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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



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The recently announced Union Budget 2025 - 26 provides a roadmap for India's future, addressing the aspirations of the middle class while focusing on credit and skill development for rural and MSME sectors. With key investments in shipbuilding, deep tech, infrastructure, and clean energy, the Budget sets the tone for sustainable growth. Initiatives like customized credit cards, a fund of funds for startups, and enhanced capital access are significant milestones. MSME investment and turnover limits have also been increased to propel growth, complemented by policies aimed at poverty eradication, women's empowerment, digital technology, and ease of doing business, particularly in M&A, taxation, and FDI in insurance.

The Bengal Chamber will align closely with these goals, advocating for policies that support these national priorities and ensuring that our members are part of the growth trajectory. Our Chamber remains committed to fostering innovation, enabling ease of doing business, and driving sustainable development across industries to contribute to India's long-term economic resilience.

We recently had the opportunity to contribute significantly to The Bengal Global Business Summit 2025, curating three key sectoral sessions on sustainability, future-ready skills for a high-precision workforce, and defense manufacturing for MSMEs. In addition, we signed a MoU with the Tourism Department, Government of West Bengal, and ITC Limited to elevate Kolkata and West Bengal as the most creative, cultural, and tourist-friendly destinations. This collaboration will focus on experiential programs that blend history, modernity, art, culture, and tourism development. The Chamber continues to grow through strategic collaborations like these, reinforcing its commitment to fostering the state's development and working closely with the government to drive impactful initiatives for West Bengal's growth and prominence on the global stage.

It is with great pride that we announce Hornet Technology, an incubatee of the Webel-BCC&i Tech Incubation Centre, has successfully secured ₹ 4 crore in seed funding from Artha Venture Fund and Deepak Daftari, Angel Investor. This milestone achievement stands as a testament to the robustness of our incubation efforts and marks a significant breakthrough in driving forward innovation and entrepreneurship in this state and the broader region.

Over the past month, we successfully hosted programs across the country, including the Annual Shipping Conclave in Guwahati; Union Budget 2024-25 Analysis, International Trade Conclave, and Mining & Metals Conclave in New Delhi; the 8th Durgapur-Asansol Industrial Forum on Sustainability in Asansol; as well as an exclusive session with Global Foundries and the Marketing Quiz.

As we approach the fiscal year-end, we have an exciting lineup of programs, including the 14th Technology Quiz, Heritage Walk, 2nd Biz Tech Startup Quiz, 4th Pink IT, 8th People Management Conclave, 8th Health Tech 2025, National Grape Summit, Manufacturing Conclave & MSME Awards, and the UK Built Environment Delegation.

We invite all members to participate, share insights, and support the Chamber's mission to drive sustainable growth. Together, we can navigate the evolving business landscape and shape a vibrant future.

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Arnab Basu
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to TCG Digital Solutions Pvt Ltd.; IFGL Refractories Limited; Sun Agro Tech; Tirupati Textiles; Asian Weighing & Engineering Industries whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 30th January 2025.

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

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PROGRAMME

SECOND EDITION OF THE SCUBA DIVING EXPLORATION AS PART OF THE BAY OF BENGAL OCEAN FESTIVAL

21st to 25th January 2025,
Andaman Islands

The Second Edition of the Scuba Diving Exploration by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) was held from January 21st to 25th, 2025, at Havelock Island (Swaraj Dweep) in the Andaman Islands. This initiative, following the success of the inaugural edition held from May 19th to 23rd, 2024, focused on promoting responsible ocean tourism while offering participants an exclusive opportunity to explore the region's rich marine biodiversity. The Chamber designed the initiative to not only provide an adventurous experience but also emphasize conservation, awareness, and local community engagement.

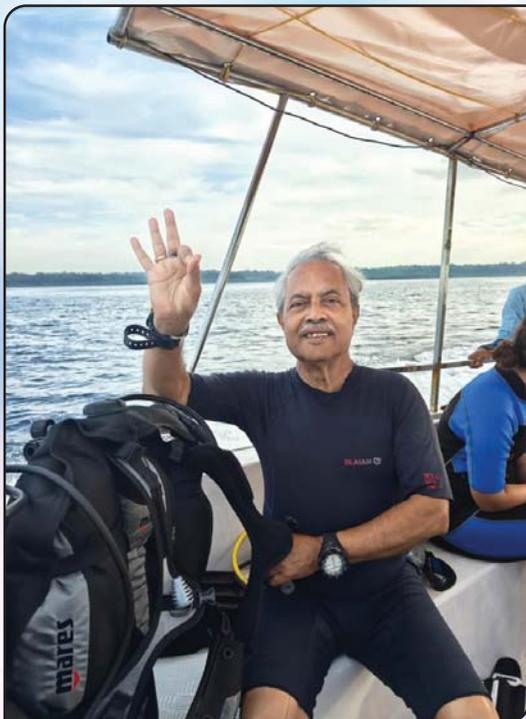
The initiative attracted a diverse range of participants, including professional divers, adventure enthusiasts, marine conservationists, and tourism industry stakeholders. Over five days, attendees enjoyed guided diving sessions led by internationally certified dive instructors, exploring vibrant coral reefs, colorful marine life, and historic shipwreck sites such as Elephant Beach, The Wall, Seduction Point, and Dixon's Pinnacle.

This edition placed a strong emphasis on marine conservation and sustainability, partnering with local diving operators, marine biologists, and environmental organizations to conduct awareness sessions on coral reef preservation, responsible

diving practices, and the impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems. The Chamber collaborated with Dive India to offer diving courses during the programme, ensuring that participants received the best training from a renowned and trusted diving operator. Participants were encouraged to follow eco-friendly diving protocols, ensuring minimal impact on the marine environment.

A notable feature of this edition was the active involvement of Mr. B.B. Chatterjee Former President of The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, and Mr. Roshan Gonsalves, A Certified PADI Trainer from Goa, India. Their participation highlighted the Chamber's commitment to fostering sustainable tourism practices while strengthening the Andaman Islands' position as a global responsible adventure tourism destination.

The success of the Second Edition of the Scuba Diving Exploration reinforced The Bengal Chamber's vision of integrating tourism with sustainability and furthered its commitment to preserving India's natural heritage while unlocking new tourism opportunities. Future editions are already being planned, with aims to expand the reach and impact of responsible ocean tourism in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.



Mr. B.B. Chatterjee, Former President of BCC&I, completed his first open water course during the Scuba Diving Exploration



Underwater species were captured by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General of The Bengal Chamber



The team posed at the Port Blair Jetty with Makruzz Ferry

28th February 2025,
Radisson Blu Hotel, Guwahati

ANNUAL SHIPPING & LOGISTICS CONCLAVE 2025

The National Committee of Shipping and Logistics of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) successfully hosted the Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2025 – Northeast Edition on January 28, 2025. This high-impact conclave brought together key industry stakeholders, policymakers, and experts to discuss the challenges, opportunities, and advancements in shipping and logistics within the Northeast region. This conclave served as an important platform to foster collaboration, spark innovation, and drive strategic policy discussions aimed at enhancing connectivity, accelerating economic growth, and strengthening India's position in the global supply chain.

The conclave commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by the Hon'ble Minister, Shri Santanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Government of India, along with other distinguished dignitaries. This was followed by the Inaugural Session, which focused on the experiences, challenges, and advantages of utilizing ports for EXIM (Export-Import) activities. The Welcome Address was delivered by **Mr. Debashis Dutta**, Chairperson of the National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I. He emphasized how BCC&I can take the lead in drafting a comprehensive plan for the North East's growth. Through our National Shipping and Logistics Committee, the focus is on enhancing connectivity, promoting sustainable infrastructure, and unlocking trade and investment opportunities, positioning the North East as a key player in India's maritime and logistics ecosystem. Subsequently, **Mr. Subhodip Ghosh**, Director General, BCC&I, presented a special address outlining the Chamber's activities, achievements, and the journey of the National Shipping and Logistics Committee. The session also featured special addresses by Guest of Honours, including **Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan**, Managing Director, Numaligarh Refinery Limited; **Mr. Yogpal Singh**, Director - Corporate Affairs, Subcontinent, DP World; **Mr. Singaram Sittarasu**, Marketing Advisor, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port; and **Mr. Prabin Bora**, Director, Inland Waterways Authority of India.

The Hon'ble Minister Shri Santanu Thakur, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Government of India, graced the **BCC&I Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave** as the **Chief Guest**. He emphasized that under the visionary leadership of **Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, India stands at a **pivotal moment**, particularly for **Northeast India**, a region rich in **untapped potential** and **strategic significance**. Highlighting the **growing momentum of multimodal connectivity**, he underscored the transformative impact of the **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan** and the **National Logistics Policy**. Stressing the Northeast's **critical role as India's gateway to Southeast Asia**, he pointed to its **proximity to Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar, and China**,

making it a key **economic corridor**. He cited **transformative projects** such as the **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project** and the **India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway** as major enablers of **trade and connectivity with ASEAN nations**, fostering **new economic opportunities**. Additionally, he highlighted the **Jalvahak Scheme** as a crucial initiative for **enhancing regional connectivity and sustainable logistics**, stating that it plays a vital role in **integrating waterways with multimodal logistics solutions**, reducing **transportation costs**, and promoting **eco-friendly trade**, particularly in **Northeast India**, where waterways remain vastly **underutilized**.

Mr. Shantanu Verma, Member, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Chief Procurement Logistics, Tata Steel Ltd, summed up the inaugural session of the conclave and highlighted the key discussions. He noted the **strategic advantage of Northeast India's proximity to international borders**, positioning it as a vital gateway to the **Asian market**. He emphasized the need to **enhance waterways connectivity**, leveraging riverine routes to enable **cost-effective and sustainable cargo movement**. He also stressed the importance of **green logistics initiatives**, which not only reduce transportation costs but also contribute to **environmental sustainability**. In addition, **Mr. Verma** pointed out the **underutilization of regional ports**, noting that improving port infrastructure and accessibility could **significantly cut shipping costs and transit times**. He further highlighted the necessity of **policy interventions, industry collaboration, and investment** to transform **Northeast India into a highly efficient logistics hub**, fostering **stronger trade ties and boosting economic growth in the region**.

The conclave highlighted the topics :

- **Logistical viability of transporting goods to and from North East India**
- **Exploring feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a Multimodal Logistics Park & Allied Infrastructure**
- **Promoting International Trade and Employment for the Seven Sisters**

Technical Session I : Focus Bengal – Logistical viability of transporting goods to and from North East India

The session was moderated by **Mr. Surajit Sarkar**, CEO, GIR Logistics Pvt. Ltd. The eminent panelists for this session were **Mr. S. K. Barua**, CEO, Northeast Gas Distribution Company, **Mr. Amit Dhawan**, Senior General Manager, CJ Darcl Logistics, **Mr. Jagadeesh Kunchey**, EVP-Supply Chain & Logistics, ITC

Limited, **Mr. Sudip Kumar Dey**, Hon. Secretary, Federation of Freight Forwarders.

The session highlighted the crucial role of the **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** in enhancing cargo movement, the significance of **road transport infrastructure**, and the potential of **hydroelectric projects** in improving connectivity. The discussion also addressed the **challenging climatic conditions** of the Northeast, which impact logistics, and proposed **greater reliance on coastal shipping** to reduce dependency on road transport. In addition, the session emphasized containerization as a key solution for streamlining cargo handling and ensuring cost-effective, seamless transportation across the region.

