



from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



23rd July, 2021

Since I wrote to you last, the country is seemingly coming out of the grip of COVID-19 as the falling numbers indicate and with the vaccination and COVID containment initiatives gaining priorities, on a positive note, let us all hope of getting back to the pre-COVID era soon.

During the last one month, your Chamber has also been able to step up its activities in the midst of COVID restrictions still in force in the State and has been able to successfully organize a few programmes of relevance and interest along with its normal business. The Bengal Economic e-Conclave themed “Bengal after Election 2021: What Lies beneath – What lies ahead” was one such event which witnessed experts deliberating on a wide range of areas critically important for the State viz. industrialization and trade development, manufacturing and industrial transformation, public policy and socio-economic development for the next 5-year term of the incumbent government. Also, it was our pleasure facilitating Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance, as a global expert and leader spearheading the adoption of renewals and especially solar energy contributing significantly to the journey towards net-zero carbon emission, at the Curtain Raiser event of the 14th Edition of The Chamber’s Environment

and Energy Conclave. I would also like to mention about the Agriculture Colloquium 2021 held during this period which deliberated on important areas like Agro Policy, Agrichemical Industry innovation, Fertilizer sector and Agri Finance. Some of the flagship programmes of The Chamber are also slated to be held during the next couple of months.

I wish to recall The Chamber’s Vision Statement committed at the beginning of The Chamber Year which was “Helping to build the Business of Tomorrow with a supportive ecosystem that is inclusive and equitable, resilient and sustainable and good for all”. I am glad to report that the Chamber has worked in this direction and a guiding document to this effect has been put in place and encouragingly your Chamber is already working on a few on ground initiatives towards this vision.

With regards and best wishes.

Sd/-
Deb A Mukherjee
President

MEMBER’S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That’s what we would like to convey to Mjunction Services Limited, IFB Agro Industries Limited, Haldia Water Services Pvt Ltd. and R T Network Solutions Pvt Ltd. whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 24th June 2021.



Vaccination drive organized by The Bengal Chamber along with WBIDC On 24th and 25th June 2021

In order to support the fight of the state government against Covid, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with WBIDC has organized Vaccination drive for Industrial workers, the first drive was held on 24th June 2021 for Tractor India (TIL), at Kamarhati unit for 260 industrial workers (from both Kolkata and Kharagpur unit). The entire coordination was done by The Chamber for successfully conducting the drive; like Coordination between WBIDC and the Corporate for the process of vaccination at subsidized rates set by the

GoWB, arrangements of Ambulance, Oxygen, Vaccinators, Manpower for Registration and verification. The Chamber secretariat members were present throughout the venue to oversee the smooth execution of the total process.

The second drive was held on 25th June 2021 for Datre Corporation Limited, at Falta plant for 206 industrial workers. The entire coordination between WBIDC and the Datre Corporation Limited for the process of vaccination was done by The Chamber. Secretariats from The Chamber were also present at the venue to oversee the smooth execution of the entire process till the end.



Cowin registrations undergoing at TIL, Kamarhati during the vaccination drive held on 24th June 2021



Industrial workers getting vaccinated at TIL, Kamarhati



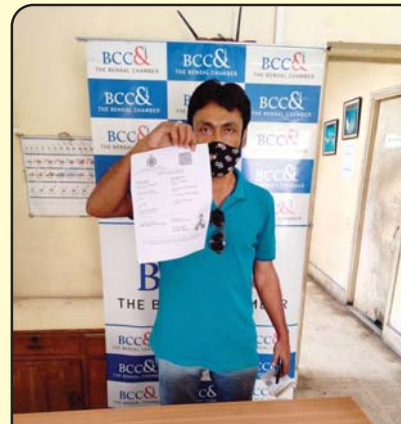
Registration undergoing at Datre Corporation Ltd, Falta plant during the vaccination drive organised for industrial workers on 25th June 2021



Issuance of slip post verification at Falta Plant, Datre Corporation Ltd



Worker getting vaccinated at Falta plant, Datre Corporation Ltd



A worker with post vaccination certificate at Falta Plant, Datre Corporation Ltd

18th June 2021, The Bengal Chamber premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a meeting with Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Australian Consul General, Kolkata on 18th June 2021 in The Bengal Chamber premises. Ms. Ainsworth was accompanied by Ms. Angelina Nair, Senior Research and Visits Officer, Australian Consulate General, Kolkata.

Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director



Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Australian Consul General, Kolkata (M) visiting The Calcutta Gallery with Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (R) and Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. (L)



MEETING WITH MS. ROWAN AINSWORTH, AUSTRALIAN CONSUL GENERAL, KOLKATA

General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Director and Head-Operations, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry were present in the meeting.

The objective of the meeting was to discuss about the possible areas of synergies between the Chamber and the Australian Consulate General, Kolkata.



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presenting a memento to Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Australian Consul General, Kolkata

L-R: Ms. Angelina Nair, Senior Research and Visits Officer, Australian Consulate General, Kolkata; Ms. Rowan Ainsworth, Australian Consul General, Kolkata; with Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

21st June 2021, Virtual platform

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., organized a programme on “Business Associates meet for Women Entrepreneurs in Energy” on 21st June 2021, through virtual platform.

Mr. Partho Ghosh, Executive Director & Refinery Head, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., **Mr. Rajesh Verma**, GM (M&C), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Haldia Refinery, **Mr. Gautam Ray**, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group,

BUSINESS ASSOCIATES MEET FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS IN ENERGY

RPSG, **Ms. Sucharita Basu**, Co-Chairperson, Socio-Economic Initiative, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Partner, Aquilaw were present in the Opening Session. **Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee**, Mentor Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Director (Technical), Prerana Engineers & Consultants Pvt. Ltd. chaired the session on Women Entrepreneurs sharing their success stories. **Ms. Nandini Chakravarty**, Managing Director, Mineline Pvt. Ltd., **Ms. Vidya Amarnath**, Director, Paterson Energy, **Ms. Pauline Laravoire**, Sustainability Director, Techno India Group, Founder, Y-East shared their success stories to inspire others to come forward.

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Mr. Partho Ghosh, Executive Director & Refinery Head, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. said, “Women’s participation in energy entrepreneurship has the potential to address several of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the direct empowerment of women, thereby providing them avenues of higher income which is thought to increase investments in education and healthcare at the family level. It’s a known fact that Women’s empowerment plays a crucial role in the economic development of society at large & country as a whole and also in tackling gender discrimination.”

Globally, women entrepreneurship is a tool of empowerment since it helps the entrepreneur take decisions, lead, manage and develop skills in production and even build personal leaderships. Currently, the contribution of Indian women to the GDP is merely 17% which is not only far below the global average of 37% but is also much less than that of China (41%) and sub-Saharan Africa (39%). Therefore a lot is required to be done in our country to bridge this gender inequality in Entrepreneurship.

Mr. Rajesh Verma, GM (M&C), Indian Oil Corporation Ltd, Haldia Refinery mentioned in his speech that as per Govt Policies to Nurture the Entrepreneurial spirit in the country. No need to Pay Tender fee, No requirement of submission of EMD for MSMEs. Haldia Refinery is gradually shifting procurement to The GeM portal as per GOI directive. GeM is expected to encourage small businesses to do business with Govt /PSUs. All Women owned MSMEs / Service providers participating in the program must register on GeM portal.



Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG delivering the Welcome Address

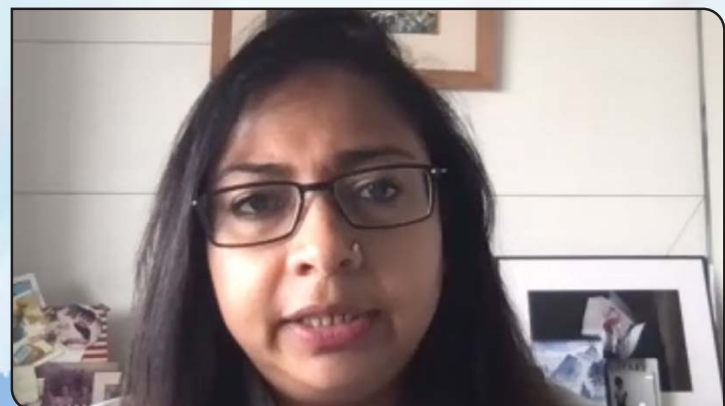
Ms. Sucharita Basu, Co-Chairperson, Socio-Economic Initiative, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Partner, Aquilaw delivering the Socio- Economic Perspective of Women Entrepreneurship

Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG said “Policy-makers have expressed an increasing interest in expanding energy access through women’s entrepreneurship. Engaging women at all levels of clean energy value chains are thought to not only economically empower these women but also to have positive business outcomes. Many believe that women’s involvement in the clean energy industry will enable energy companies to produce products and services that are better targeted to female customers and help sell to female customers in hard-to-reach locations, which in turn will increase women’s access to energy. Moreover, engaging women as product designers, manufacturers, and sales agents is expected to contribute to their access to income. The Bengal Chamber will continue to work extensively in energy, environment, sustainability and related areas with its stakeholders to accelerate inclusion.

Women’s economic empowerment is a route to poverty reduction and investing in women’s enterprises is a win-win solution for national governments. Women’s business success translates into reinvestment in families and communities, as women entrepreneurs are more likely to spend earnings on children’s education and health. As women entrepreneurs grow, they often take on leadership roles in their communities.



Mr. Partho Ghosh, Executive Director & Refinery Head, Indian Oil Corporation Ltd delivering the Theme Address



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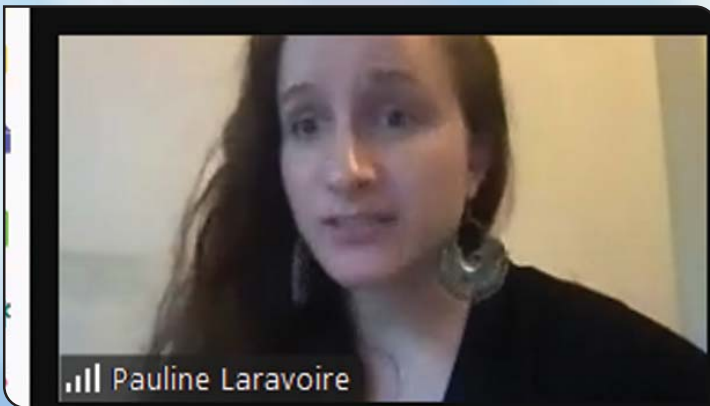
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Founder, Y-East



Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor Energy and Environment
Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and
Director (Technical), Prerana Engineers & Consultants Pvt. Ltd.
chairing the session on Success stories of Women Entrepreneurs in
Energy Sector

24th Jun 2021,
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SESSION WITH MS. PATRICIA HOFFMAN, CONSUL GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN KOLKATA AT THE CHAMBER'S MANAGING COMMITTEE MEETING

During The Managing Committee Meeting on 24th June 2021, BCC&I President formally introduced Ms. Patricia Hoffman, the Consul General of the United States of America for the Kolkata Consular District who had taken charge in August 2018, to the Managing Committee Members. Ms. Hoffman had come over from Washington DC and after having served in places like London, Quito and Rio de Janerio.

In his Welcome Address, the President spoke about the close working relationship of The Bengal Chamber with the US Consulate General and the US Commercial Centre, Kolkata. He also highlighted the initiatives which had been taken up by The Chamber with the Consulate during her tenure and in the past as well.

Ms. Hoffman expressed her sincere thanks and appreciation to The Chamber for having invited her for an interaction as she was preparing to move out of Kolkata at the conclusion of her tenure. She was happy to take the opportunity to reflect

on the growing India-US relationship and to express her appreciation to The Bengal Chamber for its valued partnership in strengthening bilateral economic ties in Eastern India. She thankfully acknowledged the support extended by The Chamber in 2019 during the visit of the high-profile Trade Winds business delegation from the US and for the support extended during the programme 'Zoohackathon-2019', which addressed issues of wildlife trafficking.

Ms. Hoffman's engrossing address covered several aspects ranging from Indo-US bilateral relations, Covid-19 and vaccination related partnerships, partnership in the sustainability sphere, climate change and clean energy related matters to the eclectic experiences from her extensive tours to all the districts of the State of West Bengal as well as the North and the North East. The highlights are given below:

- India-US strategic partnership had continuously improved over the last few decades and the last 4 years had seen

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an acceleration of the diplomatic co-operation, which had inspired the leadership of the two countries to declare this as a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership in February 2020.

- The United States had continued to co-operate with India at the highest levels on many fronts including defense, climate change, energy, trade and investment, environment, health, education, science and technology, agriculture, space, oceans and many more.
- The Consul General spoke in detail about the strong COVID related collaborations between the two countries, partnerships built and support extended with regard to vaccines, technologies, training and other aspects.
- She spoke at length on the bilateral efforts to address issues concerning climate change, clean energy partnerships and cross-border power issues in India as also the USAID's Forest Management Projects and programmes with the Ministries of Environment & Forest and Climate Change of India.

- The Consul General spoke about the encouraging trend of growth in bilateral trade and investments between the two countries, substantiating the same statistically.

In conclusion, the Consul General once again thanked everyone present and The Chamber for the support extended to the US Consulate over the years and hoped that her successor would also continue receiving the same going ahead, reiterating that it was her pleasure to have interacted with many business leaders during her tenure in Kolkata.

The Consul General's address was followed by an Open House Session.

The Meeting concluded with the President extending his appreciation and sincere thanks to Ms. Patricia Hoffman for having spared her time and for sharing her thoughts. The President, on behalf of all Members of The Chamber and on his personal behalf, conveyed his good wishes to Ms. Hoffman for all her future endeavours going forward.



Ms. Patricia Hoffman, Consul General of the United States of America in Kolkata gracing the Session

Ms. Patricia Hoffman, Consul General of the United States of America in Kolkata (L) with Mr. Indrajit Sen, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (R)



Ms. Patricia Hoffman, Consul General of the United States of America in Kolkata (L) with Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (R)



Ms. Patricia Hoffman, Consul General of the United States of America in Kolkata (First Row R) with Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (First Row L) and Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Second Row)



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BENGAL ECONOMIC E-CONCLAVE



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized one of its most appropriately timed programme- **Bengal Economic e-Conclave on 25th June 2021 on virtual platform.**

The theme of the Conclave was “Bengal after Election 2021: What Lies beneath- What lies ahead”.

