



from the desk of the  
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,



27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

As we approach the end of Financial Year 2024-2025, it is evident that India's growth story continues to inspire. Achieving a GDP growth rate of 6.5% in 2024, the country has demonstrated resilience amidst global challenges. Key sectors like IT, manufacturing, and agriculture have driven this progress. **\$42.1 billion in FDI inflows and \$210 billion in IT exports** have reinforced India's position as a global economic powerhouse. The **manufacturing sector** has grown by 7.3%, aided by the PLI schemes, while the **renewable energy capacity** has surpassed 175 GW, positioning India as a leader in clean energy.

The country's **unemployment rate** has improved, with urban rates dropping to 6.4% by Q4 of 2024. India's export sector has also excelled, reaching **\$750 billion in merchandise exports**, driven by strong growth in engineering goods and electronics. With these achievements and strengthened trade partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, India remains on track to become a \$5 trillion economy in the near future.

At the same time, the **Indo-Pacific dialogues** continue to **evolve**, and India's strategic stance remains pivotal in shaping regional trade, security, and technological cooperation. The Chamber promises to stay actively engaged in these discussions, closely aligning our efforts to support policies that strengthen India's role in the Indo-Pacific region.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Sunita Williams** for her **extraordinary achievement** of leading the Artemis II mission. Her inspiring achievement advances global space exploration and highlights future possibilities, including India's own capabilities and ambitions in manned spaceflight.

Closer to home, **West Bengal** has witnessed a surge in new business investments,

with major announcements in sectors such as shipbuilding, digital infrastructure, and clean energy. These initiatives align with the Union Budget (2025-26)'s focus, further boosting the State's position as a hub for sustainable growth. BCC&I is actively contributing to these developments through meaningful dialogues and collaborations, ensuring the voice of Bengal's business community is heard at the national level.

In line with our commitment to serving our stakeholders diligently, we have pursued a well-crafted roadmap aimed at fostering meaningful engagements and delivering tangible benefits. Our efforts over the past year have expanded beyond knowledge empowerment, as demonstrated by the successful outcomes of initiatives such as the **14<sup>th</sup> Edition of the BCC&I-GNIT Technology Quiz**, the **2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Biz Tech Start up Quiz**, the **National Grape Summit held in Pune**, the **4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Pink IT**, the **8<sup>th</sup> Edition of Health Tech**, and the **15<sup>th</sup> National Manufacturing and MSME Conclave and Awards 2024-2025**. These programmes have further enriched our engagement spectrum.

As we set our sights on the forthcoming financial year, I urge the Managing Committee, Chairpersons, and all esteemed members to actively participate in shaping the future trajectory of our activities. Your insights, suggestions, and collaborative efforts are invaluable in ensuring that our endeavours remain not only relevant but also impactful in driving inclusive and sustainable development.

Warm regards,

Sd/-  
**Arnab Basu**  
President

## MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



**Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to The Bhawanipur Gujarati Education Society and Debashis Mitra & Associates, whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

The Horti Food Festival 2025, organized by the Department of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture, Government of West Bengal, in collaboration with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, highlights the rich diversity of West Bengal's horticultural and processed food offerings.

The festival was officially inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri Sovandeb Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal, in the distinguished presence of several esteemed leaders. These included Shri Malay Ghatak, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Judicial, Labour, and Law Departments; Shri Pradip Kr. Mazumdar, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Panchayat & Rural Development and Corporation Departments; Shri Swapan Debnath, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Animal Resource Development Department; Shri Biplab Mitra, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Consumer Affairs Department; Md. Gulam Rabbani, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Non-Conventional and Renewable Energy Source Department; Shri Arup Roy, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Food Processing Industries and Horticulture; Shri Biplab Roychowdhury, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Fisheries, Aquatic Resources, and Fishing Harbour Department; and Shri Becharam Manna, Hon'ble Minister of State (I/C), Agriculture Marketing Department, Government of West Bengal.

The panel discussion on "Food Processing Sector: Opportunities in West Bengal and the Way Forward," held on the second day of the festival, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025, was graced by distinguished experts, including Dr. Prasanta Kumar Biswas, Professor, Department of Food Technology, Jadavpur University; Mr. Samarajit Mitra, Owner, SMA Consulting; Ms. Kaveri Rit, Food Processing Development Officer, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Subhajit Thakurta, General Manager, Metro Cash & Carry India Pvt Ltd; and Dr. Daisy Saha, Farm Sector Technical Officer, State Bank of India.

Another insightful panel discussion, "Eat Well and Smile Big," also took place on the second day of the festival, focusing on best practices in the food processing sector. This session featured esteemed panelists such as Dr. Brati Acharya, ADH-Chinsurah, Hooghly, Government of West Bengal; Prof. Ivi Chakraborty, Professor, Post-Harvest Technology, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwavidyalaya; Smt. Sujata Ghosh, IAS, Senior Special Secretary, Self-Help Group & Self Employment Department and Managing Director, West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Ltd; Dr. Aparajita Majumdar, Food Safety Officer, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Anish Saha, Food Safety Officer, Department

of Health and Family Welfare, Government of West Bengal; Dr. Rahul Chakraborty, District Horticulture Officer- Howrah, Government of West Bengal; and Mr. Sanjay Kumar Ghanti, Director, Bangabhumi Farmers Producer Company Limited.

#### Few Success Stories :

The festival also celebrated and recognized inspiring success stories from the Horticulture and Food Processing sectors of the state. Some of the notable highlights include :

- **Gopal Ghosh**, the founder of an MSME Sweet Production Company from Howrah, shared his journey of establishing a factory with the support of the PMFME Scheme.
- **Smt. Priyanka Bajpayee** from Uttar 24 Parganas spoke about her experience in setting up a Packaged Chow Mein manufacturing unit, highlighting the significant assistance she received from government schemes.
- **Seikh Wasim Dargai**, another MSME beneficiary from Hooghly District, shared his success story of setting up a spice processing factory, made possible through the PMFME scheme.
- **Ms. Mita Jitlangiya**, proprietor of an MSME company, discussed her successful venture in establishing a food processing and delivery unit in Bengal, enabled by the PMFME scheme and the steadfast support of the government.

#### Market Linkages :

The festival featured Buyer-Seller B2B sessions aimed at connecting local producers with global markets.

#### Expected Outcomes :

- Attract investments worth INR 1,000 crore.
- Reduce post-harvest losses by 5-10% through the adoption of advanced technologies.
- Build on the success of the 2020 festival, which secured INR 500 crore in Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs).



20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
Netaji Indoor Stadium, Kolkata

HORTI FOOD FESTIVAL 20TH FEBRUARY





## PROGRAMME

### THE BENGAL CHAMBER CORPORATE BADMINTON GOLD CUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
Star Badminton Academy, Harinavi, Kolkata



The Bengal Chamber organised the Corporate Badminton Gold Cup - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025. The Tournament was aimed to foster teamwork and sportsmanship and offered a unique opportunity for employees to engage with colleagues and competitors in a friendly yet competitive environment.

The Gold Cup not only showcased athletic talent but also served a platform for building stronger connections among professionals from diverse sectors.

Total Teams Participated in the Tournament (10):

- 6 Ballygunge Place (Savourites Hospitality Pvt Ltd)
- HSBC Electronic Data Processing India Pvt Ltd

- Linde India Limited
- The Bhawanipur Education Society College
- India Power Corporation
- Accenture
- NSHM Knowledge Campus
- Om Dayal Group of Institutions
- Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Private Limited (WMHL), Kolkata
- PwC India

After the two-day long Tournament 6 Ballygunge Place (Savourites Hospitality Pvt Ltd) emerged as winners of the tournament. India Power Corporation were the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up team and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Teams were Accenture and Om Dayal Group of Institutions.

### Day 1



Team Om Dayal Group of Institutions in action



Team Accenture in action



Team HSBC Electronic Data Processing India Pvt Ltd in action



Team India Power Corporation in action



21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
Star Badminton Academy, Harinavi, Kolkata

THE BENGAL CHAMBER CORPORATE BADMINTON  
GOLD CUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION



Team The Bhawanipur Education Society College



Team Woodlands Multispeciality Hospital Private Limited (WMHL), Kolkata



Team NSHM Knowledge Campus



Team PwC India



Team 6 Ballygunge Place (SAVOURITES HOSPITALITY PVT LTD) in action



Team Linde India



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A team in action



Healthcare Partner Ruby General Hospital, Kolkata



Handshakes after the match



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\*ECA: Acronym for Emerging Corporate Accounts

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Mr. Sekhar Biswas, Hony General Secy, West Bengal Badminton Association, Vice President and Chairman-Tournament Committee, Badminton Association felicitating a player

## Day 2



A team in action



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Team – Accenture



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up Team - Om Dayal Group of Institutions



21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025  
Star Badminton Academy, Harinavi, Kolkata

THE BENGAL CHAMBER CORPORATE BADMINTON  
GOLD CUP – 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION



1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up Team - India Power Corporation



Winner - 6 Ballygunge Place (SAVOURITES HOSPITALITY PVT LTD)



Match Officials of The Bengal Chamber Corporate Badminton Gold Cup



Match Officials and organizers of The Bengal Chamber Corporate Badminton Gold Cup



A team in action





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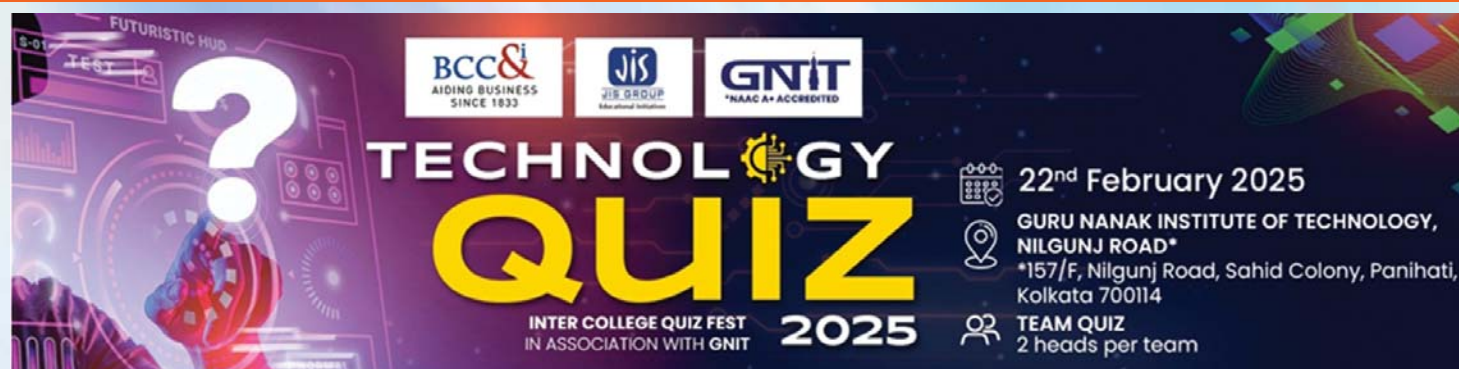
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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025,  
Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus

14<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF BCC&I GNIT TECHNOLOGY QUIZ



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organized 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of its annual signature Technology Quiz - Inter-College Quiz Fest 2025, in association with Guru Nanak Institute of Technology of JIS Group, on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at the campus of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology.

Quizzes are the best knowledge sharing and engagement platforms for youths. With this intent and endeavour, The Chamber had embarked on this initiative to reenergize youths (who are the future torch bearers of not only business, economy and society but also of the nation) about Quizzing.

A team consisting of **Mr. Piyush Kedia and Mr. Baneswar Sarkar from IIM Calcutta and IIT Kharagpur** emerged victorious in the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual Technology Quiz – the Inter-College Quiz Fest 2025. The **1<sup>st</sup> Runners-up were Mr. Aniket Adhikari and Mr. Indrajeet Nayak from UEM Kolkata, while Mr. Siddharth Rout and Mr. Ivan Mohanty from IIFT Kolkata claimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-Up position.**

The **winners received a prize of ₹ 30,000** along with a trophy, medal, and other exciting prizes. The **1<sup>st</sup> Runners-Up were awarded ₹ 20,000**, along with a trophy, medal, and goodies, while the **2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-Up took home ₹ 10,000**, a trophy, medal, and additional prizes.

A total of 272 students, organized into 136 teams, participated in the quiz, representing colleges from across West Bengal and other states of Eastern India. Premier institutions such as Techno India University, UEM Kolkata, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, Greater Kolkata College of Engineering & Management, NIT Jamshedpur, Heritage Institute of Technology, IIT Guwahati, IIT Kharagpur, BIT Mesra, and Jadavpur University, among others, were part of the quiz.

The quiz was brilliantly conducted by Quiz Masters **Mr. Auritro Chowdhury and Mr. Kinshuk Biswas.**

**Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology**, expressed his enthusiasm for the event, saying, "We are thrilled with the overwhelming participation in the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Technology Quiz - Inter-College Quiz Fest

2025. This event is a wonderful opportunity to nurture quizzing enthusiasm among students".

The event was graced by prominent dignitaries from the industry and The Bengal Chamber network, including **Mr. Raju Prasad**, Branch Manager (GNIT), State Bank of India; **Mr. Partha Sengupta**, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President (I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Limited; **Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee**, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Sandip Boral**, Founder and CEO, Bharat Plus AI; **Mr. Jagadish Babu**, Project Manager, C-DAC, Hyderabad; **Mr. Sourav Mitra**, Scientist-E, C-DAC, Kolkata; **Ms. Anita Addy**, Executive Director, Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd. and **Mr. Debojyoti Banerjee**, Founder and CEO, Seven Boats Infosystem Pvt. Ltd.

The Chamber has successfully organized this Technology Quiz in the previous years from 2009 to 2025 in which for the past 7 editions it has associated with JIS Group. While the theme for the Quiz is 'Technology', the questions covered a wide spectrum of interest areas — with each question having a Technology angle but not necessarily oriented to technical issues/processes.



**Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of Guru Nanak Institute of Technology** delivering the welcome address of 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz



## PROGRAMME

### 14<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF BCC&I GNIT TECHNOLOGY QUIZ

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025,  
Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus



Ongoing registrations at the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at the Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus



Mr. Sandip Boral, Founder and CEO, Bharat Plus AI addressing the quizzers and talking about how his app, Bharat Plus AI can be beneficial to the Student community of India



Winners of the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Tech Quiz 2025, Mr. Piyush Kedia and Mr. Baneswar Sarkar from IIM Calcutta and IIT Kharagpur awarded ₹30,000 along with a trophy, medal, and other exciting prizes



Prelims of 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Tech Quiz in progress



22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025,  
Guru Nanak Institute of Technology Campus

14<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF BCC&I GNIT TECHNOLOGY QUIZ



Final Round of the Quiz in progress



Mr. Aniket Adhikari and Mr. Indrojeet Nayak from UEM Kolkata, 1<sup>st</sup> Runners up of the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Tech Quiz 2025, awarded ₹ 20,000, along with a trophy, medal, and goodies



Mr. Ivan Mohanty from IIFT Kolkata claimed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners-Up position of the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of Tech Quiz 2025 awarded ₹ 10,000, a trophy, medal, and additional prizes



Winners of the 14<sup>th</sup> Edition of BCC&I GNIT Technology Quiz 2025 and the dignitaries such as Mr. Raju Prasad, Branch Manager (GNIT), State Bank of India, Mr. Partha Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Senior Vice President (I3L) & Head of IT Shared Services, ITC Limited, Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Sandip Boral, Founder and CEO, Bharat Plus AI, Mr. Jagadish Babu, Project Manager, C-DAC, Hyderabad, Mr. Sourav Mitra, Scientist-E, C-DAC, Kolkata and Mr. Debojyoti Banerjee, Founder and CEO, Seven Boats Infosystem Pvt. Ltd



## PROGRAMME

### KOLKATA TOKHON O EKHON : A UNIQUE HERITAGE TRAIL EXPLORING NORTH KOLKATA

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

The Heritage Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry has organized the 5th edition of Heritage Walk, titled **"Kolkata Tokhon o Ekhn: A Unique Heritage Trail Exploring North Kolkata"** on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, from 7:30 a.m.**

Walking tours offers the most immersive way to experience a city, unraveling its history, culture, and architectural splendor. The Heritage Walk allowed participants to step back in time, rediscovering the city's rich intellectual and artistic legacy through its historic colleges, revered temples, and iconic theatres. As all participants crossed these storied streets with a fresh perspective, the journey not only deepened everyone's appreciation for Kolkata's vibrant past but also fostered a renewed commitment to the preservation and restoration of its invaluable heritage.

This immersive walking tour delved into North Kolkata's rich intellectual, cultural, and spiritual tapestry, exploring its historic institutions, literary landmarks, and sacred spaces. From the pioneering halls of Scottish Church College to the timeless verses of Mirza Ghalib's Kolkata sojourn, and from the grandeur of Minerva Theatre to the devotional serenity of Jagat Janani Temple, this journey unveils the layered history of a city that has been a cradle of education, art, and faith. Designed for

heritage enthusiasts, this walk through colonial-era colleges, historic residences, and iconic temples reveals the narratives that have shaped Kolkata's indelible legacy.

Walk started from **Hedua (Beadon Square) → Scottish Church College → Scottish Church School → Duff Church (Beadon Street) → St. Margaret School → Satyendranath Bose House → Bethune College & Church → Jagat Janani Temple → Gobar Guha Akhara → Kashi Prasad Ghosh House → Dulal Chandra Bhar House → Mirza Ghalib's Stay → Kala Chand Temple → Bengal Theatre – One of Kolkata's earliest theatres → Minerva Theatre → Chaitanya Library**

A total 30 participants joined the walk, which ended at the Chaitanya Library, this library houses a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and literature related to Bengal's cultural and religious heritage.

Along with The Bengal Chamber, the fifth edition of the Heritage Walk was organized In association with Caring Minds; Powered by Shalimar Chemical Works Pvt. Ltd., Calcutta Tea Traders Association; Supported Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS. The entire initiative was hugely appreciated by all who participated.



Mr. G. M. Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee, BCC&I, along with other senior corporate representatives, were present at the flag-off of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Heritage Walk from Scottish Church College



Participants heading towards Duff Church, Beadon Street



22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025

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Duff Church - a prominent landmark reflecting the influence of Scottish missionaries in Bengal



Simla House - the residence of Womesh Chunder Bonnerjee (W.C. Bonnerjee), a prominent lawyer and the first president of the Indian National Congress (INC)



The residence of Ramdulal Dey, a wealthy Bengali merchant known for his trade with American merchants in the late 18<sup>th</sup> and early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Later, the house became associated with Chhatu Babu (Radhanath Ray) and Latu Babu (Rajkrishna Ray), two influential zamindars of Kolkata



The narrator explaining the significance of different places



Mirza Ghalib's Stay in Kolkata - The famous Urdu and Persian poet Mirza Ghalib stayed in Kolkata between 1828 and 1829



Minerva Theatre - Established in 1893, a significant center for Bengali theatre. It saw performances by legendary playwrights like Girish Chandra Ghosh



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22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025



Chaitanya Library- Named after the great Vaishnav saint Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, this library houses a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and literature related to Bengal's cultural and religious heritage

### 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION OF "BIZ TECH STARTUP QUIZ"

1<sup>st</sup> March 2025,  
Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organised the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of "Biz Tech Startup Quiz" in association with Institute of Data Engineering, Analytics and Science Foundation IDEAS and Indian Statistical Institute Bangalore centre on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru Centre at their campus. Biz Tech Startup Quiz brought together Startups and startup enthusiasts.

BCC&I set its foot in India's Technology Capital –Bengaluru, curating "Tech-E Summit" focusing on "Unfolding the Momentum of Investors and Startups". Continuing the spirit of the great success of connecting with the start-up community at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Tech-E Summit, the Chamber had embarked on this initiative to re-energise the startup ecosystem in Bangalore and Nationwide and hence, BCC&I came up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of "Biz Tech Startup Quiz at Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru Centre at their campus.

Quizzes are great platforms of learning and networking, and most importantly enjoying!

Biz Tech Startup Quiz brought together Startups and Startup enthusiasts for an infotainment day. The questions touched on the domains of business and technology.

ISI Bengaluru Centre's gracious hosting of the quiz and the generous support of leading companies like Softthink, Haldia Institute of Technology, VareliTecnac, e-Siksha, Growth Hive, Oprorise Solutions exemplifies a collaborative effort on how the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) and prominent industries in the country are recognizing the importance of

accelerating the startup ecosystem in Bangalore and beyond. Eminent industry leaders and academicians graced the award ceremony and also lent their support to this programme.

The Quizmaster of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz was Mr. Titash Banerjea, Knowledge Manager & Director, Gyaanspace, Knowledge Consultants LLP.

**Team No Brainer (Mr. Rohan Khanna from Delhi and Mr. Rabi Sankar Saha from Kolkata) was the Winner, followed by Team Ignorance is Bliss (Mr. B Naveen Kumar from Hyderabad and Mr. Jayakanthan R from Chennai) as 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up and Team Crowdsourced (Mr. Sethu Madhavan and Mr. Aditya Morarka from Bengaluru) as 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up.**

**The Winner was awarded with prize money of ₹ 40,000 along with a trophy and medals. The 1<sup>st</sup> Runners Up was awarded with prize money of ₹ 25,000 along with a trophy and medals, while the Second Runners Up was awarded with the prize money of ₹ 15,000 along with a trophy and medals.**

The participating teams were composed of a significant number of Startup enthusiasts (Soonicorn, Ideation stage startups, Employees of startups, PE investors, VCs, Incubators, Students etc). A significant number of startup enthusiasts from varied domains and renowned companies like HCL, TCS, Infosys, Toyota, Accenture, Ey participated. Students from pioneering institutes like PMC Tech College, RV College of Engineering, Indian Statistical Institute, and PES University also joined. Teams participated from other cities like Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai Delhi, Bengaluru, Kochi etc.



1<sup>st</sup> March 2025,  
Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru

2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION OF "BIZ TECH STARTUP QUIZ"



Registration of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz 2025 in progress



Opening Remarks by Prof Daya Sagar, Head, Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore Centre



Preliminary Round of the Quiz in progress



Final Round of the Quiz in Progress



Winner- Team No Brainer: Mr Rohan Khanna (Delhi) and Mr. Rabi Sankar Saha (Kolkata) during award Ceremony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz 2025



1<sup>st</sup> Runners Up- Team Ignorance is Bliss: Mr. B Naveen Kumar (Hyderabad) and Mr. Jayakanthan R (Chennai) during award Ceremony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz 2025



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### 2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION OF "BIZ TECH STARTUP QUIZ"

1<sup>st</sup> March 2025,  
Indian Statistical Institute, Bengaluru



2<sup>nd</sup> Runners Up- Team Crowdsourced: Mr. Sethu Madhavan and Mr. Aditya Morarka (Bengaluru) during award Ceremony of 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz 2025



The winners of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of Biz Tech Startup Quiz along with the esteemed dignitaries and the Organizers

### NATIONAL GRAPE SUMMIT 2025

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
Amanora The Fern, Pune

Grapes hold a significant position in India's agricultural landscape as one of the most remunerative fruit crops, contributing substantially to the horticulture sector. With an annual production exceeding 3,900 thousand tons, India ranks among the leading grape-producing nations globally. The country cultivates a diverse range of grape varieties, including table grapes, wine grapes, and raisins, catering to both domestic and international markets.

Despite this impressive production volume, India's grape export potential remains largely untapped, with less than 10% of the total produce reaching international markets. This low export share is primarily attributed to several challenges, including a lack of awareness among growers regarding global market requirements, stringent quality and food safety standards imposed by importing countries, and inadequate

post-harvest infrastructure.

To address these challenges, The Bengal Chamber in collaboration with ICAR- NRCG organized the National Grape Summit on March 4, 2025 at Pune, where a large number of industry experts, policy makers, grape growers & exporters, wine makers participated to exchange ideas and sharing experiences. The summit has focus for enhancing farmer education on **Good Agriculture Practices, Market Intelligence and Linkages, Marketing of Value- added products and Advancing Viticulture- Wine & Grape-Tourism.**

The programme was commenced with the formal Welcome Address by Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber.



4<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
Amanora The Fern, Pune

## NATIONAL GRAPE SUMMIT 2025

The inaugural session witnessed the presence of Dr. Subrata Gupta (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India as the Chief Guest. During the inaugural Dr. Gupta said, “Indian grapes are next Darjeeling tea if marketed suitably.” He highlighted viti-tourism, the success of the grape expansion programme in non-traditional areas of India, and the achievements of ICAR-NRCG. He also mentioned about the MoFPI schemes which may be leverage to strengthen processing industries related to grapes.

The programme was addressed by international experts including Mr. Simon Wiebusch, President, Bayer, South Asia. Dr. Nilanjan Sanyal, Head R&D, South Asia, BASF India Ltd.

A key moment was the release of the National Referral Laboratories’ Technical Bulletin, entitled **“Celebrating 20 Years of the NRL’s Pesticide Residue Monitoring in Grapes: A Journey of Growth, Development, Success, and Impact,”** emphasizing advancements in grape production and trade facilitation. The event underscored the importance of research-

driven innovations in boosting India’s grape industry and global competitiveness.

For promoting grape tourism, the conclave is followed by grape vines and winery visits in Nasik the way tea-tourism is promoted in Darjeeling and other north Bengal districts.



Dr. Subrata Gupta (IAS), Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India addressing the inaugural session



Release of the National Referral Laboratories’ Technical Bulletin



Dr. Nilanjan Sanyal, Head R&D, South Asia, BASF India Ltd was presenting



Stalls for product display and networking



Mr. Jayanta Chakraborty, Chairperson, Agri-Horti-Food Processing-Rural Development Committee of The Bengal Chamber



## PROGRAMME

### NATIONAL GRAPE SUMMIT 2025

4<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
Amanora The Fern, Pune



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### 8<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF HEALTH TECH SUMMIT

7<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
The Park, Kolkata



## 8<sup>th</sup> Edition HEALTH TECH 2025

Quality Care towards  
GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
The Park, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Health Tech Summit on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 at The Park, Kolkata. PwC India was the Knowledge Partner. The theme this year was **“Quality Care - towards GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.”** A Thought Paper on **“Quality Measures and Standards for transitioning to Value-based healthcare in India”** was released at the Summit by PwC.

In the Health Tech 2025, the discussions were on WHO overview of quality care - safe, effective, patient-centered to achieve the healthcare delivery as timely, equitable, integrated and efficient. Quality healthcare is essential to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing) of the United Nations aiming to be achieved by 2030.

The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Health Tech brought together stakeholders of Biotechnology, Healthcare, and Technology and of other relevant players together where they shared case studies, discussed and collaborative networking had taken place.

In the Opening Session the Welcome Address was delivered

by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. Partner's Address was deliberated by Mr. Rajiv Sabharwal, Partner, PwC India. Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, Linde India Limited addressed the audience on 'Perspectives on Standards - Oxygen : a Critical Product.' Mr. Debarshi Duttagupta, Co-chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited deliberated on the 'Future of Pharmaceutical Industry in India'. A presentation on 'Leveraging Technology to Improve Healthcare Quality' was made by Mr. Abhijit Majumder, Chairperson - National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals.

The Opening Session was followed by the Theme Session on Quality Measures and Standards for transitioning to Value-based healthcare in India.



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In the Theme Session the Keynote Address was given by Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, Niti Aayog (Online). Mr. Sayantan Chatterjee, Co-chairperson, National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Executive Director, PwC India was in conversation with Dr. V. K. Paul, Member, Niti Aayog.

The Panellists of the Theme Session include Ms. Sugandha Ramkumar, Soft Skill Trainer and Counsellor, Carring Minds International & Principal, ICanFlyy International School; Dr. Pinaki Bandyopadhyay, Medical Superintendent, HP Ghosh Hospital, Prof Dr. Santanu Kumar Tripathi, Principal and Professor of Pharmacology, Jagannath Gupta Institute of Medical Sciences & Hospital Dr. Sudipta Bhattacharya, Medical Superintendent, Peerless Hospital, Kolkata; Dr. (WgCdr) Sarin Raj, Deputy Medical Superintendent, Ruby General Hospital and Mr. Venkateswarlu, IT Head, Woodlands Multispecialty Hospital. The Theme Session was moderated by Dr. Preet Matani, Executive Director, PwC India.

The Theme Session was followed by a Session on Geriatric Care, 'Age Well Live Well : A Holistic Approach to Senior Health & Wellness.' The Session was moderated by Mr. Aninda Das, Vice President Marketing, Infinity Group & Jagriti Dham Senior Living. The Panellists were Swami Umapadananda, Campus in-charge, Bose House Campus, Rishra, Cultural and Educational Centre of Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur; Dr. Dhires Kumar Chowdhury, Geriatrician, Founder & President,

Banchbo; Mr. Debshankar Mukhopadhyay, CEO, Peerless Giving; Prof. Dr. Arunansu Talukdar, Professor & Head, Geriatric Medicine Department, Medical College Kolkata; Dr. Tulika Bhattacharya, Socio-behavioural Gerontologist and Ms. Radhika Singh, Global Lead for Workforce Planning, British Council.

Health Tech 2025 had a Session with the Start-ups : Showcasing Promising Health Tech Start-ups- AI in Primary Healthcare and Well Being. Dr. Uttam Ghosh, Director Health Programme, Bandhan Konnagar deliberated the Opening Remarks of the Start-up Session. Mr. Deepak Daftari, Chairperson, IT Entrepreneurs and Start Up National Committee and Mentor, Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre and Director & CEO, DD Web Vision Pvt Ltd moderated the Session. The Panellists were Mr. Sanjib Dhara, CEO, Healthboss and Mr. Kartick Mishra, Founder & CEO, Udaypad.

