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from the desk of the
PRESIDENT

Dear Member,

Subho Bijoya and heartfelt Diwali greetings to all! As we immerse ourselves in the radiant spirit of this festive season, may the light of prosperity, unity, and hope guide our shared journey.

It is with deep humility, boundless gratitude, and an unwavering sense of duty that I address you for the first time as President of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I). To lead this storied institution — one that has woven a rich tapestry of legacy while boldly embracing the future — is an honour that inspires me to serve with vision and vigour. Together, we stand at the cusp of a transformative era, ready to shape a vibrant and interconnected future for our region and beyond.

Reflecting on the recent Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave (IPEC) 2025, Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India, delivered a compelling address, spotlighting India's dual challenge: sustaining its position as the G20's fastest-growing economy while navigating the complex path to Net Zero by 2070. He highlighted the trade-offs — grid instability from renewables, the constraints of a global carbon budget limiting developing nations, fiscal risks from declining fuel taxes, and vulnerabilities in critical mineral supply chains. Dr. Nageswaran called for a pragmatic clean energy strategy, emphasizing hydro and nuclear power, urban system upgrades, and traditional practices, urging honest collaboration across the Indo-Pacific to balance growth and sustainability.

In India and Bengal, we are witnessing a dynamic confluence of progress and possibility. Bengal, with its rich industrial heritage and burgeoning innovation ecosystem, is driving advancements in manufacturing, technology, and green energy. Nationally, India's economic momentum — bolstered by digital transformation, infrastructure leaps, and a thriving startup landscape — positions it as a global leader. Yet, challenges like urban resilience and sustainable development demand collective action. BCC&I remains committed to fostering dialogue and solutions, bridging local expertise with global opportunities to fuel inclusive growth.

The month of **September** was particularly eventful for BCC&I. We hosted landmark programmes such as the **BCC&I Sustainability Summit**, held on the occasion of the **18th Edition of our Environment & Energy Conclave in New Delhi**; the **flagship Financial Market Conclave in Mumbai**; and a **Seminar on Biotech and Pharmaceuticals in Kolkata**, among

others which drew valuable industry and academic participation. The month concluded with our **171st Annual General Meeting**, on the occasion of which we hosted the **3rd Edition of the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave, in association with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.**

Looking ahead, we are excited to present a dynamic series of upcoming initiatives, including the Infrastructure Conclave and the Nourish India Conclave in New Delhi, the CSR Conclave and Awards, the Marketing and Brand Conclave 2nd Edition of the Rising Asia – BCC&I Summit in Kolkata. These programmes highlight our continued commitment to fostering dialogue, innovation, and collaboration across key sectors, reinforcing BCC&I's role as a catalyst for sustainable growth and regional leadership.

Our reach and engagements continue to expand through diverse initiatives such as **Durga Darshan**, a unique collaboration with Balmer Lawrie, that beautifully blends Bengal's cultural heritage with the spirit of enterprise. A significant milestone was also the **signing and exchange of MoUs** between The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Indo-Spanish Chamber of Commerce, representing a step forward in strengthening global partnerships.

As we look ahead, I urge all **Expert Committee Mentors, Chairpersons, Co-Chairpersons, and Members** to continue lending your expertise, time, and insights. Your guidance and participation will be pivotal in making this a year of transformative growth and collective achievement for BCC&I.

Together, let us carry forward this legacy of excellence, innovation, and service — lighting the path to a brighter, more connected future for Bengal, for India, and for the broader Indo-Pacific.

Warm regards,

28th October, 2025



Sd/-
Abhijit Roy
President

MEMBER'S NEWS CORNER



Welcome to the Bengal Chamber family! That's what we would like to convey Euphoria Infotech India Limited; Haldia Institute of Technology and Ballygunge Society for Environment & Development whose applications for membership were tabled and approved on 30th August 2025.

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PROGRAMME

**SEMINAR ON BIOTECH AND PHARMACEUTICALS, THEME :
UNRAVELLING GENOME : A BLOOM FOR DRUG DEVELOPMENT**

**28th August 2025,
The Bengal Chamber Premises**



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry had organized a Seminar on Biotech and Pharmaceuticals, themed “Unravelling Genome: A bloom for Drug Development” on 28th August, 2025 at Williamson Magor Hall of The Bengal Chamber premises. The Biotech and Pharmaceuticals Committee is a newly formed Committee of The Bengal Chamber and this was the second programme of the Committee.

In the Opening Session, Mr. Debarshi Duttagupta, Co-Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited, delivered the Welcome address towards the gathering.

Prof. (Dr.) Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Co Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University, delivered the theme address providing an overview of the aim and objective of the Seminar.

Followed by the Opening Session, the first session, ‘AI & Legal Aspects in Research’, was chaired by Prof. (Dr.) Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Co Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University. An impressive address was delivered by Dr. Saikat Chakrabarti, Senior Principal Scientist & Deputy Head, Structural Biology & Bioinformatics, CSIR – Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, on Role of AI in Drug Design & Development; Dr. Dwaipayana Bharadwaj, Sr. Professor, Sister Nivedita University, deliberated on AI in diagnosis in Genomic Research; Dr. Sayak Ganguli, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College, addressed on Genomic Data Analysis powered by AI : Opportunities & Challenges and Mr. Sumit Sinha, Founder, Omics Bank who joined online from UK and deliberated on Data Privacy, Security & Regulatory Compliance in Genomic Research.

A Panel Discussion followed the first session focusing on the Industry perspectives in Pharmaceutical Research. The session was chaired by Mr. Debarshi Duttagupta, Co-Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of

Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited, and the speakers were Mr. Probhas Bondhu Chakraborty, Managing Director, Mendine Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd, Dr. Kuntal Ganguly, Head – R&D, Albert David Limited, Dr. Barun Kanta Bhattacharyya, Manager-R&D, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited and Dr. Kinkini Roy, Associate Director, Aviceda Therapeutics, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

The following session was on Pharmacogenomics & Drug Delivery and Prof. (Dr.) Subhrojyoti Bhowmick, Vice President, KPC Medical College & Hospital and Dr. Iman Ehsan, Associate Professor, Pharmacy, Sister Nivedita University delivered an impressive and interactive session with audience pouring their questions and getting the answers from our speakers.

The last session was on Start-ups in Drug Innovations & Delivery, chaired by Mr. Deepak Daftari, Chairperson, IT Entrepreneurs and Start Up National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mentor, Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre and Director & CEO, DD Web Vision Pvt Ltd. The speakers were Mr. Saurav Jaiswal, CEO, Diverse Genomics, Mr. Harshad Lalwani, Founder & CEO, Hummsa Biotech and Dr. Sandipan Dawn, Senior Principal Scientist, Ocular Therapeutics, Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

Each session was followed by a Q&A Session with the audience. The Seminar was attended by more 100 delegates.



Welcome Address by Mr. Debarshi Duttagupta, Co-Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited

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Theme Address by Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Co Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University



Audience at the Venue



Session I: AI & Legal Aspects in Research : (L-R) Dr. Dwaipayan Bharadwaj, Sr. Professor, Sister Nivedita University : Prof. (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay, Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Co Chancellor, Sister Nivedita University; Dr. Saikat Chakrabarti, Senior Principal Scientist & Deputy Head, Structural Biology & Bioinformatics, CSIR – Indian Institute of Chemical Biology and Dr. Sayak Ganguli, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College



Panel Discussion: Industry perspectives in Pharmaceutical Research : (L-R) Dr. Kuntal Ganguly, Head – R&D, Albert David Limited; Mr. Probhas Bondhu Chakraborty, Managing Director, Mendine Pharmaceuticals Pvt.Ltd; Mr. Debarshi Duttgupta, Co-Chairperson, Biotech and Pharma Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Managing Director, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited; Dr. Barun Kanta Bhattacharyya, Manager- R&D, East India Pharmaceutical Works Limited and Dr. Kinkini Roy, Associate Director, Aviceda Therapeutics, Boston, Massachusetts, USA



Session II : Pharmacogenomics & Drug Delivery; (L-R) Dr. Iman Ehsan, Associate Professor, Pharmacy, Sister Nivedita University and Prof. (Dr.) Subhrojyoti Bhowmick, Vice President, KPC Medical College & Hospital



Session III : Startups in Drug Innovations & Delivery: (L-R) Mr. Saurav Jaiswal, CEO, Diverse Genomics; Mr. Deepak Daftari, Chairperson, IT Entrepreneurs and Start Up National Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mentor, Webel-BCC&I Tech Incubation Centre and Director & CEO, DD Web Vision Pvt Ltd; Mr. Harshad Lalwani, Founder & CEO, Hummsa Biotech and Dr. Sandipan Dawn, Senior Principal Scientist, Ocular Therapeutics, Boston, Massachusetts, USA

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Q&A Session in Progress

EXCLUSIVE INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS' MEET ON "TRANSFORMATION THRIVES WHEN TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCE SPEAK A COMMON LANGUAGE" BY BCC&I AND DELOITTE

29th August 2025,
The Hyatt Regency, Kolkata

Exclusive Industry Stakeholders' Meet followed by a Networking Evening at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata on 29th August 2025. The theme of session was "Transformation Thrives when Technology and Finance speak a Common Language".

