



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



14th January, 2021

I wish you and your families a Very Happy New Year! The year has opened on a positive note with hope and promises for better days ahead. While I am addressing you, the nation is rolling out the COVID Vaccine across the country. Hopefully, we should be seeing further momentum in economic activities which had started moving positively during Q3 of FY 20-21. With stimulus in place and more expected in the forthcoming budget as India's economy opens up and life fast returning to normal in course of time, the country's GDP is expected to reach US\$ 5 trillion by FY25 and achieve upper-middle income status on the back of digitization, globalization, favourable demographics and reforms.

Unprecedented adversities like Covid-19, brings out one's true innate character eventually leading us to build on our strengths and coming out of adversities with resilience. We have seen majority of Indian businesses shifting to digital mode to scale up, with even small businesses realising the need for adoption of technology for sustained growth. For The Businesses of Tomorrow

to succeed, adaptability and sustainable practices are two aspects which are going to be extremely important both in the medium and long term.

Your Chamber has also been fine tuning its activities and mode of operations in keeping with the changing times. The Chamber has started having its Managing Committee Meetings in a hybrid mode enabling participants to join in physically as well as online.

The Chamber's Event Calendar during the last quarter of the current Financial Year signifies rolling out of a number of programmes of relevance as you would find listed in this Newsletter. I would like to thank the Chairpersons and Members of the various Expert Committees for their immense support in this regard.

Sd/-
Deb A Mukherjee
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to NICDC Logistics Data Services, Lintas Packaging Pvt Ltd., TCN Global & Economic Advisory Services LLP {Formerly known as Tax Connect Advisory Services (North) LLP}, whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 15th December 2020.

PROGRAMME

MINERALS, MINING AND METALS E-CONCLAVE "INDIAN MINERALS, MINING AND METALS SECTORS : PREPAREDNESS FOR GLOBAL PLAY"

December 9th and 10th December 2020, digital Platform



To address the issues of the Minerals Mining and the Metals Sector, Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a 2-day mega Conclave, "Minerals, Mining and Metals e-Conclave" on 9th & 10th December 2020.

Day I of the Conclave had the theme as "Preparedness for Post COVID Revival & Global Play: Indian Minerals and Mining sectors"

Other Focus areas of discussion on Day I were Indian Coal Industry: Power, Beyond Power and Future of Coal Mining and Coal Gasification: Enabler for a Clean Energy Future. Day I witnessed participation of industry leaders such as Shri Naveen Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd.; Shri Anil Kumar Jain, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines, Government of India; Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog; Shri Sumit Deb, Chairman & MD, NMDC Ltd.; Shri Anil Kumar Jha, Former Chairman & MD, Coal India Ltd.; Shri Rakesh Kumar, Chairman & MD, NLC India Ltd.; Mr. V R Sharma, MD, JSPL and many others. The Inaugural Day of the e-Conclave also witnessed international participants like Mr. Angelos Kokkinos, Deputy Asst. Secretary, US Department of Energy; Mr. Vello A. Kuuskraa, President, Advanced Resources International, USA; Mr. Don Stevenson, Managing Director & Vice President, Energy Supply & Conversion, Gas Technologies Institute, USA



Day II of the Conclave had the theme as Indian Minerals, Mining and Metals sectors: Preparedness for Global Play Other Focus areas of discussion on Day II were "Indian Steel Industry: Facing the Challenges of New Normal days & Beyond", "Building AtmaNirbhar Bharat, Ensuring Make in India: Future of Steel Industries in India", "Preparedness for the Economy of Future: Perspective from one of the largest Steel Industries in India", "Indian Iron Ore Industry: Strategies to combat the supply concerns and other constraints of growth" and – "Raw Materials for Steel: Role of Metallurgical Coal & Scrap Metal" The conclave was attended by participants from various steel producing companies, steel products & steel alloys producing companies, Engineering Industry, Equipment & Machinery producing companies, Refractory companies, Steel-re rolling Mills, Sponge Iron Manufacturers, Metals Trading Companies, Institute of Metals, Institute of Welding, Department of Geology from Calcutta University and Jadavpur University, Consultants and also Engineers. The participation included big corporate as well as small & medium companies to individuals like faculties, Engineers, Designers & consultants. It got a wide coverage in media and it crossed the viewership of more than one lakh in social media.



Guest of Honour : Shri Naveen Jindal, Chairman, Jindal Steel and Power Ltd

Guest of Honour : Shri Anil Kumar Jain, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines, Government of India

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Welcome Address by Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, BCC&I and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited



Mr. Biswadip Gupta, President- Corporate Affairs (East), JSW Steel Ltd. & Former President, BCC&I addressing at Business Session I : "Preparedness for Post COVID Revival & Global Play : Indian Minerals and Mining Sectors"



Opening Remarks by Mr. P S Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Minerals & Mining Committee, BCC&I and Former Chairman, Coal India



Business Session 1 Moderator Mr. Rana Som, Co Chairman, Minerals & Mining Committee, BCC&I and Former CMD, NMDC during his remarks



VoT & Concluding Remarks by Mr. Sushim Banerjee, Chairperson, Metals Committee, BCC&I



Special Address by Mr. Anil Kumar Jha, Former Chairman & MD, Coal India Ltd during Business Session II : Panel Discussion on "Indian Coal Industry : Power, Beyond Power and Future of Coal Mining"



Mr. Sumit Deb, Chairman & MD, NMDC Ltd addressing at Business Session I : "Preparedness for Post COVID Revival & Global Play : Indian Minerals and Mining Sectors"

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Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Chairman & MD, NLC India Ltd addressing at Business Session II : Panel Discussion on "Indian Coal Industry : Power, Beyond Power and Future of Coal Mining"



Business Session II Moderator : Mr. P S Bhattacharyya, Chairman, Minerals & Mining Committee, BCC&I and Former Chairman, Coal India during his speech



Mr. Tuhin Kumar Mukherjee, Managing Director, Essel Mining & Industries Limited and Sector Head, Mineral Resources Development, Aditya Birla Group. and Member, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I addressing at Business Session II



Mr. V R Sharma, MD, JSPL on "Coal Gasification: Enabler for a Clean Energy Future"



Mr. Binay Dayal, Director- Technical, Coal India Ltd. addressing at Business Session II



Mr. Atanu Mukherjee, President & Chief Executive Officer, M N Dastur & Co, and Member, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I during Fireside Chat Session on "Coal Gasification : Enabler for a Clean Energy Future"

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Keynote address by : Dr. V.K. Saraswat, Member, NITI Aayog, Moderator : Mr. Atanu Mukherjee, President & Chief Executive Officer, M N Dastur & Co, and Member, Minerals and Mining Committee, BCC&I



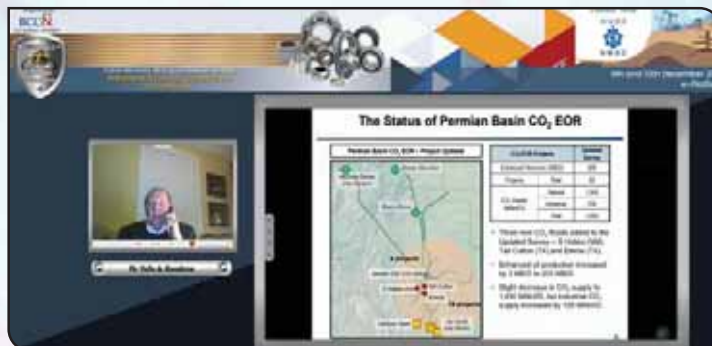
Mr. Don Stevenson, Managing Director & Vice President, Energy Supply & Conversion, Gas Technologies Institute, USA during the Panel Discussion on "Coal Gasification: Enabler for a Clean Energy Future"



