




from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



31st March, 2015

As we close FY 2014-15, the focus is on a sustainable momentum for growth. The Hon'ble FM, on 28th February presented the first full Budget of the Government elected with a mandate to slash red tape and boost growth. This Budget has laid down the roadmap for taking India to double digit growth. The Hon'ble Finance Minister has set an ambitious target of achieving Fiscal Deficit of around 3% by 2018 from the present targeted 3.9%. He has announced a slew of policies like the introduction of black money bill, gold monetization scheme, bankruptcy code, Indian Financial Code, setting up an autonomous bank bureau and also a MUDRA bank to target the unbanked and unfunded. Deferring the implementation of General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR) by two years will reassure & boost investor confidence. By clearing the path for the introduction of the long-pending Goods & Services Tax (GST) from April 1, 2016, the Budget has championed a crucial and long-awaited tax reform. The overall growth conditions are conducive. GDP growth numbers have improved, inflation is benign and our current account position is also comfortable. The rupee is largely firm, the stock market has boomed, and the slump in commodity prices is a blessing for a country that imports four-fifths of its oil. When the IMF cut its forecasts for the world economy, it largely spared India. Given this backdrop, the announcements made in the Budget, if implemented earnestly, will help in realizing the big picture envisioned by the Government.

Concurrently, in West Bengal, during 2014-15 as per the new evaluation method, the Gross Value Added (GVA) of the State registered a 10.48% growth as compared to the country's GVA of

7.5%. During the State budget presentation by the Hon'ble State FM, there was an announcement to increase the State Plan outlay by 16% over the last year to meet the Plan Commitment of 2015-16 along with the announcement of an industrial investment proposal of Rs 3 Lakh Crore. For Employment generation in 2015-16, there is also a plan to create 17.5 lakh new employment opportunities. Historically, agriculture has had a great role to play in the West Bengal Economy, with a share of around 13 per cent in GSDP. With such a background, the recent catastrophes unfolding in the context of farmers' livelihood & indeed lives especially in case of potato farming need to be addressed on a war footing, which I am confident the State Government is already adopting. Our policy structure should be predictive & preventive.

On the Chamber front, I had shared with you in one of our previous issues that the Chamber had worked hard along with Cognizant Technologies for setting up a Bantala Industrial Township Authority to further develop the Bantala SEZ on the lines of Nabadiganta (NDITA) in Sector V. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify that the newly minted Sector VI Industrial Township Authority would cover the Kolkata IT Park SEZ as well as the entire CLC (Calcutta Leather Complex) area. The township is to cover the entire CLC plus Kolkata IT Park SEZ plus remaining land areas falling within the mouzas stipulated. However, the SEZ is only for the IT area of 120 acres which constitutes the Kolkata IT Park SEZ. Rest of the area is not an SEZ.

Sd/-
Dr. ALOK ROY
President

MEMBERS' NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to **Mr. Rajeev Sharma**, FCA whose application for membership as an individual professional member was tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 4th February 2015.

The Bengal Chamber deeply mourns the sudden and sad demise of **Mr. S D Gupta, Chairperson**, Trade Promotion and Business Development Committee of the Chamber and Chairman, **G S Marketing Group**. In this hour of grief our thoughts are with his family, colleagues and friends. May his soul rest in peace.

The Bengal Chamber endeavours to act as a nodal agency in West Bengal functioning as a body for advocacy and dissemination of information on skills, identifying opportunities and gaps in areas of skills, work with local bodies and facilitate the imparting of skills including the desired outcomes in terms of linking skilled youth and the jobs best suited for them.

In this context, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the ‘East and North East Skill Development Summit 2015’ which was held on 4th February 2015, in association with NSDC. It was especially organized to deliberate upon the new avenues and challenges in achieving the target of 500 million skilled employees by 2020. The Government of India has adopted skill development as a national priority. In sync with the Government’s plan, the Bengal Chamber organized this Summit with an objective of focusing on scripting the future roadmap in defining the role of all relevant stakeholders for empowering individuals towards realizing a better India and analyzing the various strategies, ways and means and international best practices for sustaining various skill development initiatives. The Summit also explored how innovation, technology and strategies adopted by the industries and the Government could be instrumental for achieving the goal of “Skill India”.

The Summit witnessed the presence of Mr. Atul Bhatnagar, COO, NSDC; Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Hon’ble Minister, Department of Labour, Government of Meghalaya; Ms. Jyotsna Sitling, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India; Dr. Parijat De, Director, Technical Education & Training, Government of West Bengal and Mr. Krishni Dutt, GM - Tailoring Circle, Raymond Ltd., among other dignitaries.

Later in the evening, Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh addressed members of the Managing Committee of the Bengal Chamber at their monthly board meeting. She spoke about the general state of affairs in her State, Meghalaya, and interacted with the Bengal Chamber Board on issues of governance, economic opportunities and the state of investments and enabling infrastructure.



Speakers at the Inaugural Session - From left: Ms. Jyotsna Sitling, IAS, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India; Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, Hon’ble Minister, Department of Labour, Government of Meghalaya and Mr. Atul Bhatnagar, COO, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).



Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh addressing the Inaugural Session as the Chief Guest.



Mr. Atul Bhatnagar addressing the Inaugural Session.



Ms. Jyotsna Sitling during the Inaugural Session.



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, Skill Development Committee, addressing the Inaugural Session.

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MAPPING THE WAY FORWARD- FOCUSING E & NE**



Mr. Rahul Dasgupta, Co-Chairperson, Skill Development Committee, during his Vote of Thanks at the Inaugural Session.



Speakers at Session I – Experts’ Roundtable on “Opportunities and Challenges in Skill Training.



Mr. Krishi Dutt, GM - Tailoring Circle, Raymond Ltd. speaking at the Valedictory Session on, “Innovation, Technology and Strategies for Skilling India: From Government to Industries”.



During the Summit.



Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh interacting with members of the Managing Committee of the Bengal Chamber. On her right is Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate of the Chamber, while on her immediate left is Dr. Alok Roy, President. Mr. P Roy, Director General of the Bengal Chamber is seated beside Dr. Roy.



Dr. Alok Roy, President, BCC&I presenting a token of our deep appreciation to Dr. Lyngdoh.

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CHAMBER PREMISES

BCC&I’S PARTNERSHIP WITH TEA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION AND ENFRAGY SOLUTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CHAMBER’S NORTH EAST INITIATIVE

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Tea Research Association (TRA), and Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited (Enfragy) signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding on 4th February 2015 at the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Bengal Chamber.

The MOU would focus on undertaking various categories of activities in the North Eastern States of India to promote energy efficiency, renewable energy propagation and other sustainable energy solutions in the Tea and Allied Industries. The objective of this MOU would be to promote energy efficiency in the Tea Industry, to generate green power and

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also encourage sustainable energy solutions and efficient business practices in the Tea Industry.

Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Deb Mukherjee, Managing Director, Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited and Mr. Joydeep Phukan, Secretary, The Tea Research Association signed the MOU in the presence of Dr. Alok Roy, President, The Bengal Chamber and other Managing Committee Members of the Chamber.

The MoU being signed. From second from left: Mr. P Roy, Director General, BCC&I; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Managing Director, Enfragy Solutions India Pvt. Ltd. (also Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee and North East Initiative of the Chamber); Mr. Joydeep Phukan, Secretary, Tea Research Association. Beside Mr. Phukan is Mr. Joydeep Barua, Wholetime Director, Assam Tea Brokers Pvt. Ltd. and Member of the Chamber's North East Initiative.



A new partnership! Shaking hands (from left): Mr. P Roy, Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Mr. Joydeep Phukan.

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ROUNDTABLE - NEED FOR COLLABORATION IN IT BUSINESS - MANAGING GLOBAL COMPETITION

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently organized a Roundtable on "Need for collaboration in IT Business – Managing Global Competition". This was the platform for launching a business focused IT Committee for mid-scale IT Companies, also known as "Friends of IT" (FIT). The programme was held on 6th February 2015 at the ITC Room of The Bengal Chamber. The objective of the new committee "Friends of IT" (FIT) is to undertake initiatives for branding of mid-scale IT companies of West Bengal and to focus on activities which would directly help them in developing their businesses.

