



from the desk of the  
**PRESIDENT**

Dear Member,



7th June, 2016

I take this opportunity to congratulate The Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, Smt. Mamata Banerjee, on her assuming office for her second term having been hugely mandated by the people of West Bengal in the West Bengal Assembly Elections 2016, to lead the State.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry takes pride in having had the opportunity to work with the Government of West Bengal as part of our efforts towards partnering with the Government's development initiatives. It is our mission and vision to remain aligned with the State's business and economic prospects as a key stakeholder and hence, The Chamber has synced its activities with the greater socio-economic objective of achieving inclusive growth.

As the newsletter would reveal, BCC&I, as part of its vibrant overseas connect programmes organizes Business Delegations and Bilateral dialogues regularly, with a special focus on addressing B2B queries and linkages for the members and industry stakeholders. To substantiate the aforesaid, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The

Consulate General of the Russian Federation jointly organized a first-of-its-kind "Business Dialogue - Indo-Russia Opportunities and Scope" very recently in Kolkata. The programme was streamed live between Kolkata and Russia. This apart, we also took a business delegation to Myanmar from 16th May to 20th May 2016. The delegation visited Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay and was comprised of industry representatives from West Bengal and Odisha. Starting from paying homage to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on his 155th Birth Anniversary to establishing bilateral business ties among India and GCC countries and also addressing the need to spread awareness in the insurance and financial services, The Bengal Chamber is into activities and events spanning business, commerce, sports and culture. The Chamber is engaged in a deluge of activities, and that makes us look forward to the future with unbridled enthusiasm.

The coming months will feature an astounding number of events and I am looking forward to your encouragement, support and participation in each of these.

Sd/-  
**Ambarish Dasgupta**  
President

## NEWS FLASH

The Bengal Chamber was honoured to receive a special note from Ms. Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal after the Chamber congratulated her on her second term in Office.



**The Indirect Taxes Committee of  
The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry is organizing a  
SEMINAR ON SERVICE TAX**  
from 10.00 a.m. onwards, on 8th July, 2016, at The Park Kolkata

*The Seminar will broadly deliberate on the following :*

- Key trends in Indirect Taxes as a precursor to GST
- New Amendments under Finance Act 2016
- Recent Developments & Important Court Judgements
- Cenvat Credit & Reverse Charge
- Exemptions, Negative List & Rules for Place of Provision Of Services
- Service Tax on Real Estate Transactions & Works Contract
- Other Sectoral Issues in Service Tax including Mining, IT & Software, Leasing, Restaurants & Hotels, Banking & Financial, Intellectual Property, Intermediaries, etc

*Eminent tax experts who shall be addressing and interacting with the participants on the above include:*

**Mr. T. B Chatterjee**, Chairman, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chief Corporate Officer, Legal and Corporate Affairs, IFC India Ltd

**Mr. Pankaj Saha**, Co-Chairperson, Indirect Taxes Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner - Tax & Regulatory Services, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP

**Mr. Vivek Jalan**, FCA, IAV & Associates, Chartered Accountants

**Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta**, Associate Director - Indirect Tax, KPMG

**Mr. Arun Agarwal**, FCA, K N Jain & Co

**Mr. M. S. Mani**, Senior Director, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India Private Limited

The participation fee is Rs. 5,000/- (inclusive of taxes). A discount of 50% is applicable for a group registration only if more participants registering from the same organisation. An early bird discount of 20% is also available for registrations before 15th June, 2016.

For more information & nominations please contact :

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## PROGRAMME

### Seminar and B2B on India-Gulf Business Exchange

26th April, 2016  
Royal Exchange, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, organized a Seminar and B2B on India-Gulf Business Exchange on 26th April 2016 in the Chamber. The Chamber is initiating more and more overseas linkages for its Members and Stakeholders by organizing business delegations, organizing Seminars with Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and Interactive Sessions with Diplomats.

Mr. Tariq Izzaldeen Hassan Al-Mouthen, Commercial Counselor, The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen to India delivered the Keynote Address on Promising investment opportunities in GCC and India. The Business Session included addresses on "Taxation: Cross-border taxation management" by Mr. Prasun Maiti, Director - Transfer Pricing, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP; Overseas Business of India with special focus on GCC by Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharya, Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata; Policies on EXIM with special focus on GCC by Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director, Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. & Partner; Generation Next Business Consulting and Entrepreneurship Opportunities by Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co-founder & Director, Idein Ventures; Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, Chairman, International Trade Cell of the Chamber, moderated the Session. The session concluded with a lively Q/A session with the delegates coming up with diverse questions on Business with GCC.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber delivering the Welcome Address



Mr. Tariq Izzaldeen Hassan Al-Mouthen, Commercial Counselor, The Embassy of the Republic of Yemen delivering the Keynote Address

Business Session in progress (L-R): Mr. Sudhakar Kasture, Director, Helpline Impex Pvt. Ltd. & Partner, Generation Next Business Consulting; Mr. Ashwin Srivastava, Co-founder & Director, Idein Ventures; Mr. Ardhendu Mandal, Chairman, International Trade Cell of the Chamber; Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharya, Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata; Mr. Prasun Maiti, Director - Transfer Pricing, Price Waterhouse & Co. LLP

### A Tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of "Pochishe Baishakh"

6th May 2016, Gandhi Bhavan Auditorium  
Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry in association with Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals Group paid tribute to Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore on the occasion of his birth anniversary on "Pochishe Baishakh" with Visva Bharati University on Friday, 6th May 2016 from 6 p.m. onwards at Gandhi Bhavan auditorium of Jadavpur University.