Mr. Angelos Kokkinos, Deputy Asst. Secretary, US Department of Energy during Panel Discussion on "Coal Gasification : Enabler for a Clean Energy Future"



Mr. P K Mukherjee, Co Chairman, Minerals & Mining Committee, BCC&I, and Former MD, Sesa Goa Limited during his concluding remarks



Mr. Vello A. Kuuskraa, President, Advanced Resources International, USA during Business session III



Mr. Abraham Stephanos, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited giving the Welcome Address at the Opening Session, Day II of the Minerals Mining & Metals e-Conclave

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Mr. Partha Sengupta, Former President, JSW Steel and Mentor, Metals Committee, BCC&I, moderating the Discussion on “Indian Steel Industry : Facing the Challenges of New Normal & Beyond”. Speakers at the session are : Ms. Soma Mondal, Director Commercial, SAIL, Mr. Dilip Oommen, CEO, Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India, Mr. Pankaj Malhan, CEO, Vedanta Electrosteel Ltd. & Mr. Rajeev Mohan Sherry, MD, Outokumpu (India)



Business Session I – “Building Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Ensuring Make in India: Future of Steel Industries in India”, moderated by : Mr. Pradip Kumar Bishnoi, Former CMD, RINL. Speakers at the Session are Mr. P K Rath, Chairman & MD, RINL, Dr. Vinod Nowal, Deputy MD, JSW Steel Ltd. & Mr. Anil Anand, MD, Paul Wurth India Pvt. Ltd



Mr. Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Chairman, SAIL during the Fire Side Chat Session with Mr. Sushim Banerjee, Chairperson, Metals Committee, BCC&I



Dr. Vinod Nowal, Deputy MD, JSW Steel Ltd



Mr. Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Chairman, SAIL during the Fire side Chat Session, themed as – “Building Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Ensuring Make in India : Future of Steel Industries in India”



Mr. R K Sharma, Secretary General, Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI) & Mr. Pankaj Satija, Chief Regulatory Affairs, Tata Steel at Business Session II – “Indian Iron Ore Industry: Strategies to combat the supply concerns and other constraints of growth”, being moderated by Mr. P K Mukherjee, Co Chairman, Minerals & Mining Committee, BCC&I, and Former MD, Sesa Goa Limited

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December 2020, digital Platform**

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Mr. Rajib Maitra, Member, Minerals & Mining Committee, BCC&I and Director, Consulting – Energy & Resources, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP moderating Business Session III–“Raw Materials for Steel: Role of Metallurgical Coal & Scrap Metal”. Speakers at the session are Dr. Nik Senapati, President, Australia India Business Council, Mr. N C Jha, Managing Partner, Prolific Coal Consortium, and Former CMD, Coal India Ltd., Mr. Kaushal K Sinha, Senior VP and Business Unit Head, Metals and Mining, M N Dastur & Co.

**11th December 2020,
Virtual**

“ONLINE SEMINAR ON TAIWAN’S GYM AND FITNESS PRODUCT”

Taipei World Trade Centre, Kolkata (TAITRA), in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized an Online Seminar on Taiwan’s Gym and Fitness Products on 11th December 2020, Friday, from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (IST).

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry shares a deep connect with TAITRA. In this context, The Chamber partnered with TAITRA in the aforementioned programme.

The Session focused on:

- Taitra’s Online Trade service and introduction

- Introducing Alexandave, a leading Taiwanese firm
- Fitness Industry in India and Taiwan.

Ms. Ritika Nandy, Trade Promotion Specialist, TAITRA delivered the formal Welcome Address. Ms. Emi Wu, Alexandave Industries Ltd; Mr. Darshann Kayan, Trade Promotion Specialist, TAITRA and Mr. Arkadeb Datta, Trade Promotion Specialist, TAITRA were part of the Session.

TIME	SPEAKERS	TOPIC
11:00-11:10	Ms. Ritika Nandy (Trade Promotion Specialist at TAITRA)	Welcome address and TAITRA'S Services
11:10-11:20	Ms. Emi Wu	Alexandave's strength and conditioning products
11:20-11:35	Darshann Kayan and Arkadeb Datta (Trade Promotion Specialists at TAITRA)	Fitness Industry in India and the potential of Taiwanese manufacturing
11:35-11:45	All	Q&A session and social network

Meeting in progress

PROGRAMME

“TOWARDS THE BUSINESS OF TOMORROW” TALK AND INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH DR. AJAY MATHUR, DIRECTOR GENERAL, THE ENERGY AND RESOURCES INSTITUTE (TERI) ON THE OCCASION OF CHAMBERS MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

15th December 2020,
Phygital

The Chamber was honored to have Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, TERI, as a Special Invitee to its Managing Committee. Dr. Mathur joined The Chamber's Managing Committee Meeting on 15th December 2020 and delivered a talk on the topic “Towards the Business of Tomorrow”.

At the outset Mr. Deb a Mukherjee, President, briefly introduced Dr. Ajay Mathur and heartily congratulated him for having been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award 2020 on 7th December 2020 by the International Society of Waste Management Air & Water Circular Economy at the 10th Icon SWM-CE 2020 for his significant and commendable contribution in the areas of environmental protection.

At the outset, Dr. Ajay Mathur acknowledged that The Bengal Chamber is an Association which he greatly valued and was deeply moved by The Chamber's invitation to be a part of its Managing Committee, a gesture which he deeply cherished.

Highlights of Dr. Mathur's Talk on “Towards the Business of Tomorrow”:

- All businesses and organisations have been reinventing themselves and it is important to understand this process in order to ensure that change works in their favour and not against them. Many companies which had existed 50 years ago are no longer in existence. It is interesting to understand which are these companies which are non-existent now. The reasons why they do not exist can be found in their not upgrading technology in time, their being resource in-efficient and also environmental violations. Importantly, another reason was these companies losing their customer connect.
- It was becoming fairly evident that today what we call as sustainable development has been and will continue to drive the business of tomorrow.
- As companies moved towards becoming more and more

efficient they have moved towards automation; but it is more important for Companies that move ahead to build social capabilities of the people working for them in order to enhance their consumer connect. Companies need to have their ears open to listen to their consumers.

- Indian consumers are more value conscious compared to price. The service level constitutes the value element which people are ready to pay for. Cheaper goods do not sell more and how this fact is communicated was important.
- We have seen that the choice of CEOs matters a great deal. Leaders do not lead alone; they are able to excite people inside and outside the Company, they bring order to messy processes and engage in managing product-mixes by looking at opportunities. It is important for CEOs to keep evolving benchmarks to enable reporting of continuous improvements.
- Over the last few month SEBI has brought out a consultation document on Corporate Reporting. Dr. Mathur felt that it would be good if The Chamber looks at it and presents what its views are.
- By their very nature, financial institutions are conservative in outlook. It is important for organizations like The Chamber to provide them with new learnings in the interest of growth of trade and industry.
- It is important to periodically review strategies and thoughts of individual companies against those of the business chambers.
- Dr. Mathur believed that the ‘Business of Tomorrow’ is sustainability. It means how you manage the transition towards greater resource efficiency, towards lower waste management, towards keeping the people in the organization together so that they can deliver.

Dr. Ajay Mathur's talk was followed by an invigorating round of discussions by Members.



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, The Energy and Resources Institute gracing the Managing Committee meeting of The Bengal Chamber.

16th & 17th December 2020,
Virtual Platform

TAIWAN EXPO 2020 IN INDIA

Taipei World Trade Centre, Kolkata (TAITRA), in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized Taiwan Expo 2020 in India with the best Taiwanese Suppliers from various industries, such as, Medical, ICT, Agricultural and Food Products, Green Energy, Biotechnology, Sports Products and Health on virtual platform on 16th and 17th December 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The objective of the aforesaid Expo was to facilitate opportunities to expand trade cooperation in the Asian region.



