



**from the desk of the
PRESIDENT**

Dear Member,

16 July, 2013

Thanks to the goodwill and support of our members, well-wishers, the Government and all our stakeholders, the first quarter of FY 2013-14 has turned out to be a most active and vibrant one for the Chamber. As the year unfolds, many more events are in the pipeline and activities being planned.

On the economy front, things do not look very bright and your Chamber, through its seminars, workshops and position papers, endeavours to bring to board the right course of action for businesses, industry, finance, banking and the services sectors in such trying circumstances. As the slide of the Rupee continues, the RBI is tightening liquidity in the banking system. With interest rates unchanged, and CAD not improving, the economic order does not look bright. On the State front, the Panchayat elections and law and order issues are hogging the headlines. The new West Bengal Draft Investment and Industrial Policy 2013 needs to be finalized following suggestions provided by the Chamber on the draft. In such a scenario the Chamber feels that the only way forward is to keep revisiting and repositioning our activities such that the vital economic and socio-economic issues confronting us are addressed and brought to the forefront.

Sd/-
Kallol Datta
President



PROGRAMMES

14TH JUNE 2013,
CHAMBER PREMISES

THE CHAMBER SUPPORTED THE CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION (CEE) UNDER THE MOEF ON THEIR OUTREACH MEET FOR JSW-THE TIMES OF INDIA EARTH CARE AWARDS

24TH JUNE 2013,
THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE,
CHAMBER PREMISES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER PRESENTED ITS NEXT "THINK..." SERIES LECTURE ON "CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE EMERGING CHAOS" PRESENTED BY BALLANTINES IN ASSOCIATION WITH FUTURE BUSINESS SCHOOL AND THE TELEGRAPH. LECTURE BY (RETD.) JUSTICE ASOK K GANGULY, CHAIRMAN, WEST BENGAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

At a Think Series programme organized by Ballantines and Bengal Chamber in association with The Telegraph and Future Business School, (Retd.) Justice Asok Ganguly, Chairman, State Human Rights Commission and former judge of the Supreme Court exhaustively highlighted the important role played by the civil society in reshaping daily State and Civil affairs. He took the audience on a conducted trip down memory lane from the times of Plato and Aristotle to modern times. In no uncertain terms, he explained his views on how civil society grew out of ashes of city states and finally took shape over 2500 years ago, i.e., from the times of Greeks and the Romans. Justice Ganguly, however, did not forget to point out the dark side and excesses that the civil society might commit while on its endeavour in finding out uniformity embedded within the civil and social life. In Justice Ganguly's opinion, the concept of Dharma as included in the epic



▲ Justice Ganguly delivering his lecture.

Mahabharata has a wider connotation as it primarily aims in building a civil society based on harmony and unity. He felt that while all institutions within the State have individual roles to play and points to grind, the civil society should also behave in a way that its role is treated at par with other institutions. Philosophers, historians, political theorists, scientists and economists have only worked out models to make the civil society more transparent and accountable. The civil society, according to Justice Ganguly must never wilt under any pressure and has to perform its duty as an alert soldier of democracy.

MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to Army Institute of Management and Power Tools & Accessories whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 12th June 2013.

PROGRAMMES

INTERACTIVE SESSION ON EDUCATING THE FUTURE MIND – CELEBRATING THE 150TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SIR ASHUTOSH MUKHOPADHYAY

**27TH JUNE 2013,
CHAMBER PREMISES**

The Bengal Chamber, in association with Eastern Region Council of The Institute of Cost Accountants of India, organized an Interactive Session on “Educating the Future Mind”, celebrating the 150th Birth Anniversary of Sir Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay on 27th June 2013 in the Chamber premises.

Going beyond the usual role of being the vanguard of industry and commerce, the Chamber has been deeply associated with the educational and cultural developments of the city. It was therefore a most opportune time to organize an Interactive Session to discuss and brainstorm issues related to education. The Interactive session was organized with an objective to pay homage to the legendary Sir Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay who became a Fellow of the Calcutta University and soon transformed it from an examining body into a great teaching and research centre. He was Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1906 to 1914 and again from 1921 to 1923 but led the University affairs throughout his life. An outstanding academic himself, he had an eye for talent and gifted Dr. C.V. Raman and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan to the nation.