Technical Session II : Exploring feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a Multimodal Logistics Park & Allied Infrastructure

The session was moderated by **Mr. Adhip Nath Palchadhuri**, CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. The eminent panelists for this session were **Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh**, VP, Star Cement Ltd., **Mr. Pramod Kumar Srivastava**, MD, Allied ICD Services Ltd., **Mr. Larsing Ming D Sawyan**, MD, Centre Point Group, **Capt. Chandergupt Mehta**, CEO, Luba Marine.

The session emphasized on the need to optimize **coastal infrastructure** for seamless transportation and stronger **market linkages**. The session highlighted the region's **strategic role in global supply chains**, particularly in key industries like **pharmaceuticals and textiles**, and its potential for **economic transformation** through integrated logistics solutions. **Discussions focused on the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs)** and the alignment of industries with **port connectivity** to drive investment and implement government-led **development schemes**. The session also addressed the role of **green hydrogen initiatives** in fostering sustainable logistics and enhancing the region's competitiveness in **multimodal transportation**. Experts shared insights on policy frameworks and infrastructural advancements needed to position the Northeast as a **gateway for international trade and logistics growth**.

Technical Session III : Promoting International Trade and Employment for the Seven Sisters

The session was moderated by **Capt. Ravi Dey**, Maritime Consultant, SeaTec UK Ltd. The eminent panelists were - **Ms. Ishita Chattopadhyay**, MD & CEO, Confidence Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd., **Ms. Hasina Kharbhih**, Founder MD, Impulse NGO Network, **Mr. S. Hajara**, Director, Apeejay Shipping Ltd., **Mr. Jayanta Goswami**, GM (Marketing), Numaligarh Refinery Ltd.

The discussion focused on **strengthening trade linkages** with neighboring countries such as **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, and ASEAN nations**, leveraging **waterways, road, and rail connectivity** to ensure smoother **cargo movement**. The panel highlighted the **crucial role of policy support, infrastructure development, and trade facilitation measures** in positioning Northeast India as a key logistics and commerce hub. Additionally, the conversation explored **job creation opportunities** in sectors like **shipping, manufacturing, and agro-based industries**, emphasizing the need for **skill development and capacity building** to empower **local communities** and drive **economic growth** in the region.

Mr. S. Hajara, Advisor, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I, delivered insightful closing remarks, emphasizing the **vital role of shipping and logistics** in driving **India's economic growth**. He highlighted the sector's **significant contribution to employment generation**, stressing the need for continued investment in **infrastructure, policy reforms, and skill development**. Mr. Hajara reiterated the importance of **strengthening multimodal connectivity**, leveraging **ports, waterways, and road networks** to enhance **trade efficiency** and position India as a global logistics hub.

The conclave **reinforced the significance of strengthening logistical frameworks, promoting sustainable infrastructure, and enhancing trade and employment** in the **Northeast region**. With the presence of **senior dignitaries from the government and key industry stakeholders**, the conclave successfully **facilitated meaningful discussions** on critical challenges and opportunities in the sector. **Well-attended by over 150 participants**, the conclave served as a **dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and policy advocacy**. Additionally, the event received **extensive media coverage**, further amplifying its impact and reach.



Lamp Lighting Ceremony

28th February 2025,
Radisson Blu Hotel, Guwahati

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Welcome Address by **Mr. Debashis Dutta**, Chairperson of the National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I, presented a special address outlining the Chamber's activities, achievements, and the journey of the National Shipping and Logistics Committee



Address by Guest of Honour - **Mr. Bhaskar Jyoti Phukan**, Managing Director, Numaligarh Refinery Limited



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Mr. Debashis Dutta, Chairperson of the National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I felicitating the Chief Guest **Shri Santanu Thakur**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Government of India



Address by the Chief Guest **Shri Santanu Thakur**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Government of India



Summing up of the Inaugural Session by **Mr. Shantanu Verma**, Senior Member, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I and Chief Procurement Logistics, Tata Steel Ltd



Mr. Surajit Sarkar, CEO, GIR Logistics Pvt. Ltd. moderating the Technical Session I: Focus Bengal – Logistical viability of transporting goods to and from North East India



Mr. Jagadeesh Kunchey, EVP-Supply Chain & Logistics, ITC Limited delivering his speech at the Technical Session I



Mr. S. K. Barua, CEO, Northeast Gas Distribution Company delivering his speech at the Technical Session I

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Mr. Sudip Kumar Dey,
Hon. Secretary,
Federation of Freight
Forwarders delivering his
speech at the Technical
Session I



Mr. Amit Dhawan,
Senior General Manager,
CJ Darcl Logistics
delivering his speech at
the Technical Session I



(From L-R) **Mr. Sudip Kumar Dey,** Hon. Secretary, Federation of Freight Forwarders; **Mr. S. K. Barua,** CEO, Northeast Gas Distribution Company; **Mr. Surajit Sarkar,** CEO, GIR Logistics Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Tapas Banerjee,** MD, Everett (India) Pvt. Limited & Senior Member, National Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I; **Mr. Amit Dhawan,** Senior General Manager, CJ Darcl Logistics; and **Mr. Jagadeesh Kunchey,** EVP-Supply Chain & Logistics, ITC Limited



Mr. Adhip Nath Palchoudhuri, CMD, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd moderating the Technical Session II: Exploring feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a Multimodal Logistics Park & Allied Infrastructure

Capt. Chandergupt Mehta, CEO, Luba Marine addressing the audience at the Technical Session II



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Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh,
VP, Star Cement Ltd
addressing the audience
at the Technical
Session II



**Mr. Pramod Kumar
Srivastava, MD, Allied
ICD Services Ltd.**
addressing the audience
at the Technical
Session II



**Mr. Larsing Ming D
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Point Group** addressing
the audience at the
Technical Session II

Capt. Ravi Dey,
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Technical Session III:
Promoting International
Trade and Employment
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Ltd.;** **Mr. Adhip Nath Palchadhuri, CMD,
Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.;** **Mr. Subhojit
Ray, Partner, Victor Moses & Co and
Senior Member, National Shipping and
Logistics Committee, BCC&I;** **Mr. Larsing
Ming D Sawyan, MD, Centre Point Group;**
**Capt. Chandergupt Mehta, CEO, Luba
Marine**

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Ms. Ishita Chattopadhyay, MD & CEO, Confidence Shipping Co. Pvt. Ltd. addressing at the Technical Session III



Ms. Hasina Kharbhih, Founder MD, Impulse NGO Network addressing at the Technical Session III



Mr. S. Hajara, Director, Apeejay Shipping Ltd addressing at the Technical Session III



Mr. Jayanta Goswami, GM (Marketing), Numaligarh Refinery Ltd. addressing at the Technical Session III



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Mr. S. Hajara, Director, Apeejay Shipping Ltd and Advisor, Shipping and Logistics Committee, BCC&I delivering Concluding Remarks at the Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2025: Northeast Edition



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I delivering Vote of Thanks



Section of audience at the Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2025 : Northeast Edition

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MR. THOMAS J. BOLLYKY, INAUGURAL BLOOMBERG CHAIR IN GLOBAL HEALTH AT THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR)

28th January 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Interactive Session with Mr. Thomas J. Bollyky, Inaugural Bloomberg Chair in Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) on 28th January, 2025 in The Bengal Chamber premises.

Mr. Bollyky directs the Global Health program and is also CFR's senior fellow for international economics, law and development, and a senior consultant to the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations. He is the founding editor of Think Global Health, an online magazine that examines the ways health shapes economies, societies, and everyday lives around the world.

The Interactive session was attended by several stakeholders from the healthcare, biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors.



Introduction of Mr. Thomas J. Bollyky by Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee

28th January 2025,
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**INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH MR. THOMAS J. BOLLYKY,
INAUGURAL BLOOMBERG CHAIR IN GLOBAL HEALTH AT THE
COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (CFR)**



Interactive Session with Mr. Thomas J. Bollyky



Interaction with stakeholders from the health sector



Interaction with stakeholders from the health sector



Mr. Thomas J. Bollyky with all delegates from healthcare, biotechnology and pharmaceutical sectors

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POSH WORKSHOP

31st January 2025
The Bengal Chamber Premises

POSH Workshop was organized on 31st January 2025, Friday by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry premises for raising awareness on the scope of the The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act) among the members and stakeholders.

The Workshop was curated to provide a **POSH Foundation Course for the workforce, irrespective of gender or position, to ensure everyone with clear understanding the POSH rights under the Act**, which protects employees from sexual harassment at the work place.

Around **25 participants joined from various organisations** like Bengal Gas Company Limited, Eveready, International

Combustion (India) Ltd, Intueri Consulting, India Power, LTIMindtree, National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, PricewaterhouseCoopers India, West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited, Woodlands Hospitals are among them.

The **Training Session was facilitated by Ms. Soma Sinha** with overall 23 years of experience in training and development is an experienced certified trainer in “Sexual Harassment Prevention & Workplace Diversity from National Institute of Judicial Sciences (NUJS) Kolkata. She is also certified by UNICEF on “Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse” (PSEA) among other relevant certifications.



Group photo - Training in Progress

UNION BUDGET 2025-26 VIEWING SESSION

1st February 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized the “Union Budget 2025-26 Viewing Session” on 1st February, 2025 at The Bengal Chamber Premises at 11.00 am in the esteemed presence of Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber; Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Chairperson - Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Emeritus Professor and HoD, Economics, Adamas University, Former Professor, Head and Coordinator, Centre for Advanced Studies, Department of Economics, Former Dean, Faculty of Arts,

Jadavpur University; Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, BCC&I. Members from the Managing Committee, Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee also attended the Viewing Session on 1st February 2025. The Budget Viewing Session was followed by an analysis of the budget and media interactions. The Bengal Chamber’s reaction to the Budget was covered in print, online and electronic media.

**1st February 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises** **UNION BUDGET 2025-26 VIEWING SESSION**



Union Budget 2025-26 Viewing Session in progress (L-R) : Mr. Abhijit Sen, Former President, BCC&I; Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Chairperson - Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I; Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, BCC&I; Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Former President, BCC&I



Union Budget 2025-26 Viewing Session in progress



Media Interaction in progress



Media Interaction in progress



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UNION BUDGET 2025-26 VIEWING SESSION

1st February 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises



Media Interaction in progress



Union Budget 2025-26 Viewing Session in progress

UNION BUDGET 2024-25 : AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

3rd February 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises



UNION BUDGET 2025-26

AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the “Union Budget 2024-25 : An In-depth Analysis” on 3rd February 2025 at The Bengal Chamber Premises from 5.00 pm. Opening Remarks of the programme was given by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman, Bandhan Group, Founder and Former MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank had deliberated the Keynote Address of Union Budget 2024-25 : An In-depth Analysis on Economic Perspectives on Union Budget 2025-26 was addresses by Prof. Dr. Abhirup Sarkar, Eminent Economist and Chairman, West Bengal Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Limited.

Mr. Saurabh Kedia, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP and Mr. Priyajit Ghosh, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP presented the Taxation Perspectives on Budget 2025-26.

An Industry Session on Budget 2025-26 had witnessed speakers from different sectors like, Mr. Dwaraknath E. N., Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP; Mr. Kaushik Ghosh, CFO, Berger Paints Ltd; Ms. Nidhi Jain, General Manager – East, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.; Mr. Ayanabh Debgupta, Regional COO – East, Manipal Hospitals; Mr. Sunil Somani, Director, Somani Apparel Pvt Ltd. The session was moderated by Mr. Pinaki Chowdhury, Co-chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Sessions were followed by Q/A Session with the audience. The Post Budget was attended by more than 100 delegates.