The Conclave was curated to bring together Sectoral Experts, Leading Economists, Thought Leaders, Policy Makers, Captains of Industry and Educationist to disseminate robust knowledge on:

- **Transforming education, skills, employability in Bengal**
- **Enabling innovation and entrepreneurship in Bengal**
- **Industrialization and trade development of Bengal**
- **Manufacturing and industrial transformation in Bengal**
- **Public policy and socio-economic development framework in Bengal**

The Inaugural Session was commenced with the formal Opening Remarks by **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee**, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Session featured a **Panel Discussion** on **“Bengal after Election 2021: What Lies beneath- What lies ahead”**. The Panelists included- **Dr. Indira Rajaraman**, Former Member of The Thirteenth Finance Commission; **Mr. Sandeep Kumar**, Managing Director, Tata Metaliks Limited and **Mr. Ajit Ranade**, Group Executive President and Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group. **Shri Sumit Bose**, Chairman- Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I and Former Finance & Revenue Secretary, Government of India moderated the Session. **Dr. Rajaraman** highlighted that the State Government should strive for the statutory grants made available to the local bodies and the state by the 15th finance commission, i.e., Rs.4.36 trillion (2021-26), out of which 82% i.e., Rs. 3.58 trillion is directly disbursable to the local bodies (RLBs & ULBs), and the rest 16% will flow through the State as primary health grants to build facilities at the local level in terms of diagnostic buildings, primary health centres, sub-centres etc. The primary health grant goes to the State to enhance primary health facilities in seven categories. West

Bengal share is Rs. 4,402 Cr. The State & District level committees should have plans ready for implementation in each of the seven categories by July 2021, with a timeline of deliverables and outcomes for each of the five years. **Dr. Rajaraman** also mentioned that there is a need for an interactive interstate portal for the Ministers, Department Secretaries to immediately communicate with other States while handling emergencies or any other issues which could bring about a revolution in better Governance. **Dr. Ranade** stated that Bengal has access to the ocean and Southeast Asia. A combination of the agricultural exports and the conventional sectors of textile, leather, which are labour-intensive sectors, will address the problem of employment. We are waiting for the trade policy, which is expected to have strong support for export and RoDTEP (Remission of taxes and duties on Export Products). This can be a significant driver of growth for Bengal. The CAGR of Bengal’s GDP growth is around 11%, twice that of India. The share of the State’s output has gone up by 2%. The share has also been maintained by the services sector. **Dr. Ranade** also mentioned that Exports are most promising, which makeup nearly 15% to 17% of the GDP and have interlinkage with manufacturing and services. That can potentially be the strong driver of growth, given that both the business and the consumer confidence are somewhat subdued. Vaccination drive is the immediate priority as of now. There is an allocation of Rs.35,000 crores by the centre for this but the need is far greater to bring the economy in pace. If we can maintain the pace of vaccination in India, that will be a promising impact on the revival.

Executive Track I: Panel Discussion on “Transforming education, skills and employability in Bengal” highlighted the perspectives on how education, skill development and employability can go hand-in-hand and be fostered in Bengal. The session was moderated by **Mr. Somesh Dasgupta**, Whole Time Director, India Power Corporation Limited & Chairperson, People Management Committee, BCC&I. The Panelists were: **Prof. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay**, Vice-Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, Newtown, Kolkata; **Ms. Lakshmi Chandrasekharan**, Managing Director - HR Lead, Accenture India; **Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar**, Vice-Chancellor, Amity

University, Kolkata and **Mr. Anindya Mitra**, Director and Location Head, IBM. **Ms. Chandrasekharan** highlighted that 59% of millennials say that the opportunity to learn and grow is a deciding factor in their job selection. They value employability and want to know how the organization will help them to learn and grow in their career. We have to find people with relevant skills, the right mindset in a democratic way. Number of people working from West Bengal in Accenture has increased because of place flexibility in this pandemic. The number of people working from West Bengal, not just Kolkata, but working from other cities like Siliguri and Asansol has gone up significantly during the pandemic because people have moved back home. Essential infrastructure like uninterrupted electricity, network connectivity, are going to be critical for people who are going to be working from remote areas to continue to contribute productively.

Rapid Fire Chat Session with Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, Managing Director, Linde India Ltd. on “Manufacturing O2: Crisis and the Solution at present” was moderated by **Mr. Indrajit Sen**, Managing Director, International Combustion (India) Limited and Past President, BCC&I. **Mr. Banerjee** stated that the PSAs are not a panacea. They merely produce oxygen of a particular grade. The selection of PSAs is also important because many of them fail within three or four months. Besides they need a lot of maintenance. The authorities must take steps to enhance the liquid oxygen storage capacity. There are some regulatory hurdles, some obsolete safety requirements which limit the amount of liquid oxygen that can be stored in the hospital premises. Many hospitals cannot store liquid oxygen due to these old, obsolete requirements. There should be discussions with the authorities to get them up to date. Dr. Banerjee also mentioned that it was seen during the second wave of COVID-19 that, there is a timing gap of at least two to three weeks between the onset of the number of cases going up and the oxygen demand coming in. These two-three weeks are sufficient to start a supply chain of oxygen in those areas. There is a shortage due to unethical hoarding of oxygen. Some people are using this situation to their economic benefit through an excessive price hike. Ignorance among people and imprudent usage of oxygen is leading to wastage of oxygen.

Mr. Kalyan Kar, Co-Founder InQube Group and Startup Evangelist & Mentor moderated **Executive Track II – Panel Discussion on “Enabling innovation and entrepreneurship: Voice of Young Bengal”**. The session was graced by **Mr. Simarpreet Singh**, Director, JIS Group and **Mr. Suvankar Sen**, Chief Executive Officer, Senco Gold Limited. The session brought in different perspectives on how innovation and entrepreneurship can be fostered in Bengal.

Mr. R C Bhargava, IAS, Chairman, Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. addressed on **“The Maruti Story: Lessons for the Revival of**

Manufacturing in Eastern India”. **Dr. Shiladitya Chatterjee**, Member, Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I, and Former Member Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) moderated the Session. Mr. Bhargava highlighted that the State and its administration must create a low-cost environment for manufacturing. Lower costs will spur demand, which will, in turn, create employment and earnings for the government which can subsequently be used for social development. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme will not work if the overall issue of lack of competitiveness of the industry is not tackled.