This was a very special and unique programme initiated by the Chamber in association with Visva Bharati University -the custodian of Gurudev's work, teachings and legacy. The evening included a special programme of "Shyama" by the students of Patha Bhavana school (Visva Bharati University) along with a special presentation named Gurupranam. The second half of the programme also included a small session organized by our cultural partner, Ananya Onnomon.

The programme was supported by Jadavpur University, Bandhan Bank, CESC Limited, Calcutta Tea Traders Association, Techno India Group, International Combustion and Williamson Magor Group.



A student of Patha Bhavana during her recitation at the commencement of the programme



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Audience



Guru Pranam by the students of Patha Bhavana



At the conclusion of the programme



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber (left) and Prof Swapan Datta, Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University



During Guru Pranam



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta presenting a memento to Prof Swapan Datta



During the performance



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta paying his tribute to Gurudev

### MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER

Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey to DTDC Express Limited and PricewaterhouseCoopers Service Delivery Centre (Kolkata) Pvt. Ltd. whose applications for membership were tabled and approved by the Managing Committee at its meeting on 12th April 2016.



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Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I delivering the Welcome Address



Performance by Ananya Onnomon



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber, presenting a memento to Prof Swapan Datta



"Shyama" being performed



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, paying his tribute to Gurudev



Prayer Song offered by Visva Bharati University



Ananya Onnomon's performance



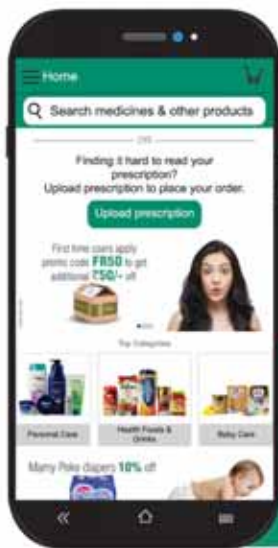
Prof. Swapan Datta honoring Mr. Sutanau Ghosh, President Designate, BCC&I in presence of Prof. Dr. Sabujkoli Sen of Visva Bharati University (extreme left) and Smt. Bodhirupa Sinha, Principal, Patha Bhavana school



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Prof. Swapan Datta honouring Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I



Prof. Swapan Datta welcoming Ms Sukanya Bose, Asst Director, BCC&I



Prof. Swapan Datta paying his tribute to Gurudev



Shyama and Bojrosen



Prof. Swapan Datta, Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati University delivering his address



Shyama



Prof. Swapan Datta welcoming Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I



Smt. Bodhirupa Sinha, Principal, Patha Bhavana School, Visva Bharati University



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Students and Teachers of Patha Bhavana, Visva Bharati



During the play

### Seminar on Arbitration

7th May 2016  
Chamber Premises

The Legal Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a special Seminar on Arbitration on 7th May 2016 from 3 p.m. onwards in the Williamson Magor Hall, 1st Floor, Chamber premises.

The general law relating to arbitration is contained in the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the 'said Act') which is based on UNCITRAL MODEL LAW on International Commercial Arbitration as adopted in 1985 by United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, applying to both international as well as domestic arbitration. The said Act was enacted to provide an alternative dispute redressal mechanism for speedy disposal of cases relating to arbitration with the least intervention of the Court. With the passage of time, some difficulties in the applicability of the said Act were noticed. Interpretation on the provisions of the said Act by the Court in some cases have resulted in delay in disposal of arbitration proceedings and increase in interference of Courts in arbitration matters, which tends to defeat the object of the Act. With a view to overcome the said difficulties, the President was pleased to promulgate the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2015 on 23rd October, 2015. The said Ordinance has since been replaced by the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Act, 2015, which came into force on 31st December, 2015 with retrospective effect from 23rd October, 2015. This amendment has raised several eyebrows amongst the lawyers, the litigants, businessmen and corporates, alike.

This was an attempt on the part of the Chamber to have the pros and cons of the said amendments and its effect on the litigants, the arbitrators and the lawyers practicing in this field. The speakers of the seminar included luminaries like Shri Jayanta Kumar Mitra, Advocate General of West Bengal, who spoke on the basic fields of amendments in 2015, Mr. Jishnu Saha, Senior Advocate, who spoke on the amendment of Sections 2, 7, 8, 9, 11 (except sub-sections 8 and 14) and 17 of the Act, Justice Alok Chakraborty (Retd), who spoke on the amendment of Sections 11(8) and (14), 12 and 29A & B and Mr. Samrat Sen, Senior Advocate, who spoke on the amendment of Sections 24, 31A, 34, 36 and 37 of the Act. The programme was moderated by Senior Advocate Mr. Paritosh Sinha, Member Legal Committee, The Bengal Chamber. It was a most successful and well-subscribed seminar and was well attended by the media.