3rd February 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises

UNION BUDGET 2024-25 : AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS



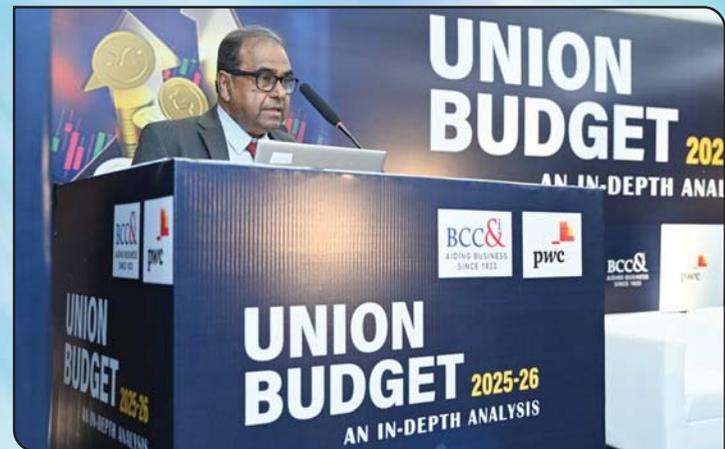
Opening Session of Union Budget 2024-25 : An In-depth Analysis (L-R) : Prof. Dr. Abhirup Sarkar, Eminent Economist and Chairman, West Bengal Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Limited; Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman, Bandhan Group, Founder and Former MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank



Opening Remarks by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.



Key Note Address by Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Former President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Chairman, Bandhan Group, Founder and Former MD & CEO, Bandhan Bank



Economic Perspectives on Union Budget 2025-26 by Prof. Dr. Abhirup Sarkar, Eminent Economist and Chairman, West Bengal Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation Limited



Taxation Perspectives on Budget 2025-26 by Mr. Saurabh Kedia, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP



Taxation Perspectives on Budget 2025-26 by Mr. Priyajit Ghosh, Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP



Industry Session on Budget 2025-26 (L-R) : Mr. Kaushik Ghosh, CFO, Berger Paints Ltd; Ms. Nidhi Jain, General Manager – East, Hindustan Unilever Ltd.; Mr. Pinaki Chowdhury, Co-chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Dwaraknath E. N., Partner, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP; Mr. Sunil Somani, Director, Somani Apparel Pvt Ltd; Mr. Ayanabh Debgupta, Regional COO – East, Manipal Hospital



Participants at the Union Budget 2024-25 : An In-depth Analysis



Q/A Session with the audience

SPECIAL SESSION ON "DYNAMICS OF THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BENGAL"

4th February 2025,
PwC Office premises, Salt Lake Sector V, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), in association with PwC has organized a Special Session on "Dynamics of the Semiconductor Industry and Opportunities for Bengal" on 4th February 2025. The session was held at the PwC Office premises, Salt Lake Sector V, Kolkata. West Bengal. The speaker of the session was Mr. Jitendra Chaddah, Managing Director & Country Head, Global Foundries India, and Vice President, GFES (Fab Operations). The session highlighted the significance of the semiconductor industry, which is the fastest-growing industry globally, and its growth potential in different phases of its development. Mr. Chaddah emphasized that the industry is expected to grow exponentially in the next 15 years, potentially becoming a trillion-dollar industry.

The discussion centered around four primary ways to contribute to the semiconductor industry :

1. Design phase : Companies like Intel and AMD are already working in India to design semiconductors.
2. High-end manufacturing : This aspect requires significant investment and expertise.
3. IMS (assembly of devices) : This stage involves the assembly and testing of semiconductor devices.
4. Supply chain : Working in the segment of Supply Chain does not require much CAPEX.

The semiconductor industry requires high-grade materials

4th February 2025,
PwC Office premises, Salt Lake Sector V, Kolkata

SPECIAL SESSION ON "DYNAMICS OF THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BENGAL"

although the materials are available for other industries but are not of the same grade as required by the semiconductor Industry.

Mr. Chaddah stressed that India needs to focus on developing its resources, investments, and talent pool to capitalize on the opportunities in the semiconductor industry. He also emphasized the importance of academia-industry collaboration and government support through incentives.

The session concluded with a discussion on the future prospects of the semiconductor industry, including the rise of physical AI, quantum computing, and the need for India to develop its own design companies and file IPs. The attendees also explored ways to attract investments and talent to Bengal, including the availability of a talent pool, attractive incentives, strong academia-industry collaboration, and a favorable business environment.

The special session provided valuable insights into the dynamics of the semiconductor industry and its potential opportunities for Bengal. It emphasized the need for collaborative efforts among industry stakeholders, academia, and government to develop a robust semiconductor ecosystem in the region.



(L-R) **Mr. Partha Sengupta**, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee and Senior Vice President (I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services; **Mr. Jitendra Chaddah**, Managing Director & Country Head, Global Foundries India, and Vice President, GFES (Fab Operations) and **Mr. Arnab Basu**, President, The Bengal Chamber Of Commerce And Industry (BCC&I) and Advisory Leader PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.



Members of IT Committee, BCC&I interacting with **Mr. Jitendra Chaddah**, Managing Director & Country Head, Global Foundries India, and Vice President, GFES (Fab Operations)



Mr. Jitendra Chaddah, Managing Director & Country Head, Global Foundries India, and Vice President, GFES (Fab Operations) interacting with the participants of the session

Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber Of Commerce And Industry (BCC&I) and Advisory Leader PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd. presenting a token of appreciation to Mr. Jitendra Chaddah, Managing Director & Country Head, Global Foundries India, and Vice President, GFES (Fab Operations)



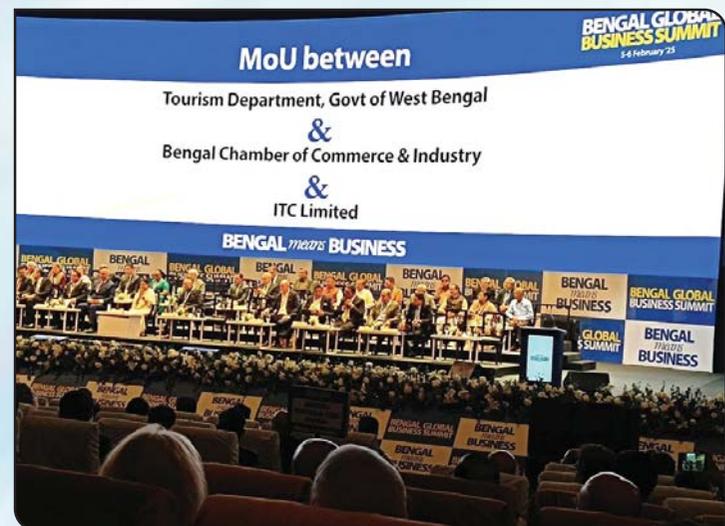
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The Bengal Global Business Summit 2025 - MoU between BCC&I, Tourism Department, Government of West Bengal and ITC Limited, Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, 6th February 2025.

MoU between BCC&I, Tourism Department, Government of West Bengal of West Bengal and ITC Limited to showcase Kolkata and West Bengal as the most creative, cultural, tourist friendly City and State in the Country to a global audience through a fusion of participative, expressive and experiential programmes and projects focusing on a blend of experiences covering the various areas that tourists embrace from food to history, heritage to modernity, art and culture, exploring from retail to rediscovering. The idea is also to focus on special urban renewal projects focused on tourism development.



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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I), supported by the UK Government as the Country Partner hosted a Sectoral Session on **“Sustainability including Circular Economy & Natural Resources”** at the Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS) 2025 on 6th February at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan, Kolkata.

Delhi-based Think Tank, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB), partnered the Session.

The objective of the Session was to :

- **Showcase West Bengal’s potentials in the space of climate change through work done by :**
 - Large-scale industries, PSUs and MSMEs in West Bengal working in this area.
 - Start-ups in West Bengal with innovative products and services, especially technology solutions, in climate change actions
- **Initiatives in West Bengal with innovative funding**
- **Bringing him investors, multilateral agencies and financiers.**

Speakers at the session included experts from the UK who are working on innovative financial models for net zero transition, AI in electric mobility, energy storage, building resilience and on nature-based solutions along with private sector from India, PSUs, Multilateral Agencies, Think Tanks, Investors, Start Ups, Technology Providers, Industry Bodies among others.

Smt. Choten Dhendup Lama, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Tribal Development, Government of West Bengal presided over at the Session.

Smt. Lama addressed on creating an ecosystem where components, products, and by products retain value as much as possible. This also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and improves energy security.

In the face of growing environmental crisis all over the world with increasing inequality, the Government of West Bengal believes in including development of extended

producer responsibility and responsible supply chain, supporting technical innovation to enhance resource circularity, bringing more women in economic engagements and developing sustainable local communities.

Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) and **Dr. Meera Mitra**, Member Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) commenced the Session.

Mr. Basu emphasised on **financial models, technology adaptations, and skilling to support climate actions and create sustainable pathways**. He highlighted **partnerships and collaborations, in line with SDG 17, are needed to achieve the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. **Promoting climate investments is key to driving sustainable transitions and ensuring resilience in the economy. Merging climate actions with livelihood generation, youth and women empowerment, and local economic development are needed to ensure holistic progress.**

Dr. Mitra observed unified visions and approaches of various stakeholders were needed towards sustainability. From India’s standpoint, she pointed out two key leverage points :

- The growing investments focused on social inclusion and the protection of natural resources.
- The challenge was not just in customized production but the need for quicker outcomes, as many sectors could not afford to wait for long-term results.

She noted that India has 6.33 million Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), employing over 10 billion workers. **She emphasized that West Bengal ranks among the top two states in terms of MSME development. She also highlighted that the state has 453 MSME clusters spread across 23 districts.**

Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner to East and North East India. and **Mr. Mitchell Theaker**, Head of India – Welsh Government represented UK.

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Dr. Fleming spoke about a new partnership between the UK and West Bengal for knowledge exchange on **green budgeting tools**. This initiative is part of the larger India-UK Economic Cooperation Programme aimed at driving long-term, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth.

He announced that the UK government would bring a delegation of **8 UK Electric Vehicle companies** to West Bengal for partnerships. These companies will pioneer innovations in **shared micro-mobility**, and a Knowledge Exchange Workshop is scheduled for March 2025.

He highlighted **three nature-based carbon projects** in the districts of Birbhum and Jalpaiguri, which will benefit **70,000+ farmers** and mobilize **\$40 million** in investments over the next three years. These projects aim to create **carbon offsets of over 50 million tonnes** in the next decade. He also mentioned the ongoing **blue carbon project** in the Sundarbans, which secured **\$25 million** from a major climate fund.

He announced that **British International Investment (BII)** has invested **INR 205 crore (USD 24 million)** in **Magpet Polymers Pvt. Ltd.**, India's first PET circular enterprise, contributing to sustainable plastic waste management. This project is expected to reduce emissions by **51,000 metric tonnes of CO2 per year** and positively impact the livelihoods of **10,000+ waste pickers** in West Bengal and the Northeast.

He also shared updates on **Green Enco Ltd**, a UK company that has successfully deployed its solar plant optimization solution, **pvAPM**, in partnership with organizations like Vikram Solar and IPCL in India. This reflects growing collaboration in clean energy and net-zero transitions.

Mr. Mitchell Theaker spoke about collaborations in India, in other parts of the Country, with Welsh Government in electric mobility, battery power, renewable energy and other areas of Sustainability.

Mr. Vineet Sikka, Managing Director- Distribution, CESC Ltd. delivered the Industry Address.