The final Session of the day was on Biotechnology : Biotechnology & AI in Healthcare. The Panellists were Dr. Barun Kanta Bhattacharyya, Manager- R&D, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited, Prof. Koustubh Panda, Head & Coordinator, Department of Biotechnology & GCGB, University of Calcutta. The Session was moderated by Dr. Imon Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Kalyani.

The Summit was attended by more than 200 delegates across the city and also from other parts of the State.



Welcome Address by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt Ltd



Partner's Address by Mr. Rajiv Sabharwal, Partner, PwC India



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Keynote Address by Dr. Vinod Paul, Member, Niti Aayog (Online)



Dignitaries on the dais in the Opening Session (L-R) Mr. Abhijit Majumder, Chairperson - National Health Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Executive Officer, Apollo Multispecialty Hospitals; Mr. Debarshi Duttgupta, Co-chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited; Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, Senior Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, Linde India Limited; Mr. Rajiv Sabharwal, Partner, PwC India



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Release of Thought Paper



Exhibitors at Health Tech 2025



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4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION OF PINK IT



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) organised the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of PINK IT on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Five Mad Men, Salt Lake, Sector V, Kolkata, a unique forum for women IT professionals and entrepreneurs.

**Pink IT** is a flagship initiative of The Bengal Chamber which addresses the gender-based challenges in the technology industry. The forum fosters a robust support network of women IT professionals and entrepreneurs across organizations, enabling them to exchange fresh perspective and practical solutions to navigate workplace challenges effectively. They came together to converse, engage and network for diving deep into self -growth enabling them to become future leaders.

**Mr. Arnab Basu**, President BCC&I & Advisory Leader, PwC India delivered the welcome address and formally welcomed the esteemed speakers & participants.

**Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury**, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) moderated the discussion forum.

**Ms. Neha Agarwal**, Head Partnerships and Alliances TCG Digital Solutions Pvt Ltd. shared her views on Inclusive Leadership. She also mentioned how effective leadership in Technology Startup requires clear vision and data driven decision making. Successful leaders also leverage networking

and collaboration to drive growth and stay competitive in the fast -evolving tech landscape.

**Ms. Subhalakshmi Samanta**, Co-Founder & CEO, Prediq Business Solutions Private Limited and **Mr. Kaushik Gupta**, Sr. Vice President, HDFC Bank jointly addressed Self Financing. Both of them highlighted how self-finance aims to empower women entrepreneurs in the tech industry and how to independently fund their ventures. They also added how women entrepreneurs can explore grants in women centric business networks and resources while maintaining independent approach for a long-term success.

**Ms. Syeda Waseka**, Branding & PR Head, REDOQ delivered on Stress management. She also shared her insights on how to manage stress by prioritising tasks practicing mindfulness, exercising regularly and maintaining healthy sleeping habits.

**Ms. Sonali Bhattacharya**, Vice President, LTIMindtree addressed how organizations, including IT companies prevent and address sexual harassment at workplace. She added how proactive POSH implementation ensures legal compliance and also to build a respectful and safe workplace culture.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of Pink IT 2025 had 80 women participants in the forum, followed by a vibrant and engaging networking session.



(L-R) **Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury**, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Ms. Sonali Bhattacharya**, Vice President, LTIMindtree; **Ms. Syeda Waseka**, Branding & PR Head, REDOQ; **Mr. Kaushik Gupta**, Sr. Vice President, HDFC Bank; **Ms. Subhalakshmi Samanta**, Co-Founder & CEO, Prediq Business Solutions Private Limited.; **Ms. Neha Agarwal**, Head Partnerships and Alliances TCG Digital Solutions Pvt Ltd



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### 4TH EDITION OF PINK IT

7th March 2025,  
5 Mad Men, Salt Lake, Sector V, Kolkata



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I & Advisory Leader, PwC delivering the welcome address



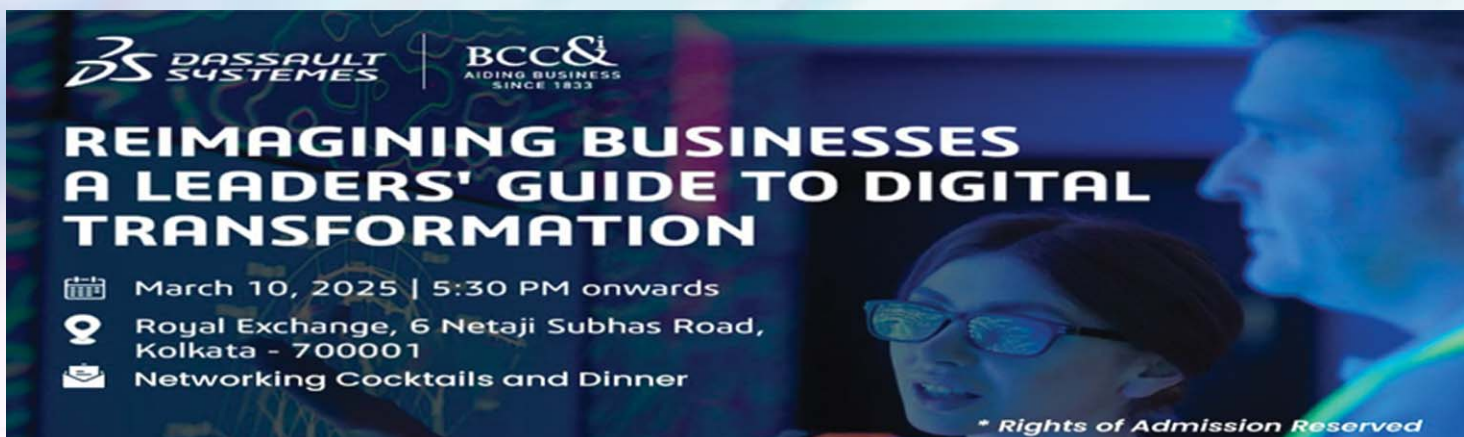
Engagements between the participants and speakers.



Vibrant Audience of 4th Edition of Pink IT 2025

### REIMAGINING BUSINESSES : A LEADERS' GUIDE TO DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION WITH DASSAULT SYSTEMES

10th March 2025,  
The Bengal Chamber Premises



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with Dassault Systemes organized an Exclusive Networking Session at The Bengal Chamber of Commerce Premises on 10th March 2025 partnering with Philanthropic Technical Association (PTA).

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, businesses are redefining their strategies to drive innovation, agility, and growth. This intimate gathering of industry leaders is designed to foster meaningful discussions and insights on harnessing cutting-edge technologies to reimagine business models and achieve sustainable transformation.



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The programme brought together more than 40 CXOs from various companies across the Manufacturing and IT User sectors from the East India region. Companies such as, ABDOS INDIA GROUP, ESKAG GROUP OF COMPANIES, Rupa & Co, Ddev Plastiks Industries Ltd, STAR CEMENT LTD, Gainwell Commosales Pvt Ltd, Electrosteel Castings Ltd, PATTON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, RASHMI GROUP, Shyam Metalics, VISA Industries Limited, Acceleron Solutions Private Limited, Turtle Ltd., Shyam Metalics and Energy Limited, Shyam Steel Industries Limited, Diamond Beverages P Limited, RP- Sanjiv Goenka Group, Utkarsh Pipes, Emami Paper Mills Limited, KHADIM INDIA LTD., Texmaco Rail & Engg. Ltd., Lux Industries Limited, WPIL Limited, NF FORGINGS PVT LTD, Skipper India (Skipper Ltd), Himadri Speciality Chemical Ltd, Bandhan Bank, ITD Cementation India Ltd, Dollar Industries Ltd, Century Ply Boards India Limited, ITC Limited, Rupa and Co. Ltd, IFB Agro Industries Ltd, Emami Limited, Godavari Commodities Limited, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, Balmer Lawrie, HEI, GKB LENS PVT LTD, McNally, Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd., Balmer Lawrie & Co.

Ltd., Linde India Limited, Damodar Valley Corporation, Damodar Valley Corporation, Switz Foods Pvt. Ltd., UCO Bank.

Mr. Vivek Salvi, Senior Sales Director- India, Dassault Systemes conducted the programme on "Reimagining Businesses : A Leaders' Guide to Digital Transformation" following an interactive format and engaging with the key stakeholders to understand the Eastern Market Requirements.

The programme featured, Insights into East India's evolving business landscape, Thought-provoking sessions from Dassault Systemes digital transformation experts, Real-world case studies showcasing successful digital journeys and networking opportunities with leading industry pioneers.

This evening engagement with Dassault Systemes and galaxy of CXOs concluded with a vibrant networking over cocktails and Dinner.



Lamp lighting ceremony for inauguration of the programme by Mr. Partha Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I, Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Mr. Vivek Salvi, Senior Sales Director- India, Dassault Systemes



Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I delivering the address of Digitally Transforming East India's Organizations



Mr. Vivek Salvi, Senior Sales Director- India, Dassault Systemes introducing Dassault Systemes and its innovative solutions for the Eastern Market



Industries Presentation by Dassault Systemes, Technical Pioneer



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Esteemed Audience of the programme consisting of CIOs, CTOs, CDOs, CSOs of Manufacturing and IT User Companies of the Eastern Region

### CONNECTED PLACES CATAPULT (UK) DELEGATION WITH BRITISH DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March,  
The British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata

Connected Places Catapult (UK) and the British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, with support from Global Business Inroads, Bengaluru (GBI), conducted a research to identify the dynamics needed to accelerate electric vehicle (EV) and micromobility adoption in India, highlighting Kolkata as a key city ready for this transition.

Towards the same, eight leading UK companies with relevant technological solutions were selected to address the identified challenges. A delegation from these companies visited Kolkata from 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and the British Deputy High Commission co-hosted the cohort of eight UK SMEs specializing in cutting-edge electric vehicle technologies, including modular decentralized generators, battery energy storage systems (BESS) for grid constraints, AI, IoT, and telematics.

The project aimed to support bilateral trade and investment between the UK and India, fostering long-term collaborative partnerships between Indian and UK stakeholders in the two- and three-wheeler EV market.

The delegation visited IIT Kharagpur Research Park and Reliance Jio BP Charging Facility at Rajarhat, New Town on 10<sup>th</sup> March.

BCC&I facilitated a dedicated B2B Session between the major Industry Stakeholders like CESC Limited, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), Vikram Solar, ITC Limited, Exide Industries Ltd, Unirox Bikes, Uneverse Mobility Pvt. Ltd., Fleet Worth Automotives Pvt. Ltd., Nangia Andersen India Pvt. Ltd., EroEV India Pvt Ltd, Konnectiva LLP, Speedigo Engineering & Technology, Green Enco, SOLIDMATER, RELIANCE BP MOBILITY LTD., Advantex Battery LLP, Platinum Truc King LLP, Swach Environment Private Limited and the cohort of Delegation on 11<sup>th</sup> March. It was followed by the Technology Showcase Event where the Key Note Address was delivered by Mr. Vineet Sikka, Chairperson, Energy Environment and Water National Committee, BCC&I and Managing Director (Distribution), CESC Limited in presence of Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner to East and North East India.

BCC&I also facilitated B2G meetings between the visiting UK company cohort and Sri Snehasis Chakraborty, Hon'ble MIC, Transport Department, GoWB, along with Dr. Saumitra Mohan, IAS, Secretary, Transport Department, GoWB on 10<sup>th</sup> March



**10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March,  
The British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata**

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2025 and Shri Harish, Executive Director, WBIDC, GoWB on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The following were the representatives from UK companies, and senior officials from Connected Places Catapult and Global Business Inroads.

- Ms. Elena Willia, Director, Government and Global Engagements, Connected Places Catapult
- Ms. Megan Ford, SME Ecosystem Support Manager, Connected Places Catapult
- Ms. Alizee McLorg, Social Research Specialist, Connected Places Catapult

- Mr. Abhinav Saxena, Concept Demonstration Engineer, Connected Places Catapult
- Mr. Harsha Lingam, Chief Operating Officer, Global Business Inroads
- Dr. Debayan Bose, Senior Technology and Innovation Associate, Global Business Inroads
- Mr. Eddie Davidson, Head of Technology, Aegis Energy
- Mr. Bryn Jones, Project Engineer, Allye
- Mr. Manish Pillay, Co-Founder and CEO, DOCK-Y
- Mr. Kevin Prescott, MD, HODOS Media
- Mr. Adam Huckstep, Co-founder and CEO, Hypermotive
- Mr. David Collinson, Director and Co-founder, PowerUp
- Mr. Saket Mohan, Co-founder and CEO, Secure Elements



The cohort of 8 UK companies on a site visit at the Reliance Jio BP charging facility in Rajarhat, Newtown along with BCC&I, BDHC, CPC, and GBI team on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025



A B2G meeting was held with Shri Snehasis Chakraborty, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal, and Dr. Saumitra Mohan, IAS, Secretary, Transport Department, Government of West Bengal on 10<sup>th</sup> March



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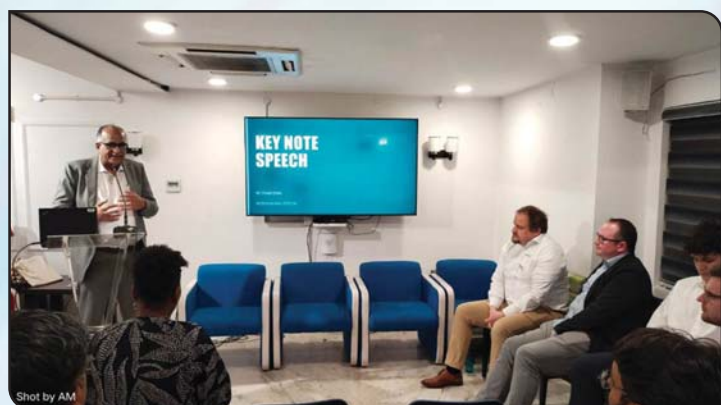
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B2B meetings in progress with the cohort of 8 leading UK companies with Indian stakeholders in the EV segment on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Mr. Vineet Sikka, Chairperson, Energy Environment and Water  
National Committee, BCC&I and Managing Director (Distribution),  
CESC Limited delivering the keynote address at the Technology  
Showcase Event on 11<sup>th</sup> March





**11<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
The Bengal Chamber Premises**

The 15<sup>th</sup> BCC&I National Manufacturing and MSME Conclave and Awards took place on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Williamson Magor Hall within the BCC&I premises. This annual event serves as a significant platform for industry leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs to discuss challenges, share innovations, and recognize excellence in the manufacturing and MSME sectors.