We were privileged that Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee who is also a descendent of Sir Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay kindly graced the occasion and shared his perspective on the vision of Sir Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay. We were also delighted to have Prof Sugata Marjit, Chairman, West Bengal State Council for Higher Education; Prof. Y S Rajan, Senior Scientist, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO); Dr R.P. Banerjee, Chairman, Education Task Force, The Bengal Chamber and Director & Dean, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (EILM); Prof. Malabika Sarkar, Vice Chancellor, Presidency University; Prof. Abhijit Chakrabarti, Vice Chairman, West Bengal Council for Higher Education; Prof Somak Ray Chaudhury,

Head of the Department of Physics, Presidency University; Mr. Ashok Mukherjee, Chairman, EIRC Institute of Cost Accountants of India; Dr. Partha Ghosh; Shri E Islam, Director, Birla Industrial and Technology Museum; Dr. Bikash Sinha, Homi Bhabha Professor, DAE, Former Director, VECC and SINP; Shri T C A S Prasad, Central Council Member, Institute of Cost Accountants of India; Mr. Rahul Bose, Education Planning Consultant, Asia Pacific Learning Services, IBM Global Business Services and Prof A K Das, JIS as speakers. The eminent speakers shared their views on the subjects, Excellence in Education – Sir Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay’s vision and new era realities; Developing an integral personality – the vision of Sir Ashutosh Mukhopadhyay, Creativity and Knowledge – The Role of Education and Thoughts Expectation Beliefs and Ideals of the Young Mind.

The programme was extremely interactive in nature and was attended by over one hundred delegates.

(L- R) Mr. P.Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Prof. Sugata Marjit, Chairman, West Bengal State Council for Higher Education; Dr. R.P. Banerjee, Chairman, Education Task Force, The Bengal Chamber and Director & Dean, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management; Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee and Mr. Ashok Mukherjee, Chairman, EIRC Institute of Cost Accountants of India



Prof. Y S Rajan, Senior Scientist, Indian Space Research Organization during his address



(L-R) : Prof. Somak Ray Chaudhury, Head of the Department of Physics, Presidency University; Prof Y S Rajan, Senior Scientist, Indian Space Research Organization and Prof Abhijit Chakrabarti, Vice Chairman, West Bengal Council for Higher Education



(L- R): Justice Chittatosh Mookerjee; Mr. P. Roy; Mr. Ashok Mukherjee and Prof Y S Rajan

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◀ Dr. Bikash Sinha, Homi Bhabha Professor, DAE, during his address ▶

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◀ (L - R): Dr. Partha Ghosh and Dr R.P. Banerjee ▶

◀ Dr R.P. Banerjee during his address ▶



▶ A section of the audience

**28TH JUNE 2013,
CHAMBER PREMISES**

SEMINAR ON FOREIGN TRADE POLICY

The Indirect Taxes Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Seminar on Foreign Trade Policy in association with EIRC of Institute of Cost Accountants of India. Indian Institute of Foreign Trade joined the programme as Knowledge Partner.

The seminar was addressed by Dr. Surajit Mitra, Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade; Prof. Ranajoy Bhattacharya, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata Campus; Shri Agneshwar Sen, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Kolkata; Shri Sanjeev Nandwani, Zonal Development

Commissioner, Special Economic Zones (East & North East Region) and T B Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber and Senior Executive Vice President and Company Secretary, DIC India Limited. The interaction was moderated by CMA Harijiban Banerjee, Former President, Institute of Cost of Accountants of India and Director, Senbo Engineering. The programme covered critical issues of Foreign Trade Policy, Foreign Direct Investment Policy and Special Economic Zone Policy.