Mr. Sikka emphasized the importance of following the targets set by **COP 26 and COP 21** for transitioning to **non-fossil fuel energy**. He also noted that the **power demand is expected to rise by 7% or more**, with the energy sector contributing **20-25%** to the overall emissions basket. He advocated for a stronger focus on **green energy**. He mentioned that there would be a **\$40 trillion investment**

in India's power sector and emphasized the goal of achieving **1000 GW of renewable energy by 2050**. He also discussed the need to explore **carbon capture and storage**.

Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I made a presentation on the Chamber's climate action initiative in Sundarbans, planting mangroves. **BCC&I is the first Chamber of Commerce in the country which has been executing Carbon Credit projects and bringing green investments to the state of West Bengal. BCC&I has been executing two carbon credit projects in two blocks (Sagar and Kultali) of Sundarbans in South 24 Pgs since last one and half years with private investments.**

The Session also included a Panel Discussion on Financial Models and Technology Adaptations for Sustainability which was moderated by **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee**, Former President, BCC&I and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Pvt. Ltd.; with

- **Mr. Jae Hyung Kwon**, Head India, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), WORLD BANK GROUP.
- **Ms. Rita Roy Choudhury**, Managing Partner and Chief Executive - Climate Change & Sustainability Services Business, ECube Investment Advisors.
- **Mr. Manish Ranjan**, ESG and Sustainability Practice Lead - India Geo, Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Pvt Ltd.
- **Mr. Manohar Bethapudi**, Founder & CEO, Uneverse Mobility Private Ltd. and Incubatee, WEBEL BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre.
- **Ms. Gita Krishnankutty**, First Secretary-Regional Head of Inward Investment – Southern and Eastern India, Department for Business and Trade, British Deputy High Commission, Bengaluru.
- **Mr. Tridibesh Bandyopadhyay**, Cofounder & CEO, InQube UK & India.
- **Mr. Nirupam Sen**, Business Head – North & East Region, BSI Group India Pvt. Ltd.
- **Mr. S K Ghosh**, GM, NABARD

It was followed by another **Multi Stakeholders' Discussions on "Climate Investments on Smart Transitions – Adaptation, Mitigation and Resilience"** moderated by **Mr. Rijit Sengupta**, CEO, CRB. **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Immediate Former President, BCC&I delivered the Opening Remarks and the Panel was joined by :

- **Mr. Anupam Mukhopadhyay**, CEO, Bengal Gas Company Limited.
- **Ms. Denise Eichhorn**, Head Skilled Migration, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce.

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- **Ms. Ajanta Dey**, Joint Secretary & Programme Director, Nature Environment & Wildlife Society (NEWS).
- **Dr. Jyoti Roy**, Founder & CEO, Greenenco, UK.
- **Mr. Ashish Naidu**, Founder, BluMotiv, UK.

BCC&I nominated four Start-Ups from West Bengal showcased their products at the Exhibition Space of the BGBS 2025

- **Uneverse Mobility Pvt. Ltd. incubated at WEBEL-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre** - Uneverse Mobility, is a potential Start Up from Bengal, creating indigenous building blocks for a sustainable future of e-mobility and clean energy.
- **Schoppen Solutions Pvt. Ltd and Incubatee, WEBEL BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre.** Schoppen Solutions Pvt. Ltd. works on solutions based on AI for the domains related to agriculture and health. On the healthtech space we are building a non-invasive device to determine heart issues. On the agritech space we provide solutions to do apiculture with the help of AI, where the entire hive management is done via data insight obtained through AI based sensors.
- **Eelab Agro Pvt Ltd incubated at WEBEL BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre.** They are a climate smart company; reducing CO2 from air by promoting and implementing sustained carbon farming combined with their own developed accelerated enhanced rock weathering (ERW) leading to carbon credits, achieving sustainability by offering multi-range of services including:
 - Inputs and advisory for carbon farming

- Sale of carbon credits
- Minimizing industrial and corporate carbon footprints through them by addressing SDG Goal 13
- **Badabon Farmers Producer Company Limited.** Operating in the Sundarbans, they offer a diverse range of naturally farmed products sourced from the Sundarbans, grown by the local community who are also mangrove stewards:
 - Farm-fresh produce : Turmeric, chili powder, aromatic rice, moong dal, and vegetables
 - Natural honey : Pure mangrove honey
 - Fresh proteins : Seafood, crab, mutton, fish, and country chicken

Working under the guidance of Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS), BFPCL has built a sustainable, community-driven value chain that empowers local farmers, particularly women. Our network includes 53 Badabon Farmers Interest Groups (BFIGs) with over 750 producers and 208 registered shareholders. Through this unique model, they are creating sustainable livelihoods while preserving the precious Sundarbans mangrove ecosystem, demonstrating how economic growth and environmental conservation can work in harmony.

From the feedback we have received, the Sectoral Session on Sustainability was a great success. We were delighted to have had an enthusiastic participation of over 150 + participants. The Session was well covered by media.



Welcome address by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) at the Sustainability including Circular Economy & Natural Resources Session [Climate Investments on Smart Transitions – Adaptation, Mitigation and Resilience] during the BGBS 2025



Welcome address by Dr. Meera Mitra, Member Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) at the Sustainability including Circular Economy & Natural Resources Session [Climate Investments on Smart Transitions – Adaptation, Mitigation and Resilience] during the BGBS 2025

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Smt. Choten Dhendup Lama, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Tribal Development, Government of West Bengal graced the Sectoral Session delivering the Opening Remarks



An Introductory Address on UK-West Bengal collaboration on green transition was presented by Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner to East and North East India



Mr. Mitchell Theaker, Head of India – Welsh Government delivered the Special Address of the Session



A Case Study Presentation was made by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I on BCC&I's Initiatives on Climate Transition, Livelihood and SDG in Sundarbans



Mr. Vineet Sikka, Managing Director- Distribution, CESC Ltd. delivered the Industry Address during the Inaugural Session of the Sectoral Session



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Esteemed Audience at the Sustainability Session of BGBS 2025

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THE BENGAL GLOBAL BUSINESS SUMMIT 2025 - SECTORIAL SESSION ON EMPOWERING BENGAL : NURTURING FUTURE-READY SKILLS FOR A HIGH-PRECISION WORKFORCE

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The Bengal Global Business Summit - Sectorial Session on Empowering Bengal : Nurturing Future-Ready Skills for a High-Precision Workforce was hosted by the TET & SD Department, Government of West Bengal along with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry as the Chamber Partner, on 6th February 2025 at the Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan. The two hour session provided a platform to delve into the discussions on the importance of skill development in Bengal's growing industrial landscape. This session aimed to highlight cutting-edge advancements, industry insights, and skill development opportunities in the field of precision engineering, automation, semiconductor technology, and next-gen manufacturing.

The session intended to explore advancements in precision engineering, robotics, and automation, to understand the role of semiconductor technology and electronic design automation in industrial growth, to foster collaboration between industry and academia for skill development, to identify key challenges and opportunities in workforce training for high-precision sectors and to encourage policy recommendations and strategic partnerships for a future-ready workforce.

The session began with a Welcome Address delivered by **Shri Anoop Agrawal**, the Additional Chief Secretary of the TET & SD Department, Government of West Bengal. The theme for Sector Session was "Precision Engineering". The session brought together eminent industry leaders, academicians, and policymakers to discuss the latest advancements in precision engineering and skill development.

The session featured a distinguished panel of experts, each presenting their perspectives on different aspects of precision engineering :

- **Padma Shri Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray**, Former Director, IEST-Shibpur – Precision Engineering in Bio-Medical
- **Dr. Jyoti Gautam**, Associate Professor, Sharda University – Digital Water Innovation through Precision Engineering
- **Dr. Arpan Pal**, Distinguished Scientist, TCS Research – Robotics and Embedded Intelligent Systems
- **Mr. Biswadeep Chatterjee**, VP, HCL Technologies – Semiconductor Industry and Growth Prospects
- **Mr. Soumya Dey**, R&D Manager, Keysight Technologies – Shift Left with Electronic Design Automation
- **Mr. Vinay Kumar MK**, Head, FANUC Academy – Precision Engineering in Automation
- **Dr. Arijit Majumder**, Scientist E, SAMEER Kolkata – Communication & Radar Systems
- **Mr. Shriniwas Bhat**, Technical Director, Entuple Technologies – Precision Engineering in Defence & Space
- **Mr. Anupam Bhattacharjee**, Sr. VP, Tata Technologies – Next-Gen Manufacturing

The session generated valuable insights into emerging trends and innovations in high-precision industries, equipping stakeholders with a deeper understanding of advancements in automation, robotics, semiconductor technology, and next-gen manufacturing. Key recommendations were made for workforce development and upskilling programs to ensure a future-ready talent pool. Strengthening industry-academia partnerships was a central focus, fostering collaboration to align skill development with industry needs. Interactive discussions addressed challenges in bridging the skill gap and enhancing employability, paving the way for practical solutions. The session culminated in MOU signings, reinforcing long-term collaborations between academia, industry, and the government to drive sustainable skill-building initiatives.

The practical implementation of outcomes should be achieved through concrete policy measures and structured training initiatives. Industry-specific skill development programs should be designed and rolled out to address the evolving needs of high-precision industries. To ensure seamless execution, a task force comprising industry experts, academic leaders, and policymakers should be established to oversee curriculum development, training delivery, and impact assessment. Industry-academia collaborations should be strengthened through formalized partnerships, internships, and the creation of joint research and innovation hubs. In addition, structured follow-up meetings and progress reviews should be conducted at regular intervals to assess the effectiveness of initiatives, address challenges, and refine strategies for sustainable workforce development.

This session marks a significant step towards positioning Bengal as a hub for high-precision manufacturing and automation, ensuring a skilled and future-ready workforce to drive industrial excellence.



Shri Anoop Agrawal, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, TET & SD Department, Government of West Bengal delivering his Welcome Address at the Sectorial Session of Technical Education at the BGBS 2025

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Distinguished panel of experts at the Sectoral Session of Technical Education at the BGBS 2025 on Empowering Bengal : Nurturing Future-Ready Skills for a High-Precision Workforce



Ms Sukanya Bose, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, emceeding at the Sectoral Session of Technical Education at the BGBS 2025



Section of audience at the Sectoral Session of Technical Education at the BGBS 2025

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BCC&I conducted the Sectoral Session on "MSMEs of Bengal in Defence Value Chain" with the Department of MSME & Textile, GoWB. The session was focused on enhancing the contribution of MSMEs in the defence supply-chain. The speakers were from leading defence manufacturing companies which included HAL, GRSE, Titagarh Rifle Factory, L&T Defence, Nicco Cables, Linde.



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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONCLAVE - INDIA'S
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Justifying the theme of the Conclave which is India's Potential in Global Trade, the Conclave through its various sessions had discussions that revolved around "achieving India's export target of \$2 trillion dollar by 2030" and how the key enablers and the facilitators of India's International Trade would play a role in it.

It has been an honour for us to have the august presence of our Guest of Honour Shri Tarun Sharma, DMD, India Exim Bank and also Ms. Aarti Pandey, Deputy General Manager, ECGC Ltd. as our Special Guest at the Opening Session.

The Indian government has implemented several policy measures to enhance trade competitiveness. In the 2025-26 budget, personal income tax rates were reduced to boost

middle-class spending, and initiatives were introduced to strengthen rural infrastructure and manufacturing. Additionally, import duties on key components for mobile phone production were removed to promote local manufacturing, benefiting companies like Apple and Xiaomi. India holds a 3.9% share of the global textiles and apparel trade.

