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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



30th June, 2025

Warm greetings to all.

As we reflect on the month gone by, our thoughts remain with those affected by the ongoing global conflicts. We earnestly hope for a swift and peaceful resolution—one that restores stability, dignity, and hope to all those impacted. In these challenging times, our shared values of cooperation, resilience, and collective progress matter more than ever.

Despite global headwinds, India's economy continues to show remarkable strength. Formal sector employment has seen a notable upswing—job postings rose by 8.9% in May, now standing nearly 80% above pre-pandemic levels, buoyed by strong performance in manufacturing and services. Net formal job creation set a new record, with 13.22 million jobs added in Q1 of FY 2025—surpassing the total for the previous year. On the investment front, India received \$81.04 billion in FDI in the same quarter—a 14% year-on-year growth. Clean energy alone drew \$3.4 billion in investments, with manufacturing and digital infrastructure continuing to drive FDI inflows.

Closer home, West Bengal is accelerating its digital transformation with the announcement of four new IT parks, including three in North Bengal. Kolkata is rapidly emerging as a major data-centre hub, with projects by NTT, ST Telemedia, Jio, Airtel, Microsoft, and Adani expected to generate nearly 40,000 jobs. TCS's upcoming campus in New Town is poised to create an additional 25,000 jobs in phases. In Siliguri, a new convention centre, Webel IT Park, and MSME parks are projected to generate over 5,000 jobs, further fuelling North Bengal's economic landscape.

In June 2025, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry continued to uphold its mission of fostering dialogue, capacity building, and inclusive growth through a series of impactful initiatives. These included the 3rd Edition of the Nursing Conclave, the Senior Leadership Development Programme on Mindfulness and Experiential Learning, and the 16th Edition of the Signature Business IT Conclave (which had some new greenfield investments announced in the forum)—each thoughtfully curated to facilitate knowledge exchange and sectoral advancement. Also, a 20-member business delegation is currently in Germany and UK for participating in India Week at Hamburg, Germany and subsequent other B2B and B2G engagements in UK.

Looking ahead, we are excited to bring you a vibrant line-up of programmes including the 16th Sunfeast Farmlite Health & Lifestyle Quiz, and MindKraft – an Inter-School Quiz Competition. These initiatives reflect our commitment to youth engagement, sectoral upliftment, and the creation of platforms that inspire collaboration, learning, and innovation.

I urge all our members, partners, and committee leaders to stay actively involved in the Chamber's initiatives. Your engagement, insights, and leadership are the driving force behind our collective progress.

Let us move forward together—with empathy, ambition, and a shared commitment to shaping a resilient and connected future.

Warm regards,

Sd/-
Arnab Basu
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey Shristi Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and Ritu Hospitality Services Pvt. Ltd. whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 29th May 2025.



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INDUSTRY IN ASSOCIATION WITH JIS GROUP EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

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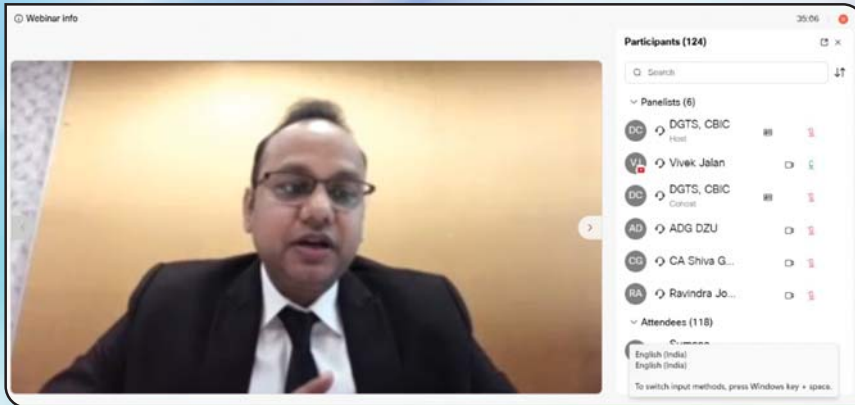


DGTS-CBIC in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a Pan-India Webinar on "Overview of GST Tribunal (GSTAT)" on 28th May, 2025 from 3.30 pm onwards.

Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP; Shri Shiva Goyal, Chartered Accountant, Guest Faculty at NACIN, Jaipur.

The webinar witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Amarjeet Singh, Additional Director General, DGTS, CBIC; Shri Ravindra Joshi, Additional Director, DGTS, CBIC; Shri, Vivek

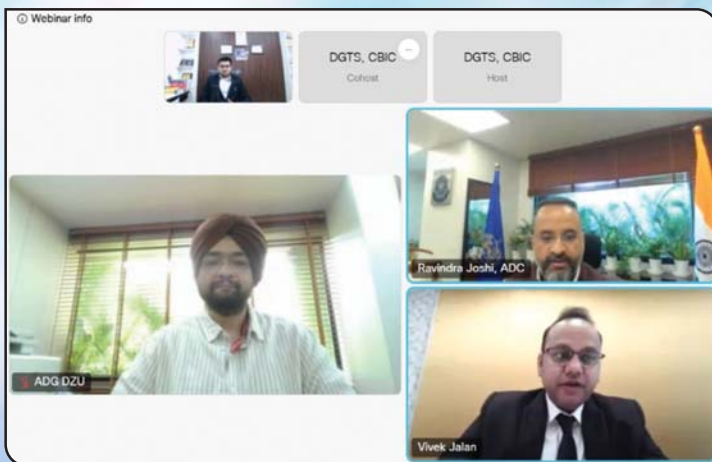
The webinar was attended by more than 250 delegates from all over India.



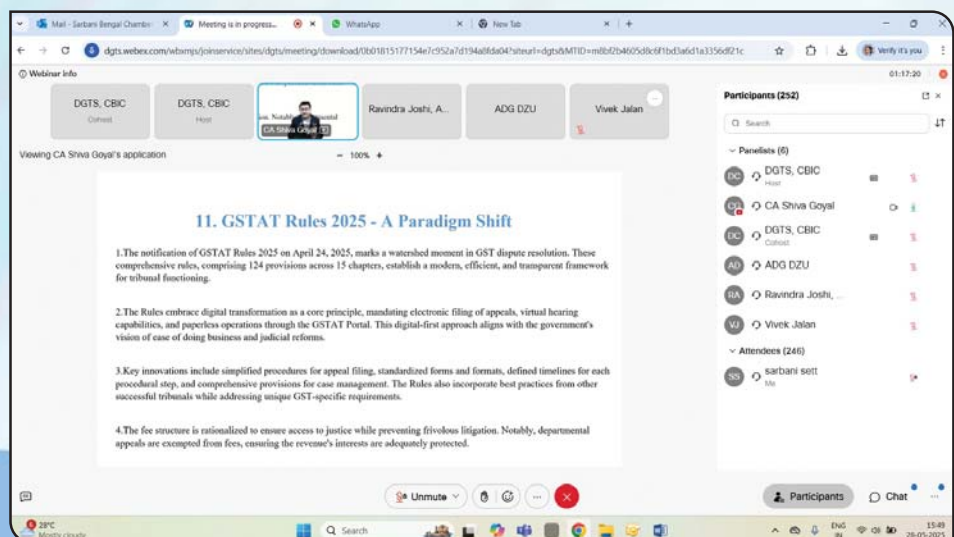
Address by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP

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Webinar in progress



Presentation by Shri Shiva Goyal, Chartered Accountant, Guest Faculty at NACIN, Jaipur

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3RD EDITION OF NURSING CONCLAVE - NEW EDGE
IN CRITICAL CARE : NURSING



3rd Edition of **NURSING CONCLAVE 2025** New Edge in Critical Care: Nursing

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) has organised the 3rd Edition of Nursing Conclave on **New Edge in Critical Care : Nursing** on 6th June 2025 at **Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.**

The aim of the Conclave is to promote the empowerment of Nurses as they play a crucial role in the healthcare system. Beyond delivering medical care, Nurses offer emotional comfort, educate patients and their families and advocate for patients' rights and needs. Their ability to bridge gap between doctors and the patients ensures better communication, coordination and outcomes.

Opening Session of the 3rd Edition of Nursing Conclave witnessed the esteemed presence of Dr. Swapan Saren, Director of Health Services, Government of West Bengal; Mrs. Doli Biswas, Convenor & Member, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur, Kolkata; Mrs. Minimole Varghese, President, CCNS (Critical care Nursing Society of India) & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Mulund and Mr. Abhijit Majumder, Chairperson - National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals.

In the Opening Session, Lamp Lighting by the Dignitaries was followed by **Felicitation of Mrs. Minimole Varghese**, President, CCNS (Critical care Nursing Society of India) & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Mulund and **Felicitation of Mrs. Doli Biswas**, Convenor & Member, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur, Kolkata, **who has recently received "National Florence Nightingale Award" from the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu.**

In the Opening Session, **Critical Care Nursing Society Bengal Chapter** was also inaugurated. The Bengal Chapter of Critical Care Nursing will enable Critical care Nurses to interact, discuss, conduct more scientific programme to enhance knowledge and expertise in this field

The 1st half of the Conclave covered Plenary Session I, **Panel**

Discussion, Plenary Session : II, Sensitization Session I and a Special Session on Senior Care in India : Evolving Nursing Roles in Elder Care.

