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from the desk of the PRESIDENT

15th July 2011



Dear Member,

Since the last time I wrote to you through these columns, the Bengal Chamber has taken yet another giant stride forward in the context of its events, activities and projects.

On the one hand, The Chamber is collaborating deeply with the newly elected State Government on issues concerning industrial progress and development of West Bengal. We are addressing economic not only macro issues, but also bringing to board the micro problems confronting industry at the individual organization level. On the other hand, the Chamber continues to organize programmes on new thoughts, new approaches, new concepts involving fresh ideas. The uniqueness of the recently held Chamber's Health Quiz as part of its larger objective of "Health for All" and building up awareness on health issues amongst corporates and the civil society can be cited as an example. Path-breaking programmes like the Shipping Committee's Seminar on EastCoast ports can be treated as events, which have brought together the leading minds and practitioners in the chosen areas of focus to strategize the way forward in the realms of some of the most fundamental issues affecting overall economic development.

There have been numerous other programmes as well – from CSR activities to infrastructure workshops, from interactions with the Chairman, CBEC to our regular Think series of lectures. As the year rolls on, the Bengal Chamber stays firm in its commitment on bringing value to its members, and industry, commerce and civil society at large.

Sd/-
SANDIPAN CHAKRAVORTY
President

NEWS FLASH

Following Ms. Mamata Banerjee's historic victory in the West Bengal Assembly Elections 2011, the President of the Chamber, Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty wrote to her and the Director General of the Bengal Chamber, Mr. P Roy, wrote to Shri Partha Chatterjee congratulating them. The replies are affixed:

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Dated – 26th May 2011

Dear Shri Chakravorty,

I am thankful to you for your kind message of felicitation.

I truly believe that the victory belongs to the people of Bengal whose selfless sacrifice and resilience have ushered this 'Paribartan'. For this, Ma Mati O Manush deserve to be thanked.

I sincerely trust that I will continue to receive your cooperation in our endeavour to realize the aspirations of the people of Bengal for a glorious future.

With regards,

(Mamata Banerjee)

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May 26, 2011

Dear Shri Roy,

I thankfully acknowledge receipt of your congratulatory message dated May 13, 2011 which I heartily reciprocate.

Further, we look forward to you for your best cooperation in time to come in re-building West Bengal.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Partha Chatterjee]

NEWS FLASH



The Chamber of Commerce and Industry France-India (CCIFI) based in Paris, France has identified The Bengal Chamber as their most preferred partner in the Eastern Region to increase their regional network in India. They had approached us with a draft MoU. We are pleased to share with you that between the two organizations the document has been finalized and duly signed by the President of The Bengal Chamber and the Chairman of CCIFI. The focus of the MoU is,

a. To provide our respective members with information regarding the events organized by both Chambers and other events that may be beneficial to the members and to help the members gain access to those events.

b. To provide any other information required by our respective members.

c. To possibly providing online visibility to each other on our respective websites.

d. To work towards and provide value-added services to members in the realms of enterprise development, arbitration etc.

e. Collaborate on projects / economic studies focused on business development activities.



MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

PROGRAMMES

WORKSHOP ON EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING



▲ L-R: At the podium: Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber. Sitting: Prof. Biswajit Mahanty, Professor and Head, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, IIT, Kharagpur; Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Monojit Chaudhuri, Chairperson, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Prof. (Dr.) Jitesh J. Thakkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, IIT, Kharagpur and Prof. Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, IIT, Kharagpur

9TH - 10TH JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur organized the workshop, which was conducted by senior faculty members from the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management, IIT, Kharagpur.

The objective of the workshop was to address improvement in the manufacturing competitiveness of an organization by applying the concept of lean manufacturing so that, it would help in further improving productivity.

The two day workshop began with a brief Inaugural Session, which was addressed by Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty, President, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Monojit Chaudhuri, Chairperson, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Chamber. The faculty members from IIT, Kharagpur, who were the course coordinators were, Prof. Biswajit Mahanty, Professor and Head of the Department; Dr. Jitesh J. Thakkar, Assistant Professor and Prof. Manoj Kumar Tiwari, Professor.

The two-day workshop was attended by a good 32 delegates from manufacturing as well as services sectors. The general feedback was that the workshop had really helped the participants to understand the concept of lean manufacturing and how to execute the concept accordingly within their respective organizations in order to bring further development and growth in the long run.

