sudipta Chandra, Director, Trans Organics (India) Pvt Ltd.



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Mr. P N Gupta addressing the session.



Dr. Subir Sen addressing the session.



Prof. Sandeep Ghosh addressing the session.



Mr Sandip Kumar Neogi and Mr Gautam Basu addressing the session.



Mr Jayanta Basu addressing the session.



Mr Supriyo Ghosh addressing the session.

17th February 2016 Chamber premises National Productivity Week Celebration: Ease of Doing Business for Higher Productivity and Sustainable Growth



Mr Sudipta Chandra addressing the session.



A group photo of the Panel speakers.



Delegates present in the programme.

18th February 2016 Chamber Premises Workshop on Corporate Responsibility A Way Forward for Change

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Eastern Indian Regional Council of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) celebrated the World CSR Day on 18th Feb 2016 at Globsyn Hall at the Chamber Premises.

The Bengal Chamber joined hands with the premier Corporate Governance Institute of India to celebrate the World CSR Day not only because CSR had become mandatory by law but also because of the Government's thrust on CSR activities. Professionals and representatives from Corporates attended the event with full enthusiasm and participation.

This event was organized under the guidance of Chairman of the Legal Committee of BCC&I, Adv DN Mitra and EIRC-ICSI Chairman, CS Sandip Kejriwal. EIRC-ICSI Vice Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Legal Committee of BCC&I, CS Siddhartha Murarka played

a pivotal role in not only organizing the event but he was also speaker for the 1st Technical Session where he delivered into legal provisions relating to CSR. CA Sandip Pitty, National Jt. Treasurer of renowned NGO "Friends of Tribal Society" was the speaker for the 2nd Technical Session where he discussed taxation & accounting related complexities and also practical aspects of implementation of CSR activities and challenges therein. Advocate Paritosh Sinha, Member, Legal Committee of the Bengal Chamber conducted the open house and thanked the sponsors and EIRC-ICSI on behalf of the Chamber. CS Gautam Dugar, Secretary - EIRC-ICSI gave a formal vote of thanks on behalf of ICSI.

The event was supported by Bengal Shrachi Housing Limited and The Banayan Tree Group. The programme was well attended and greatly appreciated by the participants.



Adv D N Mitra, Chairperson, Legal Committee, BCC&I; CS Gautam Dugar, EIRC-ICSI; CS Siddhartha Murarka, Co-Chairperson, Legal Committee, BCC&I; CA Sandip Pitty; Adv P Sinha, Member, BCC&I Legal Committee.



Adv D N Mitra



Adv P Sinha



CS Gautam Dugar, EIRC-ICSI



CA Sandip Pitty



During Q/A



CS Siddhartha Murarka delivering his speech



The panel during the Open House

EVENTS AT THE PALLADIAN CLUB



Maham Suhail, Poetess and Former Visual artiste from Lahore, Pakistan in verse with Dr. Sunandan Roy Choudhury, Poet & Translator Sampark Publishing – 4th February 2016 at the Palladian Club



Audiences enjoying a Narration and Dance from Rabindranath Tagore's 'Brahmasangeet' by Debolina and Chaitali Chatterjee, along with a Musical Performance by Canadian Musicians Jonathan Kay, Shayna Kay and Andrew Kay, and Hania Luthufi and Ciro Montanari – 4th February 2016 at the Palladian Club



Narration and Dance from Rabindranath Tagore's 'Brahmasangeet' by Debolina and Chaitali Chatterjee – 4th February 2016 at the Palladian Club



Exhibition of Six Vietnamese Artists in collaboration with Sampark Publishing and Alliance Francaise Du Bengale on 29th January 2016 at the Palladian Club.

Upcoming Programmes

- ❑ **Workshop on VAT & Services Tax in Works Contract, 19th February 2016, The Park**
- ❑ **Bengal Chamber Technology Quiz, 19th February 2016, Jadavpur University**
- ❑ **Next Gen Employability Conclave - 2nd Edition, 20th February, 2016, The Park**
- ❑ **Wellness Expo, 20th & 21st February 2016, City Centre I, Kund Area, Saltlake, Kolkata**
- ❑ **Seminar on Potato Exports, 22nd February, 2016 Jairambati, Bankura**
- ❑ **East and North East Skill Development Summit – “Creating Synergies within All Stakeholders”, 25th February 2016, The Park**
- ❑ **Application of Technology - Business Connect Fair, 26th February 2016, Chamber premises**
- ❑ **State Budget Viewing Session, 26th February 2016, Chamber Premises**
- ❑ **Union Budget Viewing Session, 29th February 2016, Chamber premises**
- ❑ **Union Budget 2016-17: An In-depth Analysis, 1st March 2016, The Oberoi Grand**
- ❑ **Eastern Fashion Legacy, 11th-13th March 2016, Hyatt Regency, Kolkata**
- ❑ **Workshop on The Changing Face of Basic Education in GLocal India, 15th March 2016, The Park**
- ❑ **Workshop on Arbitration, 18th March 2016, Chamber premises**
- ❑ **Leadership Lecture Series with Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, 22nd March 2016, Chamber Premises**

NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP



A 20-day Short Term Training Programme on “Pro-E creo CAD software” was held at JIS College of Engineering dated 5th January to 10th February, 2016. The training was sponsored by TEQIP and organized by Department of Mechanical Engineering, JIS College of Engineering in collaboration with CIPET, Haldia (Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology, Govt. of India).