Adv D N Mitra, Chairman, Legal Committee, BCC&I during his Opening Address



Advocate General of West Bengal Shri Jayanta Mitra delivering the Keynote Address



Audience from corporates and the legal fraternity



7th May 2016  
Chamber Premises

Seminar on Arbitration



During the programme



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber concluding the session



The Q/A session



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh presenting a memento to Shri Jayanta Mitra



Justice Alok Chakraborty (Retd.), High Court, during his speech



Senior Advocate Mr. Jishnu Saha during his speech



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&.



Senior Advocate Mr. Samrat Sen.



## PROGRAMME

### Farmer's Training on Vermicompost Culture in association with Visva Bharati University, Agricultural Training Centre

10th-11th May 2016  
Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narendrapur

The programme was held as part of the on-going project of the Chamber in Birbhum as part of which the Chamber has adopted five villages near Santiniketan with the objective of infusing more efficiency in their agricultural practices and turning them into model villages. In this context a group of 30 farmers were selected from these villages for a training programme on vermicomposting, which was held at the Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narendrapur.

Introductory Programme on 10th May 2016 :

Mr Ambarish Dasgupta, President of the Chamber welcomed all present at the programme and informed all that the Chamber will, in future, regularly organize such programmes for the benefit of farmers. He thanked Visva Bharati University and Ramakrishna Mission for their help in reaching out to the farmers.

Dr. Manas Ghosh, Principal, Agricultural Training Centre, Narendrapur also spoke on the occasion and informed farmers present about the need of this training and thanked the Chamber for its endeavour in this field. Swami Sarvagananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram also spoke on the occasion and gave his blessings to the farmers who came all the way from Birbhum District.

Valedictory Session on 11th May 2016 :

Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal graced the occasion and spoke about the need of such training for the benefit of the farmers and thanked the Chamber for its efforts and assured the Chamber his wholehearted support in such endeavours in future. After the meeting, Dr. Chopra issued the Certificate of Training on Vermicompost Culture to the farmers.



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta addressing the programme



Dr. Sanjeev Chopra, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal during his address



A section of farmers attending the training session



Dr. Sanjeev Chopra presenting certificates to the farmers along with Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber (Left) with Swami Sarvagananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Narendrapur. At the middle is, Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee, Chairperson, Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, The Bengal Chamber



Dr. Sanjeev Chopra amongst the farmers after the training

## PROGRAMME

### Interactive Think Tank Session for Joint Research in Future Technologies

13th May 2016  
Lalit Great Eastern

The Australian Trade Commission (Australian Government), The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) and Curtin University, Australia, organised an Interactive Think Tank Session for Joint Research in Future Technologies in the evening of Friday, 13th May, 2016, from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at Lalit Great Eastern.

The respected dignitaries who graced the evening included Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Australia (to India) Ms Harinder Sidhu; Associate Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) Professor Brett Kirk of Curtin University and President Designate of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) Mr Sutanu Ghosh among many other notable figures. The Bengal Chamber was the partner for the evening.

Curtin University boasts of an impressive bank of faculty, which comprises of Prof. Vishnu Pareek, The Head of School for Chemical Engineering, Prof. Michele Rosano, The Head of School of Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Prof. Ian Howard, The Head of School of Engineering Asset Management, to name a few. Each of the Heads of their respective departments, introduced their subjects, which ranged from Electrical Engineering to Sustainable

Development. "We expect significant collaboration between Australia and India, in the area of energy, because both countries have complementary business needs. For example, Australia is a large producer of LNG, and India is likely to import even more LNG in the future", concluded Prof. Pareek.

"With the burgeoning middle class economy on the cusp of expansion, and a growing population, Indian industrial production will need to consider a more sustainable model of production to meet the increasing standards of environmental management and stewardship expected by modern citizens and governments. We believe our experience in Industrial Ecology and cleaner production have many lessons for the journey ahead. The Sustainable Engineering Group want to share these lessons with the Indian Industry", explained Prof. Rosano, upholding the basic underlying principle of Curtin University, which is encouraging Sustainable Living, among all the inhabitants of the planet.

The interactive session concluded with a formal vote of thanks. The session was well attended by more than 150 senior delegates.



Her Excellency the High Commissioner of Australia (to India) Ms. Harinder Sidhu, delivering the keynote address



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate of the Chamber delivering the welcome address

### Business Delegation to Myanmar

16th May to 20th May 2016  
Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw & Mandalay

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry took a business delegation to Myanmar from 16th May to 20th May 2016. The delegation, led by the President Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, visited Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay. The delegation comprised of industry representatives from West Bengal and Odisha.