The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) forecasts that India's merchandise exports will reach \$500-510 billion in FY25, rebounding from a 3% contraction in the previous fiscal year. Services exports are estimated to contribute an additional \$390-400 billion, bringing total exports to approximately \$890-910 billion. Key drivers of this growth include technology-driven sectors such as electronics, machinery, pharmaceuticals, and medical equipment, as well

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as traditional labor-intensive industries like apparel, footwear, and gems & jewelry.

Furthermore, India is engaging the private sector in space exploration, aiming to enhance its strategic capabilities and compete globally. The government plans to transition the production of launch vehicles to private start-ups, with the goal of making India a leader in small satellite exports, projecting a business opportunity worth \$4-5 billion.

Despite these positive developments, challenges persist. Global uncertainties, such as geopolitical tensions and trade protectionism, may impact export growth. Additionally, the European Union's green regulations, including the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), could increase export costs and complicate free trade negotiations. Domestically, issues like high import duties on components, the need for improved logistics networks, and shortages in skilled labour must be addressed to maintain competitiveness.

Ending the Opening Session on this note the Conclave moved on to other sessions

We are also honoured to have had with us Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, Chairman & MD, Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd., Mr. Niraj Dewan, GM, Head of Corporate Sales – India, Sales & Marketing, DSV in the Panel discussion on “Trade Logistics and its preparedness in Global Play” who discussed on Multimodal Logistics, Union Budget’s impact on Logistics, Availability of ships for total trade, Impact of Govt. initiatives like Sagarmala, Bharatmala and National Logistics Policy, Role of AI, IoT, and block chain in supply chain management, Green

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Mr. Atul Mathur, ED (Sales & ITD), SAIL, Dr. Manoranjan Pattanayak, Executive Director – Economics and Public Policy, PwC and Mr. Madhusudan Chari, Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Head – International Marketing, Exide Industries Ltd. in the Experts’ Roundtable on – “Strategizing Growth in Trade Business” discussed how India’s strategy to achieve the US\$ 2 trillion target by 2030 revolves around adapting a versatile approach that involves government policy initiatives, infrastructure enhancement to through investment in digital infrastructure and access to raw materials like cobalt and lithium that are needed for renewable energy and digital technologies, Impact of FTAs and how Export incentives, subsidies, and financial assistance program create opportunities for MSMEs.

Guest of Honour, Shri. Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI in the Fireside chat Session on – “Leveraging IT Export Services in Trade Business” gave an Overview of India’s IT export sector and its contribution to GDP, discussed Strategies for Indian IT firms to remain competitive in export market, initiatives that STPI has taken to promote the Indian startup ecosystem in recent years and shared his views on the global demand for Indian IT services and the vision for STPI.

The Conclave was well attended by Exporters & importers (Both Large Scale and MSMEs) Banking officials, Officials from non-banking financial Institutes, law firms, Logistics companies Warehouses, Free Trade Zones, Central Government Officials promoting trade and make in India, Embassies & Consulates.



Opening Session, Powering the India Trade Story : Role of Financial Institutes in progress

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Mr. Tarun Sharma, DMD, India Exim Bank speaking at the Opening Session



Ms. Aarti Pandey, Deputy General Manager, ECGC Ltd. speaking at the Opening Session



Mr. Madhusudan Chari, Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Head – International Marketing, Exide Industries Ltd. delivering the concluding remarks after the Opening Session



Mementos being given to the speakers of the Opening Session

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A Group photo of the International Committee Members along with Mr. Tarun Sharma and Ms. Aarti Pandey



Session on "Trade Logistics : Preparedness for Global Play" in progress



Mr. Soumitra Singh, Co - Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Head Export Planning & Documentation and Head Container Management, Tata Steel Limited moderating the session on Trade Logistics

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Mr. Niraj Dewan, GM, Head of Corporate Sales – India Sales & Marketing, DSV speaking at the session on Trade Logistics



Mr. Adhip Nath Palchaudhuri, Chairman & MD, Balmer Lawrie & Company Ltd. speaking at the session on Trade Logistics



Experts' Roundtable on – "Strategizing Growth in Trade Business" in progress



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry moderating the Session



Mr. Atul Mathur, ED (Sales&ITD), SAIL speaking on Strategizing Growth in Trade Business from the perspective of SAIL

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Dr. Manoranjan Pattanayak, Executive Director – Economics and Public Policy, PwC speaking at the Experts' Roundtable on – "Strategizing Growth in Trade Business"



Mr. Madhusudan Chari, Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Head – International Marketing, Exide Industries Ltd. from the perspective of EXIDE Industries Ltd.



Mementos being given to the speakers of the Experts' Roundtable on – "Strategizing Growth in Trade Business"



A Group photo of the speakers of the Session on "Strategizing Growth in Trade Business"



Fireside chat Session on – "Leveraging IT Export Services in Trade Business" with Guest of Honour : Shri. Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI

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A Group photo of the International Committee Members with Shri. Arvind Kumar, DG, STPI



Audience during the Conclave

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Networking during the Conclave

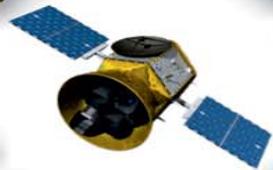




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8TH DURGAPUR-ASANSOL EDITION OF THIS FORUM, WAS ORGANIZED, WITH A SPECIALLY CURATED WORKSHOP ON "INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY"

8th February 2025,
Asansol Engineering College, Asansol



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

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

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

8th Durgapur-Asansol Edition of this forum, was organized, with a specially curated workshop on "Industrial Ecology and Circular Economy", on 8th February 2025 at the Asansol Engineering College, Asansol.

The objective of the Discussion Forum is to bring together the stakeholders of Durgapur – Asansol Industrial Belt, Policy Makers and Industry Leaders to brainstorm and share the best practices and cutting-edge technologies to take forward the industrial development of the State with adequate fortification towards vulnerability of ecology.

Being a responsible Chamber of Commerce, our aim is to provide value added services to our members and stakeholders to up skill their knowledge about the importance of Industrial Ecology and Circular Economy in Industrial Sustainability. In this context, the Chamber organized this Ecological Sustainability Forum in Asansol on 8th February 2025.

The programme was commenced with the formal Welcome Address by **Mr. Kausik Biswas**, Co-Chairperson, Durgapur-Asansol Focus Committee, BCC&I and Whole Time Director - CPL, CEO - CPL & ICML.

"The Durgapur-Asansol Industrial Belt, often referred to as the "Ruhr of India," has been the backbone of West Bengal's economy for decades. This region, rich in mineral resources and industrial heritage, has been a hub for steel, coal, power, and heavy engineering industries. However, with great industrial power comes great environmental responsibility. The legacy of rapid industrialization has left its mark on the region's ecology, from air and water pollution to land degradation. Today, as we stand at the crossroads of progress and preservation, it is our collective duty to ensure that the wheels of industry turn in harmony with nature. This discussion forum is a call to action—platforms to share ideas, forge partnerships, and chart a roadmap for a greener, more sustainable future. The themes we will explore today—renewable energy, waste management, circular economy, and green technology—are not just buzzwords but essential pillars of a resilient industrial ecosystem." - **Mr. Kausik Biswas**, Co-Chairperson, Durgapur-Asansol Focus Committee, BCC&I and Whole Time Director - CPL, CEO - CPL & ICML.

Inaugural Session :

The Inaugural Session had witnessed the presence of the following Dignitaries:

- **Shri Moloy Ghatak**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Law and Labour, Government of West Bengal as the Chief Guest.
- **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Immediate Former President, BCC&I.
- **Dr. G S Panda**, Principal, Asansol Engineering College.
- **Dr. Sabyasachi Saha**, Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).
- **Mr. Sumit Chakraborty**, Director, Shyam Metallics.
- **Mr. Partha P Chattaraj**, Associate Director – HR, Steel Plantech India Private Limited.
- **Mr. Mrityunjoy Chattopadhyay**, Group Head - Human Resource and Administration, Shakambhari Group.
- **Dr. Debashis Sarkar**, Asso. Prof. & HOD, ME, Asansol Engineering College.

Mr. Gautam Ray, Immediate Former President, BCC&I while setting the agenda of the Forum highlighted the

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need of the hour in the context of Asansol region is implementing emission control measures. Innovation and fostering modalities of accelerated growth required for economic reliance on sustainable practices. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) could gather inputs from industry stakeholders of the region and prepare a recommendation based on key indicating factors from the forum for deeper policy advocacy.

As the **Chief Guest** during his Inaugural Address, **Shri. Moley Ghatak**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Law, Government of West Bengal indicated the importance of Durgapur-Asansol Industrial Region Belt in the overall Industrialization Economy of the nation. Additionally, Bengal Global Business Summit this year has attracted a large sum of potential investments which he clearly foresees emergence of potential avenues for growth and sustainable development of the industry at the Durgapur-Asansol Industrial belt.

The Session was followed by the **Workshop on "Industrial Ecology and Circular Economy"**. The esteemed Panelists were:

- **Mr. Robin Kumar Agarwal**, Assistant Professor, Management Department, Asansol Engineering College.
- **Mr. Sanjoy Bhattacharya**, Chief Manager, T&D, India Power Corporation Limited.
- **Mr. Purushottam Banerjee**, Manager (Environment), Eastern Coalfields and **Mr. Soumabha Chakraborty**, Manager (Environment), Eastern Coalfields Limited.
- **Mr. Subhasish Dutta**, Environment Manager, Shyam Metalics.
- **Dr. Kinshuk Mukherjee**, Head ME and Sustainability, General Manager, PCBL Chemical Limited.
- **Mr. R K Mishra**, GM-EHS, Shakambhari Group.
- **Mr. Ujjwal Sur**, Deputy Manager, Crescent Power Limited.

From the feedback we have received, the programme was a great success. We were delighted to have had an enthusiastic participation of over 100 + participants. The programme was well covered by media.



From L-R : **Dr. Debashis Sarkar**, Asso. Prof. & HOD, ME, Asansol Engineering College; **Mr. Mrityunjoy Chattopadhyay**, Group Head - Human Resource and Administration, Shakambhari Group; **Mr. Partha P Chattaraj**, Associate Director – HR, Steel Plantech India Private Limited; **Shri Moley Ghatak**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Law and Labour, Government of West Bengal; **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Immediate Former President, BCC&I; **Dr. G S Panda**, Principal, Asansol Engineering College; **Dr. Sabyasachi Saha**, Associate Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Mr. Kausik Biswas, Co-Chairperson, Durgapur-Asansol Focus Committee, BCC&I and Whole Time Director - CPL, CEO - CPL & ICML



Lamp Lighting by **Shri Moley Ghatak**, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Law and Labour, Government of West Bengal, and other dignitaries

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Distinguished audience from the Industry fraternity of the Durgapur-Asansol Industrial region



MINERALS, MINING AND METALS CONCLAVE - "INDIAN MINERALS, MINING, AND METALS SECTORS : FACILITATING THE JOURNEY TOWARDS THE WORLD'S THIRD - LARGEST ECONOMY"

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) organized "**Minerals, Mining and Metals Conclave: Facilitating the Journey towards the World's Third-Largest Economy**" on **10th February 2025** at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

This high-profile Conclave was organized by the 'Metals' and 'Minerals & Mining' National Committees of the BCC&I. The Metals National Committee is Chaired by **Mr. Nagendra Nath Sinha**, Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India. The committee is also led by **Mr. D. K. Sen**, Former L&T Board Member & Advisor to CMD for Development Projects, L&T Ltd. and **Mr. Subodh Pandey**, VP, Technology and New Materials Business, Tata Steel Ltd. The Minerals and Mining National Committee is mentored by **Mr. Rana Som**, Former CMD, NMDC and **Mr. Tuhin Mukherjee**, Advisor – Mineral Resource & Mining, Aditya Birla Management Corporation Pvt. Ltd. The Committee is chaired by **Mr. A K Jha**, Former Chairman, Coal India Ltd. and Co- Chaired by **Mr. Subhra Mukherjee**, Group CHRO and Group Admin Head, Captain Steel Ltd.

Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. delivered the Welcome Address and **Mr. Rana Som**, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC delivered the Opening Address. Shri Sandeep Poundrik, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India was the Chief Guest.

Shri Sandeep Poundrik in his address mentioned that India does not anticipate a significant impact from US announcement of a 25% tariff on steel and aluminium imports. Shri Poundrik said that the domestic market remains strong and that India's steel exports to US are minimal. He stated that India produced 145 million tonnes of steel last year, of which 95,000 tonnes was exported to the US. So, it does not affect much if out of 145 million tonnes, India is not able to export 95,000 tonnes. Shri Poundrik said that India's domestic demand is on the rise and noted that the steel industry may find it difficult to even meet the local needs in the coming years. He said that India is one of the major economies in the world experiencing such a fast pace of growth. In contrast, economies like the USA, Europe, and China are either stagnating or witnessing a decline in consumption. This is largely because these countries have

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already achieved a high level of development and their focus is now on replacing infrastructure rather than building new ones.

On the other hand, as a developing nation, the Indian Government is actively pushing for infrastructure growth. The real estate sector has been booming over the past two to three years and with a growing middle class. As a result, consumption is steadily growing, with this year's growth surpassing 10%. In FY 2024-25, our consumption growth is projected to be more than 11%. Taking a conservative approach of 8% annual growth till 2030, we will need a steel production capacity of 300 million tons to meet the demand. By that time, India will likely have this capacity. However, meeting this huge demand of over 300 MT will require more raw materials than we currently supply. Achieving this target is not easy. While iron ore availability is there, ramping up production to meet this demand presents a significant challenge that our industry will need to address. Similarly, the issue of coking coal is pressing. We currently import most of our coking coal. Unfortunately, domestic coking coal production is not increasing fast enough. Other critical materials like manganese, limestone and dolomite are also imported, and it is expected that imports will rise further. These are challenges in the mining sector that must be addressed.

Shri Poundrik further mentioned that India still operates at a smaller level of automation in mining. Increasing automation is essential to improving productivity and safety in the mining sector. Additionally, digital technologies, such as AI and machine learning, will help optimize exploration and increase production.

Regarding scrap, Shri Poundrik said that we need to focus on generating our own scrap, as we currently import over 50% of the scrap consumed in the steel industry. The rising trend of countries restricting scrap exports to promote green steel will put pressure on India to become self-sufficient in scrap generation. To address this, we must develop better policies to encourage the recycling and collection of scrap.

Shri Poundrik said that as a country, we are doing well in the steel sector, and achieving a capacity of 300 MT by 2030 is not a problem. However, we face several challenges, example, ensuring raw material availability, expanding specialty steel production (which is still heavily imported), addressing environmental concerns and leveraging new technologies like AI and Machine Learning. If we fail to adopt these advancements, we risk falling behind. But with the vision and efficiency of our industry, he said that he is confident that India will overcome these challenges.

Shri Nagendra Sinha, Chairperson, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India thanked Shri Sandeep Poundrik, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India for his Keynote Address and delivered the Concluding Remarks.

The Opening session was followed by an Experts Roundtable on "Indian Minerals and Mining sectors : What Lies Beneath, What Lies Ahead". The speakers were **Mr. B Prabhakaran**, Managing Director, Thriveni Earthmovers Pvt. Ltd; **Mr. Sunil Pandey**, VP, Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Ltd.; **Mr. Sitansu Nandi**, Head-Sales (Surface Mining), Gainwell Commosales Private Limited and **Mr. Vinod Kumar**, Partner & Leader - Manufacturing Sector, PwC in India. The session was moderated by **Mr. Rana Som**, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC. The Session focused on ensuring the availability of raw materials, De-Carbonization and sustainability factors in Mining, strategies for more and faster exploration, technology Integration, import dependency and role of private investment and FDI in mining.

The Valedictory Session was addressed by **Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh**, Executive Director - Strategy and External Relations, JSPL and **Shri A K Jha**, Chairman National Committee on Minerals and Mining, BCC&I and Former Chairman, Coal India and Former Chairman, Jindal Power. The session was moderated by **Mr. Arnab Chakraborty**, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The theme of the Valedictory Session was "Power Play: Indian Coal Mining in the era of Green Energy." The deliberations focused on the evolving landscape of coal mining in the context of sustainable and green energy transitions, eco-friendly mining technologies, adoption of mine reclamation and afforestation projects, coal gasification, clean coal technologies (CCUS - Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage) and its impact on Coal Industry.

The Conclave was attended by around 150 delegates from the mining and metals sector comprising of both private and public sector companies, key industry leaders, policymakers and experts. The Conclave also received widespread media coverage.



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd. delivering the Welcome Address at the Minerals, Mining & Metals Conclave

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Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC delivering the Opening Address



Special Guest Mr. A R Soni, EVP and Head Corporate Affairs, L&T addressing the Opening Session



Chief Guest Shri Sandeep Poundrik, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India



Chief Guest Shri Sandeep Poundrik, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India addressing the Minerals, Mining & Metals Conclave



Shri Nagendra Sinha, Chairperson, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India delivering the Concluding Remarks at the Opening Session



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. felicitating Shri Sandeep Poundrik, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India

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Dignitaries at the Opening Session (L-R) Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC, Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd., Shri Sandeep Poundrik, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, Shri Nagendra Sinha, Chairperson, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India, Mr. A R Soni, EVP and Head Corporate Affairs, L&T



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. felicitating Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. felicitating Shri Nagendra Sinha, Chairperson, Metals National Committee, BCC&I and Former Secretary, Ministry of Steel, Government of India



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Dignitaries at the Opening Session of the 'Minerals, Mining & Metals Conclave' together for a group photo

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Experts Roundtable- "Indian Minerals and Mining sectors : What lies beneath, what lies ahead" (L-R) Mr. Sunil Pandey, VP, Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Ltd.; Mr. Sitansu Nandi, Head-Sales (Surface Mining), Gainwell Commosales Private Limited; Mr. B Prabhakaran, Managing Director, Thriveni Earthmovers Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC; Mr. Vinod Kumar, Partner & Leader - Manufacturing Sector, PwC in India



Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC felicitating Mr. B Prabhakaran, MD, Thriveni Earthmovers Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. A K Jha, Chairman, National Committee on Minerals and Mining, BCC&I and Former Chairman, Coal India and Former Chairman, Jindal Power with the distinguished speakers of the Experts Roundtable - "Indian Minerals and Mining sectors : What lies beneath"



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Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Director- Strategy and External Relations, JSPL

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Valedictory Session on “Power Play : Indian Coal Mining in the era of Green Energy” (L-R) Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I; Mr. A K Jha, Chairman, National Committee on Minerals and Mining, BCC&I and Former Chairman, Coal India and Former Chairman, Jindal Power; Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Director- Strategy and External Relations, JSPL



Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC felicitating Mr. A K Jha, Former Chairman, Coal India and Former Chairman, Jindal Power and Chairman National Committee on Minerals and Mining, BCC&I



Mr. Rana Som, Mentor, Minerals & Mining National Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC felicitating Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Executive Director- Strategy and External Relations, JSPL



Group photo at the Valedictory Session on “Power Play: Indian Coal Mining in the era of Green Energy”



Delegates at the Minerals, Mining & Metals Conclave

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POSH AWARENESS WORKSHOP FOR BCC&I EMPLOYEES

**14th February 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises**

On 14th February 2025 at 10 AM, a POSH Awareness Programme was organised for the employees of the BCC&I, the venue being Williamson Magor Hall. Dr Ratna Sinha was the facilitator. She is associated with BCC&I as the Mentor - Wellness & Communities Committee and the External Member of the Internal Committee. A seasoned HR Leader, who inter alia served as VP-HRM at Tata Metaliks.

She took the audience through various aspects of this critical workplace issue and helped them appreciate what constitute such offences, how to deal with them in the office ecosystem, the roles & responsibilities of the different stakeholders, and the legalities involved therein.

Out of total 39 (thirty-nine) participants, 9 (nine) joined the programme online and 30 (thirty) in person.



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WELLNESS MEDITATION SESSION

The Wellness & Community Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized its first-ever Wellness Meditation Session in association with The Art of Living on Saturday, 15th February 2025, from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM at the Chamber premises.

A total of 25 participants attended the session from well-known organizations such as B. D. Memorial Jr. School, SPK Jain Futuristic Academy, Indus Valley World School Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited and Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Limited among others.

The session began with Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor, Wellness and Communities Committee, BCC&I, Former VP HRM at Tata Metaliks Limited, congratulating everyone for attending on a Saturday morning. She emphasized the importance of mental well-being in the workplace, especially in today's stressful, target-driven work environment, where employees often have limited time to complete their tasks. She explained how meditation can help reduce stress, improve productivity, and enhance work performance.

The session began with the welcome address by Ratna Sinha. Following the introduction, Ms Sohini Chakraborty, Manager - Client Partnerships at Vyakti Vikas Kendra India (Art of Living) introduced the session coordinator, Mr. Anup Agarwal, an engineer from BITS Pilani and an MBA graduate from XLRI Jamshedpur. With over two decades of experience at ICICI, Cognizant, and HSBC, Mr. Agarwal is a long-time practitioner and faculty member of The Art of Living. He conducts stress management and leadership workshops for business professionals and is passionate about fostering healthier workplace cultures for increased productivity and personal fulfilment.

Mr. Agarwal began the session by asking participants to pat themselves on the shoulder as a gesture of self-appreciation

for attending. He then encouraged them to swap seats and greet the person next to them with a smile. He demonstrated the importance of maintaining both energy and focus for better work performance, explaining that if either energy or focus is low, tasks may remain incomplete or flawed, leading to reduced productivity.

He then led participants through several exercises. First, they gently tapped their head, forehead, and neck with both hands. Then, they used their fingers to slowly massage the forehead, temples, and areas around the eyes.

During the session, a participant asked about the difference between Sadhana and meditation. Mr. Agarwal explained that meditation is a part of Sadhana. He elaborated that the word Sadhana comes from "Sa" (self) and "Dhana" (wealth), meaning "one's own wealth." He emphasized that regular meditation, ideally practiced on an empty stomach, can bring meaningful benefits if incorporated into daily life.

He then guided participants through breathing exercises, including the alternate nostril breathing technique. They placed their index and middle fingers on their forehead while using their thumb to close one nostril, inhaling through the other, then switching nostrils to exhale. This process was repeated six times, followed by a short relaxation period to experience warmth and calmness from within.

Next, he instructed participants to close their eyes, smile, and become aware of their surroundings, sounds, and bodily sensations from head to toe. He then led them through deep breathing exercises and a final activity, in which participants brought their fists near their shoulders, raised their arms while inhaling, and then lowered them while exhaling. This exercise was repeated several times before they were instructed to rest, regain normal breathing, and slowly open their eyes.

After the meditation session, Ms. Sohini Chakraborty gave a presentation on The Art of Living's work under the guidance of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Founder of Art of Living. She highlighted the increasing stress levels in workplaces, which negatively impact both physical and mental health. She explained the benefits of workplace meditation, including improved employee well-being, reduced healthcare costs, and better employee retention.