Executive Track III – Panel Discussion on “Industry and Trade: Growth Trajectory of Bengal” was graced by **Smt. Anindita Sen Gupta**, Additional DGFT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; **Dr. Nagesh Kumar**, Director, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) and **Mr. Ranjan Sarkar**, President - HR, Exide Industries Ltd. **Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta**, Past President, BCC&I and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP moderated the Session. **Smt. Sen Gupta** highlighted that despite being the largest producer of vegetables, the State does not feature greatly in the export of vegetables. There are gaps between the capabilities, possibilities and actual execution. These gaps need to be plugged. Issues regarding multiple agencies that engage in export promotion, there are overlaps and sharing of responsibilities. State Export Promotion Committees (SEPC) at the state level and District Export Promotion Committees (DEPCs) - The idea of the committee is to help the districts identify products that have potential, the trade promotion councils will be a part of this. This will help to identify the products, markets, the finances involved. Information dissemination is the biggest challenge for MSMEs. Using the mechanism of district export hubs, having a proper plan and having on board the district authorities, GMDICs (General Manager, District Industries Centre), MSMEs & DGFT, a proper outreach can be done. **Smt. Sen Gupta** also stated that DGFT can play a crucial role in identifying products, district wise, infrastructure requirements, funding requirements and drawing up a district-wise plan and work towards that where the unrealized potentials of districts are likely to come up. FTA outreach programmes should be taken up at the policymaking levels to analyse the states relative strengths and weaknesses and understand the more enabling trade agreements, products, routes and countries. **Dr. Nagesh Kumar** stated that West Bengal needs to take advantage of Economics of Neighborhood and Economics of Geography. There exist some real opportunities for Bengal to capture and exploit and become a hub and become the gateway of India for regional economic cooperation as a part of India’s Act East policy. West Bengal can not only emerge as a hub of industry and trade but it can also actually become a hub of India’s Act East Policy. Benefits to the state’s economy would be huge. If all of India’s trade to Bangladesh, Myanmar and the rest of SE Asia and

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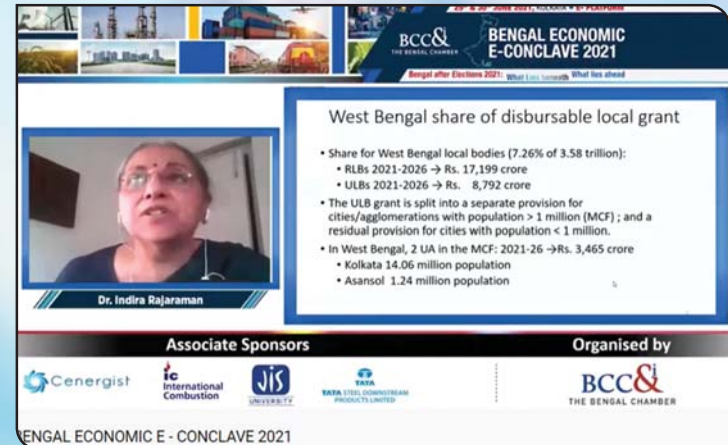
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once the larger regional corridors become operational and all these large containers start moving across the borders on these regional corridors the transit revenue that would accrue to Bengal's economy could be very substantial and wherever these transport corridors pass through they would generate economic activities around them. A comparative

study/indicator on the Cost of Doing Trade across States is very much desirable and needs to be done so that the state Governments can take steps to improve the quality of infrastructure and the quality of logistics movement between States and between States and other neighbouring countries. This could be very useful.



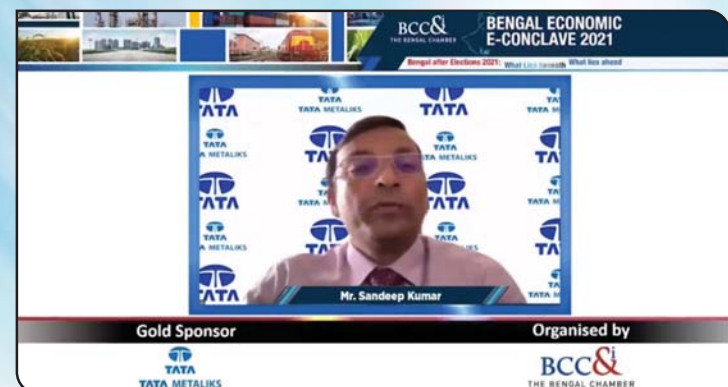
Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Opening Remarks



Dr. Indira Rajaraman, Former Member of The Thirteenth Finance Commission gracing the session



Mr. Ajit Ranade, Group Executive President and Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group gracing the session



Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Managing Director, Tata Metaliks Limited addressing the audience



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Deputy Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry emceeding the Session



Shri Sumit Bose, Chairman- Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I and Former Finance & Revenue Secretary, Government of India (First Row L) moderating the Session. First Row (R) - Mr. Ajit Ranade, Group Executive President and Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group; Second Row (L-R): Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Managing Director, Tata Metaliks Limited; Dr. Indira Rajaraman, Former Member of The Thirteenth Finance Commission

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Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University, Kolkata addressing the audience



Mr. Somesh Dasgupta, Whole Time Director, India Power Corporation Limited & Chairperson, People Management Committee, BCC&I (First Row R) moderating the Session. First Row (L): Ms. Lakshmi Chandrasekharan, Managing Director - HR Lead, Accenture India. Second Row (L-R): Prof. (Dr.) Sanjay Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Amity University, Kolkata; Mr. Anindya Mitra, Director and Location Head, IBM

Mr. Indrajit Sen, Managing Director, International Combustion (India) Limited and Past President, BCC&I (R) moderating the session



Ms. Lakshmi Chandrasekharan, Managing Director - HR Lead, Accenture India gracing the session



Mr. Anindya Mitra, Director and Location Head, IBM addressing the audience



Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, Managing Director, Linde India Ltd. gracing the session



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Mr. Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group during his speech



Mr. Suvankar Sen, Chief Executive Officer, Senco Gold Limited addressing the audience



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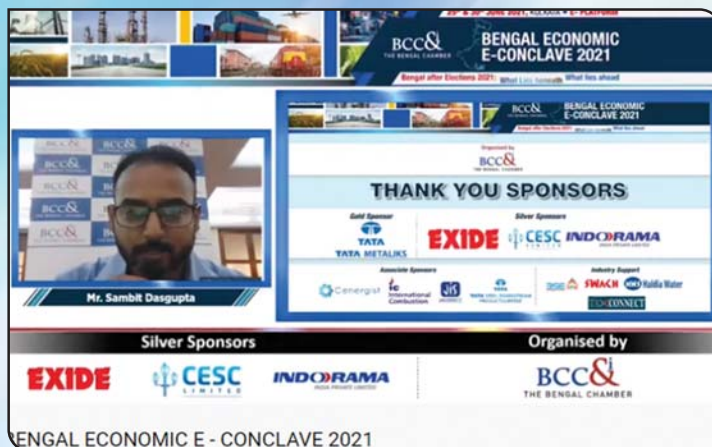
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Mr. Ranjan Sarkar, President - HR, Exide Industries Ltd. addressing the audience



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Past President, BCC&I and Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP (R) moderating the session.



Mr. Sambit Dasgupta, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Vote of Thanks

BCC&I "THINK" LECTURE SERIES WITH MR. JAIDEEP NANDY

28th June 2021,
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The Marketing and Brand Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry conducted another "Think" Lecture Series with Mr. Jaideep Nandi, Managing Director Bajaj Consumer Care on the 28th of June 2021 over the virtual platform. Mr. Nandi shared his game-changing Marketing and Brand Management experiences across different markets globally with Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, Marketing and Brand Committee of The Bengal Chamber. Speaking about his initial days with Asian Paints and how he grew along with the organization, Mr. Nandi shared on the strategies that were implemented and the different products that were launched by Asian Paints based on Research and market feedback which led to the success of the organization. He also went on to share his experience during his Asian Paint days in Kolkata, and the various roles that he enjoyed with Asian Paints before he moved in as the SAP Project Leader which according to Mr. Nandi was the best assignment of his career. In the next 14 years of his career, he moved outside the country in a General Management role. Mr. Nandi came back to India in 2014 taking on a joint venture and setting up the entire project, which was an experience in itself.