The conference brought together more than 30 CXOs from various companies across the Manufacturing, Financial Services, Consumer Goods and Retail, Information Technology sectors from the East India region. Companies such as Hindustan Copper Ltd., Texmaco Rail and Engineering, CESC Ltd., RPSG Group, MSP Steel Ltd., SRMB Srijan, Exide, Emami Agrotech, Berger Paints, Century Group, MCPI Pvt. Ltd., TCG Digital, Emami Limited, Graphite India Limited, Captain Steel, Manyavar, Rupa and Co., Bridge and Roof, Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd., Ganesh Consumer Products and Wizertech Informatics were present.

Dr. Chiranjib Bhattacharya, Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Chief Executive Officer and Director, Wizertech Informatics Pvt. Ltd. delivered the opening address.



Deloitte Partners made a presentation on various of their sections during the programme. The contents were as follows:

- **Industry Insight for M&M & Industrial sectors**
- **Deloitte's POV on most successful initiatives namely Digital Transformation, Cost efficiency, and Online Dashboard**
- **How IMFA addressed the challenges via digital transformation.**
- **What are the key benefits realized.**
- **Future roadmap and expectations on digital transformation**

The programme featured, Insights into East India's evolving business landscape, Thought-provoking sessions from Deloitte's experts, real-world case studies showcasing successful journeys and networking opportunities with leading industry pioneers. The evening engagement with Deloitte concluded with a vibrant networking over cocktails and Dinner.



Glimpses of the Technical session by Deloitte Industry Partners

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Glimpses of the CXO Open House on Identifying Areas of growth in Digital Transformation journey of Eastern Industry



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Vote of Thanks by Mr. Amitava Sengupta, Co-Chairperson, IT Committee, BCC&I and Chief Digital and Information officer, RPSG Group

RISK MANAGEMENT ONLINE WORKSHOPS

**29th August – 13th September 2025,
Virtual Platform**

BCC&I Leadership Institute of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized RISK MANAGEMENT Leadership online workshop - Series A BASIC , August-September 2025. It was an 18 Hours Online Workshop with total 6 Sessions of 3 hrs each, for 3 consecutive weekends. (Aug 29th, 30th & Sep 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th)

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

Building foundational knowledge of Risk Management principles, Tools and Industry applications.

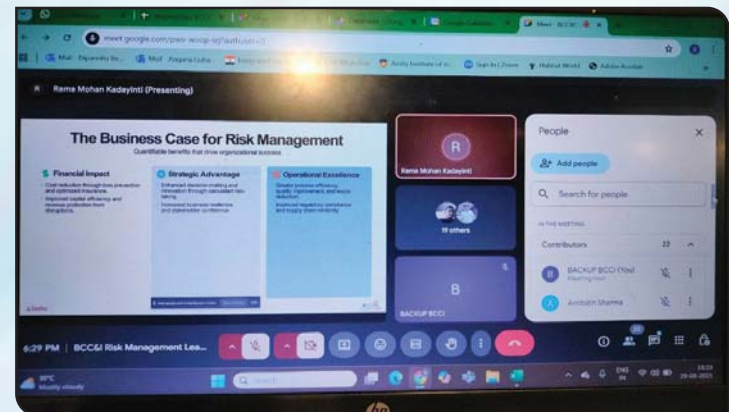
The objective of this training program is to help participants understand the principles, tools and techniques of Risk Management to identify, assess, mitigate and monitor risks across projects, processes and organizational activities. Participants will learn how to establish a risk management framework, conduct risk assessments, develop risk mitigation strategies, monitor risk triggers and implement risk response plans to minimize the impact of uncertainties on project objectives and business outcomes.

By this workshop, participants will be able to integrate Risk Management practices into their organization's decision-making processes, enhance risk awareness and build resilience to potential threats and opportunities.

More than 20 participants joined from various organizations like Peerless Hotels, Indorama India Private Limited, Swachh Environment, Maithon Power Limited, Peerless Hospital, Dr. B.C. Roy Engineering College, Exide Industries Ltd., Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd. are among them.

The Training Session was facilitated by Rama Mohan Venkata Kadayinti, Trainer and Subject Matter Expert. He has held leadership positions across the Manufacturing, IT, ITeS and Start-ups. With total experience of 30 years, he is one of the Director of Entellus Consulting India Private Limited, Hyderabad.

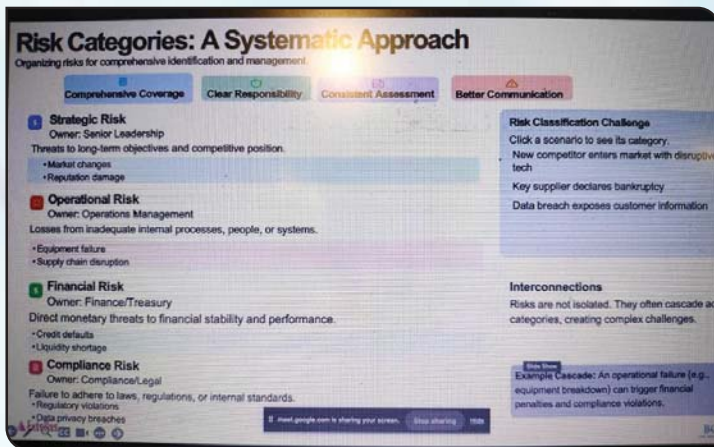
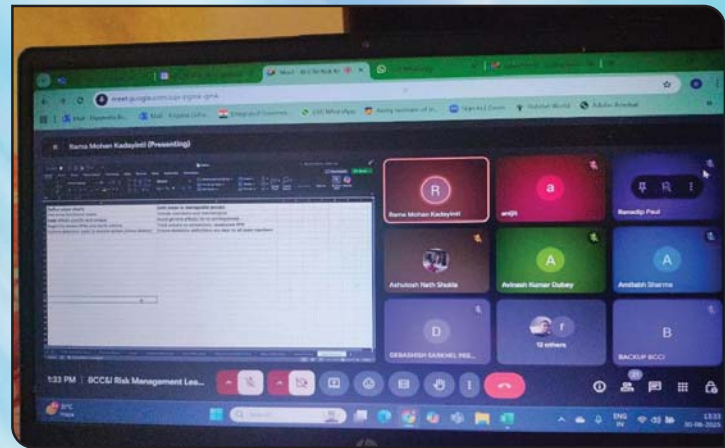
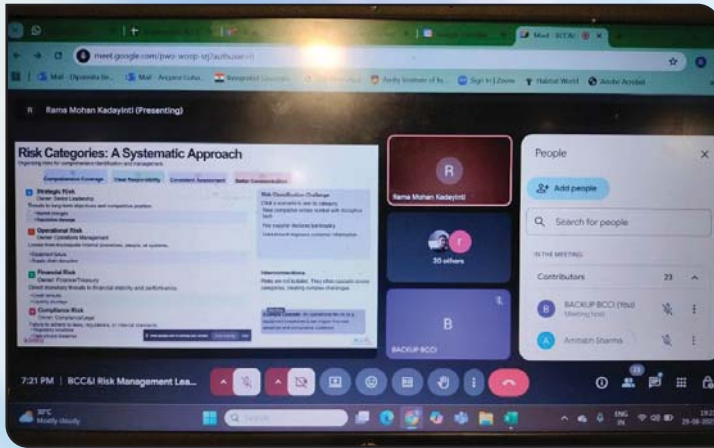
BLI partnered with Entellus to architect the journey of creating Leadership excellence and transformation.



Pictures of the Sessions

29th August - 13th September 2025,
Virtual Platform

RISK MANAGEMENT ONLINE WORKSHOPS



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The 18th Edition of BCC&I's Annual Environment and Energy Conclave was held on 4th September 2025, at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

The theme this year was 'Sustainability in Viksit Bharat – Collaborations and Implementations with Financial Models and Technology Adaptations.' Sustainability is at the core of the 'Viksit Bharat' vision for 2047 to make India a developed nation with economic growth, social progress and good governance at the heart of policy decision making process.

The Conclave featured sessions on:

- Sustainability in Viksit Bharat – Collaborations and Implementations with Financial Models and Technology Adaptations
- Financial Models and Technology Adaptations
- Energy Security in Viksit Bharat
- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Collaborations and Partnerships
- Valedictory Session

Presentation of the Pan India Awards on Energy Efficiency and Resource Utilisation was also made at the Conclave.

The Inaugural Session opened with a **Welcome Address** by **Mr. Vineet Sikka**, Chairperson, Energy Environment Water National Committee, BCC&I and MD-Distribution, CESC Ltd. He set the tone by underlining the Chamber's vision for India's sustainability roadmap. **Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad**, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) highlighted the importance of integrating clean energy pathways into India's energy sector. **Mr. Rajib Kumar Sen**, Programme Director - (Health & Family Welfare, State and Finances, Sustainable Development Goals, Women & Child Development), NITI Aayog presented his insights on 'India's Voluntary National Review 2025 towards Sustainable Development Goals – scope of private sector participation.' **Dr. Ajay Mathur**, Professor of Practice at IIT Delhi and Former DG, International Solar Alliance (ISA) delivered the **Theme Address**, emphasizing collaborations and innovations for sustainable growth. The session also featured remarks by **Mr. Derek Michael Shah**, CEO & MD,

L&T Energy GreenTech, on 'Hydrogen Economy: Possibility for India' and **Mr. Abhishek Ranjan**, CEO, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited on 'Technology led Sustainability in Power Distribution.' The Inaugural Session concluded with a consensus that climate financing, technology adoption and multi-stakeholder collaborations will be pivotal in shaping the sustainability trajectory of Viksit Bharat.