Plenary Session I was chaired by Ms. Piyali Bose, Nursing Superintendent, Tata Medical Center and covered topics like, 'Importance of Early Mobilization in Critical Care' by Dr. Debjyoti Dutta, Consultant Critical Care, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur; 'Criticality in Airway Management- Innovative approaches in solving' by Dr. Aniruddha Sarkar, Consultant Critical Care – Medicine, Peerless Hospital and 'Understanding & Recognizing Clinical Alarm for Patient Safety' by Ms. Chhanda Bandyopadhyay, Senior Nurse Manager -Quality & Education, B M Birla Heart Research Centre.

Panel Discussion on 'The Vitals of Communication in Critical Care' was moderated by Ms. Arpita Mondal, Chief Nursing Officer, Institute of Neurosciences Kolkata and the Panelists were Ms. Ratna Gupta Majumdar, Nursing Superintendent, Manipal Hospitals, EM Bypass; Ms. Laishram Kunjarani Devi, ICU Nursing In-charge, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur; Ms. Sujata Angela Singh, Chief Nursing Officer, GD Hospital & Diabetes Institute and Ms. Saraswati Roy Sengupta, Chief Nursing Superintendent, The Mission Hospital.

Plenary Session II which was chaired by Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi Achuthan Nair, Chief of Nursing, CKBH CMRI Hospital and covered topics like, 'Novice to expert: Transition in Critical care Nursing- How to Balance?' by Ms. Paulami Chowdhury, Senior GM Nursing, Charnock Hospital and 'Technological advancement in Critical Care : Nursing perspective' by Ms. Shampa Gupta, Principal, Westbank College of Nursing, NH Howrah.

Sensitization Session I was chaired by Mrs. Minimole Varghese, President, CCNS (Critical care Nursing Society of India) & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Mulund Hospital and covered topics like, 'Burning issue in Critical Care' by Mr. Agilan E, Deputy Clinical Nurse, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals; 'Healing Healers : Restoring Resilience and Compassion in Critical Care Nurses' by Ms. Manashi Bhaskar, Nursing Superintendent, Peerless

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Hospital and 'Digital Touch, Human Care ; Balancing Technology And Compassion' by Ms. Puspa Ghosh, Principal, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Nursing Sciences.

Special Session on Senior Care in India : Evolving Nursing Roles in Elder Care was moderated by Mr. Aninda Das, Vice President Marketing, Infinity Group and Jagriti Dham and the Panelists were Dr. Dhires Chowdhury and Dr. Arunansu Talukdar.

The 2nd half of the Conclave covered **Sensitization Session II, Project Presentations and Skillathon** (Hands on Training).

Sensitization Session II was chaired by Capt. Madhukari Ray, Director of Nursing, Eastern Region, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals and covered topics like 'Nursing sensitive indicators in Critical care' by Ms. Banrishisha Basawamoit, Quality Head & Member Secretary of the Ethics Committee, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur; 'Life lines : How to care? Focusing on CVC, PICC, ARTERIAL LINE, IABP?' by Ms. Chhanda Sen, Assistant Nursing Superintendent, Medica Superspecialty Hospital; 'Pressure Injury Prevention in Critical Care' by Ms. Pritha Sarkar, Clinical Head, ArjoHuntleigh Healthcare India Pvt Ltd and 'Incontinence associated Dermatitis Management' by Ms. Bidisha Basu, Manager Nursing, Manipal Hospital, Dhakuria.

All the sessions were followed by Q/A Sessions with the audience.

Juries for The QIP Presentation Session were Ms. Kasturi Mondal, Principal, RTIICS College of Nursing and Ms. Shampa Gupta, Principal, Westbank College of Nursing, NH Howrah. The presenters : Ms. Sunita Kumari, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur presented on 'A Cross-Sectional Study on "SPANDAN": An Innovative Communication Module to Improve Nurse-Patient Interactions'; Ms. Suparna Giri, Nurses Educator, Peerless Hospital presented on 'Reducing CLABSI rates through evidence based Central Line Care: A Quality Improvement Initiative' and Sr. Nupur Das, Critical Care Supervisor, Manipal Hospitals presented on 'Reducing Extravasation Risk : Evidence-Based Practice in Healthcare.'

Online Pre and Post Tests were conducted at the beginning and end of the Conclave. All participants were awarded 1 (Pt) CNE Credit Hours by West Bengal Nursing Council.

The Conclave was attended by more than 120 + Nurses, including Faculties and Nursing Students from various Hospitals and Nursing Colleges from all over Eastern India.



Welcome Address by Mr. Abhijit Majumder, Chairperson - National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispeciality Hospitals



Theme Address by Mrs. Doli Biswas, Convenor & Member, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur Kolkata



Address by Chief Guest, Dr. Swapan Saren, Director of Health Services, Government of West Bengal



Lamp Lighting by The Dignitaries

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Inauguration of Critical Care Nursing Society Bengal Chapter



Address by Guest of Honour, Mrs. Minimole Varghese, President, CCNS (Critical Care Nursing Society of India) & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Mulund



Release of Souvenir



Ongoing Opening Session (L-R) Dr. Swapan Saren, Director of Health Services, Government of West Bengal; Mrs. Doli Biswas, Convenor & Member, Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Hospital, Anandapur, Kolkata; Mrs. Minimole Varghese, President, CCNS (Critical care Nursing Society of India) & Chief Nursing Officer, Fortis Mulund, Mr. Abhijit Majumder, Chairperson - National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals

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Plenary Session: II in progress (L-R) Ms. Shampa Gupta, Principal, Westbank College of Nursing, NH Howrah, Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi Achuthan Nair, Chief of Nursing, CKBH CMRI Hospital, Ms. Paulami Chowdhury, Senior GM Nursing, Charnock Hospital



Sensitization Session I Speakers and Moderator

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QIP Project Presentation in progress



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New Town Business Club to East Kolkata Wetlands

4TH EDITION OF "PEDAL THROUGH HERITAGE"

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) from its Heritage Committee has successfully organized the fourth edition of the "Pedal Through Heritage," a unique heritage cycling tour supported by the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal, East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. and New Town Kolkata Development Authority on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 7 a.m. onwards to commemorate World Bicycle Day and World Environment Day.

The primary goal of this initiative was to raise awareness about the ecological sustainability of the wetlands around the Newtown area. These wetlands are crucial for maintaining the ecological balance necessary for the sustenance of biodiversity, as well as to highlight the issue of air pollution and promote the use of bicycles as an efficient means to combat these environmental challenges.

The initiative has grown in popularity over the years and had enthusiastic participation from a diverse group of cyclists who were eager to explore the cultural and natural heritage of the region. Approximately 90 participants from the government, corporate sector and academia joined the tour, making it a

significant event for raising environmental awareness and promoting sustainable transportation.

The cycling tour commenced with a flag-off ceremony at the New Town Business Club at 7 a.m., in the presence of a representative from the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal, along with senior secretariat members from the BCC&I. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Ajitakshaya Jana, General Secretary of Kolkata Cycle Samaj; Mr. Sunish Deb, Founder of Gouribari Cycle Training Camp, Kolkata Cycle Samaj and distinguished cycling enthusiast Mr. Sajal Roy.

The fourth edition of the Heritage Cycling Tour was presented by the Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal, supported by the East Kolkata Wetlands Management Authority (EKWMA), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. and New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) and Event Supporter Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Hospitality Partner Chowman Hospitality Private Limited, Official Radio Partner Friends 91.9 FM, Cycling Partners Cycology and Hydration Partner Amust Water Products Private Limited. The initiative was well appreciated by all participants.



The 4th Edition of Pedal Through Heritage was formally flagged off, marking the beginning of an enriching cycling journey through the wetlands

Participants gathered for a commemorative photo with the official event banner, celebrating unity and purpose— reflecting enthusiasm, awareness, and camaraderie





Cyclists set out from New Town Business Club, embracing the spirit of sustainability and heritage exploration



A participant captured the spirit of enthusiasm and community at the 4th Edition of Pedal Through Heritage



Cyclist, Mr. Sajal Roy joins by exemplifying passion and dedication as he pedals through the green corridors of New Town



Cyclists navigate the scenic trails of the East Kolkata Wetlands, embracing nature and heritage on the move

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4TH EDITION OF "PEDAL THROUGH HERITAGE"



Cyclists rode on their way to Chaker Bherry

The gathering at Chaker Bherry highlighted the core motive of the event — promoting awareness and preservation of the East Kolkata Wetlands ecosystem through responsible cycling



Participants gather at the scenic Wetlands ecosystem, marking a successful midway halt in the cycling journey

As part of the 4th edition of Pedal Through Heritage, participants marked the occasion of World Environment Day and World Bicycle Day by promoting wetland preservation and sustainable living through cycling and symbolic tree planting





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A Green Mission Rooted in Urgency and Faith

This year's World Environment Day, themed "Ecosystem Restoration and Resilience," has emerged as a clarion call for action against climate change and environmental degradation. Nowhere is this theme more relevant than at Gangasagar Island in West Bengal—an ecologically fragile, culturally significant destination where the Ganges meets the Bay of Bengal. Revered by millions of pilgrims, Gangasagar is also among the most climate-vulnerable coastal zones in India, frequently battered by cyclones and rising sea levels. Recognizing the urgency of this ecological crisis, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), one of India's oldest and most respected business chambers, led a landmark initiative this June—a Mangrove Plantation Drive that exemplifies how climate action, community empowerment, and skill development can converge into one transformative vision.

Beyond Tree Planting : A Holistic Community-Led Model

What sets this initiative apart is its scope and design. Rather than merely planting trees, BCC&I envisioned a holistic, community-led intervention to restore the island's natural defences through a scientifically grounded, skill-based, and inclusive approach. With the active support of local communities, particularly women, and in close collaboration with forestry experts, the initiative sought to address the urgent need to restore the island's disappearing mangrove belt. Once nature's protective shield, these mangroves historically cushioned the island from storms, anchored the soil, served as fish breeding grounds, and acted as vital carbon sinks. Today, due to years of deforestation, unplanned land use, and climate impacts, these life-saving ecosystems have been depleted—leaving behind communities at risk and livelihoods in peril.