Those present included Mr. Abhishek Rungta (Founder and CEO, Indus Net Technologies) and Chairman, FIT Committee; Mr. Nirupam Chaudhuri (Regional Head – East, NASSCOM); Mr. Abhijit Hazra (Founder & MD - Touchstone Tie-up Pvt. Ltd.) and Mr. Kumar Shivam (Head – Strategy and Business Development, BCC&I). Some of the other IT entrepreneurs present included Mr. Akash Arora (AVP – Management and Computer Consultants), Mr. Pratip Biswas (Founder & Director – Unified Infotech Private Limited), Mr. Arup Chakroborty (Chief Information Officer – Protech Infosystems Pvt. Ltd), Mr. Abhishek Chamaria (Head Operations and



Newly Formed Friends of IT (FIT) Committee.



L-R: Mr. Abhijit Hazra, Founder & MD, Touchstone Tie-up Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Kumar Shivam, Head-Strategy & Business Development - BCC&I; Mr. Abhishek Rungta, Chairperson, Friends of IT (FIT) Committee and Founder and CEO, Indus Net Technologies; Mr. Nirupam Chaudhuri, Regional Head – East, NASSCOM.

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ROUNDTABLE - NEED FOR COLLABORATION IN IT BUSINESS - MANAGING GLOBAL COMPETITION

Social Media Strategist – Brainwave Applications), Mr. Arun Agrawal (Ebizindia Consulting Private Limited) and many more.

This hands-on session included a Q/A segment addressing the following points :

- ❖ To explore projects in the international market by collaborating with respective commerce bodies overseas and sending delegations to potential overseas markets for B2B meets.
- ❖ To explore opportunities in outsourcing projects from big IT firms in India by arranging focused business meets with big IT companies all over India.
- ❖ To explore IT needs and opportunities across targeted industry verticals pan India.
- ❖ To undertake branding and promote the collaborating IT companies represented in the Committee to potential customers all over India by preparing focused brochures and circulating it to companies in India.
- ❖ To organize business/sales focused seminars and meets.

It was a most successful session and based on the discussions at the meeting, initiatives are being planned to realize the objectives of FIT.



Interactions during the session.



Mr. Abhishek Rungta delivering his views during the session.



Mr. Kumar Shivam sharing his views.

12TH FEBRUARY 2015,
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NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY DAY CELEBRATION : MAKE IN INDIA - ZERO DEFECT, ZERO EFFECT

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) partnering National Productivity Council (NPC) observed the National Productivity Day with the theme "Make in India: Zero Defect, Zero Effect" on 12th February 2015 at The Globsyn Room in the Chamber premises. The National Productivity Day is celebrated as part of the National Productivity Week, which was observed between 12th and 18th February 2015.

The Inaugural Session commenced with a Welcome Address by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Deputy Director General, BCC&I. Mr. A K Sinha, Regional Director, NPC delivered the Opening

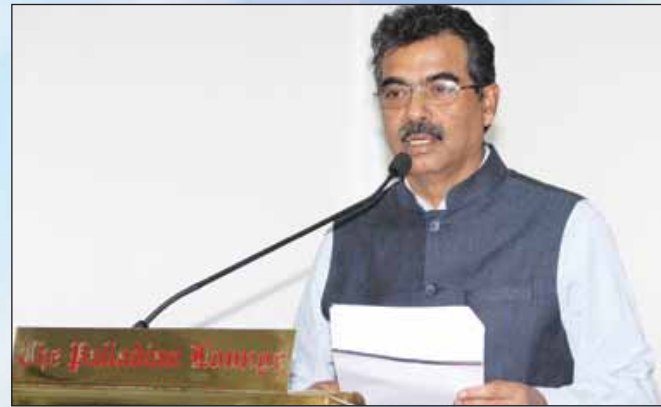
Address. Mr. Kallol Datta, Immediate Past President, BCC&I and Chairman and Managing Director, Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd. graced the occasion as the Keynote Speaker. Mr. S Mallik, Senior Deputy Director, NPC concluded the inaugural session by delivering the Vote of Thanks.

The Inaugural Session was followed by a panel discussion on the theme chaired by Mr. Debkumar Basu, Senior Member, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee & Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd. The panel comprised of eminent speakers from industry and academia. The panelists were, Professor (Dr.) Suman K

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Mukerjee, Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata Kendra; Prof. (Dr) Jitesh J Thakkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur; Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Videocon Infinity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., & Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, KAIL Limited (Videocon Group); Mr. Suman Lahiri, Regional Director, European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC) and Mr. Pinaki Niyogy, Vice President – Manufacturing & Engineering, TIL Limited.



Mr. Kallol Datta delivering the Keynote Address.



The Inaugural Session of the 2nd Annual Celebration of National Productivity Day organized by BCC&I and NPC. L-R: Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Deputy Director General, BCC&I; Mr. Kallol Datta, Immediate Past President, BCC&I and Chairman and Managing Director, Andrew Yule & Co. Ltd.; Mr. A K Sinha, Regional Director, NPC, Kolkata and Mr. P Chakraborti (not in the picture), Director, NPC, Kolkata.



Mr. A K Sinha presenting a memento to Mr. Kallol Datta.



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh delivering the Welcome Speech.



The delegates present.



Mr. A K Sinha delivering the Opening Remarks.



Mr. Kallol Datta interacting with the media after the Inaugural Session.

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The Panel Discussion: L-R – Mr. Suman Lahiri, Regional Director, European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC); Mr. Pinaki Niyogy, Vice President – Manufacturing & Engineering, TIL Limited; Professor (Dr.) Suman K Mukerjee, Principal & Dean, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata Kendra; Mr. Debkumar Basu, (moderator of the panel discussion) Senior Member, MSME Development and Manufacturing Committee & Director, ZETADEL Technologies P. Ltd.; Dr. Goutam Sengupta, Director, Videocon Infinity Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., & Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, KAIL Limited (Videocon Group) and Prof. (Dr.) Jitesh J Thakkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur.



Prof. (Dr.) Jitesh J Thakkar.



Mr. Suman Lahiri.



Professor (Dr.) Suman K Mukerjee delivering his address.



Dr. Goutam Sengupta.



Mr. Pinaki Niyogy.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Professor (Dr.) Suman K Mukerjee.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Mr. Pinaki Niyogy.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Mr. Suman Lahiri.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Dr. Goutam Sengupta.



Mr. Debkumar Basu presenting a memento to Prof. (Dr) Jitesh J Thakkar.



Mr. A K Sinha presenting a memento to Mr. Debkumar Basu.



Mr. Debkumar Basu delivering the Concluding Remarks.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized the second edition of the “India – Eurasia Business Partnership” Seminar, supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The first edition was held on 14th and 15th February 2013 with the kind support of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

India’s diplomatic relations with Eurasian countries are over 22 years old in the post Soviet period. Despite that the trade level between India and Eurasian states is far below that of the true potential. It is strongly felt that time has come to promote closer engagement between both regions in the fields of business, education, science and technology, tourism and culture.

Emerging markets in Eurasia, led by Russia, open up a great opportunity for India as a possible alternative to the EU. A recent market survey report shows that traditional and non-traditional products produced in the Eastern region has good demand in the Eurasian market. These diversified products vary from jute bags, textiles, small leather goods, tea, pharmaceuticals and herbal products, home decorative items, kitchen appliances, traditional handlooms, handicrafts and gift items to various engineering items used for infrastructure development, road construction machines, transmission line fittings, hospital equipment, chemicals and allied products. Besides, there is demand for IT services and products and even other service sectors. It has also been observed that some of the abovementioned products are being imported by a few Eurasian countries from India via Eastern India and other countries like UAE, Russia etc.

In this context, The Bengal Chamber organized the seminar in the Williamson Magor Hall in the Chamber premises, which was followed by B2B meetings. The seminar highlighted the prospects of international trade and regional economic cooperation between the Eurasian countries and India. The conference witnessed the participation of eminent speakers and dignitaries from the Government Industry and Ambassadors & other diplomats from the Eurasian countries.



President of the Chamber, Dr. Alok Roy meeting Ms. Irina Bashkirova, Consul General, Consulate General of Russian Federation.

Special dignitaries from overseas were :

H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Shevchenko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Ukraine

Ms. Irina Bashkirova, Consul General, Consulate General of the Russian Federation

Mr. Yaroslav Tarasyuk, Trade Commissioner, Embassy of the Russian Federation

Mr. Alexey Balunov, Project Director, CHETRA – Spare parts and components

Speakers from the Government and Industry for the Indian perspective were:

Dr. Subrata Gupta, IAS, Jute Commissioner, Office of the Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India

Mr. Monojit Dasgupta, Secretary General, Indian Tea Association

Mr. Gudakesh Kumar, Manager, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation Ltd.