◀ Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address ▶

CMA Ashok Mukherjee, Chairman, EIRC of Institute of Cost Accountants of India



▶ Mr. T B Chatterjee, Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee



◀ Shri Agneshwar Sen, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade, Kolkata ▶

Prof. Ranajoy Bhattacharya, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata





▲ Shri Sanjeev Nandwani, Zonal Development Commissioner, Special Economic Zones (East & North East Region)



▲ On the dais (L - R): Mr. T B Chatterjee, Dr. Surajit Mitra and Mr. Kallol Datta



▲ Dr. Surajit Mitra, Director, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade addressing. Seated on the dais (L - R): Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; CMA Harijiban Banerjee, Former President, Institute of Cost of Accountants of India and Director, Senbo Engineering; Prof. Ranajoy Bhattacharya and Mr. T B Chatterjee

MEETING WITH SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS AS PART OF THE TARATALA INITIATIVE

Shri Subrata Mitra, I.P.S., Deputy Commissioner of Police; Shri Biplab Nag, Assistant Commissioner of Police, South Traffic; Shri R N Bhaduri, O.C Traffic South and Shri S N Majumdar, O.C., Taratala Police Station met with representatives from organizations from the Taratala industrial belt in a

meeting organized by the Taratala Initiative of the Chamber on 2nd July 2013 at Vesuvius India Ltd. The focus of the discussions was on various security measures including the possibility of installing surveillance cameras towards enhancing safety and security of this area.

▶ Shri Subrata Mitra, I.P.S. (third from right in the front row); Mr. Taposh Roy, Chairperson, Taratala Initiative, The Bengal Chamber (next to him in the left); with the team from the Police, Taratala Industry representatives and the Chamber Secretariat



13TH JULY 2013,
TOWN HALL, KOLKATA



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry was delighted to host a youth icon of contemporary India, a prolific actor, an ambassador of the country in the international sphere, a champion for women's empowerment, an activist and a torch bearer for Indian women – Smt. Vidya Balan at a very special programme on Saturday, 13th July 2013 (6.30 p.m. onwards) at the historic Town Hall.

The programme was presented with Ananya Onnomon, an organization for socio-cultural activities, with which the Chamber has co-branded its cultural programmes. The event was held in association with The Telegraph. The corporate supporters of the programme included Andrew Yule, Berger Paints, CESC, JIS Group (the Chief Patron and Event Supporter) and KPMG. Advertisement support was provided by Coal India, while Magus Marketing also supported the Chamber along with Merlin Projects.

The evening was dedicated to the special children of the renowned Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) for whom the Chamber launched a special fund-raiser drive. IICP is a specialist resource centre for cerebral palsy, working since 1974 for the rights of persons with disability, particularly cerebral palsy.

The Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy is based in Kolkata but works on a national level in partnership with a close network of NGOs in many districts of West Bengal and 11 other States of India. It has vast international linkages and is working with advocacy groups nationally and internationally for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy offers multifaceted services to infants, children and adults with cerebral palsy and a range of training programmes for persons with disability, parents and family members, professionals, students and personnel working in the community.

The Chamber, on this occasion, raised funds under the realm of its CSR activities for IICP, in recognition of the exemplary work that the Institution has been undertaking for the last four decades. Andrew Yule, led by Mr. Kallol Datta, President of the Bengal Chamber, and CMD, Andrew Yule, sponsored a class to IICP, for which the cost was Rs. 8 lakhs. The first installment was presented to IICP that evening. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, the Vice president of the Chamber and Partner and Head, Management Consulting of KPMG presented a cheque of Rs. 1 lakh to IICP, which was represented by Dr. Reena Sen, Executive Director and Ms. Jeeja Ghosh, Head Advocacy and Disability Studies, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy.

It was a riveting evening with a slew of electrifying performances and culminating with a rare and most engaging conversation between Shri Anjan Dutta, eminent musician, filmmaker and theatre personality

Mr. Nirmalya Mukherjee flanked by Shri Sasha Ghoshal and Smt. Balan

Ms. Sukanya Bose, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber, the emcee for the evening



TOGETHER WE RISE – AN EVENING WITH VIDYA BALAN ALSO FEATURING ANJAN DUTTA FOR THE SPECIAL CHILDREN OF IICP

and Smt. Vidya Balan, the diva of contemporary Indian cinema, a Kolkata-ite at heart and as much an ambassador for the city as for our nation. A freewheeling conversation which began with a song by the iconic and enigmatic Anjan Dutta, the focus of the discussions was on Smt. Balan's countless experiences, her unparalleled journey as an artiste and her special Kolkata connect. A 550 plus audience was enthralled by the performances and greatly moved by the special performance by the children from IICP, who in spite of their physical constraints, put up a truly spellbinding and mesmerizing show. Smt. Balan, who presented the children with special medals and chocolates, later thanked the Bengal Chamber for this memorable and noble initiative.