AN EXPERIENCE SHARING AND LEARNING WORKSHOP ON CSR



▲ Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber addressing the audience. Seated (L-R) on the dais Mr. R Khandelwal, District Governor, Rotary International District 3291 and Mr. Uma Shankar Agarwal, President, Rotary Club of Salt Lake Metropolitan. The recipients sitting on their wheel chairs

The CSR and Skill Development Committee of the Chamber organized 'An Experience Sharing and Learning Workshop on CSR' on 10th June 2011.

The workshop created a forum for discussing guidelines to sustainable models of CSR. Industry representatives with hands-on experience on successful CSR practices shared their perspectives. The focus was on sharing of ideas and brainstorming on achieving value for business from an effective approach to CSR.

The Panel Discussion was on 'Experience Sharing on Approach to CSR and Guidelines to Sustainable Models on CSR'. The Panelists were Ms. Ananya

Bhattacharya, Vice President, Banglanatak.com; Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, DGM-HR-NI, CESC Ltd; Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Director-Strategy and HR, Apeejay Surrendra Group and Ms Camille M. Gonsalves, Senior Vice President - Corporate Affairs & CSR, Lafarge India Private Ltd. Mr Shruti Kant Pal, Managing Partner, Su Pact HR Services was the moderator.

The CSR and Skill Development Committee

▲ Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, DGM-HR-NI, CESC Ltd addressing 'An Experience Sharing and Learning Workshop on CSR'. Seated (L-R) on the dais Ms. Ananya Bhattacharya, Vice President, Banglanatak.com; Mr. Anoop Hoon; Mr. Shruti Kant Pal, Managing Partner, Su Pact HR Services and Mr. Sourav Daspatnaik, Director-Strategy and HR, Apeejay Surrendra

10TH JUNE 2011, ROTARY SADAN



▲ (L-R): Mr. R Khandelwal; Mr. Uma Shankar Agarwal; Mr. P Roy and Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, CSR and Skill Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber with a recipient

also organized a 'Wheel Chair Distribution' programme on 10th June 2011 at Rotary Sadan. The programme was organized in association with Rotary Club of Salt Lake Metropolitan and Century Plyboards (India) Ltd. Fifty wheel chairs were distributed to individual recipients and NGOs. The programme also covered distribution of wheel chairs to far and remote places of the State including the Sunderbans. The programme was attended by Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, CSR and Skill Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr R Khandelwal, District Governor, Rotary International District 3291 and Mr. Uma Shankar Agarwal, President, Rotary Club of Salt Lake Metropolitan.



THE BENGAL CHAMBER SUPPORTED THE "NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN OF MINISTRY OF MSME FOR NEXT 5 YEARS" ORGANIZED BY INDIAN FEDERATION OF TINY ENTERPRISES

10TH JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

14TH JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

FELICITATION OF SHRI MRINAL SEN FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO WORLD CINEMA

On 14th June 2011 following the meeting of the Managing Committee, the President of the Chamber, Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty and his colleagues in the Committee together with Mr. P. Roy, Director General of the Chamber, felicitated the iconic and legendary filmmaker, Shri Mrinal Sen for his contribution to world cinema, quite aptly expressed by the phrase, "... for creating dreams within the boundaries of realism." Truly, Shri Sen has presented to the world through his works a panorama of the world that we share and the times that we live in. It was a privilege for the Chamber to felicitate him for services to the society going much beyond his unparalleled contribution to world cinema. Apart from the members of the Managing Committee and members of the Secretariat, the meeting was attended, in large numbers, by members of the media. Shri Sen reminisced about his films and spoke briefly about some of his experiences while interacting with those present.



▲ (Left) Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty, President, The Bengal Chamber welcoming Shri Mrinal Sen with a bouquet of flowers



▲ (Left) Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty, President, The Bengal Chamber presenting a silver salver to Shri Mrinal Sen



▲ Mr Sandipan Chakravorty greeting Shri Mrinal Sen with the traditional Uttoriyo



▲ Shri Mrinal Sen addressing the meeting

▲ Shri P Roy, Director General of the Chamber presenting the Chamber's felicitation



▼ The programme in progress



14TH JUNE 2011, PALLADIAN LOUNGE, CHAMBER PREMISES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER AND KKN GROUP PRESENTED, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE TELEGRAPH, THE NEXT EDITION OF THINK SERIES OF LECTURES – MR. DHEERAJ SINHA, REGIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR, BATES 141 SPEAKING ON, "CONSUMER INDIA – INSIDE THE INDIAN MIND AND WALLET"

Mr Dheeraj Sinha, Regional Planning Director, Bates 141, addressed The Bengal Chamber members and other Chamber constituents in the 5th session of our "Think" series of lectures, presented by The Bengal Chamber & KKN Group, in association with The Telegraph. Mr. Sinha spoke about "Consumer India – Inside the Indian mind and wallet", sharing his thoughts from his recently launched book by the same name.