Some of the companies that participated in the B2B meet were Premur Impex Ltd., Kesaria & Co., Tide Water Oil Co. (India) Ltd., Aegis Business Ltd., Megapro Consultants, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited, etc.



Director General of the Chamber, Mr. P Roy meeting H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Shevchenko, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Ukraine.



Speakers at the Inaugural Session. From Left Mr. P Roy, Director General, BCC&I; Mr. Yaroslav Tarasyuk, Trade Commissioner, Embassy of the Russian Federation; Ms. Irina Bashkirova, Consul General, Consulate General of Russian Federation; Dr. Alok Roy, President, BCC&I; H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Shevchenko; Mr. Alexey Balunov, Project Director, CHETRA – Spare parts and components.

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H.E. Mr. Oleksandr Shevchenko speaking at the Inaugural Session.



Ms. Irina Bashkirova, Consul General, Consulate General of The Russian Federation, speaking at the Inaugural Session.



Mr. Monojit Dasgupta, Secretary General, Indian Tea Association speaking at Session 2: Opportunities of Investment & Trade with Eurasian Countries & Indian Perspective.



Dr. Subrata Gupta, IAS, Jute Commissioner, Office of the Jute Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India speaking at Session 2: Opportunities of Investment & Trade with Eurasian Countries & Indian Perspective



B2B meeting after the Inaugural Session.



Mr. R Lahiri from Premur Impex Ltd. in a B2B meet with Mr. Yaroslav Tarasyuk, Trade Commissioner, Embassy of the Russian Federation.



Participants at the India Eurasia Business Partnership Seminar

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MEETING WITH SHRI MGVK BHANU, IAS, ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY TO CM & ADDL. CHIEF SECRETARY, HOME & POLITICAL, GAD & SAD, GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

18TH FEBRUARY 2015,
GUWAHATI

A team from the Bengal Chamber comprising of Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, North East Initiative Committee of the Bengal Chamber & Chairperson, Energy and Environment Committee; Mr. Joydeep Phukan, Secretary, Tea Research Association; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Deputy Director General, BCC&I and Ms. Sukanya Bose, Assistant Director, BCC&I met Shri MGVK Bhanu, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary to CM & Addl. Chief Secretary, Home & Political, GAD & SAD, Government of Assam, in Guwahati on 18th February 2015.

Shri MGVK Bhanu, IAS shared his interest in collaborating with the Bengal Chamber in improving the perception about Assam as a safe and preferred destination for investors. He also spoke about the need for identifying the areas and analyzing the scope of bringing business to the State. He spoke about reduction in the cost of production by developing proper packaging infrastructure.

Shri Bhanu advised that the Chamber should focus on utilizing the existing facilities in the State and bring in investors to

create employability in the State. A Golfing meet for industrialists in Kaziranga was also suggested. Shri MGVK Bhanu also spoke about signing a MoU between BCC&I and the Industry Department of the Assam Government in order to take things forward.



Facing the camera: Shri MGVK Bhanu, IAS, Addl. Chief Secretary to CM & Addl. Chief Secretary, Home & Political, GAD & SAD, Government of Assam. With his back to the camera is Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson, North East Initiative of the Chamber. Beside him (extreme left) is Mr. Joydeep Phukan, Secretary, Tea Research Association.

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TIECON 2015 (IN COLLABORATION WITH BCC&I)

20TH FEBRUARY 2015,
HYATT REGENCY, KOLKATA

TiE (The Indus Entrepreneurs), in collaboration with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, organized 'TiECON 2015' at Hotel Hyatt Regency, Kolkata on 20th February 2015. "Startup to sustainable excellence" was the theme of TiECON 2015 - which is the largest professional and networking conference for entrepreneurs. Kolkata TiECON 2015 witnessed the participation of over 400 entrepreneurs under one roof.

TiE is the world's largest not-for-profit organization for entrepreneurs which fosters entrepreneurship globally. TiE was founded in Silicon Valley in the year 1992 and today with over 63 chapters across 19 countries; TiE has become a strong force to reckon with.

Speakers at this event included Mr. S Radhakrishnan (President – TiE Kolkata), Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh (Chairman & Managing Director – Bandhan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. and Vice President, BCC&I), Mr. Alpesh Patel (Dealmaker – UK Trade & Investment), Mr. Andrew Oury (Partner – Oury Clark), Mr. Ashi Patel (Partner – Oury Clark), Dr. Suborno Bose (Chairman – TiECON 2015), Mr. Shaun Kenworthy (Founder – 1658 Bar & Kitchen), Mr. Amitabh Rai (Director – Sarson Restaurants and Hotels Pvt .Ltd.), Mr. Rajarshi Banerji (Director – Razban Seafood (P) Ltd. Kolkata), Mr. Viresh Oberoi (Managing Director & CEO – Mjunction Services Limited), Mr. Kaushal Sampat (CEO & President – Dun & Bradstreet India), Mr. Subhodip Ghosh (Deputy



Lighting of Lamp by Chief Guest Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Chairman and Managing Director - Bandhan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. To the left is Mr. S Radhakrishnan, President, TiE Kolkata and Past President, The Bengal Chamber.



Keynote Address by Chief Guest Mr. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, Chairman and Managing Director - Bandhan Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.

Director General – BCC&I), Mr. Vidur Kapoor (Chairman – Bengal Institute of Business Studies), Mr. Ranjan Choudhury (Principal – Investing and Incentivizing – National Skill Development Corporation), Shri Satish Chandra Tewari, IAS (Addl. Chief Secretary – Information Technology and Electronics, Government of West Bengal), Mr. Anil Wanvari (CEO & Editor-in-Chief – Indiatelevision.com Group), Mr. Bhaktha Keshavachar (Co-founder & CEO – EZETAP), Mr. Arijit Bhattacharyya (Founder & CEO – Virtualinfocomm), Mr. Vasant Subramanyan (Ex-President TiE Kolkata), Mr. Raghav Kanoria (Calcutta Angels), Mr. Asish Mohapatra (Matrix Partners), Mr. Sanjeev Bhikchandani (Founder & Executive Vice Chairman, Info Edge India Ltd. Naukri.com) and Ms. Padmaja Ruparel (President – India Angel Network).

Focus Sessions included Opportunities in Food Retail, Innovation in Education & Skill Development, Opportunities in IT – Future is making IP, Hot Pitch Session, Voice from the Top and The Award Ceremony.

Some of the winners for this year TiECON 2015 awards were:

- Social Impact Award: Mr. Pulak Chamaria, Anant Education Initiatives
- SME Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Ms. Gunjan Poddar, Lintex Infotech Ltd.
- Success Story of the Year Award: Mr. Somenath Mukherjee and Mr. Priyonath Mukherjee: Bengal Speech & Hearing Pvt. Ltd.
- Women Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Ms. Mukti Gupta, Help Us Help Them
- Educational Entrepreneur of the Year Award : Mr. Debductta Sreemany, Pathfinder Group of Companies



Mr. Shaun Kenworthy, Founder - 1658 Bar and Kitchen delivering his views during the session.



The audience raises a point.



Mr. Kaushal Sampat, CEO & President - Dun & Bradstreet India answering queries from the audience.



A section of the audience.

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Shri Satish Chandra Tewari, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Information Technology and Electronics – Government of West Bengal and Mr. Anil Wanvari CEO & Editor-in-Chief – Indiatelevision.com Group delivering their views.



Winner of the Hot Pitch Award taking a gift cheque from the dignitaries.



Special Address by Mr. Andrew Oury, Partner – Oury Clark.

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AN INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH H.E. SHAIDA MOHAMMAD ABDALI, AMBASSADOR OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN TO INDIA

23RD FEBRUARY 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry with the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, New Delhi, Economic Department organized an interactive session with H.E. Shaida Mohammad Abdali, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to India on 23rd February in the ITC Room in the Chamber premises. Mr. S. M Ahmadi, Economic Counselor, Afghanistan Embassy also joined the interaction. Senior representatives from industry and academia, researchers and the media attended the session.