Meeting in progress

It was one-on-one online business session through video conferencing with the Taiwanese companies.

AMRI Hospitals and **Cleotech Energy Pvt Ltd** –the esteemed stakeholders of The Bengal Chamber and **EzeRx Health Tech Pvt. Ltd.**, one of the incubates of WEBEL-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre took part in the business session.



Meeting in progress

18th December 2020,
Zoom

ONLINE SESSION ON 'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS – THEME : COLLOQUIUM ON EASING DEPARTMENTAL AUDIT, ASSESSMENTS AND COMPLIANCES & VIVAAD SE VISHWAS SCHEME'

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an Online Session on 'Ease of Doing Business – Theme: Colloquium on Easing Departmental Audit, Assessments and Compliances & Vivaad Se Vishwas Scheme' on 18th December, 2020 on Zoom.

Introductory address on Ease of Doing Business with regard to Taxation was given by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson – Ease of Doing Business Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP.

Special Address on Department's Perspectives on Audit & Assessments was delivered by Shri Partha Santra from CGST Department, Government of India.

The 1st Technical Session was on Easing Audit & Assessments. Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson – Ease of Doing Business Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services deliberated on Impact of GST New Return System on Large Companies and Filing of GST 9 & 9C of 2019-20 and differences with GST Audit of 2018-

19 & 2017-18. The next Session on Preparing for Departmental Audit and Assessments was chaired by Mr. Debashish Mukherjee, DGM - F&A, M Junction. The distinguished speakers were CA Bimal Jain, Partner, A2Z Tax Corp LLP and Mr. Vinay Shraff, Advocate Supreme Court & High Courts.

The 2nd Technical Session was on Easing Tax Compliances & Availment of Benefits was chaired by Mr. Nirmal Meharia Director - Finance & Operations, Supertron Electronics Pvt Ltd. Mr. Pallav Gupta, Chairperson – Direct Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisor, Taxation, ITC Limited deliberated on Direct Tax Vivaad Se Vishwas Scheme. The Issues and challenges in filing ITR 6 and Tax Audit Filing for AY 2020-21& AY 2021-22 was addressed by CA Giridhar Dhelia, Jt. Secretary, All India Federation of Tax Practitioners & Partner, AGSS & Co.

The Technical Sessions were followed by an interactive session with the participants. The Online Session on Ease of Doing Business with regard to Taxation was attended by more than 70 delegates.

PROGRAMME

**ONLINE SESSION ON 'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS – THEME :
COLLOQUIUM ON EASING DEPARTMENTAL AUDIT, ASSESSMENTS
AND COMPLIANCES & VIVAAD SE VISHWAS SCHEME'**

**18th December 2020,
Zoom**



Special Address by Shri Partha Santra of CGST Department, Government of India



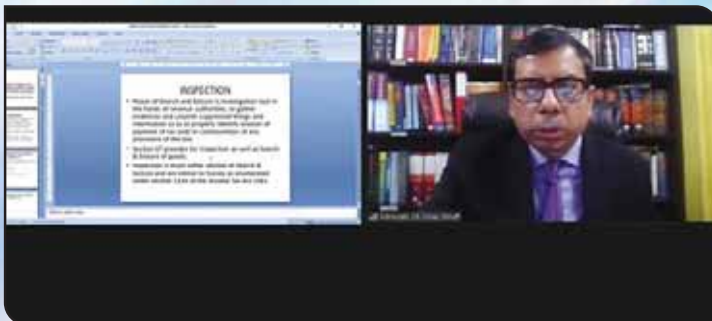
Technical Session I in progress: Address by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson – Ease of Doing Business Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP



Technical Session I in progress: Session Chairperson - Mr. Debashish Mukherjee, DGM - F&A, M Junction



Technical Session I in progress: Address by CA Bimal Jain, Partner, A2Z Tax Corp LLP



Technical Session I in progress: Address by Mr. Vinay Shraff, Advocate Supreme Court & High Courts



Technical Session II in progress: Session Chairperson - Mr. Nirmal Meharia, Director - Finance & Operations, Supertron Electronics Pvt Ltd



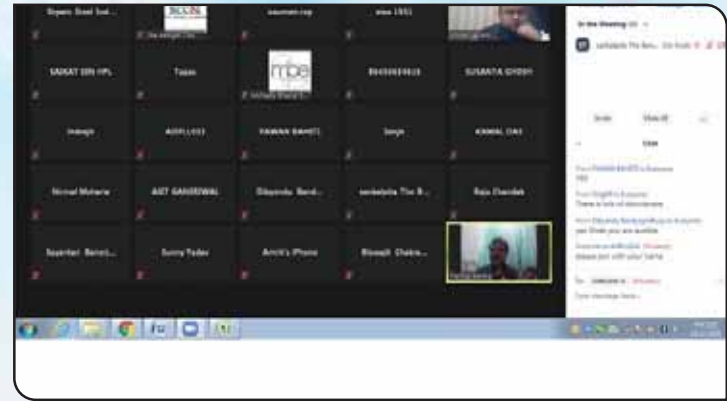
Technical Session II in progress: Address by Mr. Pallav Gupta, Chairperson – Direct Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisor, Taxation, ITC Limited

18th December 2020,
Zoom

**ONLINE SESSION ON 'EASE OF DOING BUSINESS - THEME :
COLLOQUIUM ON EASING DEPARTMENTAL AUDIT, ASSESSMENTS
AND COMPLIANCES & VIVAAD SE VISHWAS SCHEME'**



Technical Session II in progress: CA Girdhar Dhelia, Jt. Secretary, All India Federation of Tax Practitioners & Partner, AGSS & Co



Section of delegates at the Online Session

23rd December 2020 – 3rd January 2021,
Science City Grounds, Kolkata

**THE 19TH EDITION OF INDIA INTERNATIONAL
MEGA TRADE FAIR (IIMTF)**

Amidst the Pandemic and a new threat of Corona Virus Strain, while the World is trying to strike a new balance and revive the Global economy, The Bengal Chamber and GS Marketing took a leap by successfully organizing the 19th Edition of India International Mega Trade Fair. The Fair was but a way forward in the direction of The New Normal as we appreciate and understand the importance of Trade Fairs and Exhibitions in the economic development of the country. As a part of our vision for the economic development of West Bengal, The Chamber fully understands the importance of Trade Fairs like these to improve business to business and business to consumer synergies. These fairs provide an ideal Launch pad for the exhibitors to showcase their products and services. Among other benefits, these fairs provide the business houses and businessmen a face to face meeting opportunity, which are seen as extremely cost effective means for achieving trade objectives.

During the Ceremonial Inauguration of the Fair on 24th December 2020, Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, BCC&I said "The Bengal Chamber as part of its inclusive approach gives equal focus to business and community in value creation and the 19th IIMTF promoted by BCC&I and delivered by GS Marketing was a worthwhile initiative in that direction where there was 'something for everybody'. And what was noteworthy was that, despite Covid challenges, we could put together this year's Trade Fair which had hopefully helped small and medium enterprises and generate consumer demand and confidence."

Mr. Prakash Shah, Chairman, GS Marketing, mentioned, 'Given the global Pandemic, we were extremely careful while undertaking the Fair, and adhered to all Government protocols like maintaining social distancing, insisting on Masks for all,

taking adequate sanitization measures like creating Sanitization tunnels, making adequate provisions for Paddle Sanitizers (150 nos) placed at convenient locations, etc. Moreover, we took adequate measures to restrict number of guests and visitors inside the Pavilion at all times as per Govt. orders.' In spite of Global Pandemic and obvious constraints and difficulties arising out of COVID 19, we had exhibitors from across India and abroad from Ghana, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, Thailand, Bangladesh and Nepal who came together in this platform today not only to exhibit their products but to network, engage and to ultimately grow economic values for the State and the Country. As a leading Industry body, The Bengal Chamber strongly believed that successfully organising 19th edition of The India International Mega Trade Fair in these COVID times had gone a long way in instilling Business confidence in the minds of Buyers and Sellers from different parts of the globe. While last year we had about 1200 stalls, this year, keeping in mind the safety protocols in place, we were compelled to reduce the number of participants to around 380 stalls. We were thankful to the MSME Department for their support. Around 66 participants showcased their product in the Fair.