Talking about the "new India, devoid of past colonial hangovers", Dheeraj alluded to the fact that the mindset of the Indian Consumer was shifting from the

"Brahminical to the Kshatriya or Warrior types". He also explained that in India today, there were more 'young looking brands' rather than 'brands for the youth. Sinha's concluding thoughts – that Indians have progressed more than India has – spurred a flurry of questions from the audience. While some wanted to know about "Tata as a Brand", others wanted to know how successful Coke has been in India, while some queried him on consumption habits.

The interaction was brought to the Chamber with the help of Aircel, Anderson Printing & UB Group.

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▲ Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty, President, The Bengal Chamber, delivering the Welcome Speech



▲ Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, a key member of The Bengal Chamber, welcomes Mr D Sinha to The Bengal Chamber



▲ Mr Dheeraj Sinha in the midst of his talk

MEETING WITH THE SENIOR TRADE COMMISSIONER – INDIA, GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

20TH JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES



Mr. A K Tareen, Senior Trade Commissioner – India, Government of South Australia and his colleague, Ms. Meghna Banerjee, Business Development Manager, Government of South Australia, India Representative Office met Mr. P Roy, Director General and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director of the Chamber to discuss the proposed visit of the Premier of South Australia to India in early August 2011. The Premier was also likely to visit Kolkata and the Government of South Australia was keen to have the Bengal Chamber as the preferred partner for hosting interactive sessions and sector-specific business meets with the premier during his visit.

◀ L-R: Ms. Meghna Banerjee, Business Development Manager, Government of South Australia, India Representative Office; Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. A K Tareen, Senior Trade Commissioner – India, Government of South Australia; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director, The Bengal Chamber

SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE QUALITY CIRCLE FORUM OF INDIA (QCFI)

20TH JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES



▲ Signing the MoU: L-R: Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Quality Circle Forum of India and Chairperson, QCFI, Kolkata Chapter; Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber and Mr. A K Dasgupta, Honorary General Secretary, QCFI, Kolkata Chapter

Kolkata Chapter of QCFI and Mr. A K Dasgupta, Honorary General Secretary, QCFI, Kolkata Chapter were the signatories.



▲ With the MoU: L-R: Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Mr. P Roy, Mr. A K Dasgupta

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI) signed an MoU to propagate Quality Circle Movement amongst industries in West Bengal on 20th June 2011. Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Chamber; Mr. Monojit Chaudhuri, Chairperson, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, QCFI and Chairperson,

It was expected that signing of this MOU would propagate Quality Circle movement amongst industries in the State of West Bengal by synergizing the capabilities of both the Bengal Chamber and QCFI and should help the industries to experience a significant enhancement of their productivity. The



▲ L-R: Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Mr. P Roy, Mr. A K Dasgupta, Mr. Monojit Chaudhuri

MOU should facilitate the Chamber and QCFI to propagate QC programmes jointly at different locations in West Bengal such as, Haldia, Durgapur, Kharagpur, Siliguri, etc besides Kolkata. Focus would be on productivity and quality improvement for rural enterprises and the Chamber's MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee was the most relevant forum to work with the QCFI in bringing to board such programmes.

SEMINAR ON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BENGAL

21ST JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

The Infrastructure Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Seminar on “Transport Infrastructure for Bengal” on 21st June 2011 in the Chamber premises. The seminar focused on the various perspectives, challenges, and opportunities towards eco-friendly transportation in India. The objective of the seminar was to discuss the perspectives on transportation highlighting the river,

water, multi-modal approach etc. for transporting bulk commodities.