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate of the Chamber delivered the Welcome Address. Mr. Dasgupta spoke about the traditional, historical and cultural connect between the two countries. India has also played a significant role in the reconstruction of war-torn Afghanistan. The objective of the interactive session was to widen the base for B2B cooperation between the nations which would create a relevant platform to provide a broad understanding of the scope of a two-pronged economic approach between the two countries and could bring likeminded corporates together to initiate the prospect of partnerships.



(L-R): Mr. S D Gupta, Chairman, Trade Promotion and Business Development Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I; Mr. S. M. Ahmadi, Economic Counselor, Afghan Embassy; H.E. Shaida Mohammad Abdali, Ambassador of Afghanistan to India; Mr. P Roy, Director General, BCC&I.

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H.E. S M Abdali commenced his address by focusing on the historical and emotional attachment between the two countries and indeed between Kolkata and Afghanistan. He did mention about the common misperception about the constraints in doing business in and with Afghanistan. Currently the country was going through a transition stage and there had been a lot of changes in the eco political

scenario in the country. Afghanistan currently has its own army; institutions and mechanisms had been rebuilt after the historic elections and a new Government had come into power. India is a key strategic partner of Afghanistan. The specific scopes of business opportunities commencing with partnerships between the Chambers of Commerce were talked about.



A section of the audience at the ITC Room, The Bengal Chamber.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta welcoming the Ambassador.



The interactive session with the Ambassador in progress.



Mr. Dasgupta making his point.



The press in attendance.



A section of the audience.

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H.E. Abdali in conversation.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta thanks the Ambassador for the insightful session.



The Ambassador with the media.



Meeting the press.



The Ambassador with some of the delegates and the media at the Palladian Lounge.

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TECHNOLOGY QUIZ

27TH FEBRUARY 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized its Technology Quiz 2015 on 27th February in the Williamson Magor Hall in the Chamber premises. It was the sixth edition of the IT Quiz with a wider spectrum. While the theme for the Quiz was 'Technology', the questions covered a wide gamut of interest areas — with each question having a Technology angle but not necessarily oriented to technical issues/processes. This Quiz now has a unique positioning of its own — a little away from the more familiar general

and business quizzes, which makes it all the more interesting and enjoyable. The renowned Quiz Master, Mr. Charanpreet Singh (CP), was the QM. 50 teams participated from IT companies, corporates, premier colleges and hard core quizzers.

Mr. Raktim Kumar Nag and Mr. Somnath Chanda of the team Potoldanga Thunder Club were the 2nd runners up. Mr. Abhishek Das and Mr. Sudip Kalyan Dey, representing Tata Consultancy Services were the 1st runners up.

Mr. Partha Ghatak and Mr. Rabi Sankar Saha of Intel Inside, Mental Outside were the winners. The awards were presented by Mr. Pulak Chamaria, Executive Director, Infinity Group and Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Senior Vice President, ITC Infotech India Ltd. and Co-Chairperson of IT Committee, BCC&I.

The programme was graced by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I and Partner and Head Management Consulting and Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. R N Lahiri, Director, Batanagar Institute of Engineering, Management and Science (BIEMS) and Chairperson Emeritus, IT Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Debashis Roy, Vice President – IT, CESC Limited and Member, IT Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Debasis Basu, Vice President-Projects and Location Head, Cognizant Technology Solutions India Limited and Co-Chairperson of IT Committee, BCC&I; Mr. Partha P Chattopadhyay, Consultant, eTrans Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Member, IT Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Hirak N Sengupta, Chairman, West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited (WEBEL) and Special Invitee, IT Committee, BCC&I.



The Preliminary Round in progress.



QM Charanpreet Singh conducting the Quiz.



Amongst the audience – Fourth from left and then moving left: Mr. Debasis Basu, Vice President-Projects and Location Head, Cognizant Technology Solutions India Limited and Co-Chairperson of IT Committee, BCC&I; Mr. R N Lahiri, Director, Batanagar Institute of Engineering, Management and Science (BIEMS) and Chairperson Emeritus, IT Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Debashis Roy, Vice President – IT, CESC Limited and Member, IT Committee, BCC&I.



The audience.



Enjoying the Quiz: (R) Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I and Partner and Head Management Consulting and Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG Advisory Services Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Partha P Chattopadhyay, Consultant, eTrans Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and Member, IT Committee, BCC&I (L)



Enjoying the Quiz: Mr. Partha P Chattopadhyay (L) and Mr. Hiral N Sengupta, Chairman, West Bengal Electronics Industry Development Corporation Limited (WEBEL) and Special Intvee, IT Committee, BCC&I.



The Prizes.



Mr. Pulak Chamaria, Executive Director, Infinity Group presenting the awards to the 2nd Runners Up, Team Potoldanga Thunder Club of Mr. Raktim Kumar Nag and Mr. Somnath Chanda.



Mr. Pulak Chamaria presenting the awards to the 1st Runners Up, Team Tata Consultancy Services of Mr. Abhishek Das and Mr. Sudip Kalyan Dey.



Mr. Pulak Chamaria and Mr. Sanjoy Sen, Senior Vice President, ITC Infotech India Ltd. and Co-Chairperson of IT Committee, BCC&I presenting the award to the Winning Team Intel Inside, Mental Outside of Mr. Partha Ghatak and Mr. Rabi Sankar Saha.



The finalists with the Mr. Sanjoy Sen, QM Charanpreet Singh, Mr. Pulak Chamaria in the centre.

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27TH FEBRUARY 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

STATE BUDGET 2015-16
VIEWING SESSION

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the State Budget (2015-16) Viewing Session on 27th February 2015 in the ITC Room of the Chamber. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I and Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG; Mr. Pratip Kar, Former Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India & Senior Advisor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. T.B. Chatterjee, Chairperson –

Indirect Taxes Committee of BCC&I and Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited and members from the Indirect Taxes Committee attended the Session. The State Budget Viewing Session also included analysis of the budget and media interactions. The Chamber's reaction to the Budget was telecast live in the media.



Viewing Session of the State Budget in progress (L-R): Mr. Pratip Kar, Former Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India & Senior Advisor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG; Mr. P Roy, Director General, BCC&I; Mr. T.B. Chatterjee, Chairperson – Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited.



Viewing Session of the State Budget in progress.

28TH FEBRUARY 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

UNION BUDGET 2015-16
VIEWING SESSION

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Union Budget 2015-16 Viewing Session on 28th February 2015 in the Williamson Magor Hall of the Chamber. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG; Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India; Mr. T.B. Chatterjee, Chairperson – Indirect Taxes Committee, BCC&I and Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, DIC India Limited; Dr. Bhaskar Banerjee and Dr. Abhijit Sen, Past Presidents of the Chamber were present amongst other senior corporate leaders. Invitees included Mr. Pratip Kar, Former Executive Director, Securities and Exchange Board of India & Senior Advisor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Pvt. Ltd, Mr. B Madhav Reddy, MD & CEO, Calcutta Stock Exchange, Dr. Suman K Mukherjee, Economist and others. Members from the Managing Committee, Direct Taxes



Viewing Session of the Union Budget 2015-16 in progress.

Committee and Indirect Taxes Committee also attended the Session. The Budget Viewing Session was followed by an analysis of the budget and media interactions. The Chamber's reaction to the Budget was televised in the electronic media.

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UNION BUDGET 2015-16 VIEWING SESSION

28TH FEBRUARY 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES



Viewing Session of the Union Budget 2015-16 in progress.



Media interaction in progress.



During the interaction with the media: (L-R) Mr. B Madhav Reddy, MD & CEO, Calcutta Stock Exchange; Dr. Suman K Mukerjee, Principal, Dean and Senior Professor, Bhavans Institute of Management Studies; Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG.

PROGRAMMES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND KPMG IN ASSOCIATION WITH GLOBSYN ORGANIZED THE POST-BUDGET ANALYSIS SESSION 'UNION BUDGET 2015-16: AN INTENSIVE ANALYSIS'

2ND MARCH, 2015
THE LALIT GREAT EASTERN

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and KPMG, in association with GlobSyn, organized the post-budget analysis session titled, "Union Budget 2015-16: An Intensive Analysis" on 2nd March, 2015 at The Lalit Great Eastern. The opening remarks were made by Dr. Alok Roy, President, BCC&I & Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals. Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India presided over the opening session and set up the theme for discussions. Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG and Dr. Subir Sen, Dean, GlobSyn Business School addressed the audience on Union Budget – 2015-16. Shri Bishwajit Bhattacharyya, Senior Advocate of Supreme Court of India & Former Additional Solicitor General of India, a tax expert and a Budget analyst, deliberated on 'Union Budget 2015-2016 – Analysis' with facts and figures.