Sellers from across the globe were present amidst us with products like Dry Fruits, Silver Jewellery, Processed as well as Dry Food Products, Leather products, Handicraft products, Garments, Textile products, Furniture, Artifacts, Lifestyle products, Fitness and Health accessories, Kitchen and Chimney Products, etc.

The Successful completion of the Fair this year has helped renewing Business confidence in the minds of the Buyers and Sellers.

PROGRAMME

THE 19TH EDITION OF INDIA INTERNATIONAL
MEGA TRADE FAIR (IIMTF)

23rd December 2020 – 3rd January 2021,
Science City Grounds, Kolkata



Ceremonial Inauguration of 19th Edition of India International Mega Trade Fair by Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, BCC&I and Mr. Prakash Shah, Chairman, GS Marketing at the Press Meet



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, BCC&I taking a stroll of the Fair ground along with other dignitaries

**8th January 2021,
Digital**

BCC&I Infrastructure e-Conclave: “Re-Strategize Indian Infrastructure Growth & Preparedness for Global Play”

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized the ‘BCC&I Infrastructure e-Conclave: Re-Strategize Indian Infrastructure Growth & Preparedness for Global Play’ on January 8, 2021 on virtual platform. The objective of the E-Conclave was to Re-Strategize Indian Infrastructure Growth & Preparedness for Global Play in the Post COVID era, Infrastructure Finance, Indian Railway Infrastructure: The Track that creates pathway of Growth, the Speed that determines the quantum of Growth and Social Infrastructure.

The Keynote speaker was **Dr. Junaid Ahmad, Country Director (India), World Bank**. In his Keynote Address, Dr. Ahmad mentioned that Kolkata has the potential to become a major transport and logistics hub linked to the north eastern region and neighbouring countries if it can develop an integrated system with corporations running the show. The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor and an intermodal system that connects the corridor with rail, road and waterways can transform the city. The World Bank has also recently signed a tripartite agreement to extend \$105 million of soft loan to develop inland waterways in and around greater Kolkata on the river Hooghly. The latest World Bank project will enhance the capacity and safety of the inland water transport system by rehabilitating jetties, buying new ferries with enhanced

design; and installing electronic gates in 40 locations. He stated that the World Bank will partner with the state government to convert Kolkata into a transport and logistic hub of the sub-region linking the Northeast. In the second phase, it will support long-term investments for passenger movement, including in terminals and jetties; improve design of the inland water transport vessels and encourage the private sector to invest in Ro-Ro vessels that will allow easier movement of trucks across the Hooghly river. He further said that projects related to public services should be developed through a corporate-like structure with adequate user charge base so that the entities can sustainably deliver such services.

Other eminent speakers were **Dr. Amita Prasad, IAS**, Chairperson, IWAI, Mr. P.R. Jaishankar, Managing Director, IIFCL; **Mr. S K Lohia**, Managing Director & CEO, IRSE, Indian Railway Station Development Corporation; **Mr. Pawan K Kumar**, IRS, Deputy Managing Director, IIFCL; **Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh**, General Manager (PF&SSBU), State Bank of India; **Mr. Harsimran Singh**, IRSE, Chief Project Manager, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd.; **Mr. Vineet Vijayavargia**, Partner, Boston Consulting Group India; **Mr. Surjayan Mukherjee**, Vice President (Sales and Marketing), JSW Cement and **Mr. Parveen Sharma**, CEO (India), The BIM Engineers.



Mr. Vineet Vijayavargia, Partner, Boston Consulting Group India moderating the Opening Session on Re-Strategize Indian Infrastructure Growth & Preparedness for Global Play



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Junaid Ahmad, Country Director (India), The World Bank



Special Guest Dr. Amita Prasad, IAS, Chairperson, IWAI highlighting the Indian Inland Waterways in the Opening Session



Mr. Surjayan Mukherjee, Vice President (Sales and Marketing), JSW Cement and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, General Manager (PF&SSBU), State Bank of India

PROGRAMME

BCC&I Infrastructure e-Conclave: “Re-Strategize Indian Infrastructure Growth & Preparedness for Global Play”

**8th January 2021,
Digital**



Mr. Pawan K Kumar, IRS, Deputy Managing Director, IIFCL in the Session on “Infrastructure Finance –A Bitter Spot in New Normal Economy” moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Deputy Director, BCC&I



Special Guest : Mr. S K Lohia, IRSE, Managing Director & CEO, Indian Railway Station Development Corporation



Mr. Harsimran Singh, IRSE, Chief Project Manager, Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd



Mr. Parveen Sharma, CEO (India), The BIM Engineers



Valedictory Session on “Regulatory Aspect to Boost Infra Financing” being addressed by Special Guest Mr. P. R. Jaishankar, Managing Director, IIFC

9th January 2021,
Exclusive Streaming Platform

INTERNATIONAL TRADE E-CONCLAVE, GLOBALIZATION AND TRADE IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD : INDIA'S ATMA-NIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAAN

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March 2020, the world's economy has been in tatters due to the resulting health and economic shocks. To make matters even worse, many countries find themselves to be over-relying on their trading partners and struggling to meet internal customer demands. This trade imbalance and over-reliance are issues that need to be addressed.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision and ambition for India to become fully independent and self-reliant through the "Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan" (i.e. self-reliant India mission) is most significant. It means that India will reduce its over-dependence on other countries for trade by focusing on inward manufacturing, promote Indian products, brands and services by becoming "VOCAL FOR LOCAL"; and continue to trade with other countries but aim to eliminate trade imbalances and, where possible, adopt a mercantilist approach to international trade. Through, Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan India will not cut off itself from the rest of the world, nor will it adopt anti-trade policies or protectionism. Rather, India will identify and promote industries and sectors where it has the potential and capability to scale up and be globally competitive.

To fully realize the vision of the Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, India will have to implement a series of reforms, policies, projects, and key initiatives in various sectors of its economy and business to foster innovation, growth, and sustainable development. Many such initiatives and policy reforms are being planned and taken by the Indian government to revive every sphere of its liberal-market economy to reduce its dependence on global suppliers by adopting the path to self-reliance while continuing to be open to foreign direct investment (FDI).

In this context the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organised an International Trade e- Conclave themed as "Globalization and Trade in a Post-Pandemic World: India's Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan".

The various Business Sessions focused on **Tackling Trade Finance: Strategies in New Normal World, What we consume, What we Trade: Atma-Nirbhar Bharat, Preparedness for Global Play and Ensuring the New Normal Trade Growth of India.**

Mrs. H K Joshi, CMD, The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. graced the programme as the Guest of Honour. Other eminent speakers of the programme were **Mr. N. Ramesh**, Deputy Managing Director, India EXIM Bank; **Mr. C N A Anbarasan**, Executive Director, ECGC Ltd.; **Mr. Niraj Prasad**, DGM, SME, State Bank of India; **Mr Viraj Shah**, Director, Business Development, Drip Capital; **Mr. Subhasendu Chatterjee**,

Wholetime Director, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd.; **Mr. Anurag Garg**, VP(Logistics), TM International Logistics Limited; **Mr. Alok Gupta**, Managing Director, Par Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. and **Mr. Pramod Kumar Srivastava**, Managing Director, Allied ICD Services Ltd.

The participants were mostly exporters from different industrial sectors. There were also participants who are consultants, logistics companies, banking as well as non-banking financial institutions involved with trade finance.