Multi-Layered Goals : Ecological, Climatic, and Economic

The Mangrove Plantation Drive was conceptualized with multiple objectives in mind. Ecological restoration was central—replanting the mangrove cover to build resilience against tidal surges and cyclones. Equally important was climate mitigation—leveraging large-scale tree planting to enhance carbon capture and contribute to India's climate goals. But what truly distinguished the initiative was its emphasis on community resilience. BCC&I ensured that environmental protection translated into direct, tangible benefits for the people of Gangasagar. Over 100 local workers were engaged each day, with 90% of them being women. These workers were not just labourers—they were trained under the Government of India's Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

(PMKVY), equipping them with certified skills in plantation, nursery management, and basic ecosystem monitoring.

A Week of Action : Numbers That Inspire

Executed over a week-long period from June 12th to June 18th, the drive achieved a remarkable scale—planting 70,000 mangrove saplings across the most erosion-prone stretches of the island's coastline. Every day, 10,000 saplings were planted by 100 trained individuals, all working in coordination with field supervisors, local panchayats, and environmental experts. Scientific mapping was used to identify the most critical areas for intervention. Specially selected mangrove species—such as *Avicennia marina*, *Rhizophora mucronata*, and *Sonneratia apetala*—were chosen for their proven adaptability to tidal environments.

Planning for Precision : From Groundwork to Field Execution

Behind this smooth execution lay months of detailed planning and stakeholder synergy. Environmental scientists, forest officials, and village heads came together to survey vulnerable areas and strategize interventions. Meanwhile, BCC&I worked closely with self-help groups (SHGs) and local panchayats to ensure grassroots mobilization, transparency, and enthusiasm from the community. Prior to the plantation, all participants underwent structured training sessions under PMKVY. These sessions covered everything from scientific spacing techniques to seedling protection, watering schedules, and tidal zone safety. After completing the modules and assessments, each participant was awarded a nationally recognized certificate—opening doors for future employment in the green sector.

Women at the Forefront of Climate Action

One of the most inspiring aspects of this initiative was the leadership role assumed by women. With 90% of the workforce being female, the plantation drive doubled as a platform for women's economic and social empowerment. Organized in teams, the women managed not only physical tasks but also leadership responsibilities within their groups. With the added benefit of government-recognized training and daily wages, they emerged not just as workers but as certified ecological stewards—capable of leading conservation work in their communities in the long run.

Impact Today, Promise Tomorrow

The impact of this initiative has been significant both in the short term and in terms of future potential. In the immediate aftermath, the stabilization of the vulnerable coastline began taking shape, reducing the risk of erosion and enhancing soil

strength. At the same time, 100 families received direct wage support every day for a week, injecting much-needed income into the local economy. Awareness about mangrove conservation also spread organically, as participating families became active advocates for environmental stewardship.

Nature's Green Walls: What the Future Holds

In the long term, these 70,000 mangrove saplings are expected to grow into thick, protective green walls. They will shield the island from tidal floods, restore the marine food chain by providing habitats for fish and crustaceans, and contribute significantly to carbon sequestration. Additionally, the community now has a trained workforce that can be mobilized for future restoration projects—be it in Gangasagar or across other vulnerable coastal belts in West Bengal.

Challenges Along the Way

That said, the initiative was not without challenges. Conducting a high-volume plantation on a remote tidal island presented logistical hurdles. The transport of thousands of saplings each day, ensuring water supplies, navigating tidal timings, and maintaining quality control were no small feats. Weather unpredictability and the need for sustained community participation also demanded constant field-level engagement and troubleshooting. Nonetheless, thanks to the tireless efforts of the BCC&I team, local volunteers, and resilient community members, the drive stayed on schedule and met its goals.

Nurturing Sustainability : The Path Ahead

To ensure sustainability, BCC&I has designed a robust post-plantation monitoring framework. The same women trained under PMKVY will now be responsible for nurturing the saplings—through monthly watering, protection from damage, and replanting wherever necessary. Periodic community sessions will reinforce the importance of mangrove preservation, helping embed long-term ecological responsibility into the local psyche. This participatory model ensures that the saplings planted do not remain forgotten—they are cared for, watched over, and given a real chance to grow into thriving ecosystems.

Scaling the Model : A Vision Beyond Gangasagar

Encouraged by the success at Gangasagar, BCC&I now plans to expand this initiative to other vulnerable coastal pockets in the region. The organization aims to collaborate with research institutions to scientifically document ecological outcomes and explore models such as eco-tourism and sustainable community-based enterprises around mangrove conservation. It also plans to advocate for stronger policy

frameworks to prevent illegal felling and ensure permanent protection of mangrove zones.

Acknowledging Green Champions

The Bengal Chamber expresses its sincere gratitude to its sponsors—Vikram Solar, RENE, and Asian Weighing & Engineering Industries—for their generous support, which made this ambitious and meaningful initiative possible. Their belief in the vision of sustainable, community-driven development played a pivotal role in transforming an idea into action.

A Living Legacy for Generations

In conclusion, the World Environment Day 2025 Mangrove Plantation Drive at Gangasagar Island stands as a shining example of how environmental action, when rooted in local participation and skill-building, can yield outcomes that are both sustainable and socially transformative. It is a story of resilience—of a community reclaiming its natural armor, of women stepping into leadership, and of a green legacy taking root one sapling at a time. As these young mangroves grow tall, they symbolize more than protection—they represent hope, strength, and a sustainable future for generations to come.



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CXO MEET : MANOEUVRING FISCAL AND TAXATION LANDSCAPE FOR INDUSTRY

19th July 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) has organised the 'CXO Meet : Manoeuvring Fiscal and Taxation Landscape for Industry' on 19th June, 2025 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Welcome Address was given by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP in which he briefly laid out the agendas to be discussed in the CXO Meet.

The welcome address was followed by an enriching session on the Vision for Industries in West Bengal in FY 25-26, by Mr. Navanit Narayan Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited. This session mainly dealt with the vision and pathway for the industries in West Bengal for the current financial year.

Mr. Vivek Jalan moderated the discussion on Evolving Risks and Opportunities in the Taxation - New Income Tax Bill 2025, GST. Eminent speakers, Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, Mr. Praveen Kishore, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax (DR) ITAT - 4, Kolkata and Mr. Pravin Kr Agrawal, IRS Commissioner CGST & CX, Kolkata Audit

I Commissionerate graced this session, sharing their respective perspectives on the involved risks and opportunities lingering under the umbrella of taxation with regard to New Income Tax Bill 2025 and GST.

Mr. Vivek Jalan made a presentation on Policy Advocacy by BCC&I on Customs, GST, Income Tax, State taxes with special mention to major initiatives and success stories.

Mr. Samrat Rahi, IRS, Dy. Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Guest of Honour of the evening, addressed on Ease of Doing Business & Vision ahead for Kolkata Port. He upheld the advantages that this port provides for doing business easily and the vision for Kolkata Port in the near future.

The last session was on Evolving Landscape in Indian Judiciary was taken forward by Mr. Avra Majumdar Advocate, Calcutta High court, Mr. Giridhar Dhelia Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant and Mr. Vivek Jalan himself. The deliberation of each speaker was also followed by an enriching interactive session with valuable inputs from the delegates.

The CXO Meet was concluded with a networking cocktails. The CXO Meet was attended by a niche crowd of more than 40 people.



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Address by Mr. Giridhar Dhelia Advocate, Calcutta High Court



Group photo with participating delegates and distinguished guests



Interactive session in progress



Distinguished dignitaries on the dais (L-R) Mr. Giridhar Dhelia Advocate, Calcutta High Court, Mr. Avra Majumdar, Advocate, Calcutta High Court, Dr. Uma Sankar S, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, Mr. Navanit Narayan, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited, Mr Samrat Rahi, IRS Dy. Chairman, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Praveen Kishore, IRS, Commissioner of Income Tax (DR) ITAT- 4, Kolkata, Mr. Pravin Kr Agrawal, IRS Commissioner CGST & CX, Kolkata Audit I Commissionerate

20th June 2025,
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16TH EDITION OF BUSINESS IT CONCLAVE (BITC) 2025



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) hosted the 16th edition of its flagship **Business IT Conclave (BITC) 2025**, themed “**Towards Technology-enabled Sustainable Future.**” Held at a time when organizations across sectors are striving to align with ESG imperatives, this year’s Conclave reflected BCC&I’s steadfast commitment to fostering strategic dialogue at the intersection of **technology, sustainability, and resilience**. The event brought together industry stalwarts, technology innovators, public sector leaders, and academia to deliberate on how enterprises can future-proof their operations through transformative digital interventions.

The Conclave hosted 300+ participants throughout the day and served as a dynamic platform to showcase how **sustainable technology adoption** is not just an environmental responsibility but also a lever for business competitiveness and long-term value creation. With the rapid acceleration of AI, cloud, and cybersecurity advancements, BITC 2025 highlighted how organizations must architect secure and agile digital infrastructures to withstand future disruptions and unlock inclusive growth.

Through a series of **power-packed sessions, live technology demonstrations, and thought-provoking panels**, BITC 2025 explored how a **robust digital foundation, secure IT ecosystems, responsible and explainable AI, and public-private collaboration** are not just optional pursuits but essential building blocks in achieving both **environmental and economic sustainability**. From reimagining data center strategies to transforming workplace design for a low-carbon future, the Conclave delivered actionable insights for the digital decade ahead.