#### The delegation members were:

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta	President	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Mr. Pratin Kumar Khanra	Director-operations	Saraswati Print Factory Pvt Ltd
Mr. Khitish Ch Patra	CEO	New Life Diagnostic & Xray
Mr. Narayan Kumar	Managing Director	Mediaid Venture Pvt Ltd
Mr. Sanjeev Mahapatra	Director	Terablock Machinery Pvt Ltd
Mr. Jagadananda Mahapatra	Director	Terablock Machinery Pvt Ltd
Mr. Shyam Sunder Dey	Head- Business Development	Woodland Multispeciality Hospital Limited
Mr. Prakash Shah	Chairman	G S Marketing Associates
Mr. Utpal Roy	Consultant (liaison & Marketing)	G S Marketing Associates
Mr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya	CEO	Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd
Mr. Avik Roy	Managing Director	Re-emerging World Consulting Private Limited
Mr. Subhodip Ghosh	Director General Designate	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury	Assistant Director	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Mr. Sambit Dasgupta	Senior Manager	The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry



**The delegation met Union of Myanmar Federation Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on 16th May 2016 in Yangon. The delegation was received by Ambassador Tint Swai, Chief Executive Officer. U Mg Mg Myint, Head of Department (IRD), UMFCCI was also present.** Ambassador Tint Swai mentioned that Education and Healthcare sectors have immense opportunities in Myanmar. The institutions will have to showcase them well to attract business. Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate proposed whether UMFCCI and BCC&I may formally work together to create a permanent forum for mutual collaborations, information sharing and facilitation to each others' members. A formal proposal will be submitted by BCC&I

**The delegation met His Excellency U Ohn Maung, Hon'ble Minister of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr. Tint Thwin, Director General, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Republic of The Union of Myanmar on 17th May 2016 in Nay Pyi Taw.** The Hon'ble Minister expressed his pleasure receiving the delegation. It was the first delegation of this scale he received after taking over. He mentioned about Buddhist pilgrimage shared between India and Myanmar. Bodh Gaya attracts many from Myanmar on account of Buddhist tourism. He also said that there are not that many footfalls from India to Myanmar. With more Indian footfall in Myanmar, people in Myanmar will get the opportunity to interact more with Indians which will further encourage business relationships. Indian investors in tourism sector are also welcome in Myanmar. The other areas, he advised, in which Indian businesses are having opportunities in Myanmar are HR Training (as Myanmar needs capacity building in different sectors); IT including data collection and others; Skill Development especially English Language Training, and Mines and Minerals. The Bengal Chamber will submit a proposal of organizing a Golf Delegation to Myanmar which will be combined with a HR programme and Skill Development including English Language Training. President mentioned that this will lead to golf tourism from India to Myanmar which will give them exposure to Myanmar as a tourism destination. The Chamber will also submit a proposal to connect Kolkata and Yangon as Sister Cities to promote Buddhist Tourism. The proposal of Myanmar's participation in India International Mega Trade Fair in December 2016 in Kolkata was submitted to the Hon'ble Minister. This will give businesses in Myanmar exposure to the consumers' market in Kolkata and also B2B network of other countries participating in the Fair. The Hon'ble Minister was also invited to the Inauguration. Indo-Myanmar Cultural Programme, on occasion of the International Trade Fair, was also proposed to the Hon'ble Minister. The President informed that The Bengal Chamber would be delighted to offer the platform to promote Myanmar reaching out to Indian Stakeholders.

**The delegation met Professor Thet Khaing Win, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Myanmar on 17th May 2016.** Opportunities of promoting medical tourism from Myanmar to India were reiterated. The Permanent Secretary suggested that experts from Indian healthcare sector may also visit Myanmar and work in collaboration with their local counterparts. Medical Education Institutions of both the countries may collaborate. Indian Pharmaceutical organizations may set up factories in Myanmar. The Bengal Chamber proposed whether research may be conducted jointly by both the countries given most diseases are of similar nature due to similar climatic conditions. Funds from

International Funding Agencies may also be approached together. Expertise on telemedicine and other technology expertise for providing healthcare to the people in Myanmar may be provided as well. In this context, the Permanent Secretary mentioned that connectivity may be an issue. There is a need to create IT infrastructure, connectivity and security. The Permanent Secretary advised to get in touch with the office of Minister of Transport and Communication in this context.

**The delegation split in two groups on 18th May 2016. One group went to Mandalay for B2B Meetings and the other returned to Yangon to meet His Excellency Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The second group also participated in the Dinner hosted by the Embassy of India in Yangon.**

**The Hon'ble Minister started his speech with the emotional connection people in Myanmar share with Indians.** He also referred to the historical connection the two countries share. He mentioned that Myanmar, with the new Government, is opening its market. The country is very keen to retain its good relationship with India and increase trade and commerce. More investments from India are expected. Infrastructure and capacity building are areas Myanmar is focusing on and the Indian companies may value add. The Hon'ble Minister mentioned that his Ministry is responsible for promoting Myanmar's trade with other countries and the Ministry is focusing on increasing exports. In this context, the Hon'ble Minister was apprised about the India International Mega Trade Fair organized by The Bengal Chamber with GS Marketing Associates who were also part of the delegation. The Chamber also apprised the Hon'ble Minister about the International Conference on Pulses in Kolkata, India in commemoration of this year being the International Year of Pulses as declared by the United Nations. The programme is being scheduled towards the end of 2016. The date will be finalized shortly in consultation with the Government of India and Government of West Bengal. The Chamber believes that it would be only be befitting to have Myanmar as our Partner Country for this programme. The Hon'ble Minister assured that he would look into the matter and his Ministry would evaluate the same discussing with the private sector.