Mr. Anoop Hoon begins the session



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address



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BCC&I "THINK" LECTURE SERIES WITH MR. JAIDEEP NANDY



Mr. Jaideep Nandi, Managing Director – Bajaj Consumer Care during the session



Mr. Navarun Sen, President (Plywoods Business) – Century Ply and Co-Chair, Marketing & Brand Committee delivering the Vote of Thanks

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DOING BUSINESS IN THAILAND- GATEWAY TO ASEAN

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Thailand Board of Investment organized an online session on '**Doing business in Thailand- Gateway to ASEAN**' on **7th July 2021**. The focus of the session is to strengthen connections with Indian companies, introduction to the Board of Investment (BOI) and create awareness about the investment opportunities and government support measures for a company.

Ms. Sweeya Santipitaks, Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate-General, Kolkata in her Opening Remarks mentioned about focus sectors of Indian Companies like food processing, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, manufacturing, biodegradable products, organic chemicals, food ingredients and flavouring, renewable energy, IT, agriculture and others have a potential market in Thailand.

Indian business can depend on Thailand as a prospective business partner for stability, growth and sustainability.

Mr. Nanthapol Sudbanthad, Director Consul, Thailand Board of Investment, Royal Thai Consulate-General, Mumbai made a presentation on how BOI provides business support services and the Targeted Industries of Investment Promotion. Thailand's strategic location makes it an Investors' Gateway to Asia. Thailand's flagship Special Economic Zone (SEZ) will accelerate future growth of the region. Eastern Economic Corridor of Innovation (EECi) will provide infrastructure and innovation ecosystem which is scheduled to officially open in 2021. The target industries include modern agriculture, biorefinery, battery and modern transports, aviation and medical devices will also offer tax incentives and privileges.



Ms. Sweeya Santipitaks, Consul-General, Royal Thai Consulate-General, Kolkata



Mr. Nanthapol Sudbanthad, Director Consul, Thailand Board of Investment

PROGRAMME

VIRTUAL FORUM ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT USING AI

9th July 2021,
Virtual Platform

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Virtual Forum on Digital Transformation in Knowledge Management using AI, in association with Sprinriver Technology Pvt. Ltd, an Artificial Intelligence Solution Provider, on 9th July 2021.

The Forum was curated to make the business fraternities aware of the significance of Artificial Intelligence in Digital Transformation and Knowledge Management and to make them more data empowered.

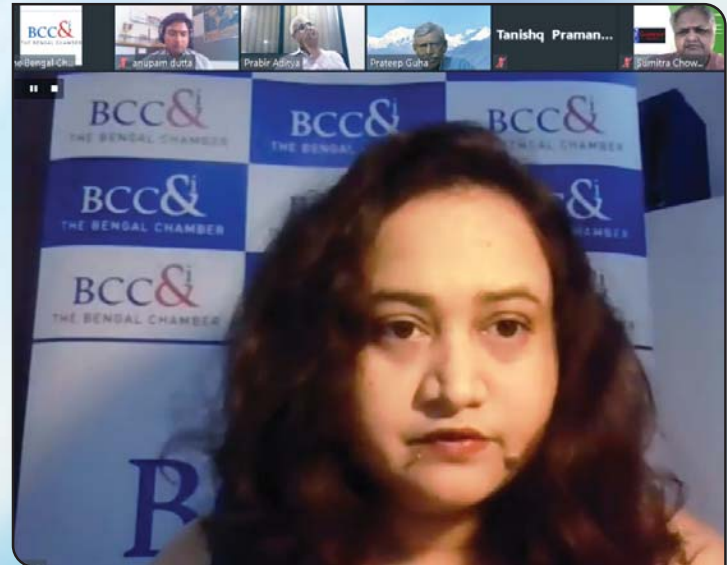
The session was commenced with the formal Opening Remarks by **Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury**, Director and Head-Operations, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Mr. Anupam Dutta, Partner, Data Analytics & Tax Technology, PwC India and Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry was the **Keynote Speaker**. He delivered the Keynote Address on **“Transformation of Data Analytics with AI”**.

Mr. Prateep Kumar Guha, Chairman, Sprinriver Technology Pvt.Ltd made a presentation on Knowledge Management and AI. A live demonstration on **TexPLICIT Suite of Products** was given by **Dr. Prabir Aditya**, Founder and CEO, Sprinriver Technology Pvt. Ltd.

The session was followed by a vibrant interactive session.

There was overwhelming participation of around 100 plus representatives from renowned IT and Manufacturing companies, Academic institutions as well as Entrepreneurs, Consultants and others.



Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Director and Head-Operations, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the formal Opening Remarks



Mr. Anupam Dutta, Partner, Data Analytics & Tax Technology, PwC India and Member, IT Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Keynote Address

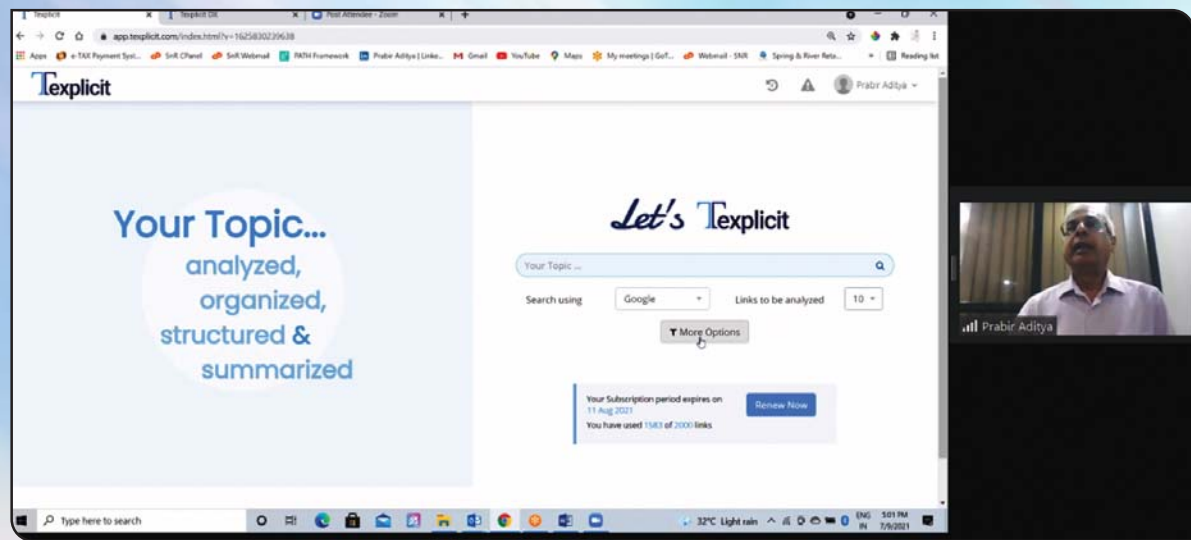


Mr. Prateep Kumar Guha, Chairman, Sprinriver Technology PvtLtd delivering the presentation on Knowledge Management and AI

9th July 2021,
Virtual Platform

VIRTUAL FORUM ON DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
IN KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT USING AI

Dr. Prabir Aditya,
Founder and CEO,
Sprinriver Technology
Pvt Ltd giving a live
demonstration on
TexPLICIT Suite of
Products



10th July 2021,
Virtual Platform

“OLYMPICS ER ADDA”

The Sports Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber headed by **Mr. Subrata Dutta**, Sr. Vice President All India Football Federation (AIFF), and Chairman Indian Football Federation (IFA), had organized a Digital Webinar “**Olympics er Adda**” on 10th July 2021, to discuss **India’s Medal Prospects in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics**.

Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA), President International Hockey Federation, and Member, International Olympic Committee (IOC) attended the webinar as **Chief Guest**. There was also an **Adda Session** with the three Ex- Olympians **Ms. Soma Biswas**, **Ms. Dola Banerjee** and **Mr. Joydeep Karmakar** and Sports Administrator **Dr. Partha Ganguly**. Sports Historian Mr. Boria Majumdar conducted the programme.

Mr. Smarajit Purkayastha, Deputy Director General, BCC&I in his opening remarks said The Chamber is indebted to Dr. Batra for taking time out to address this programme. **Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee**, Co-Chairperson of The Committee in his Welcome Address mentioned that the Sports Committee always hosts various “**Sports Adda**” at relevant times before significant global sporting events. The Committee believes it is their duty to enlighten the Sports lovers of the city about the recent happening in the world of sports.

During his interactions with **Mr. Boria Majumder**, **Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra** reiterated his belief that this is the best team that India has ever sent to the Olympics. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has been monitoring the progress of each participant for the last 3 years. Starting from their physical fitness to their diet, everything has been taken care of. The IOA has also been in continuous discussion with all the different

sports federations for the training of the sportsmen. IOA has also tried to provide the best training by sending them to foreign countries for better practice and amenities. Dr. Batra also urged the different Business Houses who have also started coming forward to fund Indian sports to primarily fund athletes from the grassroots level, so that the Country prepares more athletes for the international arena. He mentioned about the prospects of the Indian Men’s Hockey Team this time. Even the women team is also doing well. He also requested the Business houses to pick up a sport to fund and nurture the players as it will be a great service to the nation.

During the **Adda Session**, **Ms. Dola Banerjee** mentioned that Deepika Kumari in the womens Archery Team is a strong contender for medal this year and the Mixed doubles team of Archery should also win medals if they can handle pressure.

Ms. Soma Biswas and **Mr. Joydeep Karmakar** were also sure that the Indian Athletic team and Shooting team would definitely win medals for the country. Mr. Karmakar said this is the best shooting team in recent times that is representing India in the Olympics.

Sports Administrator and Bio bubble expert **Dr. Parth Sarathi Ganguly** said since there will be 70,000 people in the Olympic village the committee must take adequate precautions and there should be sufficient arrangements for Isolation centres.

Mr. Sekhar Biswas, Member, The Sports Development Committee, ended the program with an optimistic note that Indian Contingents will take the medal tally to double digit for the first time in the history of Indian Olympic performance.

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“OLYMPICS ER ADDA”

10th July 2021,
Virtual Platform



Dr. Narinder Dhruv Batra, President Indian Olympic Association, President International Hockey Federation, and Member, International Olympic Committee (IOC) addressing the session



Adda Session: Prof. Boria Majumdar in conversation with the three Ex-Olympians, Ms. Soma Biswas, Ms. Dola Banerjee, Mr. Joydeep Karmakar and Sports Administrator Dr. Partha Ganguly

TECHNICAL APP UPDATE SESSION FOR RIDERS

12th July 2021,
Virtual Platform

The Skill Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Fooza Foods Pvt. Ltd. organized a virtual session on “Technical App Update Session for Riders” on 12th July 2021. The session commenced with an introductory address by Mr. Kumar Shivam, Associate Director – Strategy and Business Development, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Moderator of the session Ms. Paromita Ghosh, Director, Candid Communication then requested Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson of The Skills Development Committee of BCC&I and Managing Director, The George Telegraph Group to convey his welcome address. Mr. Dutta mentioned in his address that The Skill Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry always encourages programs around skilling and up-skilling of human resources. In this context, The Skill Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Fooza Foods Pvt. Ltd. hosted the session, so that it becomes easier for them to receive and manage their orders and deliveries. This workshop was of benefit for all workforce and organizations dealing with newly boomed online delivery industry. In his keynote address, Mr. Dibyendu Banerjee, the Co-Founder, CEO and Managing Director of Fooza Foods Private Limited highlighted the importance of up-skilling of riders or delivery boys who had served effortlessly during the pandemic period. Then Mr. Kapil Lohia, Chief Technology Officer and Chief Product Officer of Fooza Foods Private Limited, engaged riders in a very impressive and interactive technical session from Vancouver, Canada. The session was well attended and appreciated by relevant stakeholders from skilled workforce, Industry and Media.



Introductory address by Mr. Kumar Shivam, Associate Director – Strategy and Business Development, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Technical overview conveyed by Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry

12th July 2021, Virtual Platform **TECHNICAL APP UPDATE SESSION FOR RIDERS**



Ms. Paromita Ghosh, Director, Candid Communication moderating the session



Welcome Address by Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Skill Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Dibyendu Banerjea, Co-Founder CEO and Managing Director, Fooza Foods Private Limited interacting with the participants

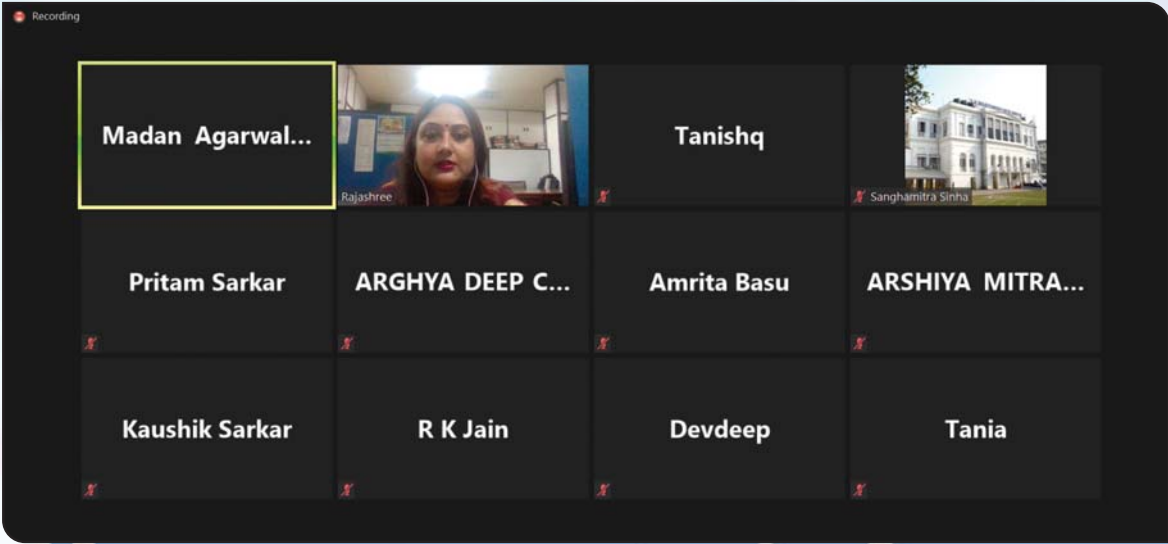


A section of Riders at the interactive up-gradation session

15th July 2021, Virtual Platform **LAUNCHING OF THE FIRST SESSION ON ADVANCED EXCEL UNDER "SKILLS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE"**

The Skills Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with The George Telegraph Group launched "Skills Centre of Excellence (COE)" with its first course on Advanced Excel. The first batch started

from 15th July 2021 with participants from both Industry and Academia. This course is of 20 hours with dual certification from The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The George Telegraph Training Institute.