The technical session focusing on Banking and Taxation was chaired by Shri Sunil Mitra. Mr. Saugata Bhattacharya,

Chief Economist, Axis Bank; Mr. Anish Mehta, Partner, Tax-CBT-CM-IM, KPMG and Mr. Sanjay Garg, Partner, Tax-Indirect, KPMG deliberated on implications on Banking & Finance, Direct Taxes and Indirect Taxes respectively. There was also a Q/A session with the audience. The programme was attended by more than 175 delegates.



Opening remarks by Dr. Alok Roy, President, BCC&I & Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals.

2ND MARCH, 2015
THE LALIT GREAT EASTERN

THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND KPMG IN ASSOCIATION WITH GLOBSYN ORGANIZED THE POST-BUDGET ANALYSIS SESSION 'UNION BUDGET 2015-16: AN INTENSIVE ANALYSIS'



Opening Session (L-R) Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India; Dr. Alok Roy; Shri Bishwajit Bhattacharyya, Senior Advocate of Supreme Court of India & former Additional Solicitor General of India; Dr. Subir Sen, Dean, Globsyn Business School; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG.



Address by Shri Sunil Mitra, Chairperson – Economic Affairs Committee, BCC&I & Former Revenue and Finance Secretary, Government of India.



Address by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I & Partner and Head Management Consulting & Eastern Regional Leader, KPMG.



Address by Shri Bishwajit Bhattacharyya, Senior Advocate of Supreme Court of India & former Additional Solicitor General of India.



Technical Session in progress (L-R): Shri Sunil Mitra; Mr. Anish Mehta, Partner, Tax-CBT-CM-IM, KPMG; Mr. Saugata Bhattacharya, Chief Economist, Axis Bank and Mr. Sanjay Garg Partner, Tax-Indirect, KPMG.



Address by Mr. Saugata Bhattacharya, Chief Economist, Axis Bank.

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Address by Mr. Sanjay Garg Partner, Tax-Indirect, KPMG



Q/A Session in progress.



Q/A Session in progress.



A full house.

PROGRAMMES

RATNAGARBHA : A TRIBUTE TO THE PROUD MOTHERS OF BENGAL

9TH MARCH 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Sports Development Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry along with Ananya Onnomon, paid tribute to those ladies whose untiring toils have made their children illustrious achievers and leaders in their respective walks of life. The Chamber celebrated this unique day with a very special programme – "Ratnagarbha". This was the second successive year that the Chamber organized this unique tribute.

The Chamber paid tribute to Smt. Rumki Chatterjee, mother of Shri Abir Chatterjee (actor); Smt. Madhurita Roy, mother of Shri Anupam Roy (composer and singer); Smt. Nupur Basu, mother of Shri Sourav Ghosal (squash champion), Smt Anjali Banerjee, mother of Smt. Sutapa Talukdar (Odissi danseuse) and Smt. Hasner Jahan Ahad, mother of Janab Zokey Ahad, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh. The programme was moderated by Smt. Sharmistha

Chatterjee, and included performances by Shri Sasha Ghosal and a play reading by Ananya Onnomon.

This year we had the privilege of having Shri Sadhan Pandey, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices, Government of West Bengal as our Chief Guest and Shri Debasish Kumar, Deputy Mayor and Member, Mayor-in-Council, Parks, Gardens & Sports, Advertisement, Kolkata Municipal Corporation as the Guest of Honour.

The sponsors of the event were Coca Cola, Exide Industries, Cosco, Dr. Paul's Multispecialty Clinic. 24 Ghanta was the Television Partner and Incoda TV was the Electronic Media Partner along with Artage as our Outdoor Partner.

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MOTHERS OF BENGAL



Smt. Sharmistha Chatterjee, moderator of the programme.



Mr. P Roy, Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry delivering the Welcome Address.



Section of the distinguished audience.



(L-R) Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairman, Sports Development Committee of the Chamber, felicitating the sponsors of the programme – Dr. A Paul, CEO and Founder, Dr Paul's Multispecialty Clinic; Mr. Arijit Dutta, Director, Incoda TV and Mr. Joydeep Mukherjee, Director, Artage Advertising and Sales Pvt. Ltd.



Mr. Subrata Dutta; Shri Sadhan Pandey, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Consumer Affairs and Fair Business Practices, Government of West Bengal; Mr. P Roy and Janab Zokey Ahad, Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh.



Shri Sadhan Pandey addressing the audience.



Mr. Kallol Datta, Immediate Past President of the Chamber and Chairman and Managing Director, Andrew Yule and Company Limited with Smt. Hasner Jahan Ahad, mother of Janab Zokey Ahad.



Mr. P. Roy felicitating Smt. Hasner Jahan Ahad.



Section of the audience.



Eminent singer Shri Sasha Ghosal during his special performance.



Shri Sasha Ghosal.



Shri Debasish Kumar, Deputy Mayor and Member, Mayor-in-Council, Parks, Gardens & Sports, Advertisement, Kolkata Municipal Corporation being welcomed by Mr. Kallol Dutta.



Mr. Kallol Dutta thanking Shri Sasha Ghosal with a bouquet of flowers.



Shri Debasish Kumar during his speech.



Eminent actor Shri Abir Chatterjee, presenting the Ratnagarbha Award to his mother, Smt. Rumki Chatterjee, in the presence of Mr. Subrata Dutta and Mr. P. Roy.



Mr. P. Roy presenting a special Chamber memento to Shri Abir Chatterjee.



Shri Abir Chatterjee addressing the audience.



Mr. Subrata Dutta welcoming squash champion Shri Sourav Ghosal (third from left).



Mr. P. Roy presenting special mementos to Smt. Nupur Basu, mother of Shri Sourav Ghosal (second from left).



Shri Sourav Ghosal sharing an anecdote while his mother looks on.

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MOTHERS OF BENGAL**



Grandmother of Shri Sourav Ghosal during the award ceremony.



Eminent singer Shri Anupam Roy presenting the Ratnagarbha award to his mother Smt. Madhurita Roy, in the presence of Mr. P. Roy and Mr. Subrata Dutta.



Mr. Subrata Dutta felicitating Shri Anupam Roy.



Shri Anupam Roy and Smt. Madhurita Roy during a special performance on popular request at the event.



Mr. P Roy felicitating Smt Anjali Banerjee, mother of Smt. Sutapa Talukdar (noted Odisi danseuse).



Smt. Sutapa Talukdar presenting the Ratnagarbha award to her mother, Smt. Anjali Banerjee in presence of Mr. P. Roy and Mr. Subrata Dutta.



Mr. Subrata Dutta presenting special mementos to Smt. Sutapa Talukdar.



Members of Ananya Onnomon performing at the event.



Mr. Subrata Dutta, presenting mementos to the members of Ananya Onnomon.

13TH MARCH 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

**MEETING WITH THE OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER –
PROFESSION TAX, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a meeting with the Office of the Joint Commissioner – Profession Tax, Government of West Bengal on 13th March 2015 in the Chamber premises to create awareness about the online facilities being offered for Profession Tax payers.

A team of officers from the Office of the Joint Commissioner - Profession Tax addressed the meeting to update members on the e-services being offered, the present alpha numeric Enrolment and Registration number system and other matters. There was also a Q/A session with the audience on various issues pertaining to Profession Tax.



The Bengal Chamber endeavours to act as a nodal agency in Bengal as a catalyst for skill development, for dissemination of information on skills, for identification of opportunities and gaps in areas of skills, and to work with local bodies while facilitating the imparting of skills training including the desired outcomes in terms of linking jobs with skilled youth.

In this context, the Bengal Chamber organized the "Industry – Institute Meet" on 16th March 2015 with the objective of creating job opportunities for Diploma Engineers from polytechnics under the Department of Technical Education & Training, Government of West Bengal. This project of the Department of Technical Education & Training, Government of West Bengal was led by Dr. Parijat De, Director, Department of Technical Education & Training. The Bengal Chamber is delighted to be a part of this project to help facilitate the recruitment of students in relevant industries while appreciating the industry requirements and the need to focus on grooming and qualification of future students. The Meet witnessed Industry participation from Exide, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, SAIL, Tata Steel Processing And Distribution Limited, Biecco Lawrie Limited, USD HR Solutions, Siegwald Leadership and Training Academy Pvt. Ltd. and many more.