The International Trade Conclave was successfully organised under the able leadership of Mr. Sourabha Dutta, Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President - Industrial Sales & Marketing, Exide Industries Limited.



Mr. Sourabha Dutta, Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President - Industrial Sales & Marketing, Exide Industries Limited at the Opening Session delivering the "Industry Perspective and Keynote Address"



Opening Session, Part A, Theme : "Globalization and Trade in a Post-Pandemic World : India's Atma-Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan"

PROGRAMME

INTERNATIONAL TRADE E-CONCLAVE, GLOBALIZATION AND TRADE IN A POST-PANDEMIC WORLD : INDIA'S ATMA-NIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAAN

9th January 2021,
Exclusive Streaming Platform



Guest of Honour, Mrs. H K Joshi, CMD, The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. speaking at the Opening Session, Part A of the e-Conclave



Mr. Shri N. Ramesh, Deputy Managing Director, India EXIM Bank Speaking in Opening Session, Part B of the Conclave, themed as "Tackling Trade Finance : Strategies in New Normal World"



Opening Session, Part B of the Conclave, themed as "Tackling Trade Finance: Strategies in New Normal World"



Mr. Niraj Prasad, DGM, SME, State Bank of India addressing the session on Trade Finance



Mr. Viraj Shah, Director, Business Development , Drip Capital giving his presentation at the Session on Trade Finance



Mr. Rajib Maitra, Member, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Director, Consulting – Energy & Resources, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP, moderating Opening Session, Part B



Dr. Bibek Ray Chaudhuri, Co Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade giving the Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks at the end of the Opening Session

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Mr. Sourabha Dutta, Chairperson, International Trade Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President - Industrial Sales & Marketing, Exide Industries Limited moderating the Special Plenary Session on – “What we consume, What we Trade : Atma Nirbhar Bharat, Preparedness for Global Play and Ensuring the New Normal Trade Growth of India”. Speakers at the session were : Mr. Subhasendu Chatterjee, Wholtime Director, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. Mr. Pramod Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director, Allied ICD Services Ltd. Mr. Alok Gupta, Managing Director, Par Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Anurag Garg, VP(Logistics), TM International Logistics Limited



Mr. Sanjay Lamba, Regional Head, India EXIM Bank concluding the e-Conclave

BCC&I STEPS ON TIME

9th & 10th January 2021,
Dalhousie, Kolkata

The Heritage Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a two-day Heritage walk around Dalhousie in association with Caring Minds on 9th & 10th January 2021, from 7.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. People pass by the beautiful heritage buildings every day in a hurry without noticing their finer points. Keeping this in mind BCC&I felt that as Heritage of a city communicates the history and evolution of that place, a walk will be a tool to explore the unexplored and largely ignored richness of the repository of built heritage of the city. It will play an important role in evoking an interest in the history and character of the city and the various communities which have contributed to its growth.

The Walk started from The Bengal Chamber - Calcutta Gallery – proceeded southwards → Eastern Railway HQ - Fairlie Place → GPO - turn westwards → Bankshall Court - Hare Street to Church Lane → High Court → Assembly House → Town Hall → Treasury Buildings - turn left to Council House Street → St John's Church → Raj Bhavan → Standard Insurance

Bldg → Dead Letter Office → Currency Building → St Andrew's Kirk → Writers Building/Lal Dighi → Stock Exchange – and ended with Breakfast at BCC&I. Both days Mr. G M Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee lead the walk along with Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Co-Chairperson, Heritage Committee.

A total of 40 participants joined the Walk. The Walk was inaugurated by Shri Debasish Kumar, MMIC Parks and Garden, Sports, Advertisement, Parking and Hawkers Rehabilitation Schemes, Urban Forestry, KMC, Mr. Gianluca Rubagotti, Consul General, Consulate General of Italy, Mr. Auster Manfred, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Shri Goutam De, Director, ICCR, Dr. Sayan Bhattacharya, Education Officer, India Museum along with senior Committee Members of Heritage Committee.

The BCC&I Heritage Walk looked back with wonder and remind us of our rich culture and history as we explored the streets with a new perspective.

PROGRAMME

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Dalhousie, Kolkata

BCC&I STEPS ON TIME



L-R : Shri Debasish Kumar, MMIC Parks and Garden, Sports, Advertisement, Parking and Hawkers Rehabilitation Schemes, Urban Forestry, KMC, Mr. Auster Manfred, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Mr. G M Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee, BCC&I



Day 1- 9th Jan 2021-
Inauguration of the
Heritage Walk



The Walk begins



Way towards Town Hall



L-R : Mr. G M Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee lead the walk along with Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Co-Chairperson, Heritage Committee, Mr. Gianluca Rubagotti, Consul General, Consulate General of Italy



Mr. Auster Manfred, Consul General, Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany along with Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I



Visit at The St John's Church



Day 1- Near High Court



Walk at the Calcutta Gallery of BCC&I



Day 2 – 10th Jan 2021- Begins from Calcutta Gallery



Day 2- BCC&I Steps on Time in association with Caring Minds



Mr. G M Kapur explaining the participants

PROGRAMME

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Dalhousie, Kolkata

BCC&I STEPS ON TIME



The participants taking the tour



Mr. G M Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee lead the walk along with Ms. Reshmi Chatterjee, Co-Chairperson, Heritage Committee co-leading the walk

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

"E- Mobility - Infrastructure, Business Readiness Strategies and Green Jobs Creation" in association with The British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata; 14th January 2021; Virtual

The Bengal Fashion Heritage 2021, 15th January 2021, Online

Online Session on New GST Return and Auditing, Theme: New GST Return and Invoicing concept & Handling of Departmental Audit, 20th January, 2021, Zoom

Annual Manufacturing Workshop on Heat Treatment Technology, 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2021, Online

Union Budget 2021-22 Viewing Session, 1st February, 2021, WM Hall, The Bengal Chamber

Post Budget 2021-22 Analysis Session, 2nd February, 2021, e-Platform

The Bengal Chamber Annual Shipping and Logistics Conclave 2020-21, 4th, 5th & 6th February 2021, Online

Financial Market e-Conclave, 12th February, 2021, e-Platform

Discussion Forum on Ecological Sustainability in the Industrial Region of Haldia, 13th February 2021, Online

Annual Rural Connect 2021, 18th & 19th February 2021, Online

The Bengal Chamber Technology Quiz- Inter College Quiz Fest 2021, in association with JIS University, 20th February 2021, Preliminary Round on virtual platform and 27th February 2021, Final Round in Phygital format at JIS University Campus, Agarpara

4th Edition of HealthTech, 26th, 27th February, 2021, e-Platform

A Narrative Session on, "Mapping the Indian States and the dynamics of symmetry or asymmetry" by Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri, National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie & Honorary Curator, Valley of Words: International Literature & Arts Festival, Dehradun, 1st March, 2021, Phygital

The Entrepreneurship Conclave & Awards 2020-2021, 5th March, 2021, Phygital

Leadership Lecture Series, 5th March, 2021, Phygital format

Ratnagarbha, 8th March, 2021, Venue to be decided

Annual Manufacturing & MSME Conclave and MSME Awards, 2021 on 'Manufacturing competitiveness for Self-Reliant India', 11th and 12th March, 2021, Online

Marketing & Brand Quiz, 20th March, 2021, Online





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Background

India is a country of close knitted families and having a lot of reasons to celebrate owing to its diversified culture, customs and religion. It is a country of 5000 years old. Numerous occasions arise where gifts are exchanged. In fact gifting each other is a symbol of love and affection and can also be a symbol of social status. However, many a times gifts can also be a part of tax planning / tax evasion. While tax planning done within the framework of law is permissible, tax evasion is prohibited and can be penalised.