#### Key Highlights :

- **Welcome Address : Mr. Supriyo Ghosh**, Chairperson of the National Committee for MSME, BCC&I, and Managing Partner at Girish Chandra Ghosh & GGS, welcomed attendees and set the stage for the conclave's discussions.
- **Keynote Address : Mr. Indrajit Sen**, Past President of BCC&I and Managing Director of International Combustion (India) Ltd., delivered the keynote address, sharing insights on manufacturing excellence and MSME growth.
- **Chief Guest Address : Shri Rajesh Pandey, IAS**, Principal Secretary of the MSME & Textile Department, Government of West Bengal, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the government's role in supporting MSME development and manufacturing sector advancements.

The session on **“Building MSME Value Chain for Defence Manufacturing”** was a pivotal segment of the conclave, aimed at integrating Indian MSMEs into the nation's strategic defence production ecosystem. As India moves toward self-reliance in defence under the “Atmanirbhar Bharat” initiative, the session focused on building structured linkages between large defence organizations and the MSME sector.

#### Session Highlights :

- **Strategic Importance :**  
MSMEs were recognized as vital contributors in achieving self-reliance in defence manufacturing through innovation, cost-effective solutions, and localized production.
- **Industry Participation :**  
Leading defence and allied sector companies including:
  - **Engineers Stores Depot (Kankinara)**
  - **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**
  - **Garden Reach Ship Builders**
  - **TATA Advanced Systems**
  - **Nicco Cables**
 engaged directly with MSMEs to outline procurement needs and onboarding processes.

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- **Focus Areas for MSMEs:**
  - Component and sub-assembly manufacturing
  - Specialized materials and coatings
  - Electrical systems and cable harnesses
  - Engineering services and prototyping
- **B2B Interactions :**  
A moderated dialogue enabled MSMEs to understand expectations, compliance standards (such as quality certifications and testing norms), and how to access defence procurement portals.
- **Q&A Segment :**  
Open-floor queries from MSME representatives were addressed, with emphasis on financial schemes, vendor development support, and mentorship opportunities under defence offset policies.

The session on **“Leveraging Digital Tools for Enhancing MSME Businesses”** was a concise yet impactful discussion that underscored the critical role of digital transformation in the growth and competitiveness of India's MSME sector.

#### Session Objective :

To educate and empower MSMEs with the knowledge and tools necessary to adopt digital technologies for business development, marketing, and operational efficiency.

#### Key Highlights :

- **Digital Demonstration :**  
A live presentation by a corporate digital media promotion expert showcased practical tools for MSMEs to enhance online visibility, customer engagement, and brand building through digital marketing platforms such as social media, SEO, and e-commerce integration.
- **Benefits Discussed :**
  - Increased market reach through digital platforms
  - Automation of business processes to reduce operational costs
  - Use of data analytics for customer insights and decision-making
  - Leveraging cloud-based tools for inventory, billing, and CRM
- **Q&A Session :**  
MSME participants actively engaged with the speaker, seeking clarifications on affordable digital tools, government support for digitization, and best practices for creating an online business presence.

The session titled **“Identifying Export Markets and Products in Demand”** was a dynamic and insightful fireside chat aimed at guiding Indian MSMEs on tapping into global trade opportunities.



### Key Insights Shared :

- **Emerging Export Markets :**  
MSMEs were introduced to high-potential regions including Africa, Latin America, ASEAN countries, and parts of Eastern Europe, where Indian products are gaining strong traction.
- **Products in Demand :**
  - Processed food and agro-products
  - Eco-friendly packaging and sustainable goods
  - Light engineering items and machine parts
  - Handicrafts, garments, and home décor
  - Electrical and electronic components
  - Ayurvedic and wellness products
- **Strategic Guidance for MSMEs :**
  - Thorough market research and export-readiness assessments
  - Branding and packaging customization for international appeal
  - Compliance with country-specific standards and certifications
  - Utilization of government export promotion schemes and support from Export Promotion Councils

### Interactive Dialogue :

MSMEs in attendance raised queries about export financing, finding overseas buyers, and navigating logistics and documentation. The session addressed common challenges while also pointing to digital platforms and export incubation networks that can assist first-time exporters.

The twin sessions on “**Building MSME Value Chain in Electrical Equipment**” and “**Chemical Industry**” highlighted the immense potential for MSMEs to integrate into the supply chains of large industrial players in these strategically significant sectors.

### Key Discussion Points :

- MSMEs were encouraged to become part of the value chain in areas such as electrical fittings, switchgear components, smart metering technology, transformers, and cabling systems.
- Emphasis was placed on **quality standards, certification requirements, and timely delivery expectations** from large electrical utilities.
- CESC shared their supplier development and vendor empanelment process, encouraging MSMEs to upgrade their technical capabilities for long-term partnerships.
- The chemical industry representatives stressed the importance of **innovation, environmental compliance, and process consistency** in vendor partnerships.

- MSMEs were advised to explore roles in manufacturing **intermediates, packaging materials, specialty chemicals, coatings, adhesives, and waste management solutions.**
- Sustainability was a recurring theme, with large companies encouraging MSMEs to align with **green practices** and **carbon-reduction initiatives.**
- The session also explored potential for **joint R&D, outsourced manufacturing, and contractual alliances.**

The MSME Excellence Awards Ceremony was a highly anticipated highlight of the 15th BCC&I National Manufacturing and MSME Conclave and Awards 2024–25. Held from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM, the ceremony celebrated the outstanding achievements and contributions of MSMEs across various sectors, recognizing their innovation, resilience, and excellence in business practices.

### Key Highlights :

- **Award Categories :**  
The ceremony recognized MSMEs excelling in multiple domains such as **innovation, quality manufacturing, export performance, digital transformation, and sustainability initiatives.**
- **Special Recognition :**  
Notable MSMEs that have shown exemplary growth and development in challenging business environments were given special recognitions for their contribution to the economy and society.
- **Leadership and Achievement :**  
The awards highlighted entrepreneurs and business leaders who have driven change, promoted sustainable practices, and contributed to making MSMEs an integral part of the nation's manufacturing and economic framework.
- **Encouragement to MSMEs :**  
The ceremony underscored the importance of MSMEs in India's growth story, motivating others to adopt best practices, innovate, and continuously improve their businesses to stay competitive in both domestic and global markets.

The MSME Excellence Awards Ceremony was a **celebratory and inspirational event**, offering well-deserved recognition to MSMEs while encouraging others to strive for excellence. It further reinforced the significance of MSMEs as the backbone of India's manufacturing sector and their critical role in the country's economic growth.



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### FELICITATION OF MR. MANABU CHIKUMOTO, DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT AND CEO MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL GROUP CORPORATION IN THE PRESENCE OF DR. PURNENDU CHATTERJEE CHAIRMAN, THE CHATTERJEE GROUP

12<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) felicitated **Mr. Manabu Chikumoto**, Director of the Board, President and CEO of Mitsubishi Chemical Group (MCG), Japan's largest integrated chemical company. The event, held at the BCC&I premises on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, underscored the growing importance of international collaboration in driving Bengal's manufacturing potential.

**Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee**, Chairman of The Chatterjee Group, joined **Mr. Arnab Basu**, President of the BCC&I, in honoring Mr. Chikumoto. **Mr. Navanit Narayan**, Vice President of the BCC&I and CEO & Whole-time Director of Haldia Petrochemicals Ltd. (a Chatterjee Group company), also attended the ceremony.

Mr. Chikumoto, who joined Mitsubishi Chemical Industries Limited in 1988 and rose to his current leadership position in 2024, is recognized for steering MCG's transformation towards a circular economy. Under his leadership, the company is making significant strides in bioplastics, artificial photosynthesis, and chemical recycling, while simultaneously decarbonizing its core operations.

"Mr. Chikumoto's visit highlights the critical role of global corporate leaders in catalyzing Bengal's manufacturing growth," stated **Mr. Arnab Basu**. "With the global chemical industry projected to reach USD 6,324 billion this year, Bengal is strategically positioned to capitalize on this opportunity, leveraging the sector's diverse supply chain."

Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee emphasized, "Mr. Chikumoto and leaders like him demonstrate that prioritizing humanity is essential for achieving organizational excellence."

In his address, **Mr. Chikumoto** praised India's technological advancements, particularly in semiconductors and outsourcing. He acknowledged India's robust GDP growth, driven by policies like "Make in India," which have attracted significant foreign direct investment. He also commended India's focus on digital adoption, start-up development, and incentives for green industries. "I anticipate increased Japanese corporate investment in India," he concluded.

The felicitation was attended by over 150 key industry stakeholders and received extensive coverage from leading print and online media platforms.

#### Key Highlights :

- BCC&I felicitated Mr. Manabu Chikumoto, CEO of Mitsubishi Chemical Group.
- The event emphasized Bengal's manufacturing potential and the importance of international collaboration.
- Mr. Chikumoto highlighted India's technological innovations and favorable investment climate.
- Over 150 industry stakeholders attended the ceremony.



Mr. Manabu Chikumoto, Director of the Board, President and CEO, Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation and Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Chairman, The Chatterjee Group being greeted by Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I



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**FELICITATION OF MR. MANABU CHIKUMOTO, DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD, PRESIDENT AND CEO MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL GROUP CORPORATION IN THE PRESENCE OF DR. PURNENDU CHATTERJEE CHAIRMAN, THE CHATTERJEE GROUP**



L-R - Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) and Advisory Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Manabu Chikumoto, Director of the Board, President and CEO, Mitsubishi Chemical Group Corporation; Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Chairman, The Chatterjee Group and Mr. Navanit Narayan, Vice President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) and Whole Time Director and CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited on the dais



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCC&I) delivering the Welcome Address



Address by Dr. Purnendu Chatterjee, Chairman, The Chatterjee Group



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Address by Mr. Manabu Chikumoto



Distinguished audience at the felicitation ceremony



Q&A Session in progress with Mr. Manabu Chikumoto



## PROGRAMME

### UK LOW CARBON BUILT ENVIRONMENT TRADE MISSION TO INDIA

17<sup>th</sup> March & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Mumbai &  
21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 Kolkata

UK Low Carbon Built Environment Trade Mission to India Networking Reception & B2B Sessions organized by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK Government in collaboration with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry 17<sup>th</sup> March & 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025, Mumbai & 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 Kolkata.

The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), UK Government, in collaboration with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), organized a series of Networking & B2B Sessions with the Low Carbon Built Environment Trade Delegation from the UK in Mumbai and Kolkata. Bringing together some of the UK's most innovative Built Environment companies, this delegation engaged with key Indian stakeholders across infrastructure, construction, architecture, materials, and technology sectors, with a strong emphasis on sustainability and cutting-edge technology. The initiative provided a valuable opportunity for knowledge exchange on technological advancements that can enhance infrastructure and construction projects in India.

The Mumbai segment of the program commenced with a Networking Reception on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the UK Trade Commissioner's residence. Hosted by Ms. Ajita Hathlia, Deputy Director of Trade and UK Exports, Department for Business and Trade, the event brought together leading stakeholders from Mumbai's infrastructure and construction industry sector including Ajmera Realty, L&T, ITD Cementation, JSW, IIT Bombay, Balajee Infratech & Construction, Turner & Townsend Private Limited, PGP Glass Pvt. Limited and many more. Members of CREDAI-MCHI also participated adding further depth to the discussions.

Ms. Hathlia delivered the Welcome Address. Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Advisory Leader and PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. welcomed the UK delegation and emphasized the critical role of Indo-UK collaborations in driving sustainability and innovation. Mission Lead Ms. Julie Godefroy, Built Environment Specialist, Department for Business and Trade, UK Government introduced the UK Delegates setting the stage for meaningful dialogues. Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General; BCC&I and Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I were also in attendance at the reception.

On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the focus shifted to direct business interactions, as a very engaging B2B Session was hosted between the UK Delegates and Indian builders, architects, construction and infrastructure companies at Mumbai. Ms. Ajita Hathlia, Deputy Director of Trade and UK Exports, Department for Business and Trade delivered the Welcome Address followed by a presentation by Mission Lead-Ms. Julie

Godefroy, Built Environment Specialist, Department for Business and Trade, UK Government followed by an overview on "Net Zero Buildings and Opportunities" by Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and presentations by each of the UK companies viz. AirNode, Arup, Bennett Associates, Buro Happold, CMCL, Integrated Environmental Solutions India Pvt. Ltd., Offgrid Works and Sintali before engaging in one-on-one meetings with the Indian companies.

On the sidelines, the UK delegation also had a meeting with Shri Vikram Kumar, IAS, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner-I & Project Director, MUDP, MMRDA at his office led by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and Advisory Leader, PwC India and Mission Lead Ms. Julie Godefroy, Built Environment Specialist, Department for Business and Trade, UK Government. The Meeting was to facilitate a knowledge exchange between MMRDA and UK delegates with expertise in digital and sustainable construction technologies. It was a great opportunity for the delegation to understand MMRDA plans about decarbonising the real estate and construction sector and adoption of relevant technology in the sector. Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury was also present at the Meeting.

On 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, the UK Delegation arrived in Kolkata for an engaging B2B session, where they met the city's builders, infrastructure developers and construction companies. Ms. Jen Kaul, First Secretary, British Deputy High Commission, Mumbai delivered the Welcome Address at the B2B Session at Kolkata. The UK delegation included AirNode, Bennett Associates, CMCL, Currie & Brown, Lattice, Offgrid Works, Sintali Ltd., SmartViz Ltd. and Lattice. The session included presentations where the UK companies showcased their expertise in sustainable construction and advanced technology, followed by B2B discussions.

In the evening, a Networking Reception was held at the prestigious British Club at the British Deputy High Commission at Kolkata, bringing together the UK delegates and business leaders from Kolkata providing an excellent opportunity for the UK delegates to engage with senior contacts from the broader business community. The Networking Reception was attended by Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd.; Mr. Abhinav Chandra (IAS), Director, IESWM and Secretary, Environment Department, Government of West Bengal; Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Director, Infinity Group and Former President, BCC&I; Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner & Founder-Intueri Consulting LLP and Former President, BCC&I; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited and Former President BCC&I; Dr. Meera Mitra, Mentor, Economic Affairs (National) Committee, BCC&I and Member,



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Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business; Mr. G M Kapur, Chairperson, Heritage Committee, BCC&I and State Convenor, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) among others along with the Delegate Members and Officials of BDHC and BCC&I.

The Mumbai and Kolkata engagements concluded on a positive and optimistic note with exciting prospects for future collaborations, business partnerships and a deeper exchange of knowledge between the UK and Indian companies that will support the future of infrastructure and construction in India.



Ms. Ajita Hathlia, Deputy Director of Trade and UK Exports, Department for Business and Trade delivering the Welcome Address. **Networking Reception with the UK Low Carbon Built Environment Trade Delegation at the UK Trade Commissioner's Residence, Mumbai hosted by Ms. Ajita Hathlia, Deputy Director of Trade and UK Exports, Department for Business and Trade on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**



Mission Lead - Ms. Julie Godefroy, Built Environment Specialist, Department for Business and Trade, UK Government. **Networking Reception with the UK Low Carbon Built Environment Trade Delegation at the UK Trade Commissioner's Residence, Mumbai hosted by Ms. Ajita Hathlia, Deputy Director of Trade and UK Exports, Department for Business and Trade on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and Advisory Leader, PwC India addressing the UK Delegates.