**The Delegation participated in a Dinner hosted by the Embassy of India in Yangon on the occasion of Myanmar-India Business Conclave: Forging Partnerships. The Dinner was graced by Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Commerce Minister of India; Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar; Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Indian Embassy in Yangon; Dr. Nandakumar Nagendran, Consul General, Consulate General of India in Mandalay; Smt. Arundhati Bhattacharya, CMD, State Bank of India and other dignitaries.** It provided a significant networking session for the delegates with the business community in Myanmar and also with the Indian Diaspora in Myanmar.

**Part of the delegation accompanied by one of the Chamber secretariat members visited Mandalay.** In Mandalay, the delegation split according to their sectors of interest and one team met members of **Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association**, while the others headed to the Consulate Office in Mandalay for their relevant **B2B with representatives from the health sector.** The entire delegation which visited Mandalay assembled in CGI's office after their respective meetings. The delegates were received by Mr. Vipin Sharma, Consul, Indian



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Business Delegation to Myanmar

Consulate General of India in Mandalay. The delegation visited Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MRCCI) for the prescheduled B2B meetings. **Dr. Maung Maung, Secretary General of MRCCI greeted the delegation.**

**The Delegation met His Excellency U Khin Maung Cho, Union Minister, Ministry of Industry, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 19th May 2016 in Yangon and participated in the Myanmar-India Business Conclave.** The Hon'ble Minister listened to the areas of interest of the delegation. He took interest in the India International Mega Trade Fair. He advised to focus on Small and Medium businesses in Myanmar like fisheries, agro based, food processing, light engineering and others. The Bengal Chamber apprised him about the project on MSME zoning that the Chamber is undertaking in West Bengal. The same may be done for the Myanmar Government as well as the MSMEs in

Myanmar which are also classified in terms of geographical area like that in West Bengal.

**During the Myanmar-India Business Conclave, Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya expressed his appreciation for the delegation that the Chamber organized and requested the Chamber to work towards catalyzing connectivity between Kolkata and Sittwe Port, Myanmar. The deepwater port at Sittwe in Rakhine State in Myanmar is located on the Bay of Bengal at the mouth of the Kaladan River. Sittwe Port will be linked with Kolkata Port covering a distance of 539 km. The port has been financed and constructed by India at a cost of US\$120 million and is part of the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, which is a joint collaboration between India and Myanmar.**



Meeting with Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) CEO, Yangon, Myanmar



Meeting with Professor Thet Khaing Win, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



Meeting with His Excellency, U Ohn Maung, Hon'ble Minister of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



The delegation with His Excellency, U Ohn Maung, Hon'ble Minister of Hotels and Tourism, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar



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The delegates with His Excellency Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar



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## PROGRAMME

### Business Delegation to Myanmar

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Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw & Mandalay



Delegates at Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon, Myanmar



Meeting with business entrepreneurs/companies at Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MRCCI), Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting with business entrepreneurs/companies at Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Mandalay, Myanmar



At Indian Consulate General office in Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting with business entrepreneurs/companies at Mandalay Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MRCCI), Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting at Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association, Mandalay, Myanmar



Meeting with His Excellency U Khin Maung Cho, Union Minister, Ministry of Industry, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Yangon, Myanmar



At Indo-Myanmar Business Conclave, Yangon, Myanmar



16th May to 20th May 2016  
Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw & Mandalay

Business Delegation to Myanmar



B2B Meetings in progress, UMFCCI office, Yangon, Myanmar



B2B Meetings in progress, UMFCCI office, Yangon, Myanmar

24th May 2016  
Chamber Premises

Discussion Forum on Sustainable Energy: General Basics and Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning – An Education programme

Discussion Forum on Sustainable Energy: General Basics and Advanced Interdisciplinary Learning – An Education programme sponsored by UGC-RCN under Indo-Norwegian Cooperation Programme 2014 (INCP), Organized by the Global Change Program, Jadavpur University and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, 24th May 2016, Chamber premises

A programme was organized jointly by the Global Change Program, Jadavpur University and The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry with funding from the University Grants Commission (UGC) and Research Council of Norway (RCN) under the Indo-Norwegian Cooperation Program (INCP) on 24th May 2016 in the Chamber premises.

With fast depleting fossil fuel reserves and climate change problem, supply and use of energy have a distinct possibility of paradigm shift all over the world. With introduction of new technologies and use pattern, newly trained manpower in the field of energy is an inevitable need. With overall acceptability of the concept of 'sustainable energy', the need for change in energy education is most pressing. The objective of this program was to address and discuss this need. Experienced speakers from both industry and academia shared their ideas in this respect.

The programme ran in two sessions. Eminent speakers who addressed the sessions were Mr. Alok Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman,

Solyvent Flakt (India) Private Limited; Prof. Ajay Kumar Roy, Director, IEST; Mr. Jonathan T. Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Kolkata; Prof. Oluf Langhelle, University of Stavanger, Norway; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson Energy & Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Managing Director, Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited; Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, Ghosh Bose and Associates Pvt. Ltd.; Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairman Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Prof. Mohsen Assadi, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Stavanger and Managing Director of Center for Sustainable Energy Solutions (cenSE) Norway; Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited; Prof. Joyashree Roy, Coordinator, Global Change Program, Jadavpur University; Shri Sankar Mukhopadhyay, Deputy General Manager (Training), CESC Limited; Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, Director - Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP and Dr. Dipak Sen Choudhury, Advisor-Technology and Innovation, Exide Industries Limited. The programme was introduced by Mr Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the theme of the programme was laid down by Dr. Sudipta De (Programme Coordinator), Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering and Core Committee member, GCP-JU, Jadavpur University. The programme was well attended by more than 130 delegates.