In the line of thoughts of “Igniting Minds Empowering Lives” as envisioned by Sardar Jodh Singh, Hon'ble Chairman JIS Group, the twin events of “JIS Tech Symposium 2K16” and National Seminar on “Teacher as a Role Model in Education (TRME)” were held during 21st -22nd January, 2016.

The “JISTech 2k16” is a special type of program with different flavor. Mainly, students are integrated with this “JISTech 2k16” activity directly. ‘JISTech 2K16’ the Technical Symposium was organized to provide an excellent platform to showcase all kinds of different talents ranging from arts, educational and something beyond the curriculum. Firstly, JISTech 2K16 comprised of Inter Department Model Exhibition at Institute Level, Inter School Model Exhibition, Inter College Model Exhibition, Code Fluenza, Game Zone, Robotics, Debate, Quiz, B-Plan and Guest Lectures & Photography Exhibition.

The eminent personalities among invited guests Mr. Divya Gopal Ghatak, Dy. Director, Grant in Aid, Govt. of WB, Mr. Amiya Ranjan Sanyal, Dy. Director, Anglo Indian School, Govt. of West Bengal and Dr. Binayak Sen, Vice President of the People's Union for Civil Liberties delivered their lectures in TRME. A mix of young and experienced teachers, around 150 in numbers, from the esteemed Institutions across the districts from the State of West Bengal graced the event with their presence, participation and overwhelming interaction so as to extend the time of the valedictory.



Survey Camp of Civil Engineering Students was held during 1st Feb 2016 to 5th Feb 2016 organised by Dept. of Civil Engineering, JIS College of Engineering in collaboration with Deys Consultancy.



Avdesh P.S. Gautam, Member Technical-DFT Embedded, Rakesh Pachesia, Sr. Consultant, DynaFusion Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru-560080, India demonstrating to the audience on “dSPACE Controllers with dSPACE Hardwares” on 29th January, 2016 in Industrial Seminar organized by Electronics & Communication Engineering Department at Narula Institute of Technology.

Mr. Sugato Ghosh, Research Associate, IIST, Shibpur is explaining ‘portable sensor Array System’ & ‘thermal analysis of MEMS based on low power micro heater array’ on 13th January, 2016 in an Invited Talk organized by Electronics & Communication Engineering Department at Narula Institute of Technology.



Industrial Visit at Bandel Thermal Power Station (BTPS) was organized by department of Electrical Engineering on 19.01.2016 and 20.01.2016 for 3rd year students. Experienced staff member of training cell demonstrated to the students functions of the different areas inside the plant.

NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP



Narula Institute of Technology organized 5th Sardar Jodh Singh Cricket tournament from 15th-18th January, 2016. This tournament was named after Sardar Jodh Singh, Founder and Chairman of JIS group. Sardar Jodh Singh is a great sports enthusiast and is always a source of inspiration to the faculty and staff members of the JIS Group of colleges. The jubilant crowd cheered in exultation when Sardar Jodh Singh awarded the Champions cup to the NIT skipper Sudhanshu Sarkar. The supporters and the players of Narula Institute of Technology went for a victory lap and celebrated in vivacity the hat trick of being unbeatable in the SJS Cricket tournament.

A felicitation ceremony was organised for the all the cricketers who had displayed excellent cricketing skills and spectacular performance on the field during SJS Trophy 2016.



Student Life Center of NIT organised freshers' welcome party "Parichay 2016" on 30th January 2016.



Narula Institute of Technology organised a motivational seminar on 15th Jan 2016 at the Seminar Hall from 2-3 pm. The Speaker was Mr. BK Vikas Ranjan, a Rajyogi, Spiritual Healing & Nature Cure Expert, National Memory Trainer and Motivational Speaker. It was a splendid session with stimulating brainstorming sessions and live demonstration of memory techniques for students.



NIT celebrated birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on 12th January 2016 from 3.30pm onwards in the Seminar Hall.



Faculty and student members of Narula Institute of Technology participated in Mountaineering and Adventure Camp at Tilaboni Hills, Purulia between 07.01.15 and 10.01.15. The aim of the program was to introduce and initiate students to the mountains and nature through its Adventure programmes.



The 67th Republic Day was observed with passion and dignity at Narula Institute of Technology. The National Flag was hoisted by Sardar Jodh Singh, Chairman of the JIS Group. The students sang the National Anthem and saluted the National Flag and vowed to uphold the unity and integrity of the Nation. The Social & Community Connect club of the college took initiative of inviting the students from the neighbouring primary school. At the end of this solemn event sweets and chocolates were distributed to the school students and they left the premises with a sense of fraternity.