What is Gift

Gift giving is actually a way to invest in a relationship. In essence, it is a social lubricant, a way to celebrate life, love and friendship and become a better partner, spouse, friend, employer and person. Although gift-giving might involve an expectation of reciprocity, a gift is meant to be free. Is Gift Deed is mandatory

A Gift Deed is valid only if it is given out of love and affection, without any consideration in return by one family member/ friend to another. Also, under Section 17 of the Registration Act, 1908, it is mandatory to have a registered Gift Deed when you want to transfer immovable property e.g. Land, Building etc.

Gift Tax in India

The Government introduced gift tax in April 1958 regulated by Gift Tax Act, 1958 (The GTA) with an objective to impose taxes on giving and receiving gifts under certain specific circumstances. Gifts in the form of cash, demand draft, bank cheques or anything having a value were covered. However, the GTA was abolished in October 1998 and made all gifts tax free. But, Gift Tax was reintroduced in a new form and included in the Income tax provisions in 2004. Previously, Gift Tax, if any, used to be paid by the Donor. Under the existing legislation, it is paid by the Donee Accordingly, today gifts received by an individual or Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) are taxed as under:

1. Gift of money: Aggregate value of cash gifts received without consideration during a financial year (FY) other than those fall under the exempted category, would be taxable as other income in the hands of the recipient.
2. Gift of immovable property: In case of gifting of immovable property (i.e., land or building), the recipient would be required to pay income tax if the stamp duty value of the property exceeds Rs 50,000 and such property is received without adequate consideration.
3. Gifts on inadequate consideration : Any inadequate consideration received wherein the difference between

the consideration and stamp duty value exceeds higher of Rs 50,000 and 5 percent of consideration, such difference shall be taxed in the hands of the Donee.

Let's assume that consideration is Rs 1,50,000 and stamp duty value is Rs 400,000

Difference between stamp value and consideration is Rs 2,50,000 which exceeds higher of below (i.e., Rs 50,000):

- a. The exemption threshold of Rs 50,000; and
- b. 5 percent of 150,000, i.e., Rs 7,500.

Hence the taxable value would be Rs 2,50,000 i.e. Rs. 4,00,000- Rs. 1,50,000.

4. Gift of Movable Properties

The above principles for taxing will apply even for gift of movable property, except for the condition of 5 percent of consideration .. However, instead of stamp duty value, the fair market value (FMV) i.e. Market Value of the movable property has to be considered for valuation purposes. Jewellery, paintings, drawings, shares and securities, archaeological collections, sculptures, bullion and any work of art are defined as movable property. For instance:

- 5. Gift of Jewellery :** If FMV of jewellery is Rs 2,50,000 and is gifted without any consideration, then the full amount (FMV) is taxable as income of the recipient.

If, on the other hand, there is a consideration of Rs 1,00,000 for gift of jewellery, then the taxable value will be Rs 1,50,000.

6. Gifts that are exempt from tax

This is very important to take cognizance of the taxability of the Gift

- (a) Gifts up to Rs 50,000 in a financial year are exempt from tax. However if you receive gifts higher than this amount, the entire gift becomes taxable. For example, if you receive Rs 75,000 as a gift from your friend, the entire amount of Rs 75,000 would be added to your income and taxed at your slab rate. It would be considered 'Income from Other Sources.' Here, the total value of all gifts received is counted. For example, if you receive Rs 50,000 from one friend as a gift and Rs 25,000 from another friend, the limit of Rs 50,000 would be considered to be breached. The entire gift value (Rs 75,000) would be taxable in your hands and

not on Rs. 25,000.

- (b) If you receive any property (movable or immovable) for inadequate consideration, the difference between the consideration and the stamp duty value would be considered as a taxable gift. For example, if you are given a flat worth Rs 50 lakh (according to circle rates/ready reckoner rates for stamp duty) and you pay only Rs 30 lakh, then the excess Rs 20 lakh would be considered a taxable gift. Note that if the difference between actual value and stamp duty value is less than 50,000, the transfer will not be considered a taxable gift.
- c) Gifts from specified relatives are exempted, regardless of amount. These relatives are spouse, father, mother, brother and sister. They also include any lineal ascendant or descendant of the individual or his spouse as well as brother/sister of the spouse. The term lineal ascendant or descendant means a straight line of relationship either upwards or downwards. However, note that even though the gift itself is exempt in the hands of the recipient, the income generated from the gift may be taxable under the clubbing of income provisions of the Income Tax Act. For example, if Mr A gifts Rs 10 lakh to his wife, the same would not be added to the income of his wife. However, if his wife creates an FD from the same and earns interest, the interest would be added to the income of the husband and tax to be at the slab rate of the husband. Sometimes, husband transfers some portion of his major savings in the name of his wife or vice versa with the object that income from such transfer will be in hands of the donee and the effective tax rate would reduce. However, because of the above clubbing provision, such tax management will not be possible.
- d) Gifts given in contemplation of marriage of the recipient. It is exempt from Taxation
- e) Gifts given in contemplation of the death of the donor and gifts given under a will or inheritance.
- f) Property received from a local authority as defined under section 10(20) of the Income-tax Act.
- g) Property received from any fund, foundation, university, other educational institution, hospital or other medical institution, any trust or institution referred to in section 10(23C).

h) Property received from a trust or institution registered under section 12AA.

7. Are gifts in cash and kind, both taxable?

Yes, all kinds of gifts including cash, gold, real estate, paintings or any other valuable item are taxable. However, if the cash amount or value of the gift in kind is less than Rs 50,000 the same would not be taxable.

8. Rate of Gift Tax

As already explained that there is no specific rate of tax on Gift. It is included in the hands of the Donee under the

head "Income from other sources" alongwith his other heads of income and the rate of tax will be applicable as per his slab rate.

9. GST and Gift:

Gift from an employer to employee worth upto Rs. 50,000 is exempted from the purview of GST. It means that if the employer allows use of any business assets or goods which are used for a private purpose, whether there is any payment involved or not, it will be treated as supply and if something is treated as a supply, it means that it will attract GST



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT

Master Class with celebrity Chef Kunal Kapur

Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management organized a virtual Master Class with celebrity Chef Kunal Kapur on 10th January 2021 which was attended by more than 600 students. Chef spoke about VEGANISM and explained what it is and why the world is adapting to it and prepared 3 recipes using ingredients which are 100% Vegan like Vegan Chai, to Vegan Custard to how to make Vegan Milk.

In addition, he also spoke about the nutritional values of Vegan Cuisine and compared the same with Vegetarian and Non Vegetarian options. Chef was of the opinion that ten years down the line it may be included in menu cards of eateries too.

On being questioned by a student on what is vegan meat he answered saying that it is actually the extraction of vegetarian item which is presented like meat.



NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Panel Discussion on "Grooming Daughters for Entrepreneurship" on 15th December, 2020.

The Women Cell of Narula Institute of Technology observed Women Empowerment Week (14-19 December, 2020) and had a weeklong celebration.

One of these event was a Panel Discussion on "Grooming Daughters for Entrepreneurship" is organised in Association with Asian Institute of Family Managed Business, Mumbai on 15th December, 2020 where women entrepreneurs like Ms. Manasi Atre, Director at Nayasa, Ms. Sapna Kusumgar, Director at Kusumgar Corporates, Ms. Reni Pandya, Executive Director at DAK Systems Inc, Ms. Asiya Karim, Manager Partner at Silicon Castech graced the session and was moderated by Prof. Samish Dalal, Associate Professor at S.P Jain School of Global Management.