'With a population of 1.4 billion people, India is one of the largest consumers of electricity, therefore energy security is important to sustain it. India is rapidly progressing in the renewable adoption front.' – **Mr. Vineet Sikka**

'At present 40% of India's electricity generation is coming from non-fossil source. We will reach our short term goals but to reach the net-zero goals by the 2070 time frame, the installed capacity has to be made twice. The pace has to be accelerated.' – **Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad**

'Sustainability must transcend compliance. Around the world capital is moving towards sustainable infrastructure and climate financing. Companies that fail to adapt will be locked out of global capital' – **Mr. Rajib Kumar Sen**

'Vision for 2047 is already there. We have a number of areas where Public Private Partnerships already exists. Whether it's National Action Plan or sustainable finance, private sector's role and alliances have already been formed.' – **Dr. Ajay Mathur**

'India is playing a major role in the green hydrogen sector. European Union, Japan and Singapore are looking for green hydrogen and green ammonia to decarbonise. They are eager to work with Indian companies for price competitiveness.' – **Mr. Derek Michael Shah**

'Technology is a very important driver of achieving sustainability goals. AI can forecast demand and generation needs, loss reduction and grid flexibility. Supply reliability has to be maintained with minimum disruption.' – **Mr. Abhishek Ranjan**

4th September 2025,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

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ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE

Session on Financial Models and Technology Adaptations

The session focused on the dual role of finance and technology in achieving India's Net Zero targets. The session was chaired by **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee**, Former President, BCC&I and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited, discussed various perspectives on the \$10.1 trillion financial requirement to achieve Net Zero by 2070 and the pressing need to bridge the annual investment gap with technology adaptations and R&D.

The Speakers in this Session were :

- **Mr. Asim Prasad**, Executive Director (Corporate Strategy, Planning Advocacy and Corporate Affairs), GAIL (India) Ltd
- **Mr. Manish Ranjan**, Co-Chairperson, Energy Environment Water National Committee, BCC&I and ESG and Sustainability Practice Lead India Geo, Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Pvt. Ltd
- **Mr. Subhajt Sarkar**, Executive Director (Operations), RHQ, Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Session on Energy Security in Viksit Bharat

The session was chaired by **Dr. Ajay Mathur**, Professor of Practice in the School of Public Policy at IIT, Delhi and Former DG, ISA. This session underlined the importance of energy security as the backbone of India's Viksit Bharat vision. The discussions centered around multi sectoral collaborations for the goal of decarbonising the energy mix in India and achieving 500 GW of non-fossil capacity.

The Speakers in this Session were :

- **Mr. Ajay Kumar**, General Manager- Production, ONGC
- **Mr. Bikram Singh**, Executive Director, PTC India Limited
- **Mr. Pramod Singh**, Member, Energy, Environment and Water National Committee, BCC&I and Chief Business Officer, India Power Corporation Limited
- **Mr. Sambitosh Mohapatra**, Partner, iBT - Resource Transformation/ Sustainability Transformation, PwC India

Session on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Collaborations and Partnerships

This session was moderated by **Mr. Rijit Sengupta**, Member, Energy, Environment and Water National Committee, BCC&I and CEO, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) who engaged

in a fireside chat with **Mr. Joseph George**, Research Associate, South and South-West Asia Office, United Nations ESCAP. The discussion highlighted the importance of international partnerships, knowledge sharing and collaborative frameworks in achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals in Indian context. The speakers emphasized on balancing economic growth with climate justice and inclusivity in India's energy transition roadmap.

Valedictory Session

The Valedictory Session featured presentation by **Mr. Reji Kumar Pillai**, President, India Smart Grid Forum & Chairman, Global Smart Energy Federation who delivered his insights on '**Leveraging Smart Grid for Energy Transition.**'

Presentation of the Pan India Awards on Energy Efficiency and Resource Utilisation

The BCC&I organised Pan India Awards on Energy Efficiency and Resource Utilisation. The winners and the finalists of the award in three categories: Large Companies, MSMEs and Startups were felicitated at the conclave in the presence of **Dr. Ajay Mathur**, **Mr. Reji Kumar Pillai** and **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee**.

The winners of the Pan India Award on Energy Efficiency and Resource Utilisation were :

- Indian Oil Corporation Limited, RHQ (1st place in Large Companies Category)
- Berger Paints India Limited (2nd place in Large Companies Category)
- Megatherm Induction Limited (Winner in MSME Category)
- IQPonics Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Winner in Startup Category)

The other finalists of the Pan India Award on Energy Efficiency and Resource Utilisation were :

- CESC Limited (Distribution)
- CESC Limited (Generation)
- GAIL (India) Limited
- Haldia Petrochemicals Limited
- Mahanagar Gas Limited

We had participation of over 200 delegates from Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, Kolkata, and other cities.

PROGRAMME

18TH EDITION OF BCC&I'S ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY CONCLAVE

4th September 2025, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



The Inaugural Session was graced by (L-R): **Mr. Rajib Kumar Sen**, Programme Director - (Health & Family Welfare, State and Finances, Sustainable Development Goals, Women & Child Development), NITI Aayog; **Mr. Vineet Sikka**, Chairperson, Energy Environment Water National Committee, BCC&I and MD-Distribution, CESC Ltd.; **Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad**, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Dr. Ajay Mathur, Professor of Practice in the School of Public Policy at IIT, Delhi and Former DG, ISA; **Mr. Abhishek Ranjan**, CEO, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited; **Mr. Derek Michael Shah**, Chief Executing Officer & Managing Director, L&T Energy GreenTech



Mr. Vineet Sikka, Chairperson, Energy Environment Water National Committee, BCC&I and MD-Distribution, CESC Ltd during his Welcome Address



Mr. Ghanshyam Prasad, Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) during his Special Address



Mr. Rajib Kumar Sen, Programme Director - (Health & Family Welfare, State and Finances, Sustainable Development Goals, Women & Child Development), NITI Aayog during his address on 'India's Voluntary National Review 2025 towards Sustainable Development Goals - scope of private sector participation'

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Session on 'Financial Models and Technology Adaptations' (L-R): **Mr. Manish Ranjan**, Co-Chairperson, Energy Environment Water National Committee, BCC&I and ESG and Sustainability Practice Lead India Geo, Hewlett Packard Enterprise India Pvt. Ltd.; **Mr. Deb A Mukherjee**, Former President, BCC&I and Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited; **Mr. Asim Prasad**, Executive Director (Corporate Strategy, Planning Advocacy and Corporate Affairs), GAIL (India) Ltd and **Mr. Subhajit Sarkar**, Executive Director (Operations), RHQ, Indian Oil Corporation Limited



Session on 'Energy Security in Viksit Bharat' (L-R) : **Mr. Ajay Kumar**, General Manager- Production, ONGC; **Mr. Pramod Singh**, Member, Energy, Environment and Water National Committee, BCC&I and Chief Business Officer, India Power Corporation Limited; **Dr. Ajay Mathur**, Professor of Practice in the School of Public Policy at IIT, Delhi and Former DG, ISA; **Mr. Bikram Singh**, Executive Director, PTC India Limited and **Mr. Sambitosh Mohapatra**, Partner, iBT - Resource Transformation/ Sustainability Transformation, PwC India



Session on '2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - Collaborations and Partnerships' (L-R) : Fireside Chat Moderated by **Mr. Rijit Sengupta**, Member, Energy, Environment and Water National Committee, BCC&I and CEO, Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) with **Mr. Joseph George**, Research Associate, South and South-West Asia Office, United Nations ESCAP



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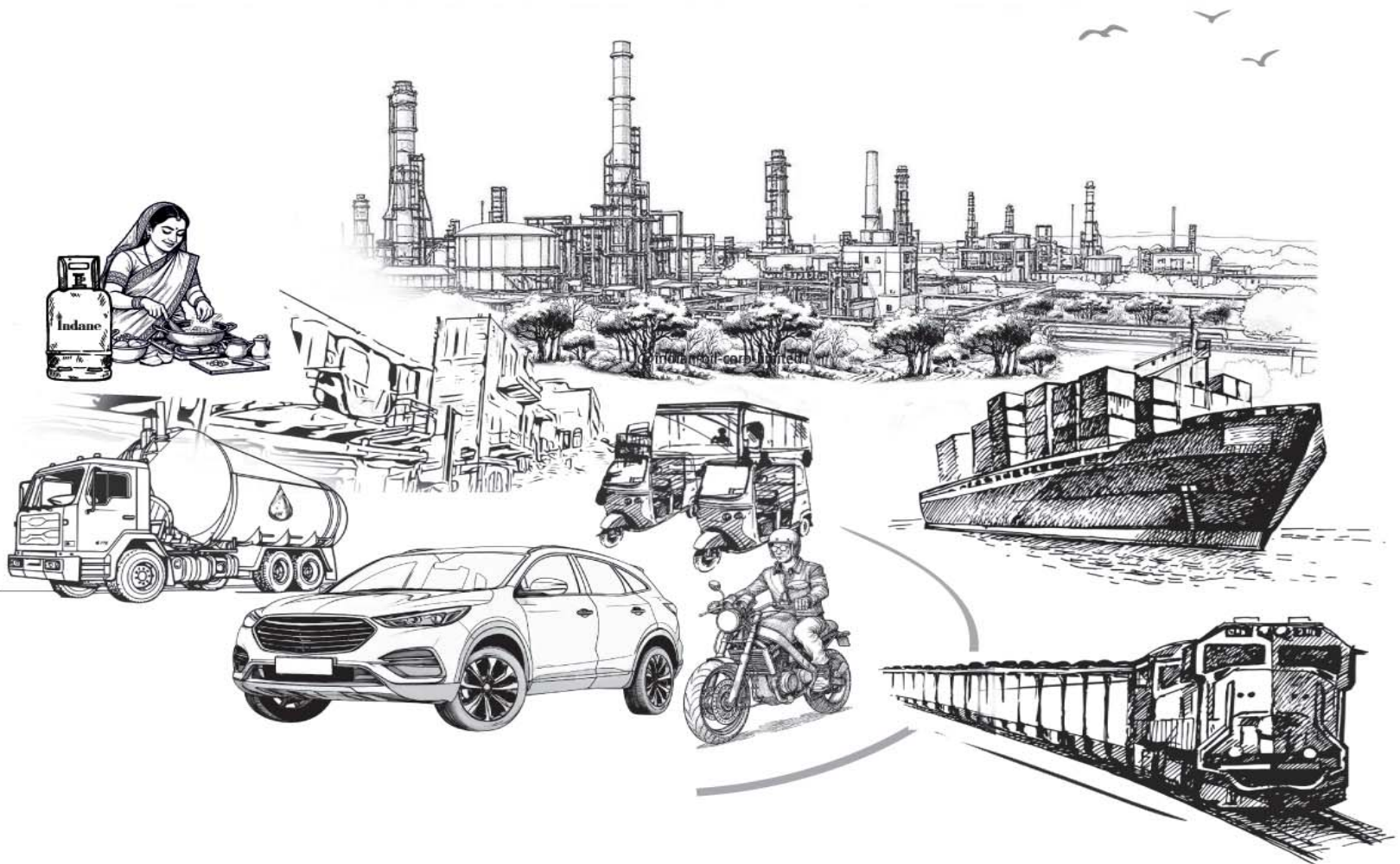