Mr. Nirmalya Mukherjee, Advisor, Economic and Corporate Affairs, The Bengal Chamber with Smt. Vidya Balan. The Chamber wishes to thank Mr. Mukherjee for his personal initiative in reaching out to Smt. Balan, whom he knows personally and making her visit to Kolkata possible

Earlier, the evening commenced with a curtain-raiser dance performance by Srijan Chhanda under the leadership of Odissi dance exponent Shri Rajib Bhattacharya, a special dance performance on Rabindrasangeet by Swagata Mukherjee and Sudipta Das followed by a presentation by Ms. Jeeja Ghosh of IICP. The two halves of the evening were bridged by a special guest performance on Rabindrasangeet by the eminent singer Sasha Ghoshal. The Chamber also felicitated Smt. Balan for her outstanding achievements in cinema and her work in imbuing a great wave of positivity in the youth ethos by presenting her with a citation, a replica of the Chamber building and a saree designed by the renowned designer, Smt. Sharbari Datta, who made the presentation personally. The programme, with press advertisements and significant outdoor presence, was a high-visibility event of the Chamber.



▲ Curtain-raiser dance performance by Srijan Chhanda



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Vice President of the Bengal Chamber and Partner & Head – Management Consulting, KPMG India saying a few words on IICP

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▲ Ms. Jeeja Ghosh, Head Advocacy and Disability Studies, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy delivering her presentation on IICP



▶ (L-R) Smt. Vidya Balan; Mrs Nilanjana Dutta and Mr. Kallol Datta, President, The Bengal Chamber and CMD Andrew Yule and Company Limited, being part of the audience and watching the programme



◀ Shri Sasha Ghoshal, an eminent Rabindrasangeet Singer, during his performance



▶ A section of the 550 plus audience



▲ Mrs. Nilanjana Dutta is presenting a memento to Shri Sasha Ghoshal

◀ Smt. Vidya Balan enjoying the performance

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◀ The students of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy during their performance



▶ The students of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy along with their teachers after their performance

▶ Smt. Vidya Balan encourages the students of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy



▶ Smt. Vidya Balan is presenting the Medal of Merit to the students of Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy after their performance

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▶ (L – R) Shri Anjan Dutta, Smt. Vidya Balan, Mr. Kallol Dutta, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Mr. Taranjit Singh, Ms. Sharbari Dutta, eminent fashion designer and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Deputy Director General, The Bengal Chamber



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On behalf of the Chamber, Smt. Sharbari Datta is presenting a self-designed saree to Smt. Vidya Balan during the felicitation in presence of Mr. Kallol Dutta and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta



(L-R) Shri Anjan Dutta, Mr. Kallol Dutta and Smt. Viya Balan during presentation of a memento to Shri Anjan Dutta by Mr. Kallol Dutta

Mr. Taranjit Singh, Chief Patron, The Bengal Chamber and Managing Director JIS Group presenting a memento to Smt. Vidya Balan in presence of Mr. Kallol Dutta and Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta



Mr. Kallol Dutta is presenting the citation to Smt. Vidya Balan in presence of Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Smt. Vidya Balan in presence of Mr. Kallol Dutta



Shri Anjan Dutta sets the tone of the adda session with Smt. Vidya Balan by singing John Denver's "Sunshine on my Shoulder"



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◀ Smt. Vidya Balan enjoying
Mr. Anjan Dutta's performance



▶ Smt. Vidya Balan enjoying
Mr. Anjan Dutta's performance



▲ Many moods of the adda



▲ Smt. Vidya Balan and Mr. Anjan Dutta during the adda session



▲ Smt. Vidya Balan is making a point



▲ (L-R) Shri Anjan Dutta, Smt. Vidya Balan and
Ms Sukanya Bose concluding the adda
session.