Report on ICCACCS 2020

The 3rd International Conference on Computational Advancement in Communication Circuits and Systems (ICCACCS-2020) was organized by Narula Institute of Technology during 17th -19th December, 2020 over Zoom platform. The programme started with an inaugural session with the virtual lighting of the lamp followed by a spiritual hymn. The welcome address was delivered by the honourable Principal and Organizing Chair of the conference, Prof. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal. The session was addressed by Padmashree Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies, Former Director, IEST, Shibpur, Prof. Indranil Sengupta, Professor, IIT, Kharagpur, Prof. P.K.Banerjee, Adjunct Professor, NiT, Prof. Salil Kumar Sanyal, Organising Co- Chair and Ms. Nidhi Singh, Registrar, NiT. The book of abstracts of ICCACCS 2020 was published virtually by all the dignitaries present at the occasion. It was reported that out of 57 papers, 34 papers have been accepted by the reviewer committee which would be presented in the conference and published as Conference Proceedings by Springer under Book Series "Lecture Notes in Electrical Engineering". The inaugural session ended with the vote of thanks by Prof. S.C.Konar, Convener of ICCACCS 2020.

The inauguration was followed by the keynote speech of Prof. Valentina E. Balas, from Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad, Romania, who was also the Chief Guest and the Conference Chair of ICCACCS 2020. Her topic of lecture was on 'Future Generation of Computing Technologies and AI Hardware'. This was succeeded by an invited talk by Prof. (Dr.) I-Fang Chung, Institute of Biomedical Informatics, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan on the topic 'Apply Transfer Learning to Hip Fracture Detection'. The session was followed by Technical session 1 where research papers were presented by faculty members and students from different colleges.

In this session various unique research works are presented on latest technological development in various fields like Machine learning algorithm for breast cancer prediction, Word Boundary Detection Using Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) And Decision Tree Method, COVID-19 Economic Tracking and Assistance System (CETAS), Use of Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to detect plant disease, Blended fuel characteristics through regression modeling etc.

The second day of the conference, 18th December, 2020 started with the invited talk of Dr. M. H.Kori, Vice President IETE, IETE Distinguished Fellow on the topic, 'Research Trends

in 5G Technologies including AI & ML in 5G & Beyond' followed by the invited talk of Prof. Amlan Chakraborty, Professor and Director, A. K. Choudhury School of Information Technology University of Calcutta on the topic 'IoT Data Analytics & Fog Computing'. After that, research works were presented by researchers which included Implementing Data Security, Face Detection & Extraction, FPGA based efficient implementation of CBNS computational circuits.

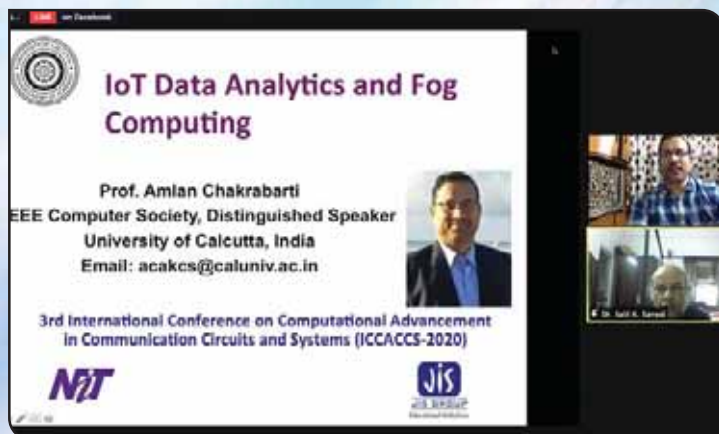
The technical session 2 was followed by an invited talk of Prof.(Dr.) Li-Wei Ko, Professor, Institute of Bioinformatics and Systems Biology, National Chiao Tung University (NCTU), Hsinchu Taiwan on the topic 'Brain Computer Interface with the Interpretable AI for Prediction, Assisting Diagnosis, and Treatment of Neurological Disorders'. After that, papers from a wide range of emerging and novel research areas were presented like Checking and Coloring Graphs Through Quantum Circuits: An IBM Quantum Experience, Design of FPGA based QPP Inter leaver for LTE/LTE Advanced Application, Influences of Solar Activity on Food grains Yield, Different sensors in modern day healthcare service etc.

The 3rd and last day of the conference, 19th December, 2020, started with the Technical session 4 which included presentation on research areas like Price sensitivity in a 30 Bus Congested Power System, Evaluation of azimuth angle profile for Solar Photovoltaic system in humid subtropical climate of Varanasi city, Spectrum Based Prediction for Seismic Activity, Microcontroller Based Heart Rate Monitor, etc.

In the last technical session, interesting works were presented on Diagnosis of Melanoma Using YOLO, Detection of COVID-19 using deep transfer learning-based approach from X-ray and Computed Tomography (CT) images, Effect of Cognitive Task on Central Nervous System, Performance of 60GHz Signal as an mm Wave Access Link for 5G eMBB Access Points etc.

At the end, a valedictory session was conducted where the Principal of Narula Institute of Technology, Prof. Maitreyi Ray Kanjilal, Padmashree Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies, Former Director, IEST, Shibpur and Prof. Indranil Sengupta, Professor, IIT, Kharagpur addressed the online audience on the outcome of the Conference. A note of feedback was also taken from participants of different colleges, HOD's, faculty members and students. The conference ICCACCS 2020 ended with the concluding speech and declaration of best presenters of each session by Dr. Sumit Nandi, Jt. Convener of ICCACCS 2020.

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Orientation Session on the National Innovation and Startup policy held on 17th Dec, 2020 by MHRD IIC-NiT

The MHRD IIC(Institution's Innovation Council) of Narula Institute of Technology organized an Orientation Session on the National Innovation and Startup policy on 17th Dec, 2020 from 4:30 pm over Google meet. The session was graced by

Honourable Speaker Dr. Ramjee Pallela, Chief Operating Officer, Atal Incubation center of CCMB, Hyderabad. Dr. Ramjee Pallela in his session highlighted about the National Innovation and Startup Policy, how students and faculty can benefit creation of Innovation fund & various aspects of Entrepreneurial performance analysis. More than 70 participants attended the session.

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NiT: Idea/PoC pitching and validation competition

The MHRD IIC Council of Narula Institute of Technology organized “Idea/PoC Pitching and Validation contest on 21-22 December, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm over Zoom platform.

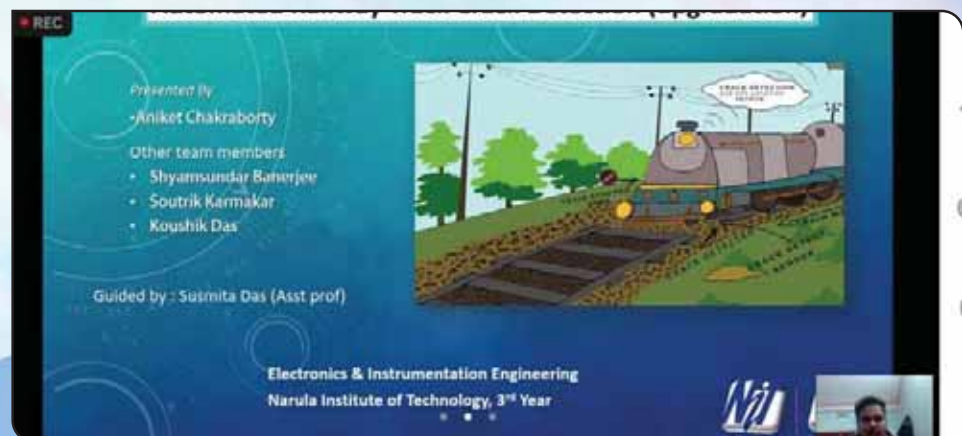
Students presented their ideas and they were mentored and guided for their work and innovation from the judges and the MHRD IIC team members. Expert advice was given to the students to enhance their idea by the judges.