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, BCC&I, commencing the session.



Dr. Sudipta De, Jadavpur University, setting the theme of the programme.

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Audience interaction with the panelists



Dr. Dipak Sen Choudhury, Advisor-Technology and Innovation, Exide Industries Limited



Mr. Arun Kumar Mukherjee, Chairman Emeritus, Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr. Jonathan T Ward, Principal Commercial Officer, U.S. Consulate Kolkata during his speech



Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director, Ghosh Bose and Associates Pvt. Ltd. during his speech



Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, Director - Advisory Services, Ernst & Young LLP



Mr. Aloke Mookherjee, Past President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Chairman, Solyvent Flakt (India) Private Limited, moderator of the Inaugural Panel



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairperson Energy & Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber & Managing Director, Enfragy Solutions India Private Limited



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Mr. Sanjib Bezbaroa, Vice President - Corporate EHS, ITC Limited



Panelists of the Inaugural Session



Prof. Ajoy Kumar Roy, Director, IEST during his speech



Prof. Joyashree Roy, Coordinator, Global Change Program, Jadavpur University



Prof. Mohsen Assadi, Faculty of Science and Technology, University of Stavanger and Managing Director of Center for Sustainable Energy Solutions, Norway



Prof. Oluf Langhelle, University of Stavanger, Norway, during his speech



Section of the audience



Shri Sankar Mukhopadhyay, Deputy General Manager (Training), CESC Limited

## PROGRAMME

### Indian Insurance Industry : Road Ahead - New Challenges & Prospects

26th May 2016  
The Park, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber organised the annual seminar on Indian Insurance Industry on 26th May 2016 at Kolkata.

Though the number of insurance companies operating in India has increased significantly, hundreds of millions of people have limited awareness and/ access to insurance and financial services. India as a country still remains grossly 'under-insured' in terms of insurance penetration and density. In India, Life Insurance is primarily sold as a tax-saving instrument rather than as a risk coverage product. There is a considerable amount of misinformation about insurance in the mind of the average Indian investor and hence there is a crying need to change people's perception and outlook on insurance. Despite higher growth witnessed by health insurance & PA, the Motor Insurance segment continues to maintain its leading position amongst the different segments with a 46% share in the overall industry's Gross Direct Premium in FY 2015. Most general insurance companies reported significant gains on their investment books owing mainly to the rally in the existing equity positions as well as on fresh positions. During FY 2015, PSU players witnessed an 18% YoY growth in their investment book while 'Select Private Players' witnessed a 20% YoY growth. The objective of the seminar was to analyse the challenges and prospects of Indian Life and Non-Life Insurance Industry.

Mr. K Sanathkumar, Chairman & MD, National Insurance Co. Ltd. graced the occasion, as the Chief Guest. Mr. Munish Sharda, MD & CEO, Future Generali Life Insurance Co. Ltd graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. The Summit has also witnessed the deliberation of eminent speakers like Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India; Mr. U S Roy, Director IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd; Former Deputy MD, SBI; Former MD, SBI Life; Mr. Khalid Ahmad, Head- Product Management, PNB MetLife Insurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. Parthanil Ghosh, Chief Marketing Officer, L&T Insurance Co. Ltd.; and Mr. K V R Krishna, Regional Manager, United Insurance Co. Ltd.

The Summit also witnessed the participation of a large audience and eminent finance professionals and was widely covered in different media.



Special Guest- Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India addressing the audience



Guest of Honour- Mr. Munish Sharda, MD & CEO, Future Generali Life Insurance Co. Ltd. addressing the audience



Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest- Mr. K Sanathkumar, Chairman & MD, National Insurance Co. Ltd.



Indian Insurance Industry: Road Ahead Seminar Inaugural Session. Chief Guest- Mr. K Sanathkumar, Chairman & MD, National Insurance Co. Ltd.; Guest of Honour - Mr. Munish Sharda, MD & CEO, Future Generali Life Insurance Co. Ltd. and Special Guest- Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India. Session is chaired by Mr. Sutanu Ghosh, President Designate, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Question and Answer Session of the Inaugural Session



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More than 150 eminent participants attended the Insurance Summit



The General Insurance Session speakers- Mr. U S Roy, Director IndiaFirst Life Insurance Co. Ltd; Former Deputy MD, SBI; Former MD, SBI Life; Mr. Khalid Ahmad, Head- Product Management, PNB MetLife Insurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. Parthnil Ghosh, Chief Marketing Officer, L&T Insurance Co. Ltd.; and Mr. K V R Krishna, Regional Manager, United Insurance Co. Ltd.

General Insurance Session moderated by Mr. Kailash Mittal, Director & Actuarial Practice Leader, KPMG India

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## Workshop on Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA)

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) partnering National Productivity Council (NPC), organized a workshop on "Material Flow Cost Accounting (MFCA)" on Friday, 27th May 2016 at 3.00 p.m. in the Chamber premises.