The Conclave was made possible with the support of several esteemed partners,

Department of Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal, in association Zscaler and powered by REDOQ,

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Session Partners : Hitachi Vantara, Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd., Hoichoi, MASSIST

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Industry Partner : World Trade Center NDITA, Kolkata
IT Workspace Partner : Infinity

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The Inaugural Session of the 16th edition of the Business IT Conclave commenced with a **Welcome Address** by **Mr. Arnab Basu**, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and Clients and Industries Leader, PwC India. Highlighting the immense potential of West Bengal’s evolving digital infrastructure, Mr. Basu remarked, “The advent of Datacenters will change the digital landscape. With surplus power and availability of water, West Bengal has significant potential for building Datacenters which in turn will attract more businesses, being crucial infrastructure of data foundation for various industries.”

The **Conclave Address** was delivered by our Chief Guest, **Sri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, IAS**, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Technical Education, Training & Skill Development and Department of Information Technology and Electronics (Additional Charge), Government of West Bengal. Recently assuming additional responsibilities within the IT&E Department, Sri Agrawal engaged with industry leaders from NCR, Bengaluru, Kolkata and beyond. In his keynote, he emphasized the government’s dual approach of enabling **physical infrastructure and strategic digital growth**. “From the Government of West Bengal, apart from taking care of physical infrastructures, we are creating Centres of Excellence which are open,

accessible and flexible through our approach. Labour issues have been solved through the IT&E Department,” he stated, underscoring the state’s proactive commitment to creating an innovation-ready ecosystem.

This was followed by **Dr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya**, Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and CEO & Director, Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd, who outlined the day’s agenda while positioning Kolkata as a “preferred IT destination”, speaking from the perspective of a city-grown IT firm with a turnover nearing ₹ 700 crores. The **Theme Address** was presented by **Mr. Partha Sengupta**, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President (I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Ltd, reinforcing the central message that sustainability and digital transformation must move in tandem.

The session then featured a series of insightful presentations and speeches :

- **Mr. Suvabrata Sinha**, CISO-in-Residence, **Zscaler**, presented a compelling case for the Zero Trust security framework. He also announced Zscaler’s intent to expand operations into Eastern India, marking a strategic shift from its Bangalore presence.
- **Mr. Jitendra Chaddah**, Managing Director & Country Head, Global Foundries, shared perspectives on Bengal’s emerging role in the global semiconductor value chain.
- **Mr. Ashish Kalanoria**, Chief Revenue Officer, **Redoq**, discussed how digital ecosystems can be unified under a single intelligent platform, while also recounting their recent relocation of headquarters from London to Kolkata.
- **Mr. Saket Mohta**, Vice Chairman, World Trade Center-NDITA and Managing Director, Merlin Group, spoke on “Sustainable Workplace for the Future”, highlighting WTC-NDITA’s mission to develop sustainable infrastructure and inclusive workspaces in the IT and ITes sectors.
- **Mr. Kapil Khaneja**, Director and India Management Chair, **British Telecom Group**, delivered the **Industry Leadership Address**, adding to the vision for collaborative digital resilience.
- **Mr. S Radhakrishnan**, Former President, BCC&I and Executive Director & President, Infinity Infotech Parks Limited delivered Special Address on IT Ecosystem of Bengal
- **Dr. Manajit Nayak**, Director, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), Kolkata delivered Special Address III

The session concluded with **Mr. Amitava Sengupta**, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Chief Digital Officer, RPSG Group, offering closing thoughts on how Kolkata’s IT corridor can mature into a secure, high-performance, and environmentally responsible digital hub for the future.

The Conclave transitioned into a sequence of deeply engaging technology-focused sessions, each designed to highlight real-world innovations, enterprise solutions, and cross-sectoral applications of digital tools for sustainable transformation.

Key speakers and technology partners demonstrated how organizations can secure, simplify, and scale their operations through responsible and future-proof solutions.

Session I : Secure, Simplify and Transform Business with Zero Trust

Presented by Zscaler

Speaker : Mr. Suvabrata Sinha, CISO-in-Residence, Zscaler
Mr. Sinha introduced the Zero Trust framework as a pivotal strategy in modern cybersecurity, especially relevant in the era of cloud-first enterprises. He also highlighted Zscaler’s expansion plans into Eastern India.

Session II : REDOQ – Revolutionizing Your Digital Experience Presented by REDOQ

Speakers :

- Mr. Ashish Kalanoria, Chief Revenue Officer (CRO), Redoq
- Mr. Samarth Mehta, Chief of Business Strategy, Redoq

This session focused on unifying digital ecosystems using platform-first approaches, with the speakers sharing their experience of shifting Redoq’s headquarters from London to Kolkata.

Session III : From Ambition to Execution – Building the Next-Gen Enterprise with Secure, Intelligent Cloud Platforms Presented by Cloud4C

Speaker : Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, President-Sales, Cloud4C India

The session addressed secure cloud adoption strategies and data-driven transformation across industries.

Session IV : Accelerating Sustainability – Digital Transportation with a Purpose Presented by Acceleron Solutions

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Speaker : Mr. Arindam Hari, CEO, Acceleron Solutions
Mr. Hari demonstrated how AI-led logistics and fleet management technologies are transforming mobility with measurable carbon reductions.

Session V : Future-Proof Your Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure Presented by Hitachi Vantara & Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd

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Speakers :

- Mr. Sanjay Agrawal, CTO and Head Presales, Hitachi Vantara
- Mr. Kapil Singhal, Enterprise Sales – North & East, Hitachi Vantara
- Mr. Pratik Banerjee, Chief Transformation Officer (CTO), Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd

A deep dive into the evolving role of hybrid cloud, edge computing, and enterprise integration, with a strong emphasis on reliability and scale.

Session VI : Smart Building Systems & Inclusive Sustainability : Designing Equitable, Accessible Green Workspaces Presented by WTC-NDITA & Merlin Projects

Speakers :

- Mr. Harsh Bihani, Director, World Trade Center-NDITA
- Mr. Shekhar Mishra, Manager-Commercial, Merlin Projects Ltd

This session explored how high-performance buildings and urban technology can redefine environmentally responsible workspace design.

Session VII: Building an Entertainment Brand in the Attention Economy

Presented by Hoichoi

Speaker : Mr. Soumya Mukherjee, COO, Hoichoi

A refreshing look at how OTT platforms use digital analytics, personalization, and content engineering to compete for user attention in a saturated market.

Session VIII : Reimagining Digital Transformation of Sales & Distribution – MAssist's Gen AI Tool and Unified Connected Ecosystem

Presented by MAssist CRM

Speaker : Mr. Sankalp Bansal, Co-founder & Chief Strategy Officer, MAssist CRM

Mr. Bansal showcased their proprietary Gen AI-based platform revolutionizing the sales force automation (SFA) landscape by replacing traditional distribution models.

Session IX : From Data to Decisions – How CIOs Can Leverage AI-Powered Labour Analytics to Solve Boardroom Challenges Presented by Emsphere Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Speaker : Mr. Ajinkya Patil, General Manager, Emsphere

This talk demonstrated AI-enabled workforce analytics and its capacity to inform strategic decisions at the executive level.

Session X : Sustainable Workplace for the Future – Enhancing Opportunities of Kolkata: What's Next for the IT Corridor? Panel Discussion

Speakers :

- Mr. Amit Srivastava, Director & Site Lead, BT Group
- Ms. Madhura Mitra, Executive Director, Sustainability and Climate Change, PwC Pvt Ltd
- Mr. Nirupam Chaudhuri, Director, NASSCOM
- Mr. Mahipati Desai, Director, Technical Centers, Visteon

Moderator : Mr. Aninda Das, Vice President – Marketing, Infinity Infotech Parks Ltd

The panel explored the infrastructural and cultural factors enabling Kolkata's emergence as a sustainable tech and talent destination.

Session XI : Value Generation Through Responsible Gen AI / Operational Efficiency via AIOPS Panel Discussion

Speakers :

- Dr. Indranil Mitra, Partner, PwC Pvt Ltd
 - Mr. Manish Jha, 3D EXPERIENCE Sales Manager, Dassault Systèmes
 - Mr. Praveen Pal Singh, PSM Consultant, Threatcop
- Moderator :** Dr. Indranil Mitra, PwC Pvt Ltd

This discussion addressed the balance between operational automation and responsible AI development, stressing the need for cybersecurity-first innovation cultures.

Secure, Simplify and Transform Business with Zero Trust Company : Zscaler

In this opening technical session, Zscaler presented a compelling case for adopting the Zero Trust architecture as the foundation for modern enterprise security. The session emphasized that in an increasingly cloud-first and device-dense world, traditional perimeter-based security models are no longer sufficient. Instead, organizations must pivot toward identity-based, access-aware frameworks that assume no user or system is trustworthy by default. Zscaler outlined how its solutions simplify complex security operations, ensure secure access regardless of location, and lower costs through cloud-native delivery. The discussion also explored how the Zero Trust model enhances visibility, supports compliance, and strengthens resilience across the enterprise, making it an essential component for organizations navigating rapid digital transformation.

REDOQ – Revolutionizing Your Digital Experience**Company :** REDOQ

This session offered a deep dive into the evolving expectations surrounding digital user experience and operational design. REDOQ showcased how its platform centralizes fragmented systems into a seamless, intelligent ecosystem that enhances usability, speeds up workflows, and improves decision-making across organizational functions. The speakers discussed how intelligent design principles and agile interface components can empower teams to respond faster to market shifts, reduce inefficiencies, and foster data-informed execution. The session argued for viewing digital experience as a strategic priority rather than just a technology upgrade, urging businesses to invest in platforms that combine UI innovation with backend cohesion. Through examples of successful deployments, REDOQ highlighted the transformative potential of a unified digital operations architecture.