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Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, BCC&I, Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I along with a guest at the Reception.

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B2B Session with the UK Delegates at Mumbai on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2025



BCC&I team with British Deputy High Commission team and Mission Lead UK Delegation



B2B Session with the UK Delegates at Kolkata on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



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B2B Session with the UK Delegates at Kolkata on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



Presentations by the UK Delegation at the B2B Session at Kolkata



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**Networking Reception at British Club, Kolkata on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**  
Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. attended the Networking Reception



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20<sup>th</sup> March 2025,  
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SEMINAR ON "INCOME TAX BILL 2025, FACELESS  
ASSESSMENTS & APPEALS : A 360 DEGREE ANALYSIS"



# Seminar on **Income Tax Bill 2025 Faceless Assessments & Appeals: A 360 Degree Analysis**

March 20, 2025  
02:00 PM Onwards  
Williamson Magor Hall,  
The Bengal Chamber Premises

Networking Reception with the UK Low Carbon Built Environment Trade Delegation at the UK Trade Commissioner's Residence, Mumbai hosted by Ms. Ajita Hathlia, Deputy Director of Trade and UK Exports, Department for Business and Trade on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 Seminar on "Income Tax Bill 2025, Faceless Assessments & Appeals : A 360 Degree Analysis", 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a Seminar on "Income Tax Bill 2025, Faceless Assessments & Appeals: A 360 Degree Analysis" on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 from 2:30 pm onwards at the Williamson Magor Hall of The Bengal Chamber in the esteemed presence of Shri S K Ambastha, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Kolkata-3; Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP; Mr. Ashoke Kumar Das, Assistant Director, National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics Zonal Campus, Kolkata; Shri S S Gupta, S. Swarup & CO., Chartered Accountants; Mr. Giridhar Dhelia, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant and Mr. Ayush Goel, Partner, B A S & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants. Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson of the National Fiscal Affairs and Taxation Committee had given the Welcome address and took forward the sessions.

Shri S K Ambastha, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Kolkata-3 who was the Guest of Honour for the Seminar addressed on "Faceless Assessments & Appeals: Government's perspective". Mr. Ashoke Kumar Das, Assistant Director, National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics Zonal Campus, Kolkata deliberated on the topic "GST Implication in Income Tax Bill 2025". "Income Tax Bill 2025 Implementation: Transitional Provisions, Taxpayers Preparedness & Actions to be take in FY 2025-26" was covered by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Seminar. Shri S S Gupta, S. Swarup & CO., Chartered Accountants covered the "Income Tax Bill 2025 Vs

Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA61) - Threadbare Analysis of GAAR, Mode of Payment & Return of Income (CHAP : XI, XII & XV)" in his address. Mr. Giridhar Dhelia, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant covered the "Income Tax Bill 2025 Vs Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA61) - Threadbare Analysis of changes in the Assessments, Special Provisions relating to certain persons, Appeals, Collection & Recovery of Taxes, Refunds, Penalties, Offences and Miscellaneous (CHAP XVI - XXIII)". Mr. Ayush Goel, Partner, B A S & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants deliberated on "Income Tax Bill 2025 Vs Income Tax Act 1961 (ITA61) - Determination of Tax in Special cases, special provisions relating to Tax on Capital Gains, New Tax Regime, provisions relating to MAT & AMT [CHAP XIII - (A-D)]" in his address.

Each Technical Session was followed by Q/A with the audience.

The Seminar was attended by around 100 delegates.



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



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SEMINAR ON "INCOME TAX BILL 2025, FACELESS ASSESSMENTS & APPEALS : A 360 DEGREE ANALYSIS"



Shri S K Ambastha, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Kolkata-3, Guest of Honour, for the Seminar



Interactive session with Shri S K Ambastha, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Kolkata-3 moderated by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Giridhar Dhelia, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant handing over the memento to Shri S K Ambastha, IRS, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Kolkata-3



Mr. Ashoke Kumar Das, Assistant Director, National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics Zonal Campus, Kolkata delivering his address

Shri S S Gupta, S. Swarup & CO., Chartered Accountants addressing the audience





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Mr. Ayush Goel, Partner, B A S & Co LLP, Chartered Accountants, delivering his address



Q/A Session in progress



Participants at the Seminar on Income Tax Bill 2025, Faceless Assessments & Appeals: A 360 Degree Analysis

## UPCOMING PROGRAMME

- EkshatheEkbhabe with Lake Club, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Physical
- Heritage Quiz, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Physical
- Industry Academia Meet, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Physical
- Techcilerate with HDFC Bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Mindkraft – Interschool quiz at Durgapur, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025, Physical
- New Age Career & Skills Global Summit, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Economic Round Table, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Grooming Workshop, Bangkok, 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Leadership Workshop, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Ratnagarbha, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Look East AgTech Summit, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, Physical
- International Trade Workshop, 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Industry Academia Summit, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, Hybrid
- HR Summit, Pattaya, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025, Physical
- Nursing Conclave, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2025, Physical



ABACUS INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

**International Mother Language Day Celebration at Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management : 21.02.2025**

Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management proudly celebrated International Mother Language Day on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025, emphasizing the significance of linguistic diversity and the role of the mother tongue in scientific and technological advancements. The event, titled "Matrivashay Bigyan Charcha" (Cultivation of Science and Technology in the Mother Language), provided a platform for faculties and students from all departments to engage in a thought-provoking discussion on the necessity and benefits of promoting science and technology in native languages. The event began with a special podcast-style interview featuring Dr. Goutam Kumar Das, Head of the Department of Electronics

and Communication Engineering, AIEM. In the interview, Dr. Das shared his insights on the importance of conducting scientific research and technological education in one's mother tongue. He elaborated on how regional languages can play a crucial role in making complex scientific concepts more accessible to students and researchers, ultimately leading to more inclusive and innovative advancements in the field of engineering and technology. Following the interview, a discussion session was conducted, enriched with insights from faculty members and students representing various disciplines, including Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Management Studies. Each speaker contributed perspectives on how the use of the mother tongue can enhance comprehension, foster innovation, and bridge the gap between scientific advancements and local communities.



**Project Presentation Competition organised by BSHU Department on: 27.02.2025**

The Basic Science and Humanities (BS&H) Department of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management College successfully organized a Project Presentation (Power Point Presentation) Competition on February 27, 2025. This competition served as a pre-preparation program for the prestigious JIS IDEAJAM event, which is one of India's largest project competitions. The teams and their respective projects were as follows :

**Team Argus**

Project : AI-Based Surveillance System

**Team GEEK Navi**

Project : AI-Based Plant Disease Recognition and E-Commerce Platform

**Team Hyperion**

Project : Credit Card Fraud Detection

The teams received detailed feedback from the judges on improving their projects further for the JIS IDEAJAM event. The Project Presentation Competition was a great success, providing an excellent platform for students to refine their projects before competing in JIS IDEAJAM.





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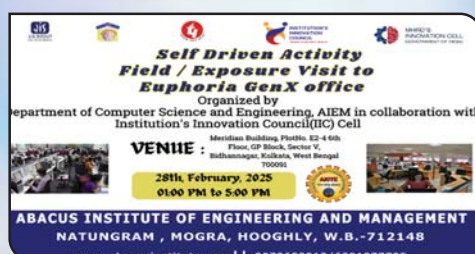
JIS GROUP  
Educational Initiatives

### Exposure Visit at Euphoria GenX , Kolkata organized by CSE Department: 28.02.2025

Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) Cell, AIEM, have collaborated to organize an Industrial visit on 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, for the B.Tech and Diploma 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the Euphoria GenX , Kolkata. The objective of this industrial visit to an insight into real-world software development processes, company culture, and industry standards. The visit aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and

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A total of 33 students, along with 2 faculties got the opportunity to visit the Euphoria GenX , Kolkata



### Seminar Summary on Intelligent Transportation Systems: Applications and Challenges organized by CE department: 08.03.2025

The Department of Civil Engineering, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management successfully hosted an enlightening webinar on "Intelligent Transportation Systems: Applications and Challenges" on March 8, 2025. The session was conducted via Google Meet from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM and was facilitated through the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) platform. The webinar featured **Dr. Deotima Mukherjee**, a distinguished **Assistant Professor at Punjab Engineering College**, as the keynote presenter. Dr. Mukherjee

delivered an in-depth discourse on various aspects of ITS. The seminar witnessed an overwhelming turnout, with **90 to 95 attendees** actively participating. Some glimpses of ATAL-FDP (Photographs)



### Two-Day Workshop: "Know Your Computer (KYC) - PC Assembly" organised by CSE department : from 10.03.2025 to 11.03.2025 at 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

The prime objective of organizing the event is to teach the students the fundamental parts of a computer and provide participants with hands-on experience in assembling and disassembling personal computers (PCs). The workshop aimed to enhance participants' understanding of computer hardware components and their interconnections.

The trainers, Mr. Supratim Ghosh, System administrator, AIEM, and Mr. Somnath Manna, System supervisor, AIEM has conducted the hands-on session, providing valuable insights and knowledge to the participants.

The students of B.Tech CSE 2<sup>nd</sup> year and Diploma CST 2<sup>nd</sup> year were gathered in the computer Lab1 by 2:30pm. The total count of participated students are 65.





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### Basanta Utsav celebrated by Cultural Committee : on 13.03.2025

Cultural Committee of Abacus Institute of Engineering & Management organized a cultural program called "KI ANANDA EI BASANTA" on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to celebrate the festival of colours. The program was segregated into two different segments: a cultural program and a rangoli competition. This year students have taken marvellous initiative to make organic aabir from petals, flowers, leaves collected from college garden. Purpose of this is to send a social message. Rangoli competition adds a colourful flavour to the competition. Beautiful rangolis are made for Rangoli Competition with different themes like world kidney day, stop violation, no smoking day etc. Students are also participated in cultural events like song, dance and recitation. Most enjoyable part is the quiz competition in between the performances where prizes are there which are the answers of the questions. The stage decoration was fabulous with colourful kites, ribbons, colours, organic aabir, clay pots etc. Students of Diploma and BTech put their full effort for the decoration. The faculties have also participated in the cultural events. Prizes are distributed to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position holders of the

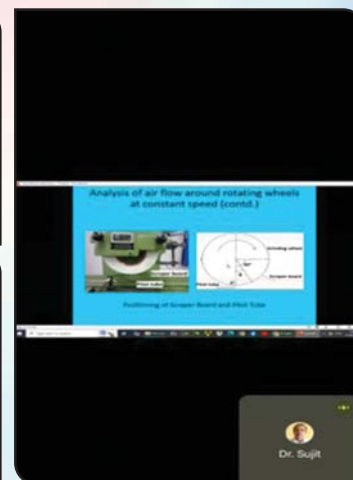
Rangoli Competition. The full program was successfully captured by 24 Ghonta Live Online TV channel.

Few clips are attached herewith.



### Webinar on "Effect of Formation of Air Boundary Layer around A Grinding Wheel" Organized by ME : 13.03.2025

The Department of Mechanical Engineering of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Mogra successfully hosted an educational webinar on "Effect of Formation of Air Boundary Layer around A Grinding Wheel" on 13.03.2025 (Thursday). The session was conducted via Google Meet from 12:00 PM to 01:00 PM and was facilitated through the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) platform. The session was led by Dr. Sujit Majumdar, Assistant Professor, Department of mechanical Engineering, Kalyani Government Engineering College. This insightful session aimed at enhancing participants' understanding of fluid mechanics as well as its application in manufacturing. It brought together 70 enthusiastic students who engaged in enriching discussions on frontiers of manufacturing technology.



A few glimpses of the event

## GREATER KOLKATA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, BARUIPUR



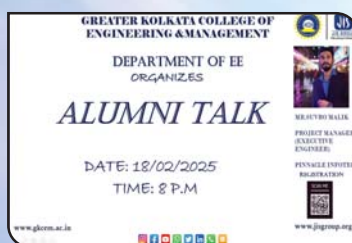
The Department of Computer Science & Engineering in collaboration with the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC) has organized a "Intra College Innovation Hackathon : Coding Beyond Boundaries" on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 in the college premises. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Mahuya Das, Principal, GKCEM and Ms. Subhasree Bhattacharjee AP in Department of Computer Application, NIT.



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The Electrical Engineering Department of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management organized an Alumni Talk, which was held online on 18.02.2025 from 8 PM onwards and attended by 70 students. The Chief Guest, Mr. Suvro Mallik, a pass-out student of the EE Department in 2025, currently working as an Executive Engineer and Project Manager at Pinnacle Infotech Solutions, shared his valuable experiences and insights with the students.

The AICTE Idea Lab visit, organized by the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) and Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering & Management, was a resounding success, providing B. Tech students with an immersive experience in cutting-edge technologies and innovative equipment at JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani on 20.02.2025. The students were introduced to state-of-the-art machines, including 3D laser printer, 2D laser cutter, vinyl cutter, and robotic systems, which demonstrated their capabilities in precision, automation, and innovation.



The Literature Club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management has celebrated "Bhasha Divas" on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 with the theme "Ekush Samhita-2025". The guest speaker for the session was Mrs. Bidita Guha Khasnabis, eminent literary figure and writer. To mark the occasion of "International Mother Language Day – 2025" a debate competition on the topic – "বাংলা ভাষা চর্চায় প্রযুক্তির অবদান আছে" was organised in which the students actively participated.

Mrs. Bidita Guha Khasnabis, eminent literary figure and writer, Ms. Subarnarekha Pal, Asst. Prof, BS&H, GKCEM and Mr. Subhajit

Banerjee, Asst. Prof, ME, GKCEM were present as the judges. The program concluded with the declaration of the results.



The Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM) successfully organized a 3-Day Physical Tech Camp on "Google AI/ML" from February 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The tech camp aimed to provide hands-on experience and in-depth knowledge of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), helping students gain insights into industry trends and practical applications.

The Department of Basic Science & Humanities of GKCEM has organized a one-day seminar on the topic "Viksit Bharat 2047" on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 from 11 am onwards to promote science-based education and awareness. This seminar aims to highlight the significance of Science based Education under the project of "Viksit Bharat 2047" while engaging students and faculty in insightful discussions in the presence of Eminent Scientist. We believe this event will provide valuable insights for students and faculty members.

Dr. T. Pavan Kumar, Principal Scientist of CSIR-Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology was the Chief Guest of the programme.