The seminar began with a brief Inaugural Session, which was addressed by Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Hon'ble Shri Hyder Aziz Safwi, Minister-in-Charge, Inland Waterways, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Manish Beriwal, Director, Shyam Steel; Mr. Srikumar Ghosh, MMD, CES Limited and

Mr. Samiran Sen, Chairman, Infrastructure Committee, The Bengal Chamber. The Hon'ble Minister Shri Hyder Aziz Safwi, focused on the importance of the historical background of Inland Waterways, the long term perspective of the new Government on inland water transport, the environmental advantages of Bengal and the opportunity and challenges of eco-friendly transportation and the commercial viability of Inland

21ST JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

SEMINAR ON TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BENGAL



◀ (L-R) Hon'ble Shri Hyder Aziz Safwi, Minister-in-Charge, Inland Waterways, Govt. of West Bengal, Mr. P. Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber, Mr. Srikumar Ghosh, MMD, CES Limited, Mr. Manish Beriwal, Director, Shyam Steel, Mr. Samiran Sen, Chairman, Infrastructure Committee, The Bengal Chamber

Waterways along with multimodal approach.

The inauguration was followed by a technical session where we had speakers like Mr. Praful Tayal, MMD, Central Inland Waterways Limited, Prof N Ranganathan, Dr. Animesh Halder, Consultant, CES Limited discussing on issues like the

historical background on Inland Waterways, the opportunities and challenges of eco-friendly transportation, the commercial viability of Inland Waterways, and even issues on land. The technical session was moderated by Mr. Srikumar Ghosh, MMD, CES Limited.



▲ Mr. Samiran Sen during the seminar



▲ Section of the audience during the seminar



▲ (L-R) Mr. Samiran Sen, Mr. Praful Tayal, MMD, Central Inland Waterways of India, Prof N Ranganathan, Mr. Srikumar Ghosh, Dr. Animesh Halder, Consultant, CES Limited during the technical session

23RD JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

SEMINAR ON SOLVENT ADDICTION

The Bengal Chamber, in association with Mukti Rehabilitation Centre, organized the seminar.

The programme commenced with the Theme Address by Mr. Suparna Pathak, Business Editor, ABP Pvt Ltd. The programme also included a Panel Discussion – 'Supporting Success'. The panelists were Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram, Consultant Psychiatrist, Apollo Hospital; Dr Reshmi Dutta, Practising Psychotherapist and Ms. Rita Chatterjee, Principal, Apeejay School. The Discussion was moderated by Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, CSR and Skill Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

The programme concluded with the 'Sharing of a Success Story' by an individual who had recovered from solvent addiction. Ms Roopa Ganguly, noted actor, graced the programme as Chief Guest. The programme was also attended by Mr. Biswadip Gupta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber. Around 100 participants including media personnel attended the event.



◀ Mr. Suparna Pathak, Business Editor, ABP Pvt Ltd delivering the Theme Address. Seated on the dais (L-R): Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Ms. Bidisha Ghosh Biswas, Vice President, Mukti Rehabilitation Centre and Mr. Anoop Hoon, CSR and Skill Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber



▲ Ms. Roopa Ganguly



▲ Mr. Biswadip Gupta, Past President, The Bengal Chamber

PROGRAMMES

SUNFEAST HEALTH AND LIFESTYLE QUIZ

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the **third edition** of the high-profile 'Sunfeast Health & Lifestyle Quiz' from **4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. on 24th June 2011 in the Chamber premises** to take forward its objective of "Health for All" and bring about a "Health Revolution" in the Eastern Region.

32 teams from corporates, educational institutions, medical fraternity, quiz buffs, and others participated in the Quiz. The participating organizations included Capgemini, Cognizant, Exide Industries, TSPDL, Tata Projects Ltd and leading hospitals and healthcare centres. **Mr. Anindya Bhattacharya, well-known quizmaster, conducted the event.** The Quiz was publicized through billboards at prominent locations in the

city in addition to announcements in Big FM, a leading FM station.

The winners were **Saturday Club**, who won 21 inch LCD Televisions presented by Videocon. The 1st and 2nd Runners up were **M&S and Quizzers Sans France respectively.** There were attractive prizes for all finalists and there were also audience prizes.

The Quiz was followed by a small presentation by **Mission of Mercy** hospital for awareness on the lifestyle disease, "Obesity", where the Chamber had the privilege of having **Shri Shivaji Ghosh, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Kolkata** amongst us. The Health and Lifestyle Quiz concluded with a highly enjoyable party which included a gig by the band, "Purple Asparagus".