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- Product sales of over 100 Million Metric Tonnes per annum
- Fuelling journeys across the nation with over 40,000 Retail Outlets
- Over 15 Crore kitchens across India trust Indane LPG

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4th September 2025,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



Mr. Reji Kumar Pillai, President, India Smart GridForum (ISGF) & Chairman, GlobalSmart Energy Federation (GSEF) gave presentation on 'Leveraging Smart Grid for Energy Transition' during the Valedictory Session



Delegates in the Exhibition Stalls Area at the venue of the
18th Environment and Energy Conclave, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



4th September 2025,
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Felicitating the Winners and the Finalists of the Pan India Awards on Energy Efficiency and Resource Utilisation

ONGC

ENERGY: Now AND Next



Innovating **Now**
Shaping **Next**

**NET
ZERO** 
by 2038

Scope-1 and Scope-2

We are **ENERGY** Now and Next



ONGC

ENERGY: Now AND Next



Innovating **Now**
Shaping **Next**

**NET
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by 2038

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Esteemed Audience at the venue of the 18th Environment and Energy Conclave, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

**4th September 2025,
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi** **18TH EDITION OF BCC&I'S ANNUAL
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Esteemed Audience at the venue of the 18th Environment and Energy Conclave, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



Vibrant Networking among the Esteemed Speakers and Delegates during the 18th Environment and Energy Conclave 2025





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- IndianOil is setting up Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) plant at Panipat to support cleaner skies and eco-friendly flying
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The poster features a dark blue background with a pattern of white percentage signs. On the left, there is a collage of images: a calculator, a hand writing on a document, and a circular graphic with the word 'TAX' in white. The BCC&I logo is at the top left, and the Tax Connect logo is at the top right. The main title 'SEMINAR ON INCOME TAX, GST & CUSTOMS' is in large white letters, with the theme 'SHAPING INDIA'S FUTURE' below it. At the bottom, the date and time '4th SEPTEMBER 2025 10:00 AM ONWARDS' and the location 'WILLIAMSON MAGOR HALL THE BENGAL CHAMBER' are listed.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) had organized a Seminar on Income Tax, GST & Customs - Shaping India's Future on 4th September 2025 at Williamson Magor Hall of The Bengal Chamber premises.

Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, delivered the welcome address and laid forward the aims and objectives of the Seminar. The opening session set the stage for the Guests of Honour.

Mr. Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Chief Commissioner of CGST & Central Excise, Kolkata Zone, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India; Smt. Nilima Mondal, WBRS, Special Commissioner of Revenue, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal and Mr. Narayan Chandra Guriya, WBRS, Senior Joint Commissioner of Revenue, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, were the Guests of Honour. The session was followed by an impressive Question-Answer session from the audience which led to some recommendations and suggestions to be taken up by (BCC&I) to represent to the Ministry of Finance in due course of time.

The next session, Burning Issues in Income Tax, GST & Customs & BCC&I's Support for Trade & Industry in Policy Matters was presented by Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal

Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, focused on Transitioning into GST 2.0 which spoke elaborately about Relief for Intermediary Services, Big Changes on Discounts under GST, Inverted Duty Structure Correction and Critical Changes in Rate.

Mr. Shashikant Pandey, AADIT(Trg.)-1, National Academy of Direct Taxes (Government of India), Regional Campus, Kolkata addressed the session on Aggregation of Income, Section 68 To 69D of the Income Tax Act, 1961 vs. Income Tax Act, 2025. He gave us the amendments and the beneficial transitions in the Income Tax Act and the crucial logic behind the amendments.

This session was followed by a Panel discussion which was moderated by Mr. Ashis Agarwal, Lead – Tax, mjunction services limited and Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP. Mr. Goutam Sengupta, Sr. General Manager & Head Taxation, Eveready Industries India Limited; Mr. Govind Mundhra, Head – Taxation & CFO, Karam Chand Thapar & Bros. (Coal Sales) Ltd.; Mr. Giridhar Dhelia, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and Tax Litigation Consultant and Mr. Nirmal Meharia, Director - Finance & Operations, Supertron Electronics Pvt Ltd joined us as our distinguished Panelists. This session shed light upon Issues in Income Tax Bill 2025, Preparation of Tax Payers for

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Implementation and Road Ahead & Issues in Income Tax Return Filing for AY 25-26 & Tax Audit for FY 24-25. The Panel Discussion was followed by a brief Question-Answer session with the audience.

Mr. Ishan Tulsian , Practicing Chartered Accountant and Indirect Taxation Expert, R. Tulsian & Co. LLP joined us in the next session and deliberated on Burning issues in GST, Adjudication, Appeals where he presented on demand for reversal of ITC due to non-receipt of goods- violation of section 16(2)(b) of CGST Act, ITC eligibility of tax paid u/s 74, refund on termination of business operations, reversal of ITC on goods lost or destroyed and input tax credit on tr-6 challan under the Customs Act: practical aspects of compliance with which the crowd also got to witness some real life case experiences from

his end. This impressive session extracted many questions from the audience reflecting their enthusiasm and curiosity which made this session even more fruitful.

The last session was another Panel Discussion joined by Mr. Gourab Ghosh, Deputy General Manager-Indirect Taxation, Exide Industries Ltd.; Mr. Rajarshi Dasgupta , Executive Director and Head of Indirect Taxes, Aquilaw and Mr. Avra Mazumdar, Advocate, Calcutta High Court and the session was moderated by our Mr. Aninda Chatterjee , VP – Finance, mjunction Services Ltd. This Panel Discussion focused on Preparation for GSTAT and next phase for compliance in GST followed by Question-Answer session from the delegates from various industries.

The Seminar was attended by more than 100 delegates.



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



Audience at the Venue



Opening Session : (L-R) Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP; Mr. Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Chief Commissioner of CGST & Central Excise, Kolkata Zone, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India; Smt. Nilima Mondal, WBRS, Special Commissioner of Revenue, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal and Mr. Narayan Chandra Guriya, WBRS, Senior Joint Commissioner of Revenue, Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal



Felicitation of Guest of Honour, Mr. Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Chief Commissioner of CGST & Central Excise, Kolkata Zone, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

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Q&A Session in progress



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



Media Interview of Mr. Shrawan Kumar, IRS, Chief Commissioner of CGST & Central Excise, Kolkata Zone, Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India

**6th and 7th September 2025,
Sportsplex, Tangra**

3RD EDITION OF CORPORATE FUTSAL GOLD CUP



The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the 3rd Edition of Corporate Futsal Gold Cup on 6th & 7th September 2025. The two-day-long Tournament was held at Sportsplex, Tangra and followed all the rules & regulations of a 5-A-Side match.

This year, 19 Corporate teams participated in the tournament. The participating corporate teams were :

1. Code Clouds IT Solutions Pvt Ltd Team 1
2. Code Clouds IT Solutions Pvt Ltd Team 2
3. Genpact Ltd

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4. Tata Consultancy Services
5. Acceleron Solutions
6. LTI Mindtree
7. Linde India
8. Unified Infotech
9. Webskitters Technology Solutions Pvt. Ltd
10. PS Group
11. Sun Knowledge
12. JIS Group
13. BT Group

14. Berger Paints India Limited
15. Exide Industries
16. Balmer Lawrie
17. The Bhawanipore College Education Society
18. Techno India Group
19. Tata Steel Limited

Winner: Sun Knowledge Services Inc.