The Department of Civil Engineering of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM) has successfully organized an Alumni Talk Session on March 08, 2025, at 6:00 pm. The session was aimed at providing an insightful interaction between the current students and a successful alumnus of the department. The keynote speaker for the session was Mr. Soumik Dasgupta, an Engineer at Larsen & Toubro (L&T) and a proud alumnus of the 2024 pass-out batch from the Department of Civil Engineering, GKCEM.



**GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT**

**1. ASPD Seminar on Global Hospitality Careers at GNIHM (19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :**

ASPD hosted an insightful seminar at GNIHM, guiding students on hotel and hospitality-related job opportunities abroad. Students actively participated in a doubt-clearing session, gaining

valuable knowledge about international job prospects and internships in the hospitality industry. The session was highly informative and beneficial, providing clarity on global career pathways. At GNIHM, we always strive to empower our students with the best opportunities for a bright future in hospitality.



**2. The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :**

The Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) successfully conducted a one-day Entrepreneur Awareness Programme (EAP) on 19/02/2025, at the Language Lab of Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management (GNIHM). This initiative, organized under the Entrepreneurial Skill Development Programme (ESDP) scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Government of India, attracted more than 50 students participants from GNIHM.

Esteemed professionals and academicians from EDII led the sessions, sharing their expertise and insights.

Attendees expressed appreciation for the program's comprehensive approach and practical relevance. Many highlighted the value of interactive discussions and real-world case studies in enhancing their understanding of effective management practice.



**3. I.A.I hosted an insightful seminar at GNIHM (20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :**

I.A.I hosted an insightful seminar at GNIHM, shedding light on exciting hotel and hospitality job opportunities abroad! Students actively participated in a doubt-clearing session, gaining valuable knowledge about foreign jobs and internships.

This session was incredibly informative and helpful, empowering our future hospitality leaders with the right guidance to build successful careers on an international platform.





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### 4. GNIHM organized a special seminar for all the housekeeping staff (20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :

GNIHM organized a special seminar for all the housekeeping staff of the Guru Nanak College Campus, focusing on advanced cleaning techniques, hygiene maintenance, and best practices in housekeeping.

This initiative, led by JIS Group, aimed to enhance efficiency, promote cleanliness, and ensure a healthier environment for everyone on campus.

By equipping our housekeeping team with the right knowledge and skills, we continue to uphold the highest standards of hygiene and hospitality.



### 5. Campus Placement Drives by The Zuri Whitefields Bengaluru (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 2025) :

The signing of an MoU between The Zuri Whitefield, Bengaluru & GNIHM, strengthening our commitment to excellence in hospitality education and career opportunities for our students. The signing was officiated by Mr. Amitava Majumder (Assistant Professor Cum TPO, GNIHM) and Mr. Yogesh Sharma (Head – HR & L&D, The Zuri Whitefield, Bengaluru) in the presence of Dr. Pralay Ganguly, Principal, GNIHM.

During the Campus Placement Drive, Mr. Yogesh Sharma meticulously inspected the food prepared by our talented students

and selected the best among them to be a part of The Zuri Whitefield team. This is a proud moment for GNIHM as we continue to create incredible career opportunities for our students with leading hospitality brands.



### 6. WFC Opening ceremony (25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :

On 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management inaugurated the 9<sup>th</sup> World Food Competition.

It was an opening to celebrate food from all around the world with participants of different countries to display their skills and creativity. While the winners will receive accolades and prestige, there will be many other benefits of participating in this Mega event which will help students build confidence, self discipline and even team humility.

GNIHM organizes this every year with the aim to discover new culinary talents from the participating schools.

This competition will include many international judges including Master Chef Sanjeev Kapoor, Kunal Kapur and Ajay Chopra. The inaugural event witnessed participants from different countries

like Austria, Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa, Russia, Uganda, Mauritius, Switzerland, Kenya, Indonesia, Bhutan and many more receive a grand welcome and it was absolutely exciting to have the Students, Participants and Mentors participate in a rally from BT Road to College Campus.

A one-of-a-kind and thrilling culinary competition, the World Food Competition at Guru Nanak College of Hotel Management honours the diversity and variety of international foods and offers a platform for culinary greatness.

After the lamp lighting ceremony by the Principal Dr. Pralay Ganguly, The Vice Principal Mr. Jayanta Ghosh and the Advisor of GNIHM Mr. Xavier Gomes participants were welcomed on stage with their respective mentors followed by graceful dance performance by the students of GNIHM. Day One started with the Vegetable and Fruit Carving Competition. Few glimpses are attached herewith.



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## 7. WFC 2025 Fruit Carving (25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025):

The fruit carvings were put on display, the esteemed panel of judges took on the challenging task of evaluating each creation. The level of craftsmanship, detailing, and storytelling through carvings left the judges in awe.

With so many brilliant entries, the competition was intense. Each participant poured their heart and soul into their work, making it incredibly difficult to pick a winner.



## 8. WFC 2025 Mixology and Cake Icing Competition (26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025):

The International Mixology Competition at WFC 2025 was a dazzling display of talent, innovation, and precision. Bartenders and mixologists from around the world showcased their flair, blending exotic ingredients into perfectly crafted cocktails and mocktails. Each shake, stir, and pour brought forth unique flavors, stunning presentations, and a touch of showmanship. The energy was electrifying as participants wowed the audience with their skills, proving that mixology is truly an art.

The International Cake Icing Competition at WFC 2025 turned the stage into a dreamy confectionery wonderland. Participants displayed

their skills in intricate piping, sculpting, and decorating, creating visually stunning cakes that were almost too pretty to eat. From elegant floral designs to extravagant themed cakes, every creation reflected precision, patience, and boundless creativity. The competition was a true testament to the art of cake decorating.





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### 9. WFC 2025 Closing Ceremony (27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :

The Closing Ceremony of WFC 2025 was nothing short of magical as GNIHM students mesmerized the audience with a stunning dance performance and a dazzling fashion show! Their incredible talent,

energy, and grace left the international guests highly impressed, making it a night to remember. From vibrant moves to elegant fashion statements, the performances truly reflected creativity and excellence. A huge round of applause to our talented performers for adding such a spectacular touch to this global event.



### 10. WFC 2025 Closing Ceremony & Culinary Competition (27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2025) :

The grand finale of the Culinary Competition was a breathtaking experience, with exquisite dishes beautifully presented. The aroma,

the colors, and the textures left everyone in awe. Each plate was a work of art, showcasing the perfect blend of tradition, innovation, and technique. A heartfelt salute to all the culinary geniuses who made this competition unforgettable.



### 11. Russia-GNIHM Student Exchange Programme (5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025):

On 5<sup>th</sup> March, the Russian students participating in the student exchange program with GNIHM, Kolkata had an exciting and memorable visit to the JW Marriott Hotel Kolkata, where 5-star luxury meets thoughtful elegance.

In this visit, they did a show around all the departments of the hotel

including rooms, restaurants, kitchen spa, reception, banquets etc. The bakery chef prepared delicious chocolates for the students. The visit provided them with a unique opportunity to explore more about the hospitality industry.

The students expressed gratitude for the enriching experience, making this day a cherished part of their exchange journey.



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### 12. Food Trial for Taj SATS Airline Catering and Taj Hotels (5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025) :

Food Trial for Taj SATS Airline Catering & Taj Hotels at GNIHM, On 5<sup>th</sup> March, GNIHM had the privilege of hosting Taj SATS Airline Catering & Taj Hotels for an exclusive Food Trial & Campus Drive.

Our talented students showcased their culinary brilliance, crafting stunning dishes that impressed the esteemed guests. Their dedication, creativity, and passion for hospitality were on full display, making this event a grand success.



### 13. RUSSIA-GNIHM student Exchange Programme (10<sup>th</sup> March-19<sup>th</sup> March, 2025):

We are proud to share that Dr. Prof. Pralay Ganguly, Principal of GNIHM, and Mr. Biswajit Das, HOD, is doing remarkable work in Russia, representing GNIHM and Indian culture on a global stage. As part



of the Educational Exchange Program between the Russian International Academy for Tourism and the Guru Nanak Institute of Hotel Management, they actively strengthen international collaborations, exchange knowledge, and showcase the rich heritage of Indian hospitality.





### 1. GNIT Hosts Webinar on "Hospital and Health Systems" to Enhance Healthcare Management Insights

We are pleased to share the successful completion of the Webinar on "Hospital and Health Systems," organized by the Department of Hospital Management (BBA@GNIT), on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Held in virtual mode, the session was led by Mr. Rajiv Ghosh, Assistant Professor, ABS Academy of Science, Technology & Management. This insightful session aimed at enhancing participants' understanding of hospital administration, healthcare policies, and system efficiency. It brought together 76 enthusiastic students who engaged in enriching discussions on modern healthcare challenges and solutions.

#### Key Highlights of the Webinar :

**Expert Insights :** Mr. Ghosh provided an in-depth understanding of hospital structures, the role of digital advancements, and strategies for improving healthcare management.

**Panel Discussion :** Faculty members and guest participants deliberated on workforce management, patient satisfaction, and ethical considerations in hospital administration.

**Interactive Case Study Workshop :** Students analyzed real-world hospital management challenges and proposed solutions, enhancing their critical thinking and decision-making skills.

**Engaging Q&A Session:** The session concluded with a dynamic discussion, offering students valuable career guidance and industry insights.

#### Key Outcomes :

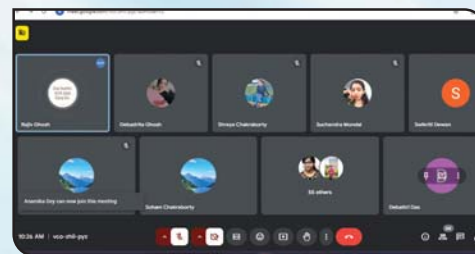
Strengthened understanding of hospital operations, healthcare policies, and emerging trends.

Increased awareness of technological innovations, accreditation standards, and ethical considerations.

Practical learning through case studies, panel discussions, and interactive Q&A sessions.

Enhanced problem-solving and strategic decision-making skills for aspiring healthcare professionals.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Debatri Das & Ms. Debashruti Ganguly, Assistant Professors, Department of Hospital Management, for coordinating this impactful session. With its interactive approach and industry-driven insights, the webinar successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, leaving participants better equipped for the evolving challenges in hospital and healthcare administration.



### 2. GNIT & IEEE Kolkata Section Successfully Host International Conference on AI-Driven Smart Healthcare for Society 5.0

We are delighted to announce the successful conclusion of the International Conference on "2025 AI-Driven Smart Healthcare for Society 5.0," organized by the Department of Computer Science & Engineering and the Department of Electrical Engineering, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), in collaboration with the IEEE Kolkata Section. Held on February 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, this prestigious event provided a dynamic platform for global researchers, academicians, and industry professionals to discuss the future of AI in healthcare.

#### Global Participation & High-Quality Research

The conference received an overwhelming 245 paper submissions from across the globe, including :

- 18 international submissions
- 6 joint submissions from India and abroad
- 40 submissions from West Bengal
- 181 submissions from other Indian states

All submissions underwent rigorous peer review by at least two, and in most cases three, expert reviewers. Ultimately, 50 outstanding research papers were accepted and registered for presentation, reflecting a competitive acceptance and registration rate of 20.4%. The event was conducted in a hybrid mode, ensuring participation from a diverse and global audience.

#### Distinguished Guests & Eminent Speakers

The inaugural session was honored by esteemed dignitaries :

- Chief Guests : Padma Shri Prof. (Dr.) Ajoy Kumar Ray, Director,



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JIS Institute of Advanced Studies & Research (JISIASR), and Prof. (Dr.) Neeraj Saxena, Pro-Chancellor, JIS University.

- Special Guests : Sardar Taranjit Singh, Managing Director, JIS Group.
- Guest of Honor : Distinguished representatives from IEEE Kolkata Section, including :
  - o Prof. (Dr.) Suparna Kar Chowdhury, Chairperson
  - o Dr. Tridibesh Nag, Vice Chair, IEEE India Council & Secretary, IEEE Kolkata Section
  - o Dr. Atanu Kundu, Vice Chair, IEEE Kolkata Section
- Additional Special Guests: Prof. (Dr.) Debashis De, Senior Member, IEEE & Professor, CSE, MAKAUT.

### Keynote Addresses from Global Experts

The conference featured insightful keynote sessions from internationally renowned experts :

- Prof. Amlan Chakrabarti, IEEE Senior Member, Director of AKCSIT & Professor, University of Calcutta
- Prof. (Dr.) Sayan Kumar Ray, Head of the School of Computer Science & Professor, Taylor's University, Malaysia
- Mr. Subrata Das, Research Scientist, BRIC-National Institute of Biomedical Genomics, Kalyani



### 3. GNIT Electrical Engineering Students Gain Hands-On Industry Exposure at WBSEDCL Substation

The Department of Electrical Engineering at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) successfully organized a One-Day Industrial Visit for B.Tech 4th-semester students at the West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (WBSEDCL) 33/11KV Substation on February 18, 2025. This initiative was designed to provide students with real-world exposure and bridge the gap between academic concepts and industry practices in power distribution substation operations.

30 students participated in this enriching experience, strictly adhering to all safety protocols. The visit was led by Mr. Siddheswar Das, Regional Manager, WBSEDCL, who provided an insightful demonstration of various substation components, including: Transformers, which step up or step down voltage for efficient transmission and distribution. Circuit breakers, which protect electrical circuits from overloads and short circuits. Isolators, which ensure safe disconnection for maintenance and fault clearance. Bus bars, which distribute electricity to multiple outgoing feeders. Protective relays, which detect system abnormalities and initiate protective actions. Lightning arresters, which safeguard equipment against lightning strikes.

Advanced protection schemes explained during the visit included

### A Global Knowledge Exchange Platform

With 11 technical sessions chaired by 22 distinguished experts, the conference provided a robust platform for knowledge exchange, research presentations, and networking. It brought together leading minds dedicated to advancing AI-driven healthcare solutions under the framework of Society 5.0.

The discussions delved into cutting-edge healthcare innovations, emerging AI trends, and collaborative strategies to address pressing global challenges. The overwhelming response from both academia and industry underscored the significance of the research presented and its potential impact on the future of healthcare.

### A Resounding Success

The AI-Driven Smart Healthcare for Society 5.0 Conference has set a benchmark for future interdisciplinary research in AI and healthcare. It fostered crucial collaborations and ignited thought-provoking discussions, ensuring a lasting impact on the global scientific community.



Overcurrent Protection, which detects excessive current and isolates faults. Differential Protection, which monitors current discrepancies to identify faults. Distance Protection, which measures impedance to determine fault locations. Earth Fault Protection, which prevents hazards caused by current leakage to the ground.

Ensuring safety is paramount in substation operations, and students observed key safety protocols such as grounding systems to prevent electrical hazards through proper grounding. Clearance distances were maintained to ensure safe separation between live parts and accessible areas. Signage and barriers were in place to restrict unauthorized access and ensure safety awareness.