From Ambition to Execution – Building the Next-Gen Enterprise with Secure, Intelligent Cloud Platforms**Company :** Cloud4C

This session underscored the importance of cloud infrastructure as the technological backbone of future-ready enterprises. Cloud4C focused on bridging the gap between digital ambition and real-world implementation by showcasing how secure, intelligent cloud platforms can unlock innovation at scale. Discussions covered how integrated cloud models provide agility, cost-efficiency, and robust security, enabling enterprises to automate operations, improve business continuity, and support data-driven strategy. Special attention was given to hybrid environments and multi-cloud deployments, which were presented as essential for maintaining flexibility in complex IT ecosystems. Participants were offered a framework to approach cloud transformation in a way that aligns technical capability with strategic outcomes.

Accelerating Sustainability – Digital Transportation with a Purpose**Company :** Acceleron Solutions

This sustainability-focused session presented a nuanced view of how digital technologies in logistics and transportation can directly support climate action and business efficiency. Acceleron Solutions shared their approach to tackling planetary challenges such as carbon emissions, ecosystem stress, and urban mobility inefficiencies through digital interventions. At the heart of their presentation was the concept that sustainability must move beyond compliance and become a core operational principle. The session also featured “Quizeleron,” an interactive quiz-based initiative used by the company to engage stakeholders and raise awareness about environmental responsibility.

By blending digital innovation with ecological purpose, Acceleron positioned sustainable transport not as an afterthought but as a competitive differentiator in future-facing supply chains.

Future-Proof Your Hybrid Cloud Infrastructure**Company :** Hitachi Vantara & Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd.

This session tackled the rising complexity of enterprise IT environments and the critical role of hybrid cloud solutions in managing that complexity. Presenters emphasized that future-ready organizations must build architectures that are resilient, scalable, and secure, while also being responsive to regulatory and market changes. By weaving together on-premise infrastructure with public and private cloud capabilities, hybrid solutions allow businesses to retain control of sensitive data while achieving the agility necessary for innovation. The discussion explored emerging trends in cloud orchestration, containerization, and intelligent workload distribution. Participants were given insights into how a hybrid model can act as a bridge between legacy systems and future-ready digital capabilities.

Smart Building Systems & Inclusive Sustainability – Designing Equitable, Accessible Green Workspaces**Company :** World Trade Center–NDITA & Merlin Projects Ltd.

In this session, the future of workplace design was examined through the lens of sustainability, digital integration, and social equity. Presenters explored the vision behind developing the first World Trade Center in Eastern India and the standards it sets for environmentally responsible and inclusive infrastructure. The session emphasized that green buildings must go beyond energy efficiency to address accessibility, smart automation, and human-centered design. Technologies such as IoT-enabled HVAC systems, intelligent lighting, and real-time energy monitoring were discussed as core components of this transformation. The dialogue advanced the idea that physical workspaces can be powerful enablers of organizational well-being and ESG impact, particularly when embedded within smart urban planning.

Building an Entertainment Brand in the Attention Economy**Company :** Hoichoi

This session explored how Hoichoi, a regional OTT platform, has successfully navigated the hyper-competitive world of digital entertainment by focusing on cultural relevance, data-driven content strategy, and user-centric design. The presentation offered a behind-the-scenes look at how the platform uses behavioral analytics to predict viewer preferences, personalize recommendations, and optimize user

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engagement. Hoichoi's success was attributed to its ability to blend traditional storytelling with digital agility, creating a differentiated brand that resonates with diverse audience segments. The session also discussed broader industry challenges like content saturation, monetization, and user retention, offering actionable strategies for emerging media ventures aiming to thrive in the attention economy.

From Data to Decisions – How CIOs Can Leverage AI-Powered Labour Analytics to Solve Boardroom Challenges

Company : Emsphere Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Focusing on the intersection of HR tech and enterprise strategy, this session explored how AI-powered labor analytics can equip decision-makers with the tools needed to drive performance, manage talent, and optimize workforce planning. Emsphere highlighted how traditional HR systems often trap valuable insights within silos, and how their solution surfaces real-time, actionable intelligence for C-suite leaders. Topics included productivity dashboards, attrition risk modeling, and cost-optimization metrics, all framed within the broader narrative of workforce agility and digital transformation. The session was particularly relevant to organizations looking to elevate their people strategy from reactive management to proactive, data-informed governance.

Reimagining Digital Transformation of Sales & Distribution – MAssist's Gen AI Tool and Unified Connected Ecosystem

Company : MAssist CRM

This session showcased how MAssist is transforming traditional sales and distribution systems through the application of Generative AI and integrated ecosystem design. Their solution replaces legacy SFA and DMS tools with a unified platform that enables real-time insights, predictive analytics, and seamless coordination across sales channels. The company positioned its platform as a strategic enabler of agile go-to-market execution, capable of supporting dynamic market shifts and personalized customer engagement. A notable moment in the session was the announcement of MAssist's upcoming office in Kolkata, a move inspired by the region's vibrant digital community and growing IT infrastructure. The session framed AI-driven sales transformation as not just a technological upgrade but a holistic reinvention of frontline operations.

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Sustainable Workplace for the Future – Enhancing Opportunities of Kolkata : What's Next for the IT Corridor? Panel Discussion

This forward-looking panel session examined how Kolkata can position itself as a sustainable innovation hub through collaborative infrastructure, ESG-aligned investments, and regional tech development. The discussion focused on strategies to attract talent, nurture public-private partnerships, and evolve the city's IT corridor into a global center for green innovation and inclusive growth. Panelists emphasized the importance of creating future-ready workspaces that are climate-resilient, digitally equipped, and economically inclusive. From smart urban zoning to tech-driven upskilling, the session mapped a roadmap for Bengal's digital economy that aligns competitive growth with sustainability goals.

Value Generation Through Responsible Gen AI / Operational Efficiency via AIOps

Panel Discussion

This session explored how organizations can responsibly adopt Generative AI while maintaining operational discipline and ethical safeguards. Discussions focused on the strategic implications of Gen AI in reconfiguring workflows, driving customer engagement, and shaping future product and service lines. At the same time, the importance of AIOps in enhancing IT infrastructure was examined—highlighting how automation, anomaly detection, and predictive analytics can reduce downtime and improve service delivery. The session provided a dual-framework approach: embracing innovation with AI while ensuring governance, security, and performance optimization remain at the core of enterprise evolution.

Optimizing Digital Transformation in Security Surveillance

Company : CP Plus

This session focused on how intelligent surveillance is being redefined through AI, IoT, and advanced analytics. CP Plus demonstrated how their integrated solutions are moving beyond passive monitoring to active threat detection, situational awareness, and real-time decision-making. Use cases ranged from smart city infrastructure to enterprise-grade security systems, where predictive modeling

and remote operability are enhancing safety outcomes. The session also discussed deployment challenges and regulatory considerations, providing a comprehensive look at the next frontier of digital security infrastructure in public and private domains.

Special Session – Beyond the Boardroom: Discipline, Hygiene and Stress Management for a Fulfilling Post-Corporate Life

Speaker : led Wellness Session

The final session of the day, led by former Bengal Cricketer, Ranadeep Moitro, shifted the spotlight from technology to well-being, offering a holistic view on sustaining personal discipline and health beyond one’s professional journey. Participants were introduced to principles of stress management, physical conditioning, and mental hygiene that support resilience in high-performance environments. With an emphasis on lifestyle integration rather than temporary fixes, the session underscored how physical and mental fitness can significantly enhance both corporate longevity and post-retirement fulfillment.

Conclusion

The Business IT Conclave (BITC) 2025 successfully spotlighted the transformative role of technology in shaping a secure, resilient, and sustainable digital future. Anchored by the theme “Towards Technology-enabled Sustainable Future,” the Conclave brought together an exceptional cross-section of leaders from government, industry, academia, and startups to discuss how digital innovation can drive inclusive economic growth, environmental sustainability, and enterprise resilience.

A key takeaway from the Conclave was the growing consensus around embedding sustainability into digital transformation strategies. From the rise of Zero Trust frameworks and hybrid

cloud infrastructure to the integration of AI in sales, logistics, and workplace design, BITC 2025 provided a comprehensive view of how organizations are evolving to meet the dual demands of growth and responsibility.

One of the most notable aspects of the Conclave was its focus on responsible innovation—especially in the domains of AI and cybersecurity. Sessions emphasized not only operational efficiency through AIOps and Gen AI but also ethical implementation frameworks that prioritize trust, security, and equity. In doing so, the Conclave contributed to a much-needed narrative of human-centric, sustainable technology adoption.

Furthermore, BITC 2025 served as a platform to promote regional collaboration across the public and private sectors. The presence of senior government officials such as Sri Anoop Kumar Agrawal, IAS highlighted the strong alignment between state policy and industry ambition in driving digital inclusion and employment generation.

The Conclave also received strong coverage across both print and digital media. Major outlets such as The Telegraph, The Times of India offered reporting on the Conclave. On social platforms like LinkedIn and Twitter, real-time updates, visual highlights, and thought leadership content expanded the Conclave’s reach, reinforcing its influence across the national technology and business community.

In summary, BITC 2025 reinforced the Bengal Chamber’s position at the forefront of digital policy advocacy and ecosystem building. As businesses and governments prepare for the next wave of transformation, the insights and partnerships forged at this year’s Conclave will play a critical role in shaping the next decade of secure, inclusive, and sustainable growth.