Introductory class of "Skills COE" on Advanced Excel jointly organized by The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and George Telegraph

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15th July 2021,
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Technical session of
Advanced Excel in
progress

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting interface. The main window displays a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with data tables. The right sidebar shows a list of participants including Pritam Sarkar, Rajashree, Neha Soni22, and Madan Agarwal... The spreadsheet contains data for various subjects like ENGLISH, MATH, ART, and SCIENCE, with columns for different students and their scores.

"ONE SUN, ONE WORLD, ONE GRID : JOURNEY TOWARDS NET ZERO" A CURTAIN RAISER OF THE 14TH EDITION OF BCC&I'S ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE

16th July 2021,
Phygital

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a special programme on **'One Sun, One World, One Grid'** where Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance was the Keynote Speaker addressing on the theme.

It is an ambitious and prestigious project of India to set up a trans-national electricity grid supplying solar power across the globe aiming to connect 140 countries.

Dr. Ajay Mathur was felicitated as a global expert and leader spearheading the adoption of renewables and especially solar energy and contributing significantly to the journey towards net-zero carbon emission.

Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber handed over the citation to Dr. Mathur and invited Mr. Aloke Mookherjea, Past President and Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Mentor, Energy and Environment Committee shared their thoughts of being associated with Dr. Ajay Mathur for close to 5 years from the Chamber.

In-keeping with the conditions of the new normal, the programme was presented in phygital format converging the online platforms with the venue proceedings.

Mr. Nick Low, British Deputy High Commissioner in Kolkata shared the roadmap to the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP26 which will be hosted by UK, with Italy, and to be held in Glasgow in November 2021.

Mr. Neil Spann, CEO and Mr. Don Scott, Business Development Director, Power Roll Limited joined from UK virtually and made

a presentation on 'Affordable and Accessible Solar for All'. Power Roll Limited has reinvented solar to generate energy anywhere and everywhere, using any surface. Their flexible solar film can produce ultra-low-cost electricity.

Storage is intrinsic while addressing solar energy. Mr. Ketan Chitnis, Vice President, Stationary BU, Exide Leclanche Energy Pvt Ltd joined from Mumbai making a presentation on 'Promising energy storage options'.

Mr. Manfred Auster, German Consul General and Mr. Nakamura Yutaka, Japan Consul General were present.

Past President Mr. A Lahiri, Mr. Sandipan Chakravorty and other senior members of the Chamber graced the occasion.



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance

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Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. Nick Low, Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata



Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance giving the Keynote Address on ‘One Sun, One World, One Grid’ – Vision of ISA



(L) Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry felicitating (R) Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance with the citation



(L-R) Mr. Don Scott, Business Development Director, Power Roll Limited and Mr. Neil Spann, CEO, Power Roll Limited making the presentation on ‘Affordable and Accessible Solar for All’



(L-R) Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Nick Low, Deputy High Commissioner, British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata being presented memento by Mr. Abraham George Stephanos, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Tata Steel Downstream Products Limited and Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance



Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



The audience

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2ND EDITION OF AGRICULTURE COLLOQUIUM 2021

16th & 17th July 2021,
Virtual Platform

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized 2nd edition of Agriculture Colloquium 2021 on 16th & 17th July 2021 through online platform. The objective of the Agriculture Colloquium 2021 was to address the areas such as Agro Policy, Agrochemical Industry innovation, Fertilizer sector, Agri Finance and Agro product export in Indian Agriculture space.

The Inaugural session of the programme was graced by

- Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, Minister-In-Charge, Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal
- Dr. A R Khan, Chief General Manager, NABARD
- Mr. V R Kaundinya, Director General, Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII) & Board Member – AXIS Bank
- Dr. Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority, Government of India

Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, Minister-In-Charge, Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal mentioned about the increment of farmers income in the last 10 years and how schemes like Krishak Bondhu, Pension Schemes for Senior Farmers helped the rural citizen of the State. The CGM, NABARD, Dr. Khan mentioned the opportunity of agriculture product exports from West Bengal and NABARD is very keen to develop an agri export promotion centre to help existing exports as well as farmers' producers company from this region. Dr. Dalwai mentioned the requirement of capital investment in the agriculture sector and how various policies floated by the Union Government is attracting corporates to invest in this sector. Mr. Kaundinya mentioned about the coordination between State and Central Government in the issues like food security during the pandemic era. The inaugural session was moderated by Mr. Jayanta

Chakraborty, Chairperson – Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

The next session, "Session on Plant Protection Chemicals: Mixing Opportunities with Innovation", was graced by

- Mr. Ashish Dobhal, Regional Director, India Region, UPL Limited
- Mr. Anil J. Kakkar, Vice President, Sumitomo Chemical India Ltd
- Mr. NK Rajavelu, Business Head - Crop Protection Chemicals at Coromandel International Limited
- Dr. Debabrata Kanungo, MD, FCGP - Chairman, Scientific Panel on Food Additives & Member of Scientific Committee, Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

This panel discussion highlighted the importance of technology in improving various agricultural activities in the Indian economy. This session also provided knowledge on technological applications in agriculture, Quality Standards of Agrochemical products, Post Pandemic Marketing Style and export opportunities of Indian Agro Chemical Products.

On the Day 2 of the programme, the 1st session was dedicated to promote Nano Fertilizer in association with IFFCO. Fertilizers play a vital role in increasing agricultural production, but excessive use of chemical fertilizers irreversibly damages the chemical ecology of soil and reduces the available area for crop production. Sustainable agriculture demands minimal use of agrochemicals. Advanced Nano-engineering techniques are being used to overcome an agricultural crisis by developing an improved crop production system that assures sustainability.

16th & 17th July 2021,
Virtual Platform

2ND EDITION OF AGRICULTURE COLLOQUIUM 2021

Nano-materials can increase crop yield by increasing fertilizer nutrient availability in soil and nutrient uptake by plants. The session was graced by:

- Mr. Partha Sarathi Bhattacharyya, Head – Eastern region, IFFCO
- Prof. B S Mahapatra, Vice-Chancellor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya
- Shri Yogendra Kumar, Marketing Director-IFFCO,
- Dr. Ramesh Raliya, GM (R&D) IFFCO

The next session of the Conclave was focused on Agri Finance and a panel discussion on “We feed those, who feed the Nation - Bonding between Banks & Farmers” was organised. This panel discussion was graced by :

- Mr. Sanjeev Nautiyal, Deputy Managing Director, State Bank of India
- Mr. Raul Rebello, Executive Vice President, Axis Bank

The session was moderated by Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson – Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber.