The workshop was conducted by an eminent faculty from Japan, Mr Hiroshi Tachikawa, who is an expert in the field of MFCA and he is also the Managing Director of Propharm, Japan.

The objective of the workshop was to make the participants aware about the concept of MFCA which would help them in further mapping the actual cost and quantity of materials required for production, the waste generated – how it could be measured in terms of quantity and cost and how the waste could be further reduced in terms of quantity and cost and how it could be properly recycled to produce a by-product suited for industry requirements. Besides, this concept would help the participants in judging the actual energy cost required for production and how it could be properly mapped and reduced further to maintain the optimum level of production.

The workshop was an eye opener for industry representatives and it gave them a clear idea about the material and energy costs and about their quantities and how these could be properly mapped and reduced further in terms of quantity and cost with proper application of related tools and techniques to enhance productivity.

The workshop was attended by industry leaders from the MSME manufacturing units and some of the large manufacturing houses.



Mr. Deb Kumar Basu, Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I welcoming the faculty and the delegates and giving them a background on the MFCA concept at the workshop



The faculty, Mr. Hiroshi Tachikawa who is also the Managing Director of Propharm, Japan is conducting the workshop

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The participants present in the workshop



Mr Indrajit Sen, Past Chairperson and a senior member of the Manufacturing Committee of BCC&I presenting a memento to Mr Hiroshi Tachikawa in the presence of Mr Deb Kumar Basu and Mr Debasis Jana, Co – Chairperson, Manufacturing Committee, BCC&I

### Business Dialogue - Indo-Russia Opportunities and Scope

1st June 2016  
Gorky Sadan, Kolkata

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and The Consulate General of the Russian Federation jointly organized a “Business Dialogue - Indo-Russia Opportunities and Scope” on 1st June 2016 from 2.30 p.m. onwards (IST) in Gorky Sadan - Russian Cultural Centre for Kolkata, 3 Gorky Terrace, Kolkata 17. The programme was streamed live between Kolkata and Russia.

The Chamber felt that it is a most opportune time to explore opportunities of Indo-Russian Business in the East and this video conference was the first dialogue between Russian and businesses from West Bengal in many years.

From the Indian side, representing West Bengal, the conference was attended by Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, The Bengal Chamber; Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & MD, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd; Dr. Rupali Basu, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Ltd; Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, Bengal Chamber; Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Chairman Energy and Environment Committee, The Bengal Chamber & MD, Enfragy Solutions India Pvt. Ltd; Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber, along with a few more industry representatives. There were a total of 25 participants and around 25 representatives from the media, from the Indian side. The Russian side was represented by Mr. Konstantin Petrokov, President Advisor of OPORA, Ms. Veronica Peshkova, Executive Member of OPORA Russia, Ms. Elena Antonova, Ministry of Economy, Russian Federation, Asia Advisor, Mr. Vasily Petrechenko, Deputy Head of Moscow State University’s

Technopark and few more industry leaders. The entire session was moderated by Mr. Mikhail Gosev, the Acting Consul General of The Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Kolkata.

Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta spoke about the strategic importance of trade between the two countries and how the Government of India has emphasized to enhance the bilateral trade between Russia and India. Bengal being strategically located as a gateway to South East Asia and being rich in minerals, water and power has the true potential of bringing business and developing bilateral trade between the two countries. Mr Dasgupta also highlighted the fact that State Government has key focus in MSMEs and the State possesses huge intellectual capital for IT and ITES. Therefore, there is a huge scope of Analytics. Skills, Education and Healthcare are other sectors wherein business opportunities are also quite bright. Mr. Hemant Kanoria, the Keynote Speaker, spoke about how two countries have been good partners for decades. He also reiterated the opportunities for MSMEs in engineering goods. He spoke about agriculture and agro based industries, consumer goods, tea, jute and other relevant sectors.

The Russian representatives discussed about various products from the Russian side focusing on analytics, biotechnology applications, wound dressing, molecular biotechnology products which are less expensive and have huge customer and distributor support system. The conference acted as a precursor to the Chamber’s upcoming business delegation to Russia later this year.



Video Conference in progress



Dr. Rupali Basu, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Ltd during her address



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Business Dialogue - Indo-Russia Opportunities and Scope



Mr. Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & MD, Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd during his address



Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I during his theme address



Dr. Rupali Basu, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles Hospital Ltd and Mr. S Radhakrishnan, Past President, Bengal Chamber, during the conference



During the Video Conference



L-R Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, President, BCC&I; Mr Hemant Kanoria, Chairman & MD SREI Group; Mr Mikhail Gosev, Acting Consul General, Russian Federation to Kolkata



Members interacting with the Russian counterparts



During the session



Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General Designate, The Bengal Chamber





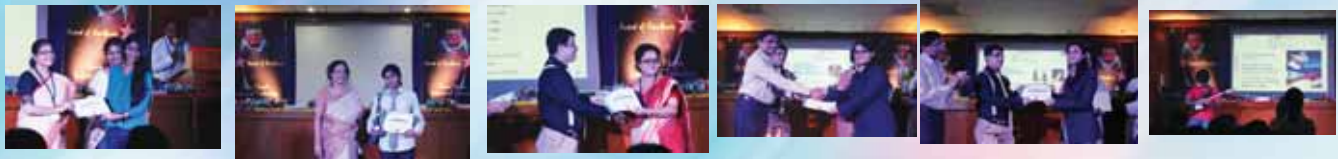
## KRITI 2016, Award for Excellence

With the mission to celebrate stupendous success, with the vision to look into the future with profound courage and promise to scale new heights of achievements and to acknowledge talent, hard work and dedication, GNIT organized KRITI 2016, Award for Excellence on 3 June 2016.