◀ A section of
audience



◀ Shri Anjan Dutta is moderating
the adda session

EVENTS AT

THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE

● 8th June 2013

Concert by 'Fingerprints' in aid of Calcutta Rescue an NGO, with a special performance by renowned percussionist Monojit 'Kochu' Dutta.



● 13th July 2013

CD launch of **Sohini Mukhopadhyay** by eminent actress **Smt. Vidya Balan**.



UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

- Workshop on Electro Magnetic Field (EMF) with Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), 18th July 2013, Chamber premises
- The Bengal Chamber Business-IT Conclave 2013 (New Devices, Mobility and Networking), 19th July 2013, The Park
- Eastern and North Eastern Skill Development Summit, 26th-27th July 2013, Chamber premises
- Ideal Earth – Plants for our Future, programme for schoolchildren with Agri-Horticultural Society of India, 27th July 2013, HBK Hall, Agri-Horticultural Society of India, Alipore, Kolkata
- The Bengal Chamber presents its next "Think..." series lecture by economist Dr. Omkar Goswami presented by Ballantines in association with Future Business School and The Telegraph, 13th August 2013, The Palladian Lounge, Chamber premises
- Energy Sustainability Conclave 2013 (Energy Security – Empowering the Energy Future), 30th-31st August 2013, ITC Sonar, Kolkata
- The Bengal Chamber supporting "Raag Anuraag", a cultural programme, 31st August 2013, G D Birla Sabhaghar, Kolkata
- Best Young HR Professional Award, 6th September 2013, The Palladian Lounge
- Media Marketing Conclave on "Media – The Times they are a changin'", 7th September 2013, Chamber premises

NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP

JIS Group Educational Initiatives becomes the exclusive partner of Microsoft in Eastern India. JIS is the one & only educational Group to be conferred with such a prestigious alliance. Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Degree Engineering College is the First Microsoft Platinum Edvantage Campus of Eastern India followed by JIS College of Engineering and Asansol Engineering College.

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Mr. Taranjit Singh of JIS Group &
Mr. Raj Kataria of Microsoft



Oracle University certifies JIS Foundation as the Authorized Testing centre for Oracle WDP database and Java Global Certification

JIS Group Educational Initiatives have collaborated with School of Mobile Computing and Communication, Jadavpur University for setting up Center of Excellence at JIS College of Engineering



A workshop has been organised on 13th & 14th July 2013 on one of the important changes in the new version of NBA Accreditation i.e the induction of concept of “Program Educational Objectives and Outcomes”. The programme was conducted by Nameesh Miglani working in capacity of General Secretary of Sunrise Technical Education Promotional Society (STEPS) which is

involved in Quality Improvement in Professional Colleges for more than 10 yrs & Mr. Sandeep Grover working as Professor & Chairman, Department of Mechanical Engineering at the YMCA University of Science & Technology, Faridabad, India

A workshop on “Significance of Detection of Adulterants on Food Quality” was organized by Dept. of Food Technology, GNIT on 8th June, 2013, wherein 32 schools in and around Sodepur locality were invited. The prime objective was



to create consumer awareness about the burning problem of food adulteration as the common man, unfortunately, remains largely unaware of these adulterants and consume food without thorough checks. Some of the common adulterated foods are milk and milk products, atta, edible oils,

cereals, condiments (whole and ground), pulses, coffee, tea, confectionary, baking powder, non-alcoholic beverages, vinegar, besan and curry powder.

A TEQIP sponsored national seminar on “Advancement in Biomaterials & Biomechanics” was organized by Department of Biomedical Engineering (NSABB-2013) on 12th July, 2013.

The objective of NSABB 2013 was to focus on the versatile research advancement in the field of Biomaterials and Biomechanics- two major research areas of Biomedical engineering.

The resource persons of the seminar were:

- 1. Dr Amit Roy Chowdhury, Associate Professor, Dept. of Applied Mechanics, Bengal Engineering & Science University*
- 2. Prof. (Dr.) D N Tibarewala, Professor, School of Bioscience & Engineering, Jadavpur University.*
- 3. Dr Kunal Pal, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Biotech & Med. Engg. NIT Rourkela.*