1st Runner Up Team – Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)

2nd Runner Up Team - LTIMindtree



Teams in action



Ms. Waindrilla Saha, Manager, BCC&I handing over a Man of the Match Trophy



Mr. Aparup Chakraborty, Match Commissioner, AIFF handing over a Man of the Match Trophy

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Toss between teams



Teams line up for a match



Team huddle



Ms. Rajashree Mukherjee, Sr. Manager, BCC&I handing over a Man of the Match Trophy



Ms. Swarnali Dhar, Deputy Director, BCC&I handing over a Man of the Match Trophy



Mr. Bikramjit Saha, Sr. Executive, BCC&I handing over a Man of the Match Trophy

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Trophies and medals of the Tournament



Trophies and medals of the Tournament



Mr. Subrata Dutta, Chairperson, The Sports Development Committee, BCC&I and Managing Director, The George Telegraph Group handing over a Man of the Match Trophy



Teams in action



Mr. Sudip Roy Chowdhury, Managing Director, Roy Chowdhury & Co. handing over a Man of the Match Trophy



Fair Play Team – Balmer Lawrie

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Top Scorer Trophy being handed over by the members of The Sports Development Committee, BCC&I



Man of Match for the Final being handed over by Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, Co-Chair, Sports Development Committee, BCC&I and Director, RT Network Solutions Pvt Ltd



Best Goalkeeper trophy being handed over by the members of The Sports Development Committee, BCC&I



Best Player Trophy being handed over by the members of The Sports Development Committee, BCC&I



Best Referee Trophy being handed over by the members of The Sports Development Committee, BCC&I



2nd Runner Up Team – LTIMindtree

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1st Runner Up Team - Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)



Winner – Sun Knowledge Services Inc

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LEADERSHIP ADDRESS ON “INSV KAUNDINYA – RECREATING INDIA’S MARITIME GLORY” BY SHRI SANJEEV SANYAL, MEMBER - ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE HON’BLE PRIME MINISTER ON THE OCCASION OF BCC&I’S ANNUAL WEEK FOR 2025

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), organized the Leadership Address delivered by Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Member of the Economic Advisory Council to the Hon’ble Prime Minister, on the theme “INSV Kaundinya – Recreating India’s Maritime Glory” aimed at fostering economic discourse, innovation, and cultural revival on 11th September 2025 at The Bengal Chamber premises. The Session drew a distinguished audience of business leaders, policymakers, historians, and maritime enthusiasts. The programme underscored BCC&I's commitment to bridging historical legacies with contemporary economic strategies, particularly in the context of India's evolving role in global trade and geopolitics.

Shri Sanyal's presentation illuminated how India's ancient maritime traditions could inform modern innovation and strategic positioning. As a renowned economist and historian, he drew upon his extensive research to highlight the INSV Kaundinya project as a pivotal initiative in reviving India's seafaring heritage. The address not only celebrated historical achievements but also provided a forward-looking perspective on leveraging this heritage amid shifting global supply chains and economic uncertainties.

In his address, Shri Sanyal emphasized his personal role in conceptualizing the INSV Kaundinya project, which originated from ideas in his writings on India's oceanic past. He proposed the ship's name and design, drawing from ancient depictions to symbolize a bridge between heritage and modernity. The Session was a masterful blend of historical exposition, economic analysis, and visionary foresight. He began by

contextualizing India's maritime legacy, arguing that the nation's seafaring traditions have been undervalued in modern narratives despite their profound influence on global trade and culture. The centerpiece of his talk was the INSV Kaundinya, which he described as a tangible embodiment of India's ability to integrate ancient wisdom with contemporary innovation. Constructed with the age-old Tankai method yet validated through modern scientific rigor, the Kaundinya demonstrates that true innovation often lies not in abandoning the past, but in rediscovering and reimagining it.

The leadership address was followed by an Open House Session moderated by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. who set the tone for a deeper exploration of the ship's construction, historical roots, and broader implications. Shri Sanyal highlighted how such projects could enhance India's soft power and economic resilience, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region.

Shri Sanjeev Sanyal's Leadership Address at BCC&I's Annual Week 2025 was a compelling call to action, reminding attendees of India's enduring maritime glory through the lens of INSV Kaundinya.

By weaving historical facts with economic insights, the event highlighted the potential for cultural revival to drive future growth. As India navigates global shifts, such initiatives offer a blueprint for innovation rooted in heritage, ensuring the nation's seafaring spirit continues to inspire generations.

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Mr. Subhodip Ghosh, Director General, BCC&I setting the tone for Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Member- Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Prime Minister's Leadership Address on "INSV Kaundinya – Recreating India's Maritime Glory" on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Week for 2025



Welcome Address for the Session by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt



Glimpses of the Leadership Address by Shri Sanjeev Sanyal, Member- Economic Advisory Council to the Hon'ble Prime Minister on "INSV Kaundinya – Recreating India's Maritime Glory"

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Glimpses of the Open House Session at the Leadership Address moderated by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt

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Glimpses of the Open House Session at the Leadership Address moderated by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt



Shri Sanjeev Sanyal was presented a miniature INSV Kaundinya as token of appreciation

WORKSHOP ON EMPLOYEE WELLBEING @ 360°

**12th September 2025,
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The Wellness and Communities Committee of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized a Workshop on Employee Wellbeing @ 360° on 12th September 2025 at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber premises, Kolkata.

In today’s dynamic workplace, employee well-being is no longer a perk but a strategic priority. The Committee envisioned Employee Wellbeing @ 360° as a platform that moved beyond traditional health programmes to embrace mental wellness, resilience-building, and sustainable lifestyle practices. Conceptualized by Mr. Sujoy Banerjee, Chairperson, and guided by Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor of the Committee, the initiative was designed to equip organizations with practical tools and aspirational strategies that aligned individual needs with business goals.

The aim of the Workshop was to foster self-growth, emotional balance, and a culture of holistic wellness—ultimately creating workplaces that were healthier, more engaged, future-ready, and rewarding for all.

The programme began with an Inaugural Session on “*Why Wholeness Matters*”, featuring a special dance performance titled “*Living Life 360°*” by students of Tagore Foundation School, an institution in Kolkata dedicated to nurturing and empowering the younger generation. Their training, supported under the CSR initiative of Exide Industries, had helped these children gain confidence, skills, and opportunities for a brighter future. This was followed by the Welcome Address from Mr. Sujoy Banerjee, Chairperson, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I and Group Chief People Officer & Group Head – Marketing, Corporate Communication & PR, Gainwell Group, he emphasized that wellbeing is not a perk but a business essential. In today’s fast-paced world, companies compete on people’s energy and resilience. He highlighted that every \$1 invested in wellbeing yields \$4 in productivity and reduced absenteeism, and shared a 360° framework covering physical, mental, financial, social, professional, and organizational wellbeing as the true driver of purpose, performance, and profit. This was followed by the Keynote Address on “*Why Wellness is the New Workplace*”

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Currency” by Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Founder, Zahid Gangjee & Associates, he emphasized that employee wellness is not a new idea but has evolved from “healthy employee” to “happy employee” and now to holistic wellbeing that includes physical, mental, emotional, social, financial, and career aspects. He stressed that wellbeing is no longer optional but a strategic advantage, and organizations must create cultures that genuinely support it to achieve sustainable success

Programme Highlights :

Panel Discussion on the 7 Dimensions of Wellness, featuring experts such as Dr. Chandra Shekhar Mukherji, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist and Motivational Speaker. He reminded us that being purposeful is the best antidote to stress, **Mr. Indrajit Bhalotia**, Founder & Director, Protouch Golf Academy, he drew from the world of sports to show us the power of breath, resilience, and handling failure. **Mr. Mukesh Agarwal**, Chief HRBP Steel TSJ and Chief Wellness Officer, Tata Steel, spoke movingly about inclusion and the need to truly “read” the person, not just the condition. **Dr. Reena Sen**, Vice Chairperson, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP), reinforced that wellbeing is non-negotiable, sharing how lifestyle programs have transformed lives. **Mr. Rajiv Roy Choudhury**, Associate Vice President, Vedic Resorts and Hotels Pvt. Ltd., he reminded us that, like plants, we too need sun, air, water, and above all, human connection and **Mr. Sabyasachi Bhattacharjee**,

Advisor, RP Sanjeev Goenka Group, urged us to shift the narrative and embrace empathetic leadership at the board level. The session was well moderated by **Dr. Ratna Sinha**, **Mentor, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I** and Former VP HRM, Tata Metaliks Ltd.

- **Fireside Chaton “Everest and Beyond: Lessons in Leadership, Risk, and Resilience” with Mr. Hemant Gupta**, Head – Sports Academies & Adventure Foundation, Tata Steel, and CEO, Hockey Ace Foundation, inspired us with the thought that climbing Everest begins with a single step, and so too do our personal journeys of wellbeing moderated by **Mr. Gautam Bhattacharyya**, Consulting Editor, National Herald Group, emphasized listening to ourselves, taking pauses, and breaking goals into smaller steps.

The workshop was well attended by more than 150 participants, including renowned corporate leaders, HR and people strategy professionals, wellness providers, and occupational health experts— all committed to making workforce wellbeing a strategic advantage.