Students across disciplines were awarded with distinguished accolades and recognition for academic excellence, technical acumen, innovations and other extracurricular activities at national and state level during academics year 2015-16 along with respective mentors for effective guidance and efforts.

The programme was attended by hundreds of students accompanied by their guardians who unequivocally expressed their gratitude and satisfaction for GNIT.

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our gratitude to all for their support and solemnly pledge to perform better in the days to come.



## NiT Jewels, the Annual Day Celebration

"NiT Jewels" the Annual Day celebration was organized at the heart of NiT on May 7, 2016. It was observed in a glorious way and the entire programme showcased the essence of Narula Institute of Technology. The award ceremony started with a musical performance and with the heartiest best wishes from the Hon'ble Principal of NiT, Prof (Dr) M R Kanjilal and Vice Chancellor of JISU, Prof (Dr) B C Mal. The aim of the event was to honour and recognise the excellence of our students, faculty members and staffs who have contributed towards the tremendous success of the Institution in multifarious fields.

In this ceremony, students were awarded in four categories: Academic Excellence, Technical Innovation, Cultural Exuberance and Sports Calibre. In the Academic Excellence category, all the academic toppers across all the streams were awarded for their brilliant academic performances. In the Technical Innovation category, which was a part of our Annual Techno Management Fest - Kritanj 2k16, there were Winners of Project Display from our college and also from notable schools of our area. St Augustine from Barrackpore, Nimta High School and students from many other schools enthusiastically participated in our project competition. They exhibited a lot of interest and inquisitiveness, as their little minds got an opportunity to bring out their inherent technical potential. In the Sports category, awards were given to the Sports enthusiasts for their spectacular performance in the Annual Athletic Meet 2016 and Intra college tournaments. In the Cultural Exuberance category, awards were conferred on the students for winning the cultural competitions in the Annual Cultural Fest- Navodaya 2k16.

We believe, all the programmes in NiT are successful due to the relentless efforts of our wonderful secretaries of the different clubs under Student Life Centre and also for the able leadership qualities of the two coordinators of the Student Life Centre. Their enthusiasm and zeal are awe-inspiring and their commendable contributions have given an extra mileage to the institution. All these ever energetic students were conferred a special category of award in this wonderful gathering for their unparalleled contributions to the Institution.

A special category of award was also conferred on the cultural pioneers of NiT based on the consistency of their contribution within the college and also for representing the institute in several events outside the campus for the last four years. They have opened a new chapter in NiT besides their academics. Their performance revitalises our incessant urge to add new

dimension to the life of our budding technocrats.

The journey of NiT started in 2001 and today we have completed more than a decade in the Technical Education Field. The spectrum of colours has illumined our dynamic performances and this would have not been possible without the effort of the "Stalwarts of NiT" who have been with us almost from the inception. We have taken this opportunity to felicitate 35 faculty and staff members who completed over ten years of service in this Institute.

The most awaited award, the "College Blue", NiT Jewel, the most attractive part of the show was finally conferred on Mr. Faiz Nawaz, 4th year, Department of Civil Engineering; a man with attitude, tremendous sense of responsibility and charismatic personality.

The award function was organised to motivate our beloved students and staff, to enliven the life force of Narula and to strengthen the bond of our teacher student fraternity. We create minds, build personality, rise against the odds and invent the cross roads of innovation. The programme concluded with this insightful thought and with a note of optimism for a better and brighter tomorrow.

Last but not the least Department of Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering was awarded with a special admiration award as Best Department for their creativity, innovation and exploration.





## Visit of Kolkata Knight Riders to the GNIT Campus

Kolkata Knight Riders IPL team rocked Guru Nanak Campus on 11th May 2016 amidst jubilant students and staff fans from the JIS Group in KKR Jersey. The magnetic RJ Praveen hosted the show.

Hundreds of students and staff flocked to the Guru Nanak Campus to cheer and interact with the heroes of Kolkata Night Riders team, witnessed Piyush Chawla singing with the crowd and Brad Hogg hip hop with the tunes of RJ Praveen.

Mr Simarpreet Singh, Director, JIS Group and the best students from every JIS Group colleges felicitated the players with flowers, gifts and sword as a mark of honour and appreciation.



## Poster Exhibition

Being inspired by GNIT's mission to conserve valuable natural resources like Water and Energy by optimizing Development and Sustainability, the Department of Electrical Engineering in association with IEEE organized a students' poster competition to harness creative ideas and promoting awareness on the theme at the grassroots levels on 17th May 2016.

Around hundred students portrayed their creativity and fervour to protect the fragile Earth in an outstanding poster exposition at GNIT. The event was attended by students and faculty members of the college. Best entries were duly rewarded.