Mr Arnab Basu : Welcome Address



Shri Anoop Kumar Agarwal, IAS : Conclave Address

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Dr Chiranjib Bhattacharya : Setting the agenda



Mr. Partha Sengupta : Theme Address



Mr. Suvabrata Sinha : "Secure, simplify and transform business with Zero Trust"



Mr. Ashish Kalanoria : From Fragmented to Unified: How One Platform Can Power Your Entire Digital Ecosystem



Mr. Saket Mohta: Sustainable Workplace for the Future- Smart Building systems and creating environmentally responsible spaces



Mr. Kapil Khaneja : Industry Leadership Address

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Mr. S Radhakrishnan : Special Address on IT Ecosystem of Bengal



Dr. Manajit Nayak : Special Address III



Mr. Amitava Sengupta : Summing Up and Moving forward



Inaugural Session Group pic



Session on "Zero Trust + AI, Securing, Simplifying and Transforming Businesses" by Zscaler
Speaker : Mr. Avik Bose, Senior Sales Engineer, Zscaler



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Speaker : Mr. Samarth Mehta, Chief of Business Strategy, Redoq



Session on "From Ambition to Execution: Building the Next-Gen Enterprise with Secure, Intelligent Cloud Platforms" by Cloud4c
Speaker : Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, President-Sales, Cloud4C India



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Session on "Accelerating Sustainability- Digital Transportation with a Purpose" by Acceleron Solutions
Speaker : Mr. Arindam Hari, CEO, Acceleron Solutions



Quiz during the session on “Accelerating Sustainability- Digital Transportation with a Purpose” by Acceleron Solutions



Session on “Optimizing Digital Transformation in Security Surveillance” by CP Plus
Speaker : Mr. Someswar Chakraborty, Senior General Manager Sales-East, CP Plus



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Speaker : Mr. Sanjay Agrawal, CTO and Head Presales, Hitachi Vantara



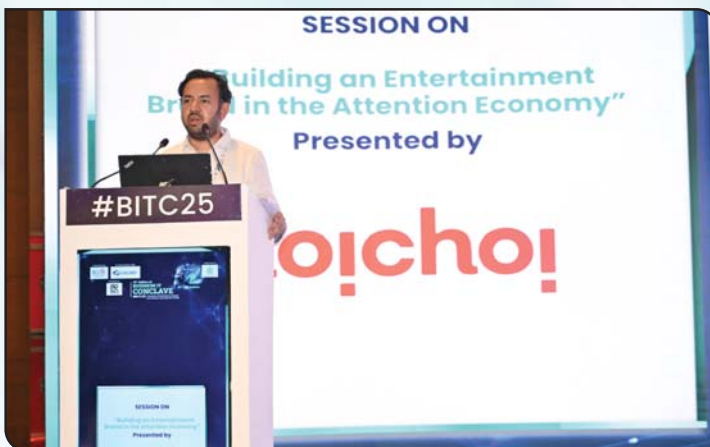
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Speaker : Mr. Pratik Banerjee, Chief Transformation Officer (CTO), Wizertech Informatics Pvt Ltd



Session on “Smart Building Systems & Inclusive Sustainability : Designing Equitable, Accessible Green Workspaces” by WTC-NDITA
Speaker : Mr. Shekhar Mishra, Manager- Commercial, Merlin Projects Ltd



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Speaker : Mr. Harsh Bihani, Director, World Trade Centre-NDITA



Session on “Building an Entertainment Brand in the Attention Economy” by Hoicho
Speaker: Mr. Soumya Mukherjee, COO, Hoicho



Session on “Reimagining Digital Transformation of Sales & Distribution GTM MASSist’s Gen AI tool and Unified Connected Ecosystem, that is disrupting the use of traditional SFA’s and DM’s” by MASSist
Speaker: Mr. Sankalp Bansal, Co-founder & Chief Strategy Officer, MASSist CRM



Session on “From Data to Decisions: How CIOs Can Leverage AI-Powered Labour Analytics to Solve Boardroom Challenges” by Emsphere Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
Speaker : Mr. Ajinkya Patil, General Manager, Emsphere Technologies Pvt Ltd



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Conversation with CxO Connect Partner: Philanthropic Technical Association (PTA)
Speaker : Mr. Sourav Das, Chairperson, Philanthropic Technical Association (PTA)



Picture of Special Session on: "Beyond the Boardroom - Discipline, Hygiene and Stress Management for a Fulfilling Post/Corporate Life"
Speaker : Mr. Ranadeep Moitra, Former Bengal Cricketer and Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist



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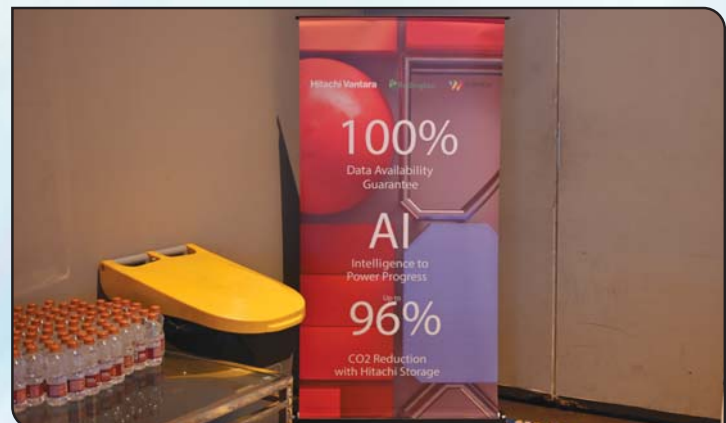


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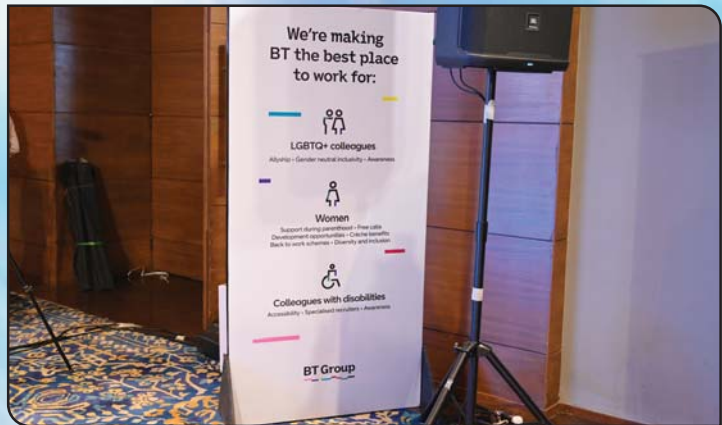
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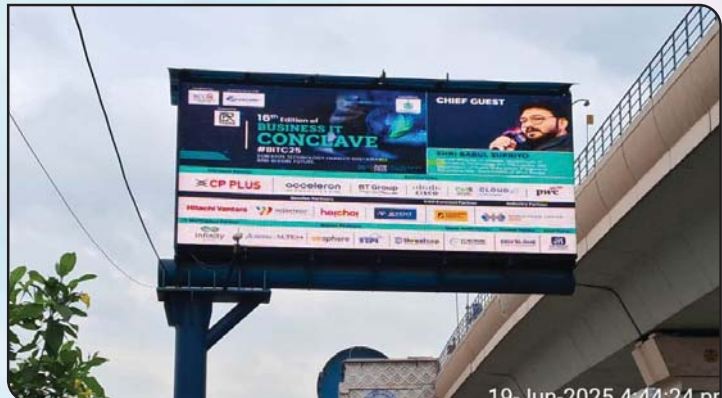
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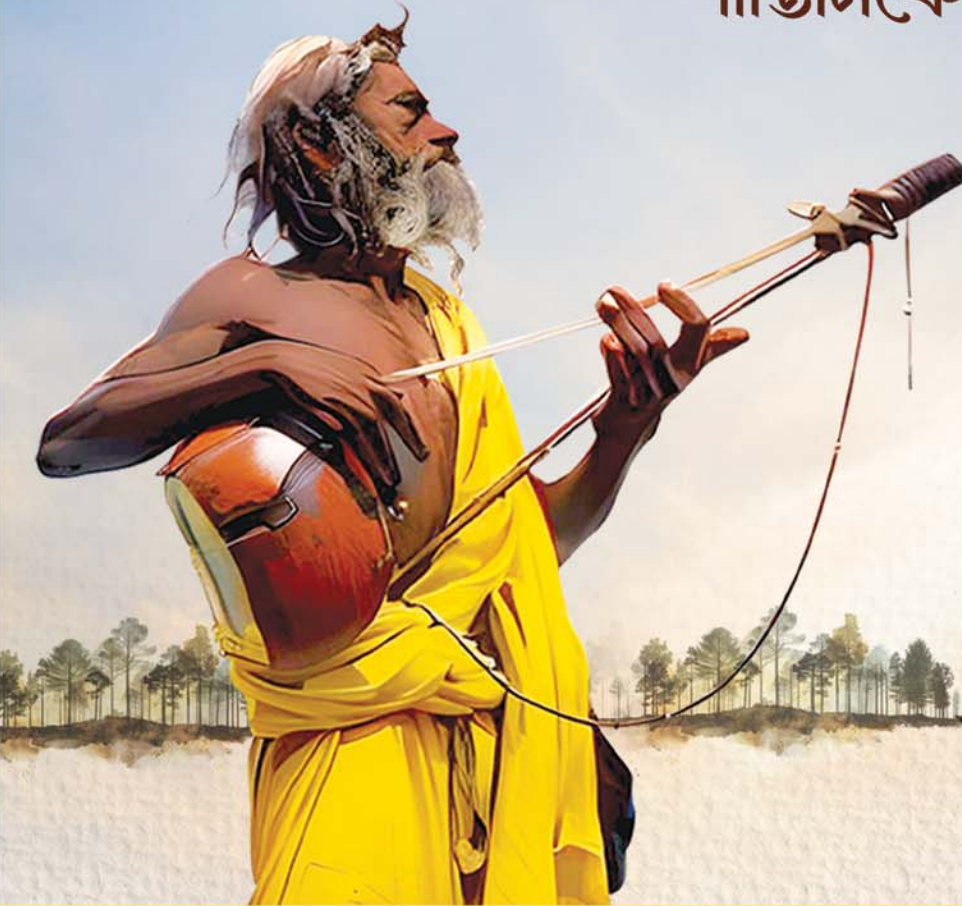


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FINANCIAL AWARENESS CONCLAVE -
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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry successfully organised the “Financial Awareness Conclave : Policy, Partnership, Progress” on Friday, 20th June 2025 at Williamson Magor Hall, Bengal Chamber, Kolkata.