The initiative was co-promoted by Gainwell Group, with Silver Partners – Manipal Hospitals, TM International Logistics Ltd., Vedic Village Spa Resort, Wizsprint Consultants OPC Pvt. Ltd.; Event Supporter – Shalimar Chemical Works Pvt. Ltd.; and



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



Students of Tagore Foundation, an institution dedicated to providing holistic education to children, presented a dance performance titled “Living Life 360°” at the Workshop on Employee Wellbeing @360°, organised by the Wellness & Communities Committee of BCC&I at Williamson Magor Hall, The Bengal Chamber



Mr. Sujoy Banerjee, Chairperson, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I and Group Chief People Officer & Group Head – Marketing, Corporate Communication & PR, Gainwell Group delivering the Welcome Address

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Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I and Former VP–HRM, Tata Metaliks Limited delivering the Theme Address



Guest of Honour, Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Founder, Zahid Gangjee & Associates delivering the Keynote Address on *“Why Wellness is the New Workplace Currency”* at the Workshop on Employee Wellbeing @360°



(L–R) Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I and Former VP–HRM, Tata Metaliks Limited; Dr. Zahid Gangjee, Founder, Zahid Gangjee & Associates; and Mr. Sujoy Banerjee, Chairperson, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I and Group Chief People Officer & Group Head – Marketing, Corporate Communication & PR, Gainwell Group, were present and spoke at the inaugural session on *“Why Wholeness Matters: Laying the Groundwork for Holistic Wellness”* at the Workshop on Employee Wellbeing @360°



Abhishek Koar, Executive of BCC&I, emceed of the Workshop on Employee Wellbeing @360°



Dr. Ratna Sinha, Mentor, Wellness & Communities Committee, BCC&I and Former VP–HRM, Tata Metaliks Limited moderating the Panel Discussion on *“The 7 Dimensions of Wellness: Building a Culture of Wholeness”* at the Workshop on Employee Wellbeing @360°

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Dr. Chandra Shekhar Mukherji, Consultant Neuropsychiatrist & Motivational Speaker delivering his address during the panel discussion



Dr. Reena Sen, Vice Chairperson, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) addressing the discussion



Mr. Mukesh Agarwal, Chief HRBP Steel TSJ & Chief Wellness Officer, Tata Steel addressing the panel discussion



Mr. Rajiv Roy Choudhury, Associate Vice President, Vedic Resorts and Hotels Pvt. Ltd during the Panel discussion



Mr. Sabyasachi Bhattacharjee, Advisor, RP Sanjeev Goenka Group delivering this address during the panel discussion



Mr. Indrajit Bhalotia, Founder & Director, Protouch Golf Academy addressing the panel discussion



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Mr. Gautam Bhattacharyya, Consulting Editor, National Herald Group moderating the Fireside chat



Mr. Hemant Gupta, Head – Sports Academies & Adventure Foundation, Tata Steel, and CEO, Hockey Ace Foundation sharing his thoughts during the Fireside chat



Dr. Swati Smita, Member, Wellness and Communities Committee, BCC&I and VP–HR, Essel Mining & Industries Ltd., Aditya Birla Group delivering the concluding remarks and the formal vote of thanks.

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**FINANCIAL MARKET CONCLAVE 2025, THEME :
“NAVIGATING THE CROSSROADS: OPPORTUNITIES AND
VOLATILITY IN INDIAN FINANCIAL MARKETS.”**

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry hosted its **Financial Market Conclave 2025 on 12th September at Four Seasons, Mumbai**, with the theme “Navigating the Crossroads: Opportunities and Volatility in Indian Financial Markets.”

The day-long event brought together over **200 senior corporate leaders from across the country**, making it one of the most significant gatherings of financial sector stakeholders this year. The Conclave featured thought-provoking discussions, including an **Opening Session on market opportunities and volatility**, a **fireside chat with Shri K. V. Kamath, Chairman, Jio Financial**

Services, and deep-dives into **mutual funds, insurance, wealth management, and the transformative role of AI and technology in finance**. Industry leaders such as **Mr. Navneet Munot, Ms. Radhika Gupta, Mr. Sundeep Sikka, Mr. Satishwar B., and many others** shared their insights, making the sessions engaging and forward-looking.

The event successfully created a platform for **knowledge exchange, networking, and strategic dialogue**, reinforcing BCC&I’s commitment to driving conversations that shape the future of India’s financial ecosystem.



Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. is delivering the Welcome Address



Dr. Joydeep Roy, Former Partner & Leader, Financial Services Advisory, PwC India and President & CEO, The Quiet Inc is setting the tone of the Opening Session



Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director, BCC&I is anchoring at the Financial Market Conclave 2025



Mr. Vivek Belgavi, Partner and Leader, Financial Services Advisory, PwC India is moderating the Opening Session



The Opening Session with industry leaders of Financial Markets and Fintech

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Mr. Dhiraj Relli, MD & CEO, HDFC Securities Ltd. is speaking at the Opening Session



Mr. Jay Prakash Gupta, Founder- Dhan, Co-founder Raise Financial Services is addressing at the Opening Session



Mr. Sridhar Narayan, Chief Business Officer, Perfios is addressing at the Opening Session



The Opening Session Frame



Audience at Financial Market Conclave 2025



Mr. Tamal Bandyopadhyay, Eminent Journalist and Writer and Mentor, Finance and Banking National Committee, BCC&I moderating the Fireside Chat Session with Chief Guest

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Thanksgiving at the Opening Session



Chief Guest Shri K V Kamath, Chairman, Jio Financial Services is addressing at Financial Market Conclave 2025



Vote of thanks and concluding remarks of the Opening Session by Mr. Vikas Bhutra, Chairman, Finance and Banking National Committee, BCC&I and VP Finance and Head - Treasury, ITC Limited

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Fireside Chat Session with Keynote Speaker and Chief Guest, Shri K V Kamath, Chairman, Jio Financial Services on "Reinventing India's Financial Services: AI, Efficiency & Market Financing" moderated by Mr. Tamal Bandyopadhyay, Eminent Journalist and Writer and Mentor, Finance and Banking National Committee, BCC&I



Thankgiving at Fireside Chat Session



The Fireside Chat Session Frame



Mr. Navneet Munot, MD & CEO, HDFC Mutual Fund is addressing at MDs Roundtable Session on Mutual Fund

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Mr. Sundeep Sikka, ED & CEO, Nippon India Mutual Fund is addressing at MDs Roundtable Session on Mutual Fund



Ms. Radhika Gupta, MD & CEO, Edelweiss Mutual Fund is addressing at MDs Roundtable Session on Mutual Fund



Mr. Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan Mutual Fund is addressing at MDs Roundtable Session on Mutual Fund



Mr. Kailash Kulkarni, CEO, HSBC Mutual Fund



Mr. D P Singh, DMD & Joint CEO, SBI Mutual Fund



Mr. Vikas Bhutra, Chairman, Finance & Banking National Committee, BCC&I and VP Finance and Head - Treasury, ITC Limited is moderating at the MDs Roundtable of Mutual Fund Session

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MDs' Roundtable of Mutual Fund Session Frame



Mr. Amit Roy, Partner and Leader, Insurance & Allied Business, PwC India is moderating the Session on “Indian Insurance Sector in the Era of Uncertainty” with Mr. Satishwar B, MD & CEO, Bandhan Life Insurance; Mr. Parthanal Ghosh, ED, HDFC ERGO General Insurance and Ms. Kasturi Sengupta, ED, New India Assurance Co. Ltd



The Insurance Session Frame



Mr. Rajesh Dhuddu, Partner & Emerging Tech Leader, GRP - Mahindra & Wipro Groups, PwC India is moderating the Session on “Smarter Finance: AI, Trust & Tech in a Changing World” with Mr. Rajinder Kumar Babbar, ED & CBO, Bandhan Bank, Mr. Tapan Hoskeri, Principal Solutions Architect – Financial Services, Google Cloud India, Mr. Ankit Ratan, CEO & Co-Founder, Signzy and Mr. Krishna Chaitanya, Chief Product Officer, Perfios



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“Smarter Finance: AI, Trust & Tech in a Changing World” Session Frame

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Mr. Rahul Banerjee, Founder & MD, PGP Academy and Member, Finance and Banking National Committee, BCC&I is moderating the Session on Wealth Management



The Concluding Frame of the FMC 2025 with the Speakers and the Moderator of Wealth Session



Mr. Pranab Uniyal is a Chartered Accountant and a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) and Certified International Wealth Advisor. Under his leadership, PGP Academy has forged collaborations with global financial institutions, analytics, the Canadian Securities Institute, and the CFA Institute, delivering various programs to Indian professionals.

Mr. Pranab Uniyal is recognized for his contribution to advancing financial literacy and inclusion. He has received several prestigious awards including CNBC-TV18's Financial Advisor Awards, and is an active member of various industry committees. His vision of "nation-building through financial education" has led PGP Academy to become a trusted knowledge partner for leading financial institutions and associations.

Mr. Pranab Uniyal was a Young Entrepreneur Award 2024 and featured among India's 40 Under 40. He continues to champion innovation in financial education.



The Wealth Management Session with Mr. Pranab Uniyal, Head, HDFC Tru, Mr. Umesh Kumar Gupta, CEO & Whole Time Director, UTI Pension Fund, Mr. Neelesh Surana, CIO, Mirae Asset Mutual Fund and Ms. Aparna Shanker, CIO (Equity), The Wealth Company Mutual Fund



The Look and Feel of the Show during the Break



Full house with Captive Audience at the last session



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INTERACTIVE SESSION ON SPAIN-INDIA TRADE COLLABORATIONS

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**Indo Spanish Chamber of
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Interactive Session on :
**SPAIN-INDIA TRADE
COLLABORATIONS**

📅 15th September, 2025
🕒 15.00 hours to 18.00 hours
📍 ITC Room, The Bengal Chamber of
Commerce and Industry (BCC&i)

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce together organized an Interactive Session on SPAIN-INDIA TRADE COLLABORATIONS, on 15th September, 2025 in The Bengal Chamber premises. The idea behind this session was to provide a platform for exchange of ideas and to support collaborations for the ease of expansion of the horizons of businesses in both the countries.

Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. delivered the welcome address putting forward the aims and objectives of the Session. At the beginning of this year, the Hon'ble Foreign Affairs Minister of India announced that 2026 would be marked as a 'dual year' between India and Spain to celebrate culture, tourism, and advancements in artificial intelligence. Towards the end of the last year, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Spain announced that Spain and India must contribute in building an Indo-Pacific region that is open and secure. With these scopes in mind he emphasized that the potential for cooperation is vast, covering critical areas such as decarbonization, e-mobility, and green metals to accelerate the green transition. Joint programs in health and biotech are already in place, with Spanish firms partnering with Indian companies on sustainable agriculture. Looking ahead, there are significant opportunities to expand collaboration in sectors like food, art, education, and sports, as well as leveraging the tourism potential in both countries, including the growing trend of sports tourism.

Following the welcome address, Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi, addressed

the audience and presented the scope and the areas of interests of collaboration between Spain and India giving examples of successful collaborations in the past. He also categorized explicitly the areas where Spanish industries are interested to collaborate with the Indian Industries.

The audience then witnessed the signing and exchange of MoUs between Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. and Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi.

Mr. Dhruv Bhalla, Group Head, Kanoria foundation, addressed on some processes and suggestions through which industrialists of both the countries can meet and educate themselves about their counterparts for the ease of collaborations in the future time.

The discussions were followed by an elaborate Interactive Session (including Q&A) where delegates around the table poured their curiosity in the form of detailed question and Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi and Mr. Ravi Chehel, General Manager, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi addressed and guided them the process of collaboration between Indian and Spanish companies.

The session was concluded by Networking High Tea and closed to 40 delegates attended the Session.

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



Address by Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi



Interactive Session in progress



Signing of MoU by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi



The exchange of MoU was completed between Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd and Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi



Presentation of Memento by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd to Mr. Oscar Esteban, President, Indo Spanish Chamber of Commerce, New Delhi

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Section of audience at the Interactive Session



Q&A Session in progress

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dyniovia Solutions LLP and IBM Jadavpur together organized an Interactive Session on “**Valuation Driven Financing – Empowering MSMEs for Effective Borrowing**” on 15th September, 2025 in The Bengal Chamber premises. The idea behind this session was to create a knowledge-sharing platform to highlight the importance of business valuation in enabling MSMEs to access financing effectively, and to support

collaborations that strengthen the borrowing capabilities and growth potential of MSMEs.

Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Assistant Director General, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry delivered the welcome address putting forward the aims and objectives of the Session. MSMEs are widely recognized as the backbone of the Indian economy, contributing close to one-third of the

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GDP and providing livelihoods to more than 110 million people. However, despite their importance, MSMEs often struggle to access timely and adequate financing. Limited collateral, insufficient credit history, and cumbersome banking procedures frequently act as barriers, restricting their ability to grow, innovate, and compete globally. As India advances towards its \$5 trillion economic vision, addressing these financing challenges is critical. Empowering MSMEs with valuation-driven financing frameworks, alternative credit assessment models, and simplified borrowing processes can unlock their full potential. Improved access to capital will enable enterprises to modernize operations, adopt new technologies, and expand into emerging markets.

Following the welcome address, Mr Supriyo Ghosh, Chairperson, National MSME Committee, BCC&I, delivered a welcome note reiterating the importance of MSMEs in the context of Indian economy and highlighted the certain challenges they face in the process of gathering financial help. Afterwards, a short opening address by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, Former Head of Supply Chain– PepsiCo, Project Management Consultant & Business Strategist, Partner – Dynovia Solutions LLP, Sr. Faculty & Project Guide at Indian Institute of Materials Management encouraged all the delegates to speak up and be inquisitive of all their finance related queries to all the banking officials who were present at the event.

The Chief Guest, Shri Sudip Paul, IEDS, Assistant Director – Gr. I, the MSME-DFO, Kolkata, highlighted the wide array of schemes available for entrepreneurs under his office, including the CGTMSE, the Pradhan Mantri MSME Scheme, and the National SGST Hub Scheme. He highlighted how these initiatives influence the functioning of small enterprises and explained the eligibility requirements for accessing central government schemes. Shri Paul also drew attention to the challenges MSMEs face in participating in public tenders, recommending that all entrepreneurs secure a Udyam Registration Certificate to enhance credibility and access to government procurement.

Following the Chief Guest’s speech, the Guest of honour, Mr. Santanu Bhattacharya, Member, Governing Body, Institute of Business Management, Jadavpur University, addressed the workshop, highlighting the collaborative model between the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dynovia Solutions LLP, and IBM that integrates industry expertise, academic knowledge, and consulting insights to strengthen Management Development Programs. Tracing the legacy of initiatives from the Administrative College of India, he emphasized the need for practical, industry-aligned knowledge transfer, stronger

communication systems, internship offerings to interested business owners, and low-cost win-win models.

Setting the workshop’s agenda, Mr. Sudipto Basu, Former Plant and Regional Head of Materials – Hindalco, Blue Star and now Partner of Dynovia Solutions LLP, highlighted the formation of MSME clusters, the diversity of service providers participating, and the roadmap for the day’s deliberations.

Key sessions throughout the day focused on credit access and valuation, with UCO Bank playing a central role. Mr. Apurv Karn, AGM, SME & Agri Hub Head, Kolkata Zone of UCO Bank, discussed how the bank’s specialized MSME desk at Bhawanipur College is facilitating access to tailored schemes, including UCO Avinandan, UCO Contractor Scheme, VyaparSamyakti, UCO Trader Scheme, and UCO Equipment Finance Scheme. Moreover, Dr. Arundhuti Banerjee, Faculty- Institute of Business Management, Jadavpur University, addressed all the technical and financial details of how a business could and should perform better.

Following that, Mr. Vikash Goel, Director, OMNIFIN, addressed the delegates through a short presentation on how to create value and how to measure it afterwards, targeted towards MSMEs.

Post-lunch, the delegates were also kept engaged through a valuation game that involved a bit of roleplay between the delegates as potential loan-seekers and Mr. Apurv Karn, playing the role of the bank. The purpose of this game was to highlight and seek solutions on how situations like these are tackled in real life, with potential solutions also being provided.

Afterwards, speeches by Rishab Khemka, Director Marketing & Sales, Q Industrial Park, on how effective and useful industrial parks are in towards being more profitable and gaining value and Sumedha Pandit, Associate Manager - Growth & Partnerships, on paperwork and all the correct documents needed for MSMEs could be handled, also enhanced the event. Moreover, a short banking session with officials from Ujjivan Small Finance Bank also cleared up quite a few doubts the delegates had in their minds regarding valuation and financing.

The penultimate event, an interactive knowledge sharing through Q & A Session reignited the fire in the delegates through a fun quiz session on topics that have been discussed throughout the day. Finally, a vote of thanks was given by Mr. Sanjay Gupta, followed by a networking evening tea and closed to 50 delegates attending the session.

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Event organizers, guests, and other dignitaries capturing a moment after the welcome addresses



Delegates taking part in the Valuation Game



Mr. Vikash Goel, Director, OMNIFIN, interacting during a session



Delegates being handed team tokens for the valuation game



Delegates and other dignitaries during the session presentation



Delegates, guests, and other dignitaries taking part in a session

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A delegate taking part in the Valuation game



A delegate announcing their proposal the Valuation Game



Delegates interacting with the session



Guest of Honour, Mr. Santanu Bhattacharya interacting with the session



Delegates taking part in a session



Mr. Supriyo Ghosh, Chairperson, National MSME Committee, BCC&I delivering the welcome note

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The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) in association with Ministry of External Affairs, Branch Secretariat, Kolkata presented the 3rd edition of the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave on the occasion of BCC&I's 171st Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 18th and 19th September 2025, at the historic and heritage premises of The Bengal Chamber.

The 2025 edition of the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave was themed "*Indo-Pacific Cooperation: Towards New Horizons of Maritime Partnership.*" The two-day Conclave brought together a wide spectrum of thought leaders, policymakers, and business pioneers to deliberate on critical issues shaping the Indo-Pacific region. Day One, with the sub-theme "*Indo-Pacific Cooperation : Towards New Horizons of Maritime, International Trade, Tariffs & Partnerships,*" focused on strengthening maritime linkages, fostering cross-border trade, and reimagining economic partnerships in the evolving global order. Day Two, themed "*Innovation and Sustainability in Indo-Pacific Ecosystem,*" highlighted the role of technology, green energy transitions, and sustainable business practices in driving inclusive growth and building resilient economic frameworks across the region.

The sessions highlighted the growing importance of maritime cooperation in enhancing regional connectivity, while also exploring how innovation and sustainability can serve as the foundation for the Indo-Pacific's long-term economic progress. From international trade and tariffs to fintech, digital ecosystems, and climate-conscious strategies, the discussions highlighted the diverse opportunities and challenges that define the Indo-Pacific narrative today.

The Conclave attracted a diverse and influential audience, with over 200 participants each day, comprising industry captains, CXO-level leaders, startup founders, representatives of think tanks and research institutions, members of diplomatic missions, and senior executives from technology, finance, and manufacturing sectors. Their insights enriched the deliberations with perspectives spanning policy, business, and global partnerships. The strong participation from across India and

Indo-Pacific countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Australia, Cambodia, Japan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar further reflected the shared interest in building a more interconnected and sustainable regional future.