She compared workplace balance to a swan that moves gracefully on the water while paddling its feet rapidly underneath. Using this analogy, she introduced The Art of Living's Holistic Well-Being Program, a two-day workshop designed to enhance physical health, mental peace and emotional resilience.

She then provided an overview of the organization's offerings, shared a list of top corporate clients, including Wipro, Deloitte, and Infosys, and discussed the significant impact of their programs. Finally, she presented awards and recognitions received from companies such as TCS, Adani Dhamra Ports, and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), along with The Art of Living's entry in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The program was well appreciated by all attendees, who found the sessions engaging and insightful. It successfully met its objectives, providing participants with meaningful takeaways to enhance their personal and professional well-being.



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I, addressing the audience during the Wellness Meditation Session, highlighting the benefits of mindfulness and relaxation techniques



Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor, Wellness and Communities Committee, BCC&I and Former VP HRM at Tata Metaliks Limited, sharing insights on the importance of meditation in achieving mental well-being and professional success



Mr. Anup Agarwal, Faculty for The Art of Living Corporate Programs, engages with participants, explaining meditation techniques and their impact on stress management



Attendees actively participating in a guided meditation exercise, learning simple yet effective relaxation techniques

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WELLNESS MEDITATION SESSION



Participants practicing breathing and facial relaxation techniques, immersing themselves in the mindfulness experience



Ms. Sohini Chakraborty, Manager - Client Partnerships at Vyakti Vikas Kendra India (Art of Living), engaging with the audience during the Q&A session, addressing queries and sharing insights on holistic well-being and corporate wellness



A group photo capturing the enthusiasm of the participants along with the facilitators, marking the successful conclusion of the session

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THE BENGAL CHAMBER MARKETING QUIZ 2025? WHAT'S YOUR MQ?

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Marketing Quiz 2025 - What's your MQ? on the 15th of February 2025.

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 51 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 51 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)
- Kottler Da Fan Club (Samanway Banerjee and Piyush Kedia)
- Barclays – ESPN (Sreshth Shah and Rohan Khanna)
- No Brainer (Rabi Sankar Saha and Saransh Mohapatra),
- IIT Kharagpur (Ayush Sharma and Banerwar Sarker),
- Smiling Buddha (The Heritage College) (Yashjit Mandal and Thirtharaj Sur),
- Trivially Challenged (Amit Sahai and Shayak Chakraborty),
- Anonymous Digital (Dishari Gupta and Kaniska Chakraborty),
- ✓ Winner : Ignorance is Bliss (B Naveen Kumar and Jayakanthan R) won prize money of Rs.40,000 along with other gifts.
- ✓ 1st Runner Up - Kottler Da Fan Club (Samanway Banerjee and Piyush Kedia) won prize money of Rs. 25,000 along with other gifts.
- ✓ 2nd Runner Up - Barclays – ESPN (Sreshth Shah and Rohan Khanna) won prize money of Rs. 15,000 along with other gifts.

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Mr. Anoop Hoon,
Chairperson, The
Marketing & Brand
Committee, The Bengal
Chamber



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy
Director Emceeing the Quiz



Preliminary Round in progress



Quiz Master Charanpreet
Singh



The quiz in full Swing



Maa kehti hai **try karo**

tabhi pata chalengi andar ki khoobiyan!



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Finalist Teams



Quiz Master Auritro
Chowdhury



Quiz Master Auritro Chowdhury asking questions



Audience Prize being handed over by Mr. Bikramjit Saha, Sr. Executive,
BCC&I



Audience Prize being handed over by Ms. Waindrilla Saha, Manager,
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Quiz Master Charanpreet Singh explaining the rules of the second round



Audience Prize being handed over by Ms. Rajashree Mukherjee, Manager, BCC&I



Finalist Team - Anonymous Digital (Dishari Gupta and Kaniska Chakraborty)



Finalist Team - Trivially Challenged (Amit Sahai and Shayak Chakraborty)



Finalist Team - Smiling Buddha (The Heritage College) (Yashjit Mandal and Thirtharaj Sur)



Finalist Team - IIT Kharagpur (Ayush Sharma and Baneswar Sarker)

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Finalist Team - No Brainer (Rabi Sankar Saha and Saransh Mohapatra)



2nd Runner Up Team - Barclays – ESPN (Sreshth Shah and Rohan Khanna)



1st Runner Up Team - Kottler Da Fan Club (Samanway Banerjee and Piyush Kedia)



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



Gifts and mementoes being handed over to Quiz Masters

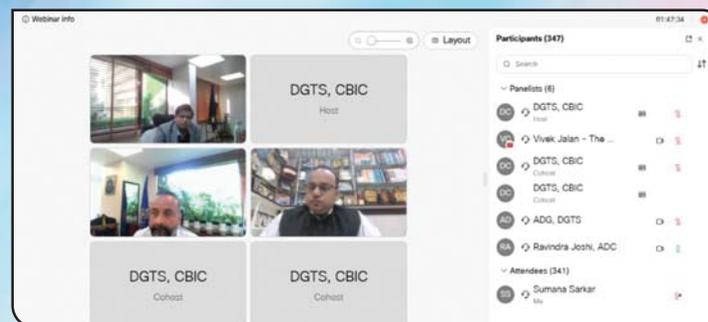
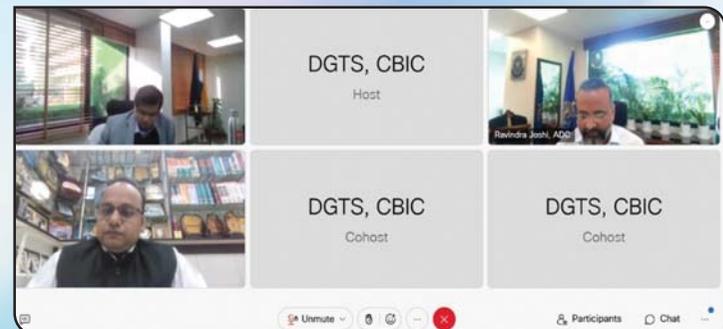
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WEBINAR ON 'GST & CUSTOMS RELATED PROPOSALS IN FINANCE BILL 2025'

19th February 2025,
Virtual

A Webinar on 'GST & Customs related Proposals in Finance Bill 2025' was organized by DGTS-CBIC in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I). Speakers from the Webinar were Shri Mahendra Ranga, Principal Chief Commissioner, CGST Jaipur Zone; Shri Amish Kumar Gupta, Additional Director General, DGTS, CBIC; Shri Ravindra Joshi,

Additional Director, DGST, CBIC; Shri Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee, BCC&I; Shri Tarun Kumar Gupta, Advocate (CA) & Guest Faculty at NACIN, Kolkata. The Webinar was attended by more than 350 members from all over India.



UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- The Bengal Chamber Corporate Badminton Gold Cup (2nd Edition), 21st and 22nd February 2025, Star Badminton Academy, Harinavi, Physical
- 14th Edition of BCC&I Tech Quiz 2025, 22nd February 2025, GNIT Campus, Kolkata, Physical
- 2nd Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz 2025, 1st March 2025, ISI Bengaluru, Physical
- National Grape Summit, 4th March, Pune, Physical
- BCC&I – ESCAP Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Connectivity in Eastern South Asia, 4th – 5th March, BCC&I Premises, Kolkata, Physical
- 8th edition of Health Tech Summit, 7th March, The Park, Kolkata, Physical
- 4th Edition of Pink IT, 7th March 2025, 5 Mad Men, Kolkata, Physical
- Online Seminar on Corporate Governance, 10th March, Virtual
- Catapult Delegation with BDHC, 10th – 12th March, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, Physical
- 15th Manufacturing MSME Conclave & Awards, 11th March 2025, BCC&I Premises, Kolkata, Physical
- Felicitation to Mr. Manabu Chikumoto, President & CEO, Mitsubishi Chemical Group, 12th March, BCC&I Premises, Kolkata, Physical
- UK Built Environment delegation 17th – 18th March, Mumbai, Physical
- UK Built Environment delegation, 21st March, Kolkata, Physical
- The People Management Conclave 8th Edition : Theme : Sustainable Employability and Future of Careers, 21st March 2025, BCC&I Premises, Kolkata,



ABACUS INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

**Senior-Junior Meet-Up Organized by CSE and BS&H Departments
2025 : 20.01.2025**

The Computer Science Engineering (CSE) and Basic Sciences and Humanities (BS&H) departments of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management successfully organized a Senior-Junior Meet-Up to bridge the gap between first-year students and their seniors who have secured jobs in the industry. The event provided an excellent platform for interaction, learning, and motivation. This event was held in seminar hall of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management on 20.01.2025.

The meet-up was designed to facilitate engagement between first-year students and experienced seniors from the CSE department who have been placed in different companies like TCS, CTS, Amazon India etc. The primary objectives of the event were to introduce the freshers to the industry-ready seniors.



The seniors shared their experiences, challenges, and strategies for career growth. Several senior students delivered insightful speeches, emphasizing the importance of academic excellence, practical skills, and industry trends. They provided valuable advice on internships, certifications, and technical skills necessary for a successful career. The first-year students actively participated in a question-and-answer session where they asked about academic preparation, industry expectations, and career guidance. The seniors patiently addressed all queries, offering practical tips and personal anecdotes to clarify doubts.

The Senior-Junior Meet-Up was a resounding success, fostering a sense of camaraderie and motivation among students. The interaction provided first-year students with a clearer vision of their academic and professional journey. The CSE and BS&H departments deserve appreciation for organizing such an

**ATAL-FDP on 'Semiconductors' organized by AIEM : 27.01.2025 to
01.02.2025**

Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM) successfully organised ATAL-sponsored six-day Online Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Semiconductor from 27th January 2025 to 1st February 2025. With a total of 138 participants, the program was successfully coordinated by Dr. Soumyendu Bhattacharjee, Assistant Professor, Electronics and Communication Engineering.

Day 1 :

Dr. Soumen Basu, Associate Professor, Dept. of Physics, National Institute of Technology Durgapur discussed about the Nanostructured multiferroic materials. Prof. Ajit Kumar Meikap, Professor (HAG), National Institute of Technology Durgapur, emphasized on the Electrical Transport Properties of Soft semiconducting Nanocomposites.

Day 2 :

Dr. Abhijit Banerjee, Assistant Professor and HOD, Department of Electronics Katwa College, Pabna Colony, Katwa describes Basics of Organic Semiconductors. Dr. Anirban Karmakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering Suryamani Nagar, Agartala, Madhupur, Tripura, nicely demonstrated different Application of PIN Diode in reconfigurable Antenna.

Day 3 :

Dr. Angsuman Sarkar. Professor, Kalyani Government Engineering College focused on the design and implementation of Scaling of

MOSFET. Prof. Sanatan Chattopadhyay Professor, Department of Electronics, University of Calcutta, addressed challenges related to the Nano Scale CMOS.

Day 4 :

Mr. Suddhasatwa Ghosh, Lead Engineering, ASML explored about the Semiconductor Manufacturing. Dr. Bappaditya Dey, Senior R&D Designer, IMEC, Belgium, discussed AI as a disrupted technology in Semiconductor Manufacturing

Day 5 :

Mr. Koustuv Chatterjee Ampere Computing India Pvt Ltd, Kadabeesanahalli, Bengaluru, Explained the journey of the IC from verilog to Silicon. Dr. Ranajit Ghosh, Principal Scientist, CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur, highlighted the Development of Metal oxide based chemiresistive sensor.