The Conclave was designed to support MSMEs and mid-sized enterprises by enhancing their understanding of key financial strategies, access to capital, risk management and scalable growth planning. With sessions led by experts from leading banks and institutions, the Conclave offered valuable insights into credit facilitation, IPO preparedness, government schemes and other critical enablers of financial empowerment.

Mr. Sumit Bose, Former Finance & Revenue Secretary, Government of India, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Guests of Honour were Dr. Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, The National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) and Mr. J. S. Tolia, Zonal Manager, LIC of India, Eastern Zone. The Opening Session featured prominent speakers including Mr. Amit Sharma, CFO, SBI Factors Limited; Mr. Bikramjit Sen, Chief Operating Officer, L&T-SuFin; and Mr. Gunasekhar Boga, Executive Director – Underwriting, Reinsurance, Product Development & Risk Management, IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Co. Ltd.

The Opening Session was followed by a Fireside Chat with Shri Rajneesh Kumar, Deputy General Manager (SME), State Bank of India. The Fireside Chat was moderated by Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry. The session provided focused insights on MSME financing and offered a deep dive into the evolving priorities and practices in MSME financing from India’s largest bank.

The Fireside Chat was followed by Experts’ Roundtable on “MSME Connect: Redefining Partnership” which was addressed by Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Assistant General Manager & Regional Head, India EXIM Bank and Member, BCC&I International Trade National Committee and Mr. Partha Dasgupta, Retail Business Head – East, L&T Finance. The discussions covered export finance, market insights, innovative lending models and how technology and customized products are reshaping the way MSMEs engage with finance.

The next session titled “List. Scale. Succeed. The IPO Path for MSMEs” was addressed by Mr. Sandeep More, Regional Head – East, BSE Limited; Mr. Samir Agarwal, Director, Indcap Advisors Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Aditya Vikram Birla, Managing Director, Cosmic CRF.

The session on “List. Scale. Succeed. The IPO Path for MSMEs”

delved into the strategic, regulatory and operational aspects of SME listings. The discussions offered a forward-looking perspective on the SME IPO landscape and highlighted the expectations BSE SME has from companies approaching for listing. From the merchant bankers’ perspective, the conversation focused on why SMEs should consider listing in today’s environment despite the continued availability of traditional funding sources such as bank loans and private equity. They emphasized their role not just in documentation but in adding value through strategic advisory on pricing and positioning. The panel examined what financial and operational traits signal IPO readiness, the current valuation trends in SME IPOs, and the typical timeline from preparation to listing. They also flagged common risks SMEs should address 9–12 months ahead of listing and discussed how companies can strike a balance between improving corporate governance and maintaining operational agility. From the viewpoint of a listed SME, the session explored the long-term benefits derived from listing—beyond just capital infusion.

Another key session, “Leveraging Insurance for Business Growth and Enhanced Risk Resilience,” featured Ms. Sunita Kapade, Deputy General Manager – Miscellaneous and Liability Underwriting, National Insurance Company Limited; Mr. Nikash Kumar Deka, Head – SME & Insurance Inclusion, Universal Sompo General Insurance; and Mr. Dhiman Paul, Chief Business Manager, The New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

The session on “Leveraging Insurance for Business Growth and Enhanced Risk Resilience” focused on how insurance can serve as a critical enabler for the stability and scalability of MSMEs. The discussion began by outlining the key insurance products most relevant to MSMEs. It was emphasized that insurers, regulators, and development agencies must work together to simplify policy structures, enhance distribution and build trust through education and transparency to increase penetration and offer MSMEs more holistic financial protection. A key takeaway was that insurance should not be viewed as a cost but as an investment in resilience. The speakers stressed the importance of building a culture of risk preparedness within small businesses.

The session on “Exploring Commodity Market: Opportunities for MSMEs” was addressed by Mr. Sanjib Gain, Sr. Manager – Business Development, Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX India). The Conclave witnessed the participation of over 250 delegates from various sectors, creating a vibrant platform for knowledge sharing, networking and collaborative growth among industry leaders, financial institutions and the MSME sector.

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A cross section of delegates at the Conclave



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SENIOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME THROUGH MINDFULNESS AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

The People Management National Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), along with XLRI – Xavier School of Management, organized a two-day Senior Leadership Development Programme through Mindfulness and Experiential Learning on 20 & 21 June 2025, at The Vedic Village, Kolkata

The programme aimed to empower leaders to enhance their personal and professional effectiveness by cultivating meaningful relationships, fostering a values-driven corporate culture, and developing actionable strategies for transformative leadership. The residential leadership development sessions were designed for senior corporate leaders, including CEOs and CHROs, with a focus on integrating the principles of vitality into the workplace to foster sustainable high performance. It emphasized the interconnectedness of individual well-being, interpersonal relationships, and organizational effectiveness, offering a holistic approach to leadership. Through a blend of experiential activities, interactive discussions, and practical frameworks, participants gained deep insights into how vitality influences leadership impact and drives organizational success - areas increasingly recognized as critical for navigating today's fast-evolving business challenges.

In his Welcome Address, **Mr. Arnab Chakraborty**, Chairperson, People Management National Committee, BCC&I and VP HR, CESC Ltd, said that the senior leadership development program through mindfulness was specially curated for the Leadership roles in corporate, to equip and enable leaders to perform and lead sustainably. The program was exhaustive and moved the leaders' minds to rethink their strategies for life. The programme had the presence of Mr. Adhip Nath Palchoudhuri, Chairman & Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. who delivered on Sustainability and Growth on Day 1, 20th June 2025; he spoke about Balmer Lawrie's growth and sustainability. On Day 2, 21st June 2025, Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Markets and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. spoke on Leadership. He said "Capacity building for the Nation is an imperative for India today. Leadership is evolving in today's digital age with global concerns like climate change, geopolitics, and social inequality amongst others. Leadership needs to be human led, tech powered and data driven along with perspectives of diversity and belief in inclusivity".

Major Gaurav Arya (Retd.), well-known defense veteran, writer, and founder of the Chanakya Forum addressed the corporate leaders on leadership in uncertainties. He advocated for discipline, service and purpose. Drawing from his diverse experiences—from the battlefield to the boardroom spoke that transformation is never easy but resilience and perseverance make it a smoother journey. Leaders are rarely

born. In the Indian Army, they are forged in the crucible of fire. They deliver when the chips are down. This was his biggest takeaway. He cited 'Ekla Cholo Re' of human system - the strength helps one to believe that he will survive.

This programme focused on the following topics :

Day 1 : Foundations of Leadership and Individual Wellbeing

- Sustainability and Growth
- Vitality for Leadership & Performance
- Emotional Intelligence and Mindfulness
- Quiet Leadership for Insightful Action

Day 2 : Interpersonal and Corporate Performance.

- Leadership in Interpersonal Dynamics
- Vitality, Resilience & Leadership Performance
- Organizational Change and Development
- Vitality-Driven Leadership Strategies
- Action Plan Development

The Session Facilitators were :

- **Prof. Manish Singhal**, Professor of Organisational Behaviour, XLRI, Xavier's School of Management
- **Major Gaurav Arya (Retd.)**, Writer and Public Speaker, Founder of Chanakya Forum
- **Dr. Zahid Gangzee**, Founder of Zahid Gangzee & Associates

Prof. Manish Singhal brought valuable insights into the human dynamics of leadership, emphasizing the importance of self-awareness, emotional intelligence, and the role of values in decision-making. Through interactive discussions and experiential learning methods, he encouraged participants to explore their leadership identity and align personal purpose with professional responsibilities. Dr. Zahid Gangjee complemented this approach by focusing on practical frameworks for change management, resilience, and leading with authenticity. His session was rich with real-world examples, encouraging leaders to move beyond theory and adopt actionable strategies for navigating complexity and fostering trust within teams. Together, their teachings created a powerful blend of introspective learning and pragmatic leadership development.

This programme came at a crucial time, addressing rising workplace burnout, evolving hybrid models, and eroding trust in leadership. Through modules on mindfulness, emotional intelligence, spiritual leadership, resilience, and vitality-driven cultures, it offered corporate leaders a much-needed space to reflect and realign.

The programme was hugely appreciated by the attendees.

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The initiative was Co-promoted by Coal India Ltd., Gold Partner – CESC Limited, Silver Partner – Star Cement Ltd., Bronze Partner – Haldia Petrochemical Ltd., Knowledge Partner – Praxis Business School Foundation. The programme

brought together 52 senior corporate leaders—including CEOs, CHROs, and top decision-makers—from across the country for an immersive experience focused on sustainable, value-based leadership. Senior Officials from PSUs were also present.



Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I introducing the programme



Ms. Shamita Nandi, Co-Chairperson, People Management National Committee, BCC&I and CHRO, TIL Ltd. emceeding the programme



Lamp Lighting by the dignitaries



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Chairperson, People Management National Committee, BCC&I and VP-HR, CESC Ltd. delivering the Welcome Address



Prof. Manish Singhal, Professor – Organizational Behaviour, XLRI being felicitated by Dr. Chandrima Banerjee, Member, People Management National Committee, BCC&I and Director, Unigrow Solutions Pvt Ltd



Mr. Adhip Nath Palchadhuri, Chairman & Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. being felicitated by Mr. Prakesh Panda, Member, People Management National Committee, BCC&I and President & Group CHRO, India Power Corporation Limited

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Mr. Sourav Ghosh, Director Marketing & Admissions, Praxis Business School being felicitated by Mr. Rahul Bose, Member, People Management National Committee, BCC&I and Business Consultant and Trainer & Chairperson ISTD Kolkata chapter



Mr. Adhip Nath Palchoudhuri, Chairman & Managing Director, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. addressing the participants on Sustainability and Growth



Mr. Sourav Ghosh, Director Marketing & Admissions, Praxis Business School addressing the participants



Prof. Manish Singhal, Professor – Organizational Behaviour, XLRI conducting session on Day 1



Mr. Somiran Ghosal, DGM (Admn.), CESC Ltd. addressing the participants on Health and wellness



Glimpse of Cocktail Dinner on Day 1

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Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Markets and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. felicitating Major Gaurav Arya (Retd.), Writer and Public Speaker, Founder of Chanakya Forum



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Markets and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. felicitating Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Founder of Zahid Gangjee & Associates



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Markets and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. addressing the participants on Leadership



Dignitaries at the dais (from L-R) Prof. Manish Singhal, Professor – Organizational Behaviour, XLRI; Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Markets and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Major Gaurav Arya (Retd.), Writer and Public Speaker, Founder of Chanakya Forum; and Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Founder of Zahid Gangjee & Associates



Major Gaurav Arya (Retd.), Writer and Public Speaker, Founder of Chanakya Forum addressing the participants on Building Leadership Resilience Through Vitality



Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Founder of Zahid Gangjee & Associates conducting session on Creating capacity for Organizational Change

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Prof. Manish Singhal, Professor – Organizational Behaviour, XLRI conducting session on Day 2



Mr. Arunava Maitra, CHRO, Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. delivering the closing remarks



Participants from Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. receiving certificates



Participants from CESC Ltd. receiving certificates

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Participants from Coal India Ltd. receiving certificates



Participants from Star Cement Ltd. receiving certificates



Group photo of the participants, facilitators, and Committee members together

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BCC&I – Atmanirbhar Bharat Award and Conclave : Growing Locally, Competing Globally, 27th June 2025, The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata

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Launch of West Bengal Knowledge Report – 'Roaring Bengal Business Opportunities in West Bengal', 7th August 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises

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MoU Signing Ceremony between AIEM and Euphoria Genx : 22.05.25

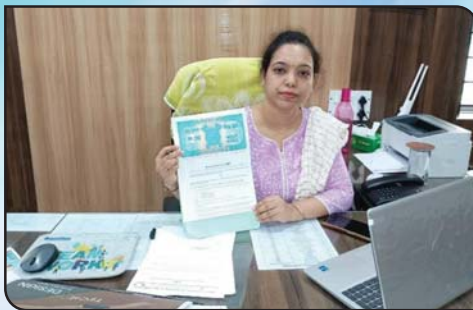
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Mr. Sourav Ghosh, Zonal Head, Euphoria Genx & **Prof. Jinia Datta**, Principal, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management.



MoU Signing Ceremony between AIEM and Centre of Excellence – AI & Digital Transformation: 29.05.25

A significant milestone in the journey of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM), Natungram, Mogra. On **May 29, 2025**, AIEM successfully signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Centre of Excellence – AI & Digital Transformation**, with the **Indian Institute of Internship** serving as the implementation agency.

Program Details :

The partnership seeks to strengthen student employability, facilitate knowledge sharing, and promote industry-relevant skill development through joint initiatives in training, internships, and curriculum enhancement.

The MoU Signing Ceremony was graced by :

- Prof. Jinia Datta, Principal, AIEM
- Mr. Sayantan Chakraborty, Authorized Representative, Centre of Excellence – AI & Digital Transformation

The primary objectives of the MoU include :

Formalizing institutional collaboration.

Facilitating training, internships, and curriculum co-design. Bridging academic learning with industry expectations. Providing exposure and experiential learning opportunities to students and faculty.



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World Environment Day Celebrated: 10.06.2025.

The **Department of Basic Science and Humanities** in collaboration with the **Department of Civil Engineering** at Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management organized a vibrant and meaningful **Post World Environment Day Celebration** on **10th June 2025**. A total of **30 students** participated.



The celebration commenced with a **tree plantation drive**, enthusiastically supported by **officers from Mogra Police Station**. One of the key highlights of the celebration was an **innovative hands-on activity**, where students—under the guidance of **Dr. Soumya Bhowal** (HoD, BS&H Dept.) and **Mr. Naba Kumar Ghosh** (TA, BS&H Dept.)—created **DIY plastic hanging gardens** using discarded plastic bottles. This eco-friendly initiative not only demonstrated creative reuse but also emphasized the importance of **recycling and upcycling** in combating environmental challenges.



GREATER KOLKATA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, BARUIPUR

The Institution's Innovation Council, in association with the Eco Club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management has celebrated "**World Environment Day**" on 5th June, 2025 by organizing a program entitled "One Student One Plant- an idea to Save the Environment". The event was inaugurated by Mr. Somnath Chakraborty, the local Gram Panchayat Pradhan, and our Honourable

Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Mahuya Das, along with all the Heads of Departments from various disciplines of GKCEM. The program commenced with a welcome speech by Prof. (Dr.) Mahuya Das who eloquently highlighted the significance and impact of "**World Environment Day**."



The **BS&HUM Dept. & R&D Cell of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM)**, an educational initiatives of JIS Group organized a One Week Faculty Development Program on topic "**Research Methodology & Effective Teaching Learning Process**" held from **9th June, 2025 to 13th June, 2025** from **11:00 AM to 5 PM** in blended mode. Programme was coordinated by Mr. Gopal Chakraborty, HOD BS&HUM Dept. & Joint Convener of FDP, Dr. Sandip Sarkar, AP CE Dept. & Joint Convener of FDP, Dr. Saikat

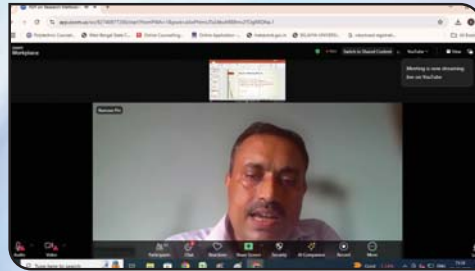
Majumder, AP-Physics Dept., Dr. Biswajit Gayen, AP-Chemistry Dept., Ms. Subarnarekha Pal, AP-English Dept., Dr. Anubrata Mandal, HOD-EE Dept., Mr. Subhojit Chattaraj, HOD-CE Dept., DR. Pijush Dutta, HOD-CSE Dept., Dr. Trilochon Patra, AP-ECE Dept. Mr. Rudrajit Datta, AP-EE Dept., Mr. Sanjay Misra, TA-BS&HUM Dept., Mr. Raghunath Maji, AP-CSE Dept., Mr. Dipankar Barui, AP-CSE Dept., Mr. Niratyay Biswas, AP-ECE Dept., Mr. Debjit Roychowdhury, System Admin.



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The sports committee of **Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management** has successfully organized a **one-day yoga workshop to celebrate the 11th International Yoga Day (IDY) on 21st June 2025 from 12 pm onwards** at our college campus on that day. The program was started with the inaugural address by Prof.

(Dr.) Mahuya Das, Principal, GKCEM explains the history, importance, and significance of the Yoga Day celebration nationwide. After that, an oath taking ceremony was organized by the sports committee. **Ms. Pallabi Gayen**, yoga Instructor and Sukhen Mondal, JIS sports instructor were the honorable guests of the Yoga Competition.



NARULA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

NiT Jewels 2025

NiT organized "NiT Jewels 2025", an annual Award Ceremony, on

20th May, 2025 to serve as a significant platform to recognize and celebrate the exceptional and remarkable achievements of students, faculty, and staff from the academic year 2024-2025.



JIS Puraskar & Innovation Award 2025

Celebrating excellence and innovation, Narula Institute of Technology proudly hosted the JIS Puraskar 2025 and the JIS Innovation Award

2025 on May 20, 2025. The grand event brought together students, faculty, and staff to honour remarkable achievements from the academic year 2023-2024.



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Farewell Ceremony

NiT organised the farewell ceremony for the B.Tech, Diploma, BA& CA batch from 22nd May - 20th June, 2025. The events were filled with emotion, memories, and best wishes as the departments bid adieu

to their senior-most students. The juniors expressed their affection through cultural performances including dance, music, and short videos depicting college life.



International Yoga Day 2025

On the occasion of International Yoga Day 2025, the NCC Cadets and NSS Unit of Narula Institute of Technology came together in a

vibrant celebration of health, harmony, and holistic well-being on 21st June 2025. With the theme "Yoga for Wellness", the event was marked by enthusiastic participation, disciplined execution, and a strong sense of unity.