The winners of the Idea competition were:

1st Prize: Rituraj Saha and Team, IT Dept, Narula Institute of Technology

2nd Prize: Priyanka Sadhukhan and Team, EIE Dept, Narula Institute of Technology

3rd Prize: Arijit Das and Team, CSE Dept, Narula Institute of Technology



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Annual Clothes Distribution on 24th December, 2020

On 24th December 2020, the NSS committee of Narula Institute of Technology organized the "Annual Clothes Distribution programme" on the Christmas Eve. The event is from a long tradition of distributing clothes and chocolates among the

less fortunate and under-privileged of the nearby slum, organised by the institute. The programme saw a massive inflow of garments and woollens donated from all quarters of the institute. The students, faculty and staff members distributed the garments and goodies at the Kamarhati area.



ACHIEVERS 2020

Achievers 2020 was an exclusive programme for the 1st year students which was organized by Narula Institute of Technology on 24th December, 2020 over Zoom Platform.

It was an online talent Quest for the new students. After the induction programme, this event was the chance for the 1st year students to interact with their fellow students, seniors and faculty members. Also this programme was attended by more than 350 participants.



Alumni Meet - "Nostalgia 2k20"

Alumni Meet - "Nostalgia 2k20" on 26th December, 2020 Narula Institute of Technology organized its 7th Alumni Meet-Nostalgia 2K20 on 26th December, 2020 from 7 PM onwards on the Zoom platform. The alumni meet is conducted in order

to reconnect with the alumni even during this pandemic. The event was glittered by cultural performances done by our students and alumni and the live cooking & Mime Act by our alumni was the highlight of the event. More than 200 alumni from different parts of India and abroad participated through the virtual platform.



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GREATER KOLKATA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT, BARUIPUR

Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management organized a webinar on "Stress of Engineering Students during this Pandemic" on 3rd December, 2020 from 2.30 PM onwards for B.Tech and Diploma students. Ms. Soheli Datta (Adhikary), Asst. Professor, Department of Applied Psychology, University of Calcutta was the resource person. More than 100 participants including students, faculty members and staff members attended this program. Participants have got lot of experience through this webinar that helps them manage anxiety, stress and depression,

The Women Cell of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management organized a Short Speech Competition on the Topic "Women Empowerment: Reality or Myth" on 19th December, 2020. Students from both B-Tech and Diploma streams participated in the event. More than 50 participants including students, faculty & staff members attended the session.

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, GKCEM has successfully conducted a Digital Site Visit through Google Meet in association with the Voltas Ltd at one of their Operating Units on December 24, 2020. Mr. Debobrata Ghosh, Sr. Executive Engineer was the resource person of the event.



JIS COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Masterclass

Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Former Director AICTE – MOE, conducted the Masterclass session for first years on 2nd December 2020. He briefed the student on Industry Readiness and designed the roadmap which they need to follow to be complete professional in years to come.

The poster features the logos of JIS College of Engineering and the JIS Group. It announces a masterclass with Dr. Manpreet Singh Manna, Former Director of AICTE, MHRD, Govt. of India. The event is scheduled for December 2, 2020, at 4:00 PM. A circular inset shows a portrait of Dr. Manna wearing a blue turban. At the bottom, there is an illustration of a video conference grid with participants and a 'LIVE' indicator.



Webinar on Strategic discourse on Indian power sector and growth opportunities

Organised by **JIS College of Engineering**
In Association With **The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Date: **7th Dec'20**
Time: **2:00 PM**

Mr. Sankar Mukhopadhyay,
Head Asia Institute- Power Management, CESC Ltd
and Member, Energy and Environment Committee,
The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Industry – Academia Connect

JIS College of Engineering in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a Webinar on 'Strategic discourse on the Indian power sector and growth opportunities' on 7th December 2020 from 2:00 PM onwards on zoom.

The program was addressed by Mr. Sankar Mukhopadhyay, Head Asia Institute- Power Management, CESC Ltd. and Member, Energy and Environment, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

International Conference

JIS College of Engineering organized International Conference on Applications of Networks, Sensors and Autonomous Systems Analytics (ICANSASA 2020) on 11th & 12th December, 2020 on a virtual platform. The conference was graced by eminent speakers like: Padmashri Ajoy Kr. Ray, Prof. Mike Hinchey, President, International Federation for Information Processing

(IFIP) and Dr. Zdzislaw Polkowski, Prof. UJW, POLAND Wroclaw University of Economics and Business to name a few. The conference has Catalyst and Technical session followed by Industry Panel on the Theme: “Self Reliant India is it the only solution to Industrial revolution under neo normal?”. The proceedings of the Conference was published through Springer book series “Studies in Autonomic, Data-driven and Industrial Computing”.



International Conference on Applications of Networks, Sensors and Autonomous Systems Analytics (ICANSASA 2020)

Industry Panel:
Self Reliant India is it the only solution to Industrial revolution under new normal?

Date: **12th Dec'20**
Time: **04:30 PM Onwards**

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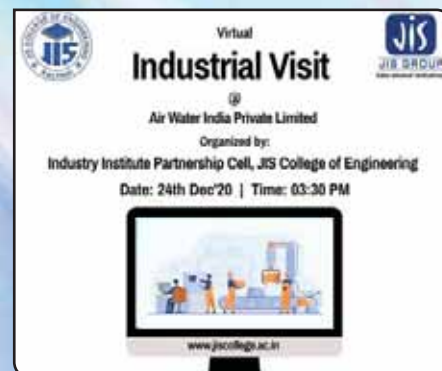
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11th and 12th December, 2020

Organized by
JIS College of Engineering

Virtual Industrial Visit

Industry Institute Partnership Cell, JIS College of Engineering organized a Virtual Industrial Visit at Air Water India Pvt. Ltd. on 24.12.2020. The industry personnel briefed the students about their industrial overview and processes, followed by a virtual tour of the industry.



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Today's education is not only teaching and learning process; education is revolving around innovations, creativity and out of the box thinking. To discuss and learn more on this JIS University Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) in association with Institute's Innovation Council (IIC), under AICTE, MHRD organised a virtual international conference on **"Innovation, Quality Enrichment and Excellence in Education"** on 22nd & 23rd December at its campus in Agarpara. The conference aims to synergize ideas on the modern trends, methods and standards of Quality, Innovation and Excellence so that the academic institutions attain global standards. The conference blended the best practices of Industry and Academics.

The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Bimal Chandra Mal, Vice Chancellor of JIS University, Padmasri Prof Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, JIS Institute of Advanced Studies & Research Kolkata and Dean of JIS University Prof. T K Chatterjee. In this two day long virtual conference several eminent speakers from academia and industry were present to share their views on recent education system with participants of across India from academic fraternity, industry and regulatory authorities. Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited, Dr. Buddha Chandrashekhar, Chief Coordinating Officer of AICTE, Dr. (Mrs) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General, Association of Indian Universities discussed aspects of innovation, excellence, new education policies and strategies to synergize academia and industry. Dr. M.P. Ponia, Honourable Vice-Chairman, AICTE and Prof. Ts. Dr. Rusli Haji Abdullah, Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, University Putra Malaysia enlightened the audience with their presentation on quality bench mark and academic excellence. Prof. Indranil Sengupta, Professor, Department of CSE, IIT, Kharagpur, Dr. Dharm Singh, Professor, Department of Computer Science, Namibia University of Science and

Technology, Prof. A. B. Bhattacharya, Pro Vice Chancellor of JIS University showed how to manage research and knowledge. Other speakers present were Mr. Indrajit Sanyal, Head of Service Delivery Unit Cloud & NFV Infrastructure, Ericsson India Global Services Pvt. Ltd. (egi) and Mr. Subhayou Nayak, Director - Client Relations, QS I•GAUGE – Indian College & University Rating through very graphic presentations presented the latest quality parameters to attain excellence and the latest innovations and technologies.



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