The panel discussion highlighted the ever-increasing need to invest in agriculture due to a drastic rise in global population and changing dietary preferences of the growing middle class in emerging markets towards higher value agricultural products. Experts mentioned that financial sector institutions in developing countries lend a disproportionately lower share of their loan portfolios to agriculture compared to the agriculture sector’s share of GDP.

In the last session of the conclave, a panel discussion on Agri Export Opportunities from Eastern Part of India was organised. The panel was graced by :

- Mr. Samrat Mukherjee, General Manager, NABARD
- Dr. Azhar Phatan, Head- Banana Exports, Mahindra Agri Solutions Private Limited
- Prof. Debabrata Basu, Professor, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya

The panel discussion highlighted about the product-wise opportunities, market demand-oriented production system, post-harvest management and how NABARD is planning to help farmers to export their produce through various pilot projects.

Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, at the end of the conclave, summarized all sessions and announced the Bengal Chambers handholding support policy for Farmer Producers Organization.



Keynote Address by Dr. Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority



Special Address by Dr. A R Khan, Chief General Manager, NABARD



Address by Mr. V R Kaundinya, Director General, Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII) & Board Member – AXIS Bank



Address by the Chief Guest Shri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, Minister-In-Charge, Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal

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Session on The Future of Agro Innovation in association with IFFCO – “Nano Fertilizer – The Future of Fertilizer Industry”



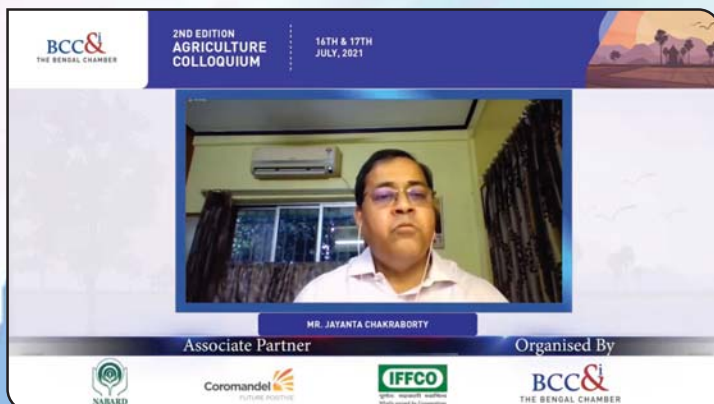
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Address on Agri Export Opportunity by Mr. Samrat Mukherjee, General Manager, NABARD



Session on Agri Exports - Bringing growth, ingenuity, and experience to market



Address by Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson – Agriculture & Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber

PROGRAMME

E-SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)

21st July 2021,
Virtual Platform

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized an e-Seminar on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) on 21st July 2021 with the support of PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited (PwC).

Experts from leading corporates like ITC limited, Mahindra, RPSG group, PWC, Cenergist Energy Private Limited, Maybank Kimeng Securities India Pvt Ltd and Ecube Investment Advisors Pvt Ltd. were invited to share value propositions of ESG.

Our aim is to connect our members and stakeholders on such a relevant topic in today's business dynamics.

50 nominated participants from PSU, MNC and other large industries across sectors like utilities, steel, manufacturing, chemicals, cement, fertilizers, natural gas and IT have attended the session.



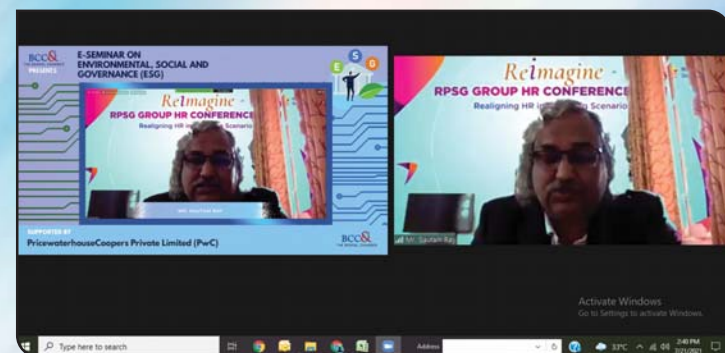
(Top L-R) Dr. Sunita Purushottam, Head of Sustainability, Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd; Mr. Chandru Badrinarayanan, Managing Partner, Ecube Investment Advisors Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Ankit Gupta, Manager Sustainability, ITC Limited and Mr. B L Chandak, Executive Director, Investor Relations, RPSG Group respectively are from leading corporates sharing value propositions of ESG



(Top L-R) Mr. Abhijit Chatterjee, Sustainability Specialist, Cenergist Energy Private Limited; Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mohanty, Director - Value led ESG, Low Carbon Transition and Clean Energy, PricewaterhouseCoopers Private Limited; Mr. Jigar Shah, CEO, Maybank Kimeng Securities India Pvt Ltd and Mr. Heman Sabharwal, Chartered Accountant shared their guidance on ESG implementation



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited



Mr. Gautam Ray, Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Executive Director (HR & Admin.) - CESC Limited & President (HR) – Power Group, RPSG

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- Resilience of Vulnerability and Restoring Sunderbans Ecosystem, 24th July 2021 , Virtual Platform
- Short term certification courses in digital marketing, Date of Commencement: 31st July 2021 onwards, Virtual Platform
- Online Session on Audit, Litigation, Slump Sale, Merger, De-merger and Trade Remedies under GST/Trade Policies, 5th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- Hospitality Webinar, 6th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- First Edition of the "How Green Are We" MSME Awards competition, 12th and 13th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- Budding Genius, 14th, 21st, 28th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- Indian Packaging e-Conclave, 20th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- Sunfeast Farmlite 12th Health & Lifestyle Quiz, 20th, 21st August 2021, Virtual Platform
- South Asia Business Day, 25th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- Online Certification Course on Global Logistics and Trade Documentation, 25th, 26th & 27th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- 14th Edition of Environment and Energy Conclave, 26th and 27th August 2021, Virtual Platform
- Indian PSU e-Conclave, 3rd September 2021, Virtual Platform
- Education Conclave, 9th, 10th September 2021, Virtual Platform
- 12th edition of Business IT conclave, 16th and 22nd September 2021, Virtual Platform
- Marketing Conclave, 18th & 25th September 2021, Virtual Platform

NEWS FROM THE JIS GROUP



JIS Group organized free-of-cost onsite vaccination drive at the Narula Institute of Technology campus (Agarpara) from 2021 and at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (Sodepur) Campus, Greater Kolkata College of Engineering & Management (Baruipur) and Dunlop Gurudwara from 15th to 17th July, 2021. The second phase is being conducted at the JISCE (Kalyani) campus from 23rd to 26th July, 2021 and will be conducted at Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Institute of Technology (Dumdum) from 26th to 28th July, 2021. This onsite vaccination is covering local residents, students, faculties, staff members, alumni and their families. In the first phase of the vaccination,

10,000 people have already been vaccinated by JIS Group, and the second phase of the vaccination is targeting to vaccinate 20,000 people. Prior registration has to be done to get vaccinated.

Mr. Taranjit Singh, MD of JIS Group said, **“Vaccination is the need of the hour, and while planning the drive apart from making it a free of cost facility we kept it open for all ranging from students to anyone who has not been able to get the vaccine yet. We are also planning a third phase of vaccination, which will be announced soon.”**