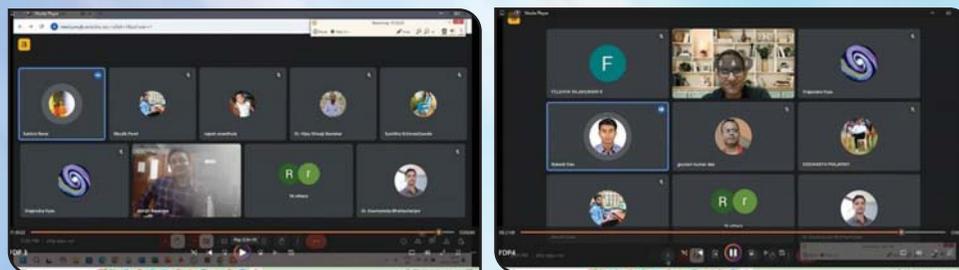
Day 6 :

Dr. Mrinal Pal Chief Scientist and Head, Functional Materials and Devices Division, CSIR- Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute, Kolkata, discussed about the Semiconductor nanostructured based chemiresistive Gas Sensors.

Dr. Sutirtha Mukhopadhyay Technical Director BAT-SOL Equipments & Technology, Navi Mumbai emphasized on the : Industrial processes related to Green Energy. Finally Mr. Krishnendu Ghosh Intel Technology India Pvt. Limited, SRR 3, Bengaluru concluded with the discussion of the Advance digital front-end Verification for optimized silicon design and Tape out Processes.



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NDLI Users Awareness Workshop on 18.02.25

To create awareness among Staff and Students of NDLI Club and NDLI Users Awareness Workshop is being organised by NDLI club of Abacus Institute of Engineering & Management on 18th Feb 2025. More than 100 students of first year B.Tech and Diploma students were participated in the event and all are attended the workshop. Librarian and Convener of Library Committee has explained about Digital Library needs, NDLI Club and its different activities which were conducted by NDLI Club on his welcome speech.

Convener of Library Committee explained the resources, contents, different formats of the contents, searching filters, how many

languages covered, and method of search and retrieves the documents from the NDLI portal and how to narrow down the results and he explained the difference between registered and non registered users and how the registered users can get benefit. He explained the NDLI portal registration process and how to recover their password if anyone forgotten their password. To increase the usage, NDLI has started a new method called NDLI club in all the educational institutions across the country. This helps the students to increase the capacity to understand not only the technical subjects but also, they can understand more social related subjects. He has concluded his address to increase the student participation in the NDLI Club.



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Workshop on Emerging Trends in Data Science

Mr. Ambarish Ganguly, Sr. Consultant at TCS and CXO Advisor on Data, AI, Gen AI, and Energy Resource Utilities, with over 20 years of experience in solving business challenges through data-driven solutions, conducted a workshop on Data Science for the students of B.Tech-CSE on 17th January. Emerging Trends in Data Science was an insightful workshop where fun met learning, guided by the visionary Mr. Ganguly. It was a day to remember and a significant step towards achieving tech excellence.



Full Stack Workshop on 18th January by Dept. of CSE

On 18th January Department of Computer Science and Engineering organized a workshop with a masterclass on modern web development, equipping participants with industry-relevant skills and hands-on expertise. Mr. Abhijit Patra, an expert with 15 plus years in Corporate training conducted this technical workshop that delved into the core of full stack development, covering cutting-edge tools and technologies. From building responsive frontends to deploying robust backends, attendees gained valuable insights into frameworks like ReactJS, NodeJS, and Django, alongside essential tools like Docker, GitHub, and My SQL.



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Tech Xplore '25

Tech Xplore '25, educational tour being organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at M.P. Birla Planetarium, on 18th January, brought together fun, learning, and laughter in the best possible way. The event offered participants a unique opportunity to explore and learn beyond traditional settings, blending knowledge with unforgettable moments. Here are some snapshots from the memorable Tech Xplore'25 experience.

JIS SPIRIT 2025 INAUGURATED

On 21st of January the inauguration of JIS SPIRIT 2025 at JIS University –NIT campus commenced with heartfelt floral tributes to the late Sardar Jodh Singh, Chairman Emeritus, and the late Sardarni Satnam Kaur, Chairperson of JIS Group. The tributes were offered by Sardar Amrik Singh, Deputy Managing Director, JIS Group, Sardar Harinder

Pal Singh, Trustee, JIS Group and other dignitaries of JIS Group Educational Initiatives. Shri. Chandan Sen, in his address, praised the JIS Group's unique initiative to nurture students' extracurricular activities, and emphasised how this approach set JIS Group apart from other educational institutions. He encouraged the students to actively participate and make the most of this enriching experience.

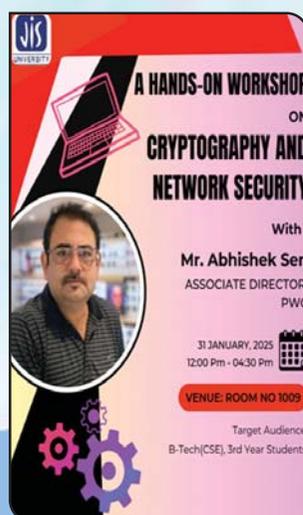


Students of B. Tech CSE showcased their innovative science models at Science fair

The students of B. Tech CSE 2nd Year, JIS University showcased their innovative science models at the Acharya Satyendranath Basu Smarak Bijnan O Prajukti Mela organized by Paschimbanga Vigyan Mancha at Hedua Park from 22nd to 26th January, 2025. Their model was based on an Automatic Chess Model for Physically Challenged People using AI. Title : "Accessible Chess: An Automatic Chess Model for Physically Challenged People using Artificial Intelligence"

Workshop on Cryptography & Network Security

The Department of Computer Science & Engineering, JIS University organized an exclusive hands-on workshop on Cryptography and Network Security, led by Mr. Abhishek Sen, an expert from PWC on 31st of January. This session provided in-depth insights into encryption techniques, network security protocols, and cyber defense strategies.



JIS Samman 2025

On the evening of 1st February 2024, JIS Group held a truly spectacular awards ceremony, where JIS University was honored with several distinguished accolades. The evening highlighted the exceptional contributions of both faculty and students in a variety of significant areas, including academic excellence, cutting-edge research, and student development. The event was marked by the recognition of outstanding faculty members and students who have demonstrated exemplary performance in their respective fields. The awards celebrated the collective efforts of the JIS University community, underscoring its commitment to fostering an environment conducive to growth, innovation, and academic distinction. Notably, the university received awards for its groundbreaking research initiatives, which have made substantial contributions to knowledge and innovation in various disciplines. In addition, the achievements of students who have demonstrated outstanding skills, leadership, and



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academic prowess were recognized, showcasing the university's role in shaping the next generation of professionals. This celebration is a testament to JIS Group's vision of excellence, not only in academics but also in the holistic development of its students. The awards reflect the commitment of both faculty and students to pushing the boundaries of education and research, further solidifying JIS University's position as a leader in higher education.

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Celebration of Saraswati Puja in JIS University Campus

JIS University celebrated Saraswati Puja on 2nd February 2025, with great devotion and enthusiasm at the university campus. The air was filled with prayers, cultural performances, the spirit of knowledge and wisdom.



Sera School er Saraswati Event



On the occasion of Saraswati Puja on 2nd and 3rd February, judges from JIS University team visited participating schools/ colleges to judge the different aesthetic aspects of the Saraswati Puja celebrations being organized by the schools, as part of JIS Group's flagship "Sera Saraswati" Campaign. They have evaluating creativity, aesthetic excellence, presentation, and overall participation, ensuring that each school's contribution aligns with the campaign's values and spirit.

Inauguration of Cultural Room

On the occasion of Saraswati Puja, JIS University proudly inaugurated its Cultural Room on 3rd February, 2025, in the esteemed presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bhabes Bhattacharya, distinguished faculty, and student representatives. The event began with the lighting of the lamp and a floral tribute to Goddess Saraswati, symbolizing wisdom and creativity. The celebration culminated in a captivating cultural program, showcasing the remarkable talents of faculty and students. This event marks a significant step in nurturing art, culture, and academic excellence at JIS University.



Recognition by Careers 360

JIS University has been rated as one of India's Best Law Colleges by Careers 360. This prestigious ranking highlights JIS University as one of the best educational institutions to study law in West Bengal. Careers 360 evaluated and shortlisted the top 100 law colleges across the country, that offer students a curated list of the best options available. The ranking process is based on 14 comprehensive parameters, such as cut-offs, geographic location, gender diversity, faculty quality, infrastructure, placement opportunities, accessibility, and research outcomes.

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Celebration of Woman Entrepreneur's Day by Dept. of Management Studies



Department of Management Studies celebrated Woman Entrepreneur's day on 7th February with a film making workshop. Our Pro-Chancellor Dr. Neeraj Saxena graced the "Kalpana Katha-O-Kahini" Filmmaking Workshop with his presence. His words of encouragement and visionary outlook inspired both students and faculty to dream big and explore the limitless possibilities of creativity.

Faculty of Agriculture conducted an exposure visit for the students

Faculty of Agriculture conducted an exposure visit on 14th February for the 4th semester students of B.Sc. Agricultural Science to AB Farm, BCKV at Kalyani where research on various variety

development, Germplasm maintenance, and Seed production of different Rabi crops under different National programme is going on. The students got the opportunity of practical exposure of these activities which is very much aligned to their course curriculum.



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JIS SPIRIT 2025

The grand finale of JIS SPIRIT 2025, the iconic inter-college cultural competition of the JIS Group on 20th January 2025, at the vibrant

Narula Institute of Technology - JIS University campus. The inaugural day was packed with energy and excitement as students showcased their talents in a wide range of events, including Drama, Fashion Show, Anchoring, Debate, Quiz, and Recitation.



Winter Camp for Rock Climbing and Nature Study

The NCC Unit of Narula Institute of Technology successfully organized a Winter Camp for Rock Climbing and Nature Study Course in collaboration with Kanchrapara Quest Adventures, a mountaineering

club registered under the West Bengal Youth Service Department (WBYSO) and approved by the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF). The camp took place at Mathaburu Hills, Purulia, from 28th January to 2nd February 2025. A total of 15 students from various departments participated in the adventure camp.



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NITCon'25

The International Conference on Novel Infrastructure Techniques, NITCon 2025 was held on 29th - 30th January, 2025 at Narula Institute of Technology, jointly organized by the Department of Civil

Engineering, Narula Institute of Technology, and the Department of Civil Engineering, IEST Shibpur. One of the key highlights of the event was the unveiling of the NITCon-2025 Conference Book, featuring research contributions from scholars worldwide.



Project Exhibition

The Team "Tesla" of Electrical Engineering of Narula Institute of Technology exhibiting the project in Bengal Global Business Summit 2025 held on 5th - 6th February 2025 at Biswa Bangla Milan Mela Prangan.



Chaava Promotion at NiT

Vicky Kaushal visited Narula Institute of Technology (NiT) and JIS university campus on February 7, 2025 to promote his upcoming

movie 'Chhaava'. During his visit, he engaged with students and shared insights about his journey from engineering to acting.



NiT organised Exposure Visit to MSME Central Tool Room & Training Center

The Electrical Engineering Department, in collaboration with The

Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) of Narula Institute of Technology, organized an Exposure Visit to the Central Tool Room & Training Center, MSME Kolkata unit, on 13th February 2025. 25 students from the EE department visited along with the faculty members.