The visit was conducted under the esteemed supervision of Dr. Barnali Kundu, Head of the Electrical Engineering Department, GNIT, along with Mr. Susovan Dutta, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering, GNIT, and Mr. Bapi Tarafder, Junior Technical Assistant, Electrical Engineering, GNIT. Their guidance and coordination ensured a seamless learning experience.

Students highly benefited from this hands-on exposure, with interactive sessions, expert insights, and practical demonstrations adding immense value to their academic journey. The visit proved to be a significant stepping stone in preparing future engineers for the power distribution industry.



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#### 4. GNIT Hosts Insightful Webinar on "Health and Lifestyle"

The Department of Hospital Management at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) successfully organized a webinar on "Health and Lifestyle" via Google Meet on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025. The session featured Ms. Sampa Rakshit (Barman), Faculty at SBIHM School of Management, who shared valuable insights on holistic well-being.

Focusing on nutrition, mental health, physical activity, and stress management, Ms. Rakshit emphasized the importance of a balanced lifestyle and the role of digital health solutions in shaping healthier habits. The webinar included an interactive discussion where participants actively engaged in conversations about health challenges and lifestyle choices.

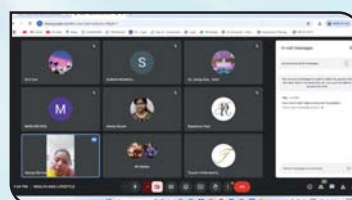
The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where students and faculty received expert advice on practical wellness strategies. Attendees highly appreciated the initiative for bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-life applications, empowering them to make informed health decisions.

The webinar significantly enhanced participants' understanding of health and lifestyle management. It increased awareness of the importance of maintaining a balanced lifestyle and provided practical knowledge on nutrition, fitness, and mental well-being. Attendees gained valuable insights into stress management techniques and

healthy daily habits. The session also encouraged them to make health-conscious decisions in their everyday lives. Overall, the event successfully bridged the gap between theoretical concepts and practical applications, empowering students to make informed health choices for a better quality of life.

The Event Coordinators were :

- Mr. Tarpan Chakrabarty, Assistant Professor, Hospital Management
- Ms. Debashruti Ganguly, HOD & Assistant Professor, Hospital Management



#### 5. GNIT-Computer Application Students Gain Industry Insights at Euphoria GenX

We are excited to share that the Department of Computer Application, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), successfully organized an industrial visit to Euphoria GenX on February 19, 2025. This immersive experience provided 37 second-year students with first-hand exposure to the cutting-edge advancements in Cyber Security and Data Science, offering valuable industry insights beyond classroom learning.

Accompanied by faculty members, students explored the real-world dynamics of the software industry, gaining an in-depth understanding of industrial applications, career pathways, and essential technical competencies.

Takeaways from the Industrial Visit

Exploration of Advanced Tech Hubs

Students were given a guided tour of Euphoria GenX's state-of-the-art facilities, including:



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Full Stack Development – Insights into software and hardware integration for innovative tech solutions.

Data Centres – A behind-the-scenes look at data management, storage solutions, and infrastructure scalability.

Development Zones – Live demonstrations of the software development lifecycle, from coding and debugging to testing and deployment.

Hands-on Learning in Cyber Security & Data Science

The visit featured interactive sessions and live demonstrations on:

Cyber Security Protocols – Understanding threat detection, security implementation, and data privacy measures.

Data Science Applications – Real-world case studies on data analytics, predictive modelling, and machine learning frameworks.

Industry Readiness & Recruitment Trends

To bridge the gap between academia and industry expectations, a dedicated session focused on :

Technical Skill Development – Mastering programming languages, data structures, and project-based learning.

Soft Skills for Career Growth – Enhancing teamwork, communication, and problem-solving abilities.

Understanding the Hiring Process – Insights into technical assessments, HR interviews, and industry hiring trends. This enriching industrial visit empowered students with practical knowledge and industry exposure, helping them align their academic pursuits with future career aspirations.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Euphoria GenX for their hospitality and to our faculty members for facilitating this impactful learning experience.



### 6. GNIT Successfully Hosts EDII Workshop on 'Igniting the Entrepreneurial Spirit'

We are pleased to share that Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), in collaboration with the Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), successfully organized a workshop on “Igniting the Entrepreneurial Spirit” on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025. This initiative aimed to inspire and equip students with essential entrepreneurial skills, reinforcing GNIT’s commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship.

The workshop was jointly conducted by the Department of Electrical Engineering and the Department of Food Technology, in association with the Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC) and the Institution Innovation Council (IIC) of GNIT. The event, held at the GNIT Seminar Hall, was convened by Dr. Suman Ghosh (Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering) and Ms. Jayshree Majumdar (Assistant Professor, Department of Food Technology).

The session was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT, who emphasized the importance of entrepreneurship in today's evolving business landscape. Mr. Tanmoy Chakraborty (Manager, Administration) and Mr. Narendranath, distinguished speakers from EDII, provided invaluable insights into key entrepreneurial aspects such as ideation, business model development, market analysis, and funding opportunities. The workshop saw enthusiastic participation from students across disciplines, engaging in interactive discussions, expert guidance, and peer networking, creating a dynamic and collaborative learning environment.

This successful event underscores GNIT’s dedication to nurturing an entrepreneurial mind-set among students and positioning itself as a hub for innovation and business leadership. We remain committed to providing valuable learning opportunities that empower young minds to embark on their entrepreneurial journeys with confidence.





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### 7. GNIT Hosts Vibrant Book Fair to Celebrate International Matribhasha Divas!

To commemorate International Matribhasha Divas, the GNIT Library proudly organized a Book Fair on 21 February 2025 in its Reading Room, offering students and faculty a wonderful opportunity to explore a diverse collection of books. The event featured approximately 10 stalls, showcasing an extensive range of books across multiple genres, including literature, science, technology, history, and self-development.

The fair emphasized the importance of reading in personal growth, knowledge enhancement, and cultural awareness. It served as a reminder that books are our best friends and lifelong companions, shaping our perspectives and enriching our lives with wisdom. Highlights of the Book Fair :

**Wide Collection of Books:** From academic resources to novels, self-help guides, and classic literature, the fair catered to readers of all interests.

**Exclusive Stall by "Papanguler Ghor":** Apart from books, a special stall displayed unique collectibles like fountain pens, T-shirts, and

accessories, which are not commonly available in stores.

**Promoting Reading Culture:** The event inspired students to embrace the habit of reading, fostering self-improvement, intellectual curiosity, and a deeper understanding of diverse cultures and human behavior. **Takeaway Message:**

Reading is a powerful tool for self-growth, allowing us to explore new worlds, broaden our perspectives, and develop critical thinking skills. In today's digital era, cultivating the habit of reading is more important than ever, as it enhances focus, creativity, and analytical abilities.

We encourage students to immerse themselves in books, stay dedicated to their studies, and embrace the joy of learning through reading.



### 8. GNIT Triumphs: Team Red Relay Wins IEEE Hackathon 2024 & Heads to IETF 122 (March 2025)

We are proud to announce that Team Red Relay has secured a remarkable victory at the IEEE Hackathon 2024, showcasing exceptional technical expertise and problem-solving skills. The team, comprising Debarghya Bhattacharyya from Guru Nanak Institute of Technology and Aditya Ghosh from MAKAUT, under the mentorship of Mr. Dipankar Basu, has earned the prestigious opportunity to present their groundbreaking solutions at IETF 122 in Bangkok, March 2025.

The IEEE Hackathon 2024 brought together engineers, faculty, and industry experts, fostering innovation in internet technology and standardization. This event served as a crucial bridge between academia and industry, providing participants with hands-on exposure to real-world challenges through expert-led workshops, collaborative problem-solving, and global networking opportunities. The hackathon focused on equipping engineers and faculty with knowledge of IETF standards, encouraging innovation through practical engagement,

and strengthening ties between institutions and industry leaders. Participants gained invaluable experience in cutting-edge advancements in internet engineering, culminating in the selection of winning teams who will now present at IETF 122 in Bangkok. For Team Red Relay, this victory marks the beginning of an extraordinary journey. Their success reinforces GNIT's commitment to excellence in technology, research, and innovation. As they prepare to present their work on an international stage, their achievement stands as an inspiration for aspiring engineers and future innovators. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Debarghya, Aditya, and their mentor, Mr. Dipankar Basu, and wish them great success at IETF 122 in Bangkok, March 2025, and beyond.





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### 9. GNIT Hosts Hands-on IoT & Raspberry Pi Workshop in Collaboration with Reunited Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd.

We are pleased to share that the Department of Electrical Engineering at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology successfully organized an engaging Hands-on Session on IoT and Raspberry Pi in collaboration with Reunited Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd. on February 26, 2025. The session commenced with an inaugural address by Dr. Barnali Kundu, HOD, EE, who emphasized the growing significance of IoT and embedded systems in modern technology. Mr. Kaustav Chatterjee, an industry expert with over 10 years of experience in

IoT and IT development, conducted the session. He holds an M.Tech in VLSI and a B.Tech in ECE and is associated with Reunited Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd.

The workshop, held at the Circuit Theory Laboratory (Room No. 112), EE Department, GNIT, began at 11:00 AM and saw an enthusiastic participation of 33 attendees. Through hands-on exercises and expert guidance, participants gained valuable insights into IoT applications and embedded systems, enhancing their technical competencies.



### 10. GNIT Celebrates National Science Day 2025 with Innovation & Sustainability

The Department of Applied Science and Humanities, in collaboration with the Science Club, Space Club, and Eco Club at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology, successfully celebrated National Science Day on February 28, 2025. This event commemorated Sir C.V. Raman's discovery of the Raman Effect, highlighting the critical role of science and technology in shaping our society.

#### Event Highlights

The celebration commenced in the GNIT Auditorium with a ceremonial lamp lighting and the felicitation of our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Prabir Ranjan Sur, a distinguished environmentalist from the Botanical Survey of India. Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra extended a warm welcome to the gathering, while Dr. Indrajit Bose emphasized the role of science in addressing contemporary global challenges. Delivering the keynote address on "The Global Environmental Crisis: Causes, Impacts, and Solutions," Dr. Sur provided an in-depth analysis of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss. His insights into sustainable practices and technological innovations offered attendees valuable perspectives on combating environmental challenges. Engaging Activities & Competitions Following a short networking and tea break, students participated in dynamic competitions designed to ignite scientific curiosity and innovation: Science Quiz: Held in the auditorium, this challenge tested students' interdisciplinary scientific knowledge, fostering an engaging and competitive learning environment.

Green Cooking Contest: Conducted in the Microprocessor Lab, this unique competition encouraged participants to create sustainable, zero-carbon-footprint dishes, reinforcing eco-conscious culinary practices.

Both activities witnessed remarkable enthusiasm and creativity, showcasing students' scientific acumen and problem-solving abilities.

#### Key Takeaways from the Event

- Inspiring keynote address by Dr. Prabir Ranjan Sur on sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Intellectual stimulation through engaging competitions that promoted scientific learning and innovation.
- Collaborative spirit demonstrated by the active involvement of students and faculty members.
- Application of scientific concepts to real-world sustainability challenges.

#### Closing Ceremony & Recognitions

The Valedictory Session reinforced the importance of science in real-world problem-solving, followed by a heartfelt Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Sreyasree Basu. Winners and participants were honoured with certificates and awards, recognizing their exceptional enthusiasm and contributions to the event.

This successful celebration of National Science Day 2025 reaffirmed our commitment to fostering scientific innovation, collaboration, and environmental consciousness for a sustainable future.





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### 11. Dr. Barnali Kundu Successfully Completes AICTE-PG-Certificate Programme on AI at IIT Kharagpur

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Barnali Kundu, Head of the Electrical Engineering Department at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), has successfully completed the prestigious AICTE-PG-Certificate Programme 2024 on Artificial Intelligence and its Applications at IIT Kharagpur. This esteemed program is part of the AICTE-QIP-PG Certificate Programme in Emerging Areas and is designed to equip educators with cutting-edge knowledge in Artificial Intelligence.

Dr. Kundu was selected among just 30 candidates from across India, a remarkable achievement that highlights her dedication, expertise, and commitment to advancing AI education and research. The rigorous six-month program, sponsored by AICTE, covered advanced topics such as Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Responsible AI, and Natural Language Processing (NLP). The curriculum emphasized bridging academic research with real-world applications, ensuring

that participants are well-equipped to contribute to the ever-evolving AI landscape.

By successfully completing this program, Dr. Kundu has further strengthened GNIT's commitment to fostering innovation and academic excellence in AI. Her newfound insights will play a crucial role in enhancing AI-driven education, mentoring students in cutting-edge research, and fostering collaborations with industry leaders. This milestone not only enriches the institution's academic offerings but also positions GNIT as a hub for AI-driven research and development.



### 12. GNIT Celebrates SAMANWAY 2025: A Grand Alumni Homecoming

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) is thrilled to share the memorable moments of SAMANWAY 2025 : The Annual Homecoming, a spectacular reunion of Alumni, Students, Faculty, and Staff at the GNIT Campus. The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over 250+ Alumni, who reconnected with their alma mater, shared valuable feedback, and contributed insightful suggestions for the growth of both the Institute and the GNIT Alumni Association.

The grand inauguration commenced with Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, extending a warm welcome to the Alumni. He also engaged in a special interaction with our esteemed global alumni network, including those based in the USA, Russia, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Canada, and beyond. Dr. Avali Banerjee, President of the GNIT Alumni Association, addressed the gathering, expressing gratitude for the continued support and active engagement of our alumni community.

The event featured a vibrant 30-minutes cultural program presented by current students, followed by a captivating performance by our talented alumni. To celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship and camaraderie, the GNIT Alumni Association organized an Exhibition Football Match on the campus football ground. Adding to the excitement, alumni and students participated in a variety of fun-

filled activities such as Hit the Wicket, Musical Chair, a Photography Competition, Best Video Bytes, and many more interactive engagements.

A special highlight of the event was the presence of the first batch of GNIT alumni (2007 pass-out), making the occasion even more nostalgic and special. Each alumnus was honoured with a special memento, followed by the much-anticipated and joyous Cake Cutting Ceremony, symbolizing the enduring bond between GNIT and its alumni.

The day concluded with a Grand Lunch, where alumni shared their experiences, reminisced about their student days, and created new memories with old friends and mentors.

SAMANWAY 2025 was a resounding success, reinforcing the strong and cherished connection between GNIT and its alumni community. We look forward to many more such celebrations in the future.





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### 13. GNIT Strengthens Industry Ties! MoU Signed with Reunited Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd.

We are pleased to announce that the Department of Electrical Engineering, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Reunited Tech Solution Pvt. Ltd. on 5th March 2025. This strategic collaboration is aimed at fostering industry-academia synergy and empowering students with invaluable hands-on learning experiences.

Through this partnership, students will benefit from:  
**Internship Opportunities** – Exposure to real-world industrial challenges and practical learning.

**Placement Support** – Enhanced career prospects through job opportunities.

**Skill Development Programs** – Training sessions to equip students with industry-relevant competencies.

**Short-Term Training Modules** – Specialized courses to bridge the gap between academics and industrial practices.

This initiative underscores our commitment to providing holistic education and ensuring that our students graduate as industry-ready professionals. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all stakeholders in making this collaboration a success.

We look forward to leveraging this partnership for the growth and development of our students.



### 14. GNIT-Department of Computer Applications : Signs MoU with Indian Institute of Internship for Enhanced Industry Exposure

We are delighted to announce that the Department of Computer Application (GNIT), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Internship on March 10, 2025. This strategic partnership marks a significant step towards strengthening industry-academia collaboration and empowering students with hands-on learning experiences that bridge the gap between classroom education and real-world industry demands.

Through this collaboration, our students will gain access to :

**Internship Opportunities** – First-hand exposure to industry challenges and practical applications.

**Placement Support** – Enhanced career prospects through industry-aligned job opportunities.

**Skill Development Programs** – Training sessions to equip students with in-demand technical and professional competencies.

**Short-Term Training Modules** – Specialized courses designed to align academic learning with industry expectations.

**Industrial Training & Industry Visits** – Practical exposure through on-site industrial training and expert interactions. At GNIT, we are committed to fostering holistic education and ensuring our students graduate as industry-ready professionals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders who have contributed to the success of this collaboration.

We look forward to leveraging this partnership for the growth, development, and career success of our students.



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### 15. GNIT & Centre of Excellence – AI & Digital Transformation Forge Strategic Partnership

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), under the aegis of JIS Group, has signed a transformative Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre of Excellence – AI & Digital Transformation (CoE-AI & DT), marking a significant step towards fostering skill-based training, research, and career development in the fields of AI, Web 3.0, and Industry 5.0. on 11 March 2025.

This collaboration will provide students and faculty with :

Industrial Training & Visits – First-hand exposure to industry advancements through corporate visits and research programs.

Expert Guest Lectures – Sessions by leading professionals on cutting-edge technological trends.

Internship & Placement Support – A structured approach to training and employment opportunities in high-demand tech domains. The Indian Institute of Internship, as the official implementation partner, will oversee research management, funding documentation, and program development, ensuring impactful execution. This partnership strengthens the bridge between academia and industry, creating future-ready professionals equipped with AI-driven expertise.



## JIS UNIVERSITY

### JIS School of Management Studies Makes Proud Participation in Prestigious Academic Event at IIM Bodh Gaya

On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025, JIS School of Management Studies proudly participated in a significant academic event at IIM, Bodh Gaya. Our faculty and students presented their research papers, showcasing the institution's commitment to excellence and intellectual growth. The presentations provided a valuable platform for engaging with scholars and professionals, reflecting our academic team's dedication

to research and innovation. This event underscored the hard work and passion of our participants. The presentations highlighted the high quality of work produced by our students and faculty, contributing valuable insights to the academic community. It is a testament to our commitment to academic rigor and research-driven education. This achievement inspired all members of JIS School of Management Studies to continue pursuing excellence and innovation. We remain motivated to further our academic goals and make a lasting impact in the world of academia.





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### JIS School of Management Studies Hosted Distinguished International Scholars

JIS School of Management Studies was proud to welcome Ms. Ioanna Naoum, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, Aristotle University, Greece, and Ms. Angelika Ziaka, Professor of Religious Studies and Interreligious Dialogue. Their visit marked an important step in fostering global academic collaboration, promoting intercultural learning, and strengthening international ties. We had the opportunity to engage in insightful discussions and knowledge exchange during their visit.



### JIS School of Management Studies Awarded Times Excellence in Education & Institutional Infrastructure East Chapter 2025 Award

JIS School of Management Studies, JIS University, was recently honored with the prestigious Times Excellence in Education & Institutional Infrastructure East Chapter 2025 Award. This recognition highlights our commitment to providing world-class education, fostering innovation, and maintaining state-of-the-art infrastructure for our students. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our students, faculty, and staff for their contributions to this achievement.

### Freshers Welcome by the Department of CSE

The Department of CSE at JIS University hosted a grand Freshers Welcome for the 1<sup>st</sup>-year students on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2025. The event was filled with warm greetings, unforgettable moments, and an atmosphere full of joy, energy, and excitement.



### Faculty of Agriculture organised an exposure visit

Faculty of Agriculture organised an exposure visit on 18<sup>th</sup> February for B.Sc. Agriculture 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> semester students to WBCADC, Nadia where the students were enlightened with various marketing

channels, soil testing laboratories, Orchard and the procedure of making ghee, honey etc. It was a great practical learning session for the students.





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### Celebrating International Mother Language Day at JIS University

JIS University observed International Mother Language Day, on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2025, highlighting the importance of language diversity. The event celebrated the role of language in preserving culture, promoting understanding, and uniting communities globally. Traditional songs, dances, and poetry in various languages being performed. Activities focused on promoting multilingualism. The event underscored the significance of mother languages in connecting people and fostering a shared cultural heritage.

### JIS University embraced spirituality with a soulful "Gurbani Kirtan & Discourse"

JIS University embraced spirituality with a soulful "Gurbani Kirtan & Discourse" on campus. The event featured an interactive session and the distribution of bengali translations of Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, spreading the message of wisdom and devotion. A heartfelt experience of peace, learning, and divine connection being observed.



### JIS University proudly felicitates Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya

JIS University proudly felicitated Dr. Atanu Bhattacharya, Associate Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, for his remarkable achievement in global research. His publication, "Community estimate of global glacier mass changes from 2000 to 2023," published in Nature (2025), represents a significant contribution to understanding climate change and glacial dynamics. We celebrated his dedication and excellence in research, which brings global recognition to our institution.

### Freshers Welcome by the Department of Biosciences

The Department of Bioscience successfully organized a vibrant Freshers' Welcome on 24<sup>th</sup> February, offering a warm reception to our newest members as they begin their academic journey filled with learning, discovery, and growth.



### Educational Visit to DEE, BCKV

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, students from the Department of Agriculture, JIS University visited the Directorate of Extension Education (DEE), Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), Mohanpur to gain practical insights into agricultural extension services. The visit provided an in-depth understanding of DEE's organizational structure, planning, and implementation of extension programs, including seminars, symposiums, and conferences aimed at empowering the farming community. Students also explored the Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) and its role as a single-window delivery system for farmers, showcasing innovative exhibitions, facilities, and diverse agricultural solutions. This experiential learning

opportunity enhanced students' knowledge of agricultural outreach, technology transfer, and the vital role of extension services in modern farming.





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**National Seminar on Recent Advances in Interdisciplinary Science and Research (RAISR-2025), organized by the Departments of Physics, Bio Sciences, Chemistry, and Pharmacy**

The National Seminar on Recent Advances in Interdisciplinary Science and Research (RAISR-2025), organized by the Departments of Physics, Bio Sciences, Chemistry, and Pharmacy, held on February 28, 2025. Congratulations to the winners of the Best Paper Awards for their exceptional research. 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sheik Arief Abdaly (Postgraduate, Physics, Presidency University) for his paper on methane and carbon dioxide emissions in Kolkata and the Sundarban Delta. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place : Shinjini Nag (Undergraduate, CSE, JIS University) for her FPGA-based

gunshot localization system. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (Tie) : Ankit Saha & Samprit Das (Postgraduate, Biosciences, JIS University) for their research on protein interactions in relapsed Rhabdomyosarcoma.



### 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of JIS University

The 5<sup>th</sup> Convocation of JIS University was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 at the university campus. The ceremony began with a grand procession, followed by the official inauguration by the Hon'ble Chancellor of JIS University, Sardar Taranjit Singh. The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Bhabes Bhattacharya, presented the convocation report. We were honored to have Prof. Partha Pratim Majumder, National Science Chair (Scientific Excellence), Government of India, Distinguished Professor at the John C. Martin Centre for Liver Research & Innovations, and Member of the Technical Advisory

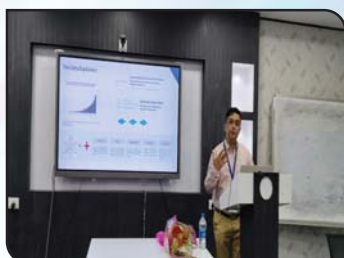
Group on Genomics at WHO, as our Chief Guest, who delivered an inspiring Convocation address. The event also saw the presence of our esteemed Guests of Honor: Prof. Kaustav Sanyal, Director of Bose Institute, Kolkata, and Dr. Ramji Singh, Executive Director & CEO of AIIMS, Kalyani, who graced the occasion with their valuable words. The ceremony was attended by members of the Governing Board, Academic Council, Directors, Deans, Heads of Departments, Controller of Examinations, Deputy Registrar – Academics, along with eminent representatives from academia, research, and industry. It was a truly memorable celebration of academic excellence.



**Expert Talk on 'The Scope of Data Science in the Era of Artificial Intelligence' hosted by the Department of Mathematics at JIS University"**

The Department of Mathematics at JIS University hosted a thought-provoking Expert Talk on "The Scope of Data Science in the Era of

Artificial Intelligence" on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the JIS University campus. The session was led by guest speaker Dibyendu Banerjee, a Certified Data Scientist and Generative AI Specialist with over 20 years of experience in AI, Machine Learning, and Data Science. He discussed the immense potential of Data Science and how Artificial Intelligence is revolutionizing industries and shaping the future.





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### Celebration of International Women's Day at JIS UNIVERSITY

The Times of India, in collaboration with JIS University, hosted an empowering Knowledge Session titled "THE FUTURE IS SHE" on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in honor of International Women's Day. The session covered vital topics like Mental & Physical Well-being, Menstrual Health Awareness, Entrepreneurship, Safety, and Cyber Security, with a special focus on practical self-defense techniques, including Karate movements, to empower women to protect themselves. We were honored to have distinguished dignitaries including Mr. Indrabadan Jha, DCP, Barrackpore Police Commissionerate; Dr. Anshuman Roy & Dr. Sunandan Sikdar, Sr. Medical Consultants; Ms. Devika Majumder, Woman Entrepreneur; Prof. Dr. Bhabes Bhattacharya, VC, JIS University; Dr. H.S. Maji, Dean Academics, JIS

University; and Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Director, JIS Group, who delivered inspiring messages on women's empowerment, emphasizing that women should embrace freedom and independence in every aspect of their lives.



### JIS University students participation in Xenith Chapter 2

We are proud to announce that JIS University students recently participated in Xenith Chapter 2, the cultural fest of St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, showcasing their exceptional talent and creativity. Our Drama Team—Sayan Singha (BCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem), Debolina Saha (B.Pharm 4<sup>th</sup> Sem), Amisha Sahu (BMLT 4<sup>th</sup> Sem), Debasish Maity (Biotech 2<sup>nd</sup> Sem), and Soumyajyoti Ghosh (B.Tech 4<sup>th</sup> Sem)—secured 2<sup>nd</sup> place with their powerful performance on the theme "Edur Dour" (Rat Race). A special congratulations to Pratima Hela (Education, 4<sup>th</sup> Sem) for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Doodle Competition. We commend all the participants for their dedication and hard work and making JIS University proud.



### Field Visit from the Faculty of Agriculture

A practical session was organized for the 4<sup>th</sup>-semester students of the Faculty of Agriculture at Upendra Horticultural Farm, Ranaghat on 10<sup>th</sup> March. During this session, the students had the opportunity to explore various propagation techniques, including grafting and budding, through hands-on experience. They gained valuable insights into the cultivation practices of horticultural crops and demonstrated great enthusiasm and curiosity in learning more. The students expressed their eagerness to further expand their knowledge and were excited about the prospect of engaging in similar activities in the future.

### Pre-Placement Talk with Aculife Healthcare Pvt. Ltd

The Training & Placement Cell, JIS University organized the Pre-Placement Talk with Aculife Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for B.Pharm final-year students. The session provided valuable insights into the pharmaceutical industry, career opportunities, and professional growth.



### JIS University celebrated Basanta Utsav

On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025, JIS University celebrated Basanta Utsav, welcoming the arrival of spring with lively cultural performances and traditional celebrations. The event beautifully captured the essence of heritage and joy, symbolizing renewal and unity.



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### The Department of Computer Science and the ISTE Student Chapter at JIS University organized an AI-Generated Holi Poster Competition

The Department of Computer Science and the ISTE Student Chapter at JIS University organized an AI-Generated Holi Poster Competition on 13<sup>th</sup> March, as part of their NSS activity. The event, held on the JIS University campus, featured two competition themes: 1) AI-Generated Holi Avatar, where participants created unique AI-generated images of themselves celebrating Holi, and 2) Social Awareness Message on Holi, where posters promoting eco-friendly celebrations, cultural significance, and the spirit of unity and harmony were designed. The objectives of the event included helping students

understand Holi's cultural importance, educating 20 children from cleaning staff families and nearby areas on safe Holi celebrations, and exploring the role of AI in digital creativity and artistic expression..



### The East Zone Vice-Chancellors' Meet 2024-25

On 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025 the AIU East Zone Vice-Chancellors' Meet 2024-25 being organised, held at The Westin, Rajarhat, marked a significant step toward shaping the future of higher education in India. Hosted by JIS Group and JIS University, the prestigious event brought together Vice-Chancellors from over 100 universities across Eastern India to discuss key themes of "Equity, Diversity, and Sustainability" in education.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. CV Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, who set the stage for discussions on fostering inclusive learning environments, sustainable academic practices,

and innovative educational strategies. In his address, Sardar Taranjit Singh, Managing Director of JIS Group, emphasized the critical role of academic leaders in shaping a progressive and accessible education system. He reiterated JIS Group's commitment to nurturing an educational landscape that caters to the needs of every student, irrespective of background, while promoting responsible growth and development. Esteemed dignitaries, including Dr. Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU, and senior leadership from JIS Group, led insightful discussions on the evolving role of curriculum development, campus sustainability, and societal outreach in higher education. Focused on collaboration and innovation, the conference served as a dynamic platform for thought leaders to pave the way for a more inclusive, accessible, and forward-thinking educational ecosystem.



### Day 2 of The East Zone Vice-Chancellors Meet

Day 2 of The East Zone Vice-Chancellors' Meet 2024-25 was on 19<sup>th</sup> of March: Day 2 was filled with visionary conversations on Equity, Diversity & Sustainability, highlighting the need for an inclusive, innovative education system that caters to the diverse needs of today's students. The discussions revolved around sustainable curriculum development, promoting entrepreneurship among students, and ensuring that educational institutions remain at the forefront of global challenges. Thought leaders and academic experts explored practical solutions to create a more accessible and inclusive academic ecosystem. JIS University continues to take the lead in these crucial conversations, shaping the future of higher education

and fostering a space where progressive ideas take center stage. We're proud to be part of this journey, driving change and inspiring the future of academia.