Industry representatives from Exide, USD HR Solutions, SAIL, etc who participated in this meet.



Participants from GRSE, CESC, Biecco Lawrie and polytechnic colleges.



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Assistant Director, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry giving the Welcome Speech.



Mr. Biplab Roy, Deputy Director, Department of Technical Education and Training, Government of West Bengal addressing the meet.



Extreme right Dr. Parijat De, Director, Dept. of Technical Education and Training, Govt. of West Bengal.

16TH-17TH MARCH 2015

VISIT TO BIHAR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (PATNA) AND ROURKELA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ROURKELA)

Dr. Alok Roy, President and members of The Bengal Chamber Secretariat visited Bihar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) at Patna on 16th March 2015 and the Rourkela Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Rourkela on 17th March 2015. The visits were part of the outreach activity of the Bengal Chamber to promote the newly minted Confederation of Eastern Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CECCI). Both the Chambers of Commerce extended a warm welcome and were extremely positive and encouraging towards the concept, principles of operation and the formation of CECCI.

At the meeting in Patna, from the Bihar Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. O.P. Sah, President, along with their Immediate Past President Mr. P K Agarwal and other office bearers, was present. The President was joined by Mr. S D Gupta, Chairperson, Trade Promotion and Business Development Committee and Mr. Prakash Shah, Chairperson, Exhibitions and Trade Fairs Committee of the Bengal Chamber. The senior members of both the Chambers acknowledged and reiterated that it was the most opportune

moment for businesses in the Eastern Region to connect amongst ourselves in order to realize the Region's true potential as a market and also to reaffirm the brand 'East.' They agreed that it was important to create a robust forum that would address the common regional issues and cross-border commerce.

The meeting at Rourkela Chamber of Commerce and Industry was attended by Mr. Subrata Pattnaik, President, Mr. Moloy Mandal, General Secretary, other Office Bearers and Chamber Members. Around 30 members were present in the meeting held in the Chamber premises. They too expressed their concerns on different regional issues ranging from taxation to logistics. Dr. Alok Roy, President of the Bengal Chamber shared with them that all their concerns pertaining to inter-State Commerce and business processes and procedures would be addressed by CECCI. He reiterated that the formation of CECCI was a very crucial step towards bringing together the markets and opportunities in the East especially in the context of creating access to shared and common resources.



Dr Alok Roy, President, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a memento to Mr. O P Sah, President Bihar Chamber.



In conversation – (L-R) Mr. Prakash Shah, Chairperson, Exhibitions and Trade Fairs Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. S D Gupta, Chairperson, Trade Promotion and Business Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. O P Sah; Dr. Alok Roy.



The meeting at the Rourkela Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



(L-R) Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Deputy Director General, BCC&I; Dr. Alok Roy, President BCC&I being welcomed by Mr. Subrata Pattnaik, President, RCC&I.



Dr. Alok Roy in conversation with RCC&I members.



Dr. Alok Roy presenting the Bengal Chamber memento to Mr. Subrata Pattnaik.

THE BENGAL CHAMBER "THINK..." SESSION WITH MR. AMIT CHAUDHURI

18TH MARCH 2015
THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE

Calcutta's cultural and architectural neglect lay at the heart of Amit Chaudhuri's lecture titled "An Incisive Talk on Calcutta: The Cultural Inheritance and the Political Future" which was presented by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in association with The Telegraph and LIC Housing Finance Ltd .

Calcutta has witnessed a sea change since the late 18th century. Yet, Chaudhuri pointed out that several houses have stood the test of time, only to be rewarded with demolition, thanks to the influence of a booming real estate industry. Chaudhuri raised important questions such as what constitutes the city's heritage and what can or cannot be a part of that idea of heritage. Calcutta's architectural legacy is usually associated with the northern part of the city with its colonial architecture and rajbaris. Chaudhuri wondered why dwellings in Landsdowne, Paddapukur or on Pratapaditya Road are not considered a part of Calcutta's heritage. He sees in these houses a desire for the new. These houses that were once inhabited by bhadraloks, the patrons of high culture, share common features such as slatted windows, ventilators carved in the walls, knockers on doors and red oxide floors. Yet, no two houses are the same. This expression of a desire to make anew while retaining the basic features charms Chaudhuri. He emphasized that these houses cannot be categorized as either colonial or Bengali or Indian, and that they are marked by a lack of nostalgia for either a Hindu past or the European renaissance. He lamented that while in cities such as Berlin and London, people have invested in buildings so much so that their prices have gone up in the estate market, in Calcutta they

are disappearing. He reiterated the need to hold on to these neighbourhoods as they form an integral part of Calcutta's identity.

Greatly disturbed by the inaction on the part of the heritage commission and the heritage committee of the Calcutta Municipal Corporation, Chaudhuri pointed out that, besides political conflict, the inaction stems from a misunderstanding of the word, heritage. He added that a house is declared a heritage property only if someone famous once resided in it. Chaudhuri drew an analogy between the cultural legacy of the late 18th and early 19th centuries and the one that modern Calcutta will leave behind. He spoke about Charles Wilkins, William Jones and Warren Hastings, whose secular works led to the emergence of an intellectual and secular discourse, which dispelled the notion that "the history of humanism is limited to the Mediterranean basin".

The cultural and literary flux of the late 18th and early 19th century have been replaced by fixed notions of what Bengali culture is. The inhabitants of the bottola society of the Hutam world were intellectuals, modernists and eclectic people. "We have moved from an interim world... back to the early 19th century," Chaudhuri said. People, according to him, are apathetic to Calcutta's heritage because they are not taught to engage with it. The city is seen as a kindergarten where children can prepare themselves so that they can move to another country. These architectural spaces of antiquity must stop disappearing because these very spaces can become the locations from where the renewal of the city can begin.



Mr. Mohit Kampani, President & CEO, Spencer's Retail and Co-Chairperson, Marketing & Brand Committee of The Bengal Chamber, welcoming Mr. Amit Chaudhuri to the THINK Session.



Dr. Alok Roy, Chairman, Medica Group of Hospitals & President, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a memento to Mr. Chaudhuri at the conclusion of the session.



Mr. Amit Chaudhuri addresses the gathering.



A cross section of the audience.

19TH MARCH 2015
CHAMBER PREMISES

THE BENGAL CHAMBER PRESENTS A SPECIAL FORUM ON EDUCATION @ WEST BENGAL - VISION AND THOUGHTS OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Education Committee of the Bengal Chamber organized a special forum on “Education @ West Bengal- Vision and Thoughts of the Education Commission” on 19th March 2015 in the Chamber premises. The session focused on value-based excellence in education which will lead to employment and entrepreneurship and put forward its thoughts and visions for creating and promoting not only industry-ready personnel but also “Life Ready Professionals”. Dr. Alok Roy, President, The Bengal Chamber said that with the vision envisaged in the preliminary report of the Education Commission of West Bengal, the Chamber also endeavours to become the forum for bringing together the best minds in the education sphere to adopt a strategy for progress of education through strengthening the four pillars of education - Excellence, Employability, Inclusiveness and Value-Based Education.

Prof. (Dr.) Samir Kumar Brahmachari, Chairman, West Bengal Education Commission, Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education, in his address said that excellence will grow somehow but employability will not

grow because it needs organization, it needs process, it needs structure. He thinks at this moment Bengal’s biggest challenge is employability. So therefore, any Education Committee report that is prepared should also focus on employability. Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Roy, Director, IIST Shibpur also addressed the issues of inclusiveness and the need to identify excellence. Prof. (Dr.) R P Banerjee, Director & Dean, Eastern Institute for Integrated Learning in Management (EILM) & Chairperson, Higher Education Task Force, BCC&I addressed on the Vision of Education and the current needs of the education system.

It was through this platform that the Education Committee of the Chamber presented the vision and mission plan of the Chamber in the realm of Higher Education and Vocational Education. Mr. Alope Mookherjea, Chairman Emeritus, Education Committee & Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry presented the road map created by the Chamber and shared the plan of action to be taken up. The forum was well attended by media, industry professionals, academia and students.



Dr. Alok Roy, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the welcome address.



A section of the audience.



Prof. (Dr.) Samir Kumar Brahmachari, Chairman, West Bengal Education Commission, Government of West Bengal, Department of Higher Education during his address.



Prof. (Dr.) Ajay Kumar Roy, Director, IIST Shibpur during his address.

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Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Chairman Emeritus, Education Committee & Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Section of the audience.

PROGRAMMES

COMPANIES ACT 2013 AND RELATED REGULATIONS- CLARIFICATIONS AND CONSENSUS ON CRITICAL ISSUES

19TH MARCH 2015
THE PARK HOTEL

The Corporate Affairs Programme Council, under the aegis of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Bengal Chamber, organized a seminar titled, "Companies Act 2013 and Related Regulations – Clarifications and Consensus on Critical Issues", on 19th March 2015 at The Park Hotel, Kolkata.

Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, IAS, DG & CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest for the event. The technical session of the seminar was addressed by Mr. Vikram Advani, Partner, Audit, BSR & Co.LLP, New Delhi and Mr. Sandip Bhagat, Partner, S&R Associates, Mumbai.

The session attempted to clarify crucial issues like :

- Interpretation and clarifications on the new Act and Rules
- Provisions relating to Directors and Independent Directors
- Loans to Directors and others including Inter-corporate loans and investments- implications for public and private companies
- Related Party Transactions- Disclosures and Approval
- Electronic Voting procedures
- Board Evaluation
- Clause 49
- Insider Trading



The Head Table: (L-R) Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President Designate, BCC&I; Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee, IAS, DG & CEO, IICA; Mr. Taposh Roy, Chairperson, Company Affairs Programme Council, BCC&I

19TH MARCH 2015
THE PARK HOTEL

COMPANIES ACT 2013 AND RELATED REGULATIONS- CLARIFICATIONS AND CONSENSUS ON CRITICAL ISSUES

Speaking on the topic, Dr. Chatterjee said that IICA had been entrusted to provide secretarial and technical support to the Baijal Committee headed by former Union Home Secretary Anil Baijal. The Committee is supposed to recommend suitable methodologies for monitoring compliance of the provisions of section 135 (CSR) of Companies Act 2013. It will also suggest measures to the Government for adoption by the companies for systematic monitoring and evaluation of their own CSR activities. Meanwhile, IICA is carrying out various courses on CSR to create trained manpower in this regard.

Mr. Advani spoke on Related Party Transactions – mapping the definition, the approval process under Companies Act and a comparative study between Section 188 of the Companies Act 2013 and the revised clause (RC) 49. He also took the house through the implementation challenges of Section 188. Also, Mr. Advani spoke about Loans to Directors and loan and investment by companies under Sections 185 and 186 respectively and the subsequent implementation challenges.

Mr. Bhagat chose to speak about the SEBI (Prohibition of Insider Trading) Regulations, 2015 and Corporate Governance for Listed Companies under Clause 49 of the Equity Listing Agreement.

The programme saw a packed house attended by stakeholders from industry, institutes and law firms.



A section of the audience



Mr. Taposh Roy delivering the Theme Address.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta delivering the welcome address.



The audience.



A section of the audience.



Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee putting forward his views on Corporate Governance and on CSR.

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Mr. Vikram Advani, Partner, Audit, BSR & Co. LLP, New Delhi, speaker for the Technical Session speaking on the topic.



Mr. Sandip Bhagat, Partner, S&R Associates Mumbai, speaking on Insider Trading.



Dr. Chatterjee with the media.



The open house moderated by Dr. Bhaskar Chatterjee.



The Q&A round.

PROGRAMMES

WORKSHOP ON SUCCESSFUL SELLING SKILLS

27TH MARCH 2015
HOTEL THE SONNET

The Friends of IT (FIT) Committee of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a workshop on "Successful Selling Skills" on 27th March 2015 at hotel, The Sonnet. The objective was to interact and brainstorm with executives who are involved in the marketing/sales of products or services. The focus was to understand their psychology and finetune the principles of selling.

Guest Trainer of this workshop was Mr. Nikhil Desai (International Speaker, Trainer, Motivator and Director –

The Centre for Excellence). Some of the participants included Mr. Himansu Sekhar, Mr. Nitya Bairagi, Mr. G P Nayak and Mr. A K Gautam of Stollberg India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Himadri Sekhar Sinha of Hari Machines Ltd. Ms. Sheetal Chaturvedi, Mr. Anupam Singha, Mr. Manojit Mukherjee and Mr. Mayukh Goswami of Indus Net Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Ms. Sarbani Saha Basu, Ms. Poulami Raychaudhuri, Mr. Anirban Chandra and Mr. Kalyan Chaudhuri of GKB Rx Lens Pvt. Ltd and many more.

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The workshop included Q/A segments addressing the following points :

- The Strength Of Vision
- Being Proactive
- Developing a Selling Personality
- The Power of a Positive Attitude
- Barriers to Effective Communication
- Effective Listening Skills
- Body Language
- Hints on Making a Good First Impression
- Managing Stress

The participants were greatly benefited as the workshop was highly interactive, participative and experimental. When the economy is booming any salesperson can sell well but in a global economic slowdown, a dynamic sales force is a great asset to the company. The Successful Selling Skills workshop enabled the participants to understand and explore the critical success factors of selling. The participants expressed their interest to participate in this type of workshop in the near future.



Mr. Nikhil Desai, International Speaker, Trainer, Motivator & Director - The Centre for Excellence delivering his views during the session.



Mr. Kumar Shivam, Head - Strategy & Business Development BCC&I giving a presentation during the workshop.



A section of the audience.



Delegate from Indus Net Technologies Pvt. Ltd. collecting certificate from Mr. Nikhil Desai.



Delegate from Hari Machines Ltd. collecting certificate from Mr. Nikhil Desai.



Delegate from Stollberg India Pvt. Ltd. collecting certificate from Mr. Nikhil Desai.



Delegate from GKB Rx Lens Pvt. Ltd. presenting a memento to Mr. Nikhil Desai

UPcoming programmes

- ❖ The Strategy Forum for Energy Management, 10th April 2015, Hotel Radisson Blu, Guwahati
- ❖ Health Debate (Motion: Healthcare in Bengal is yet to attain its maturity), 10th April 2015, The Palladian Lounge
- ❖ Industry visit to CESC Budge Budge Generating Station, 17th April 2015
- ❖ Launch of HR Service Package, "Employee Satisfaction Index" 24th April 2015
- ❖ Sunfeast Farmlite Seventh Health and Lifestyle Quiz, 24th April 2015, Chamber premises
- ❖ Annual Bengal Chamber Sit n Draw (Theme: Greening the Blue Earth), 25th April 2015, Chamber premises
- ❖ "Think..." Session with Mr. Bejon Mishra, CEO, Consumer Online Foundation, 27th April 2015, The Palladian Lounge
- ❖ "Think..." Session with Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Former Chief Vigilance Commissioner, Government of India, 7th May 2015, The Palladian Lounge
- ❖ Delegation to Bhutan, 12th-13th May 2015
- ❖ Second programme on IPRs with EBTC, 1st June 2015
- ❖ State EIE Awards (for ranking of West Bengal Private Engineering Colleges), 12th June 2015, Hotel Novotel, Kolkata
- ❖ Bengal Chamber Entrepreneurship Recognition Awards, 19th June 2015, Hotel Novotel, Kolkata
- ❖ Sixth Annual Business IT Conclave (Theme: Enabling a Digital India), 26th June 2015, Hyatt Regency Kolkata
- ❖ IT Business Connect Fair, 21st-22nd August 2015
- ❖ Rural Marketing Conclave, 22nd August 2015
- ❖ Eighth Annual Environment and Energy Conclave (Power for India: Swachh and Smart), 28th-29th August 2015, ITC Sonar, Kolkata
- ❖ 3rd Annual Young HR Awards, 4th September 2015, Hotel Novotel, Kolkata

EVENTS AT THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE

THE PALLADIAN LOUNGE



Music and Fashion evening with launch of Postal Stamp of Indian woman pianist Ms. Rajlakshmi at Palladian Club on 14th March 2015.



Evening of Music SSSA QUARTET- Classical Jazz, Fusion of Indian and Indonesian sound by Percussionist Soumya Shankar Roy, Sinta Wullur (Netherlands), singer and violinist Amrita Roy and Flautist Surjit Singh on 21st March 2015 at Palladian Club in association with Open Doors.



JIS Group Educational Initiatives signed a Memorandum of Understanding with AIT, Bangkok in pursuit of promoting and reinforcing cooperation to common interests in teaching, training and research in the areas of Engineering, Technology and Management enabling education in Bengal on a global map on March 16, 2015.