The 3rd edition of the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave was made possible with the support of several esteemed partners, including Exide, Berger, CementIndia Pvt. Ltd., Hindustan Copper Ltd., Haldia Petrochemicals, State Bank of India (SBI), Aqilaw, Adamas, Indorama, JIS, Tax Connect, Texmaco, Jupiter Wagons, 6 Ballygunge Place, Selvelone, RT Network Solutions, and Paperboat Holidays.

DAY 1 : 18th September 2025

Sub-Theme : "Indo-Pacific Cooperation : Towards New Horizons of Maritime, International Trade, Tariffs & Partnerships"

The Inaugural Session Day - 1

Discussions by :

- Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.
- Shri A. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
- Shri Rajesh Pandey, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME & T), Government of West Bengal.
- H.E. Dato' Muzafar Shah Mustafa, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of India, High Commission of Malaysia, New Delhi
- Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC
- Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd.
- Session Moderator and Convenor: Meera Mitra, Mentor, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I and Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business.

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Mr. Arnab Basu highlighted that The **Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industries (BCC&I)**, in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, is hosting the Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave under the theme "**Indo-Pacific cooperation towards new horizons of maritime partnership.**" This premier international platform, now in its third year, gathers representatives from numerous countries including Indonesia, Japan, and Bangladesh, with the core aim of fostering cross-border collaborations and strategic partnerships centered on **inclusive growth and sustainability.** Given that the Indo-Pacific accounts for 65% of the world's population and 62% of global GDP, collaboration is critical for sustaining growth, securing the region's vast trade routes (handling over 55% of global container trade), and reinforcing India's rising global role through frameworks like **IPEF and Quad.** The Conclave specifically focuses on the **Blue Economy** and technology innovation in the maritime domain to ensure a stable and prosperous region, recognizing that in the current geopolitical landscape, maritime cooperation is essential for securing supply chains and unlocking trade potential, with **Kolkata** serving as India's natural and ideal gateway to Southeast Asia via the Bay of Bengal.

Dr. Meera Mitra highlighted that the Inaugural session's sub-theme, "Indo-Pacific Cooperation: Towards New Horizons of Maritime, International Trade, Tariffs & Partnerships," is timely given the recent escalation of tariffs and economic shocks. The Indo-Pacific is critical, hosting 60% of global GDP and 80% of global maritime trade. Nations in the region are forming various groupings to pursue shared interests beyond just trade, focusing on sustainable supply chains, green ports, climate resilience, and coastal protection. The growing significance of MSMEs across sectors, alongside emerging opportunities like EV infrastructure and tourism, necessitates inclusive cooperation. Initiatives, particularly in the Bay of Bengal where 450 million people depend on the sea for livelihood, must center on inclusivity and sustainability to address the needs of the most vulnerable while strengthening maritime unity against global pressures.

Sri A. Ajay Kumar highlighted that this Conclave takes place amidst a rise in **protectionism**, where India, with its extensive coastline and islands, plays a prominent role in the Indo-Pacific. India's vision for the region is defined by the Prime Minister's '**Sagar**' doctrine, which calls for a **free, open, inclusive, and rule-based order** that respects sovereignty and upholds international laws, and is built on cooperation and freedom of navigation. This vision was formalized with the launch of the **Indo-Pacific Ocean**

Initiative (IPOI) at the 14th East Asia Summit in 2019. IPOI is an open, non-treaty framework designed to sustain the oceans through collective action across key pillars, including **maritime security, ecology, and science & technology.** To date, 16 countries and the European Union have joined the IPOI, underscoring its broad, collaborative nature.

Sri Rajesh Pandey highlighted, as a major economic player and the second-largest **MSME hub** in India, **West Bengal** is central to the Indo-Pacific discussion, acting as a crucial gateway to Northeast and Southeast Asia via the **Bay of Bengal**, which links the Indian and Pacific Oceans. The state, with its major ports like Kolkata and plans for the **Tajpur deep sea port**, is a key contributor to India's **\$7500 \text{km} \text{ coastline}** maritime strategy and the **Blue Economy**, exporting products such as leather, textiles, gems, and engineering goods. The MSME sector is vital for employment and supply chains, contributing nearly **46% of national exports.** To navigate current trade disruptions, Bengal's industries are actively seeking new regional markets and collaborations, while the state government supports key sectors and explores investment in new industrial infrastructure, including **EVs, logistics hubs, and tourism.** India's broader strategy for the region is guided by the **Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI)**, an open framework launched by the Prime Minister in 2019 to ensure sustained oceans through collective action in pillars like maritime security and science & technology, which currently includes 16 countries and the EU.

H.E Dato Muzaffar Shaah Mustafa highlighted that, the Indo-Pacific is recognized as a dynamic ecosystem that anchors global prosperity with **60% of global GDP and 80% of maritime trade**, yet it faces challenges from supply chain disruptions to climate change, necessitating cooperation over rivalry. The **ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP)** — focusing on maritime cooperation, connectivity, sustainable development, and economic cooperation— promotes an inclusive, open, and rule-based platform. **Malaysia**, as the 2025 ASEAN Chair, is prioritizing inclusivity and sustainability, aligning its national strategies (like the New Industrial Master Plan 2030) with the AOIP to foster partnerships in electronics, AI, and green technology. Malaysia strongly welcomes India's complementary initiatives, the **Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI)** and the **Act East Policy.** The **Malaysia-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**, recently elevated with bilateral trade at \$18.2 billion in 2024, is pivotal, with future collaborations centered on **semiconductor resilience, green energy, and digital public infrastructure.** Finally, **West Bengal**, strategically located on the Bay of Bengal, is viewed not only as a partner

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for India's eastern outreach but also as a vital bridge linking South and Southeast Asia within this vision of a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific.

Dr. Indra Mani Pandey highlighted that, the Indo-Pacific is an economic powerhouse where several major economies are located, making it globally significant, and for India, the **Bay of Bengal** is central to its security and development. To foster regional cooperation, particularly in this era of uncertainty, the **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)**, established in 1997, is vital, linking South and Southeast Asia. BIMSTEC, which includes India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, deliberately focuses only on **technical and economic cooperation**, setting aside divisive political issues. The organization has established strong institutional mechanisms, with each member leading specific sectors (e.g., India leads in security, energy, and disaster management) and creating **Centers of Excellence** (like the BIMSTEC Energy Center). Acknowledging that progress has been slow, an Eminent Persons Group was set up to propose reforms, which are now being implemented. BIMSTEC is crucial for India's **Act-East policy** and its eastern and north-eastern states, and it is actively building external partnerships with organizations like the **ADB and IORA**, affirming its strong internal commitment and growing role in the wider Indo-Pacific framework.

Finally, Mr. Abhijit Roy concluded the session by confirming that the **Indo-Pacific** is a crucial economic convergence point — home to major global economies and underpinned by **MSMEs** — with regional strength built upon local enterprises like those in West Bengal's leather, textile, and seafood sectors. The key takeaway was the region's commitment to **collaboration over rivalry**, as exemplified by the ASEAN perspective and the role of **BIMSTEC** in connecting South and Southeast Asia via the **Bay of Bengal**, which acts as a vital economic artery sustaining millions. The discussions highlighted a strong emphasis on **inclusivity and sustainability**, particularly for vulnerable coastal communities, while concurrently identifying new market opportunities in sectors like defence-related MSMEs, **EV batteries, and green energy**. Ultimately, the Conclave reinforced that the Indo-Pacific vision is a **shared responsibility** requiring proactive partnership and collective action to translate these deliberations into concrete steps toward regional prosperity and stability.

Special Address : Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri, Former Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Luxembourg, Belgium and European Union :

Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri Reflecting on his diplomatic experience, urged businesses to prioritize **responsible and sustainable development**, taking India's **Net Zero 2070** target seriously, as global mechanisms like the EU's **CBAM** will soon mandate carbon accountability. He warned that global powers use **tariffs as strategic tools**, necessitating business agility (citing Bangladesh/Vietnam trade shifts). Geopolitically, he viewed the **Indo-Pacific** as the new axis of global trade, replacing the transatlantic corridor, with **BIMSTEC/ASEAN** playing pivotal roles. Crucially, he stressed the need for **Bengal** to strengthen structural cooperation, particularly with **Nepal** (a historic trade partner relying on Kolkata as a commercial gateway), to leverage its unique position and remain competitive against rising ports, ultimately preparing India's businesses for **Viksit Bharat 2047** and the fastest-growing global region.

Special Session I

Sub Theme : Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade: Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient

Discussions by :

- **Mr. R. Srinivasa Naik**, Chief Commissioner, Kolkata Customs
- **Mr. Navanit Narayan**, Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited
- **Commodore Sujeet Samaddar**, Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- **Mr. S. Ramakrishna**, Director, Balaji Mariline Pvt. Ltd. & Advisor, FFFAI
- **Shri R. Rajhans**, Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority
- **Session Moderator : Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri**, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I

Dr. Ajitava Roy Chowdhuri highlighted the growing **Indo-Pacific** region presents vast opportunities, but India must accelerate **trade digitalization** to remain competitive with faster-advancing partners. Digital transformation is crucial for ensuring compatibility, strengthening **global and regional supply chains** against geopolitical shocks, and enabling **sustainable trade**. By embracing high-tech sectors like **blockchain** and leveraging its skilled manpower, India can reduce friction in trade channels and fully capitalize on the region's immense potential, including in the **Blue Economy**.

Mr. R. Srinivasa Naik highlights that Customs cooperation

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