24TH JUNE 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES



▲ Final teams on the dais



Dr. Amit Ghose, Chairman, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber announcing the Quiz



Mr. Anindya Bhattacharya, Quiz Master, conducting the Sunfeast Health and Lifestyle Quiz



▲ Section of audience during the Quiz



▲ (Right) Mr. Sanjay Prasad, CEO, Mission of Mercy Hospital, handing over prize to the Winning Team "Saturday Club"



▲ Quiz in progress



(L-R) Mr. Sanjay Prasad, Dr Amit Ghose, Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Past President, The Bengal Chamber, Shri Shivaji Ghosh, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, Ms. Mala Dasgupta, Grey Matter PR

The band Purple Asparagus, performing at the after quiz party at the Palladian Lounge, The Bengal Chamber



THE BENGAL CHAMBER SUPPORTED THE SYMPOSIUM ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)

25TH JUNE 2011, CUTTACK

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CHAIRMAN, CBEC

28TH JUNE 2011, HHI, KOLKATA

The Indirect Taxes Committee organized an Interactive Session with Shri Sunit Dutt Majumder, Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs on 28th June 2011 at the Hotel Hindusthan International. Shri Dutt Majumder addressed critical issues relating to Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax as well as Goods and Service Tax. His address was followed by an interactive session in which members came up with concerns in the areas of indirect taxes. The Chairman nominated

Shri V K Garg, Joint Secretary, Tax Research, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India to revisit the issues. He asked the Chamber to organize a Seminar where Shri Garg would interact with industry and address the issues of concern especially in the realm of service tax. The session was attended in large numbers by members and invitees of the Chamber and members of the media.

28TH JUNE 2011, HHI, KOLKATA



Seated on the dais – Mr. Siladitya Sarkar, Associate Director, Tax and Regulatory Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd.; Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Shri Sumit Dutt Majumder, Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs; Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Sanjay Mitra, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH CHAIRMAN, CBEC



Address by Shri Sumit Dutt Majumder, Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs

28TH JUNE 2011, ICWAI HQ AUDITORIUM, KOLKATA

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India has launched a nationwide programme in the interests of investor education and protection for promoting investors' awareness. In this respect, ICWAI-Kolkata in association with The Bengal Chamber organized the first such seminar at ICWAI H.Q. Auditorium. The

focus was on critical analysis of investments by individuals, good investment options, rights of investors, basic do's and don'ts of investments in banking, insurance, primary and secondary markets, capital market investments, collective investment schemes, investors' grievance cell, etc.

THE BENGAL CHAMBER SUPPORTED ICWAI ON THEIR SEMINAR ON INVESTMENT AWARENESS

5TH JULY 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER JOINED THE CALCUTTA MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION'S (CMA'S) CALCUTTA MANAGEMENT SUMMIT (THEME: INDIA'S EMERGENCE AS AN ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER) AS SUMMIT SUPPORTER

The programme was addressed by H.E. Shri M K Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal and Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India among other luminaries.

Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India releasing the Official Souvenir of the Summit, with H.E. Shri M K Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal. Mr. Aniruddha Lahiri, Past President of the Bengal Chamber, Past President, CMA & Convenor, Calcutta Management Summit, is at the extreme right



8TH JULY 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

SEMINAR ON EASTCOAST PORTS - VISION 2020



Capt P.V. K. Mohan, Chairman, National Shipping Board, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India lighting the ceremonial lamp in the presence of Mr. A Bhatt, Chairperson, The Shipping Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Shri S Hajara, Chairman and Managing Director, The Shipping Corporation of India Limited (on left hand side) and Mr. Harsh K Jha, Sr Vice President, The Bengal Chamber, Shri M. L. Meena, IAS, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust and Shri P. K. Bishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (on the right)

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with The Kolkata Port Trust, had organized a full day Seminar on EastCoast Ports on 8th July, 2011 at the Chamber premises.

The objective of the seminar was to identify the problems and issues faced by EastCoast Indian Ports in regular port operations and to resolve the issues by addressing them at appropriate levels. The seminar also addressed the issues for future development and growth of EastCoast Indian Ports and support infrastructure in terms of connectivity, rail hubs, super fast expressways, dedicated rail tracks and freight corridors, etc. so that in the long run these ports could handle huge amounts of bulk cargo i.e. dry bulk (like coal, iron ore, etc) and liquid bulk (like LPG, petroleum, etc) imported for industrial use.

The seminar commenced with an Inaugural

Session. Mr. Ashu Bhatt, Chairperson, Shipping Committee of the Chamber was the Master of Ceremonies and conducted the entire programme. Mr. Harsh K Jha, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry welcomed the delegates and made the opening remarks. Besides, there were other speakers in the inaugural session like Capt P.V. K. Mohan, Chairman, National Shipping Board, Ministry of Shipping, Government of India, who was the Chief Guest of the seminar, Shri S Hajara, Chairman and Managing Director, The Shipping Corporation of India, who was the Guest of Honour, Shri M.L. Meena, IAS, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust and Shri P. K. Bishnoi, Chairman and Managing Director, Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Besides, other speakers included Mr. Santosh K. Mahapatra, Chief Executive Officer,

PROGRAMMES

SEMINAR ON EASTCOAST PORTS - VISION 2020

8TH JULY 2011, CHAMBER PREMISES

Dhamra Port Company Limited, Orissa, **Shri P Guha**, Chief General Manager, Coal Videsh, Coal India Limited, **Shri G. V. L. Satya Kumar**, IRTS, Dy Chairman, Vizag Port Trust, **Shri Satyaki Nath**, Director – Rail Movement, Railway Board, Government of India, **Mr. Sanjay Gupta**, Director – Commercial, Gangavaram Port, **Capt. Shriram Ravichander**, Chief Operating Officer, Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited, **Shri K B George**, Director Planning, Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India, **Mr. Adam Nielsen**, General Manager, NORDEN Tankers & Bulkers Ltd, Copenhagen, **Mr. Nandan Kilpady**, Vice President – Business Development, Essar Ports Limited, **Mr. Ajeet Saran**, Vice President – Marketing, Arshiya Rail Infrastructure Limited, New Delhi and **Mr. Akhileshwar Sahay**, President – Transportation Advisory, Feedback Infrastructures Services Private Limited, Gurgaon, Haryana.



The seminar was attended by a large number of delegates from amongst port users, trade representatives, representatives from industries and others. This was a milestone summit in the calendar of industry events in the Eastern Region.

L-R: At the podium, Shri Satyaki Nath, Director – Rail Movement, Railway Board, Government of India. Seated: Mr. A Bhatt, Shri G. V. L. Satya Kumar, IRTS, Dy. Chairman, Vizag Port Trust, Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Director – Commercial, Gangavaram Port, Capt Shriram Ravichander, Chief Operating Officer, Visakha Container Terminal Private Limited and Shri K B George, Director, Planning, Ministry of Railways, Railway Board, Government of India



The audience



At the podium: Mr. Ashu Bhatt. On the dias: L-R – Shri M. L. Meena, IAS, Chairman, Kolkata Port Trust, Mr. Harsh K Jha, Sr Vice President, The Bengal Chamber, Capt P.V. K. Mohan, Shri S. Hajara and Shri P. K. Bishnoi

L-R: At the podium, Mr. Santosh K Mahapatra, Chief Executive Officer, The Dhamra Port Company Limited, Orissa. Seated: Mr. A Bhatt and Shri P Guha, Chief General Manager, Coal Videsh, Coal India Limited



EVENTS AT THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE

Sapphire Creations in Association with The Palladian Lounge Presented **Patton Quarterly Art Series 2011**
Incompleteness & Fuel (Premier) – Fusion of Body, texts and movements on 22nd June 2011.

Chief Guest : Mr. Sanjay Budhia
Guest of honour: Padmashri Dr. Sunil Kothari
Guest Artist: Anashua Majumdar



UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- The Bengal Chamber and KKN Group present, in association with The Telegraph powered by Seagrams, the next edition of Think Series of Lectures – Mr. R Gopalakrishnan, Director, Tata Sons speaking on, “A Brief History of Folly – Why Smart People Continue to Make Stupid Mistakes”, 22nd July 2011, The Tollygunge Club
- Business-IT Conclave 2011, 29th July 2011, ITC Sonar
- Interactive Session with the Hon’ble Mike Rann, the Premier of South Australia, 2nd August 2011, Chamber premises
- Certificate Course on Safety, Health, Environment and Emergency Management, 5th August 2011 – 27th August 2011 (Twice a Week (Fridays & Saturdays); 10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.), Chamber premises
- Seminar on EPF, 20th August 2011, Chamber premises (tentative)
- Environment and Energy Conclave 2011, 26th – 27th August 2011, ITC Sonar, Kolkata
- Banga Shilpa Sammelan, 27th August 2011, Town Hall

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