The signing ceremony was done at The Park, Kolkata on March 16, 2015, in the presence of:

- Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education for the State of West Bengal,
- Shri Taranjit Singh – Managing Director- JIS Group, representing JIS Group Educational Initiatives
- Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, President - AIT, representing Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok
- Dr. Nitin Kumar Tripathi, Director – Special degree programs, AIT, Doctorate from IIT, Kanpur.
- Dr. Peeyush Soni, Doctor of Engineering (AIT), B.Tech in Agriculture from Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology, Udaipur.

The MoU will serve a 4-fold purpose:

- Student Exchange
- Faculty Exchange
- Research and Development
- International conference

The MoU is valid for all the institutes under the aegis of JIS Group Educational Initiatives listed below:

1. JIS College of Engineering
2. Narula Institute of Technology
3. Guru Nanak Institute of Technology
4. Guru Nanak Institute of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology
5. Dr. Sudhir Chandra Sur Degree Engineering College
6. Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management
7. Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management
8. Asansol Engineering College

Post signing the MoU at The Park the dignitaries from AIT went to various colleges to address seminars.

The Signing of the MoU is the first step towards a significant future scope of collaboration with AIT

- Unified International Bachelor-Master degree program of 10 semesters duration where students will complete seven semesters B.Tech degree from JIS University and 3 semester Masters degree of their specialization from AIT. In this way student can save 2 semesters. Curriculum of the program will be developed by the experts' committee of JIS Group and AIT.
- A joint research laboratory will be set up where researchers of AIT and JIS Group will work together. The lab will work for the common problem and social development of both the countries and jointly apply for project funding to the external agencies.

Shri Taranjit Singh, MD – JIS Group & Prof. Worsak Kanok-Nukulchai, President - Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok signing MoU in presence of Shri Partha Chatterjee -Hon'ble Minister



Report of JIS Technical Symposium organized by JIS College of Engineering

The Technical Symposium, 'JIS Tech 2K15', organized by JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani on 1st and 2nd April 2015 at the campus was unique as it brought together on the same platform an amalgamation of 35 Schools, 20 Colleges, 11 Departments and 5000 Students from Schools and Colleges showcasing the spirit of knowledge through innovation.

200 Models were showcased by students of schools and colleges in the Exhibition and 7 Live Projects namely; 'Solar Tree', 'Bio-Gas Plant', 'RX-TX RC Cam Car', 'Automatic Room Light Controller and Visitor Counter', 'Solar Power Driven Car', 'Battery Operated Vehicle' and 'Digital Display Notice Board' were inaugurated for the Technical Symposium.

The Technical Symposium was inaugurated by Prof. Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director, Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIST), Shibpur, Mr. Alope Mookherjee, Chairman, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Innovation Committee and Mr. Haranjit Singh, Trustee, JIS Group on 1st April, 2015.

The Organizing Committee of 'JIS Tech 2K15' stated that the event focused on encouraging the innovative as well as intelligence quotient of the participants to the hilt, as the Technical Symposium was not only interesting, but also most enlightening for the students.

The Technical Symposium comprised of Technical Model Exhibition, Science Model Exhibition, Live Projects, Events/Competitions (Robo-Soccer, Transporter, Delta Kick, Autonomous Line Follower, Coding & Debugging, Quiz, Debate, NFS Most Wanted, Counter Strike 1.6, Business Plan and Treasure Hunt).

The Technical Symposium had Telegraph T2 as Media Partner and 93.5 Red FM as Radio Partner to boost its promotion.

Distinguished personalities present in the Technical Symposium spanning two days were Mr. Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group; Prof. S. M. Chatterjee, Chairman, BOG, JISCE; Mr. K. Mahapatra, VP, ABP; Mr. S. S. Dutta Gupta, Director, JIS Group; Mr. U. S. Mukherjee, Deputy Director, JIS Group; Mrs. Sila Singh Ghosh, General Manager – Corporate Relations, JIS Group; Dr. Asit Guha, Advisor, JIS Group; Mr. P. K. Banerjee, Adviser, JIS Group; Dr. T. K. Saha, Director, GNIDSR; Dr. R. R. Pal, Principal, GNIDSR; Dr. A. Sengupta, Principal, GNIPST; Dr. Annapurna Das, Director, GNIT; Dr. Santanu Sen, Principal, GNIT; Dr. B. K. De, Principal, AIEM; Mr. A. Mukherjee, Adviser, AIEM; Mr. A. Srivastava, Director, JISSD; Mr. T. K. Saha, Director, Industry Alliance, JIS Group; Dr. A. K. Roy, Principal, DSCSDEC; Dr. S. Sengupta, Principal, GKCEM and Dr. S. Ray, Principal, JISCE.

Invited Speakers at the Technical Symposium were Dr. Tanushyam Chattopadhyay, R&D, Innovation Lab, TCS, Kolkata; Mr. Supriyo Sen, Wipro Technologies, Kolkata; Mr. M. M. Alam, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Kalyani; Mr. A. Bhattacharya, Founder & CEO, Virtualinfocom, Kolkata; Mr. Asish Chakraborty, Orbital Outsourcing Services, Kolkata and Mr. Sushobhon Mukherjee, Prime, Kolkata.

JIS College of Engineering would be undertaking various student-development focused initiatives and those for enhancement of educational quality including regular networking between academic institutions through JIS College of Engineering.



Report of JIS Technical Symposium organized by JIS College of Engineering



Seminar on Scope of Higher Education Organized by JIS College of Engineering.

As a part of networking activities with Higher Secondary Institutions, JIS College of Engineering organized a Seminar on "Scope of Higher Education" on 2nd April 2015, with the respected teachers of Networking Institutions.

The activities started in the month of February 2015 where our staff & faculty members visited 290 schools in different districts of West Bengal for Networking Enrollment with JISCE. On completion of the physical visit to the schools, we retained contacts with the institutions through email and telephonic conversation.

Under this initiative, JISCE offered the following to the Networking Institutions:

- A. Signing of "Networking Enrollment Understanding"
- B. Two Weeks Bridge course on a) Programming and Office

Automation b) Fundamental Physics c) Spoken English free of cost to the HS appeared / 11th Standard students in the month of May 2015.

C. Career Guidance Workshop at the Networking Institutions by the teachers / academicians.

D. Organization of One day Seminar on "Scope of Higher Education". Thus, we organized a one day seminar at Dr. B. C. Roy Auditorium of JISCE on 2nd April 2015.

Hon'ble Mr. Amiya Ranjan Sanyal, Dy. Director, Anglo Indian Schools, Govt. of West Bengal and Hon'ble Mr. Dibya Gopal Ghatak, Dy. Director, Grant in aid, Govt. of West Bengal, graced the occasion as the Guests of Honour.

Mrs. Mital Dutta, District Inspector of Schools, Nadia District;

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Mrs. Indrani Das, ADI, Ranaghat; Mr. Nitish Biswas, ASI, Ranaghat; Mr. Benulal Majumder, ASI, Kalyani delivered their lectures related to Scope of Higher Education. Mr. S. S. Dutta Gupta, Director JIS Group, Mr. U. S. Mukherjee, Dy. Director, JIS Group; Dr. Asit Guha, Advisor, JIS Group; Dr. S. Ray, Principal, JISCE and Mrs. Sila Singh Ghosh, GM, Corporate Relations, JIS Group were also present.

The seminar commenced with the inaugural speech by Mr. U. S. Mukherjee, Dy. Director, JIS Group followed by lighting of the lamp by the Chief Guests. Mrs. Sila Singh Ghosh delivered presentations on "JIS College of Engineering" and "Decade ahead of Higher Education". Mr. Dibya Gopal Ghatak, Mr. Amiya Ranjan Sanyal and Mr. S.S.Dutta Gupta delivered lectures on "Scope of Higher Education".

227 teachers from 141 different schools in different districts of West Bengal were present in the seminar. The presentations and lectures were followed by an interactive session.

All the guest teachers visited our college campus, workshops, laboratories, and other facilities under the guidance of our faculty. Team members then joined for a group photo session. After Lunch, a local sightseeing of Kalyani for the guests was organized. It was a popular intent of visiting teachers for joining the rolls of Networking Institutions.

JIS College of Engineering is taking various efforts to help the students and teachers of Networking Institutions and undertaking various initiatives for enhancement of educational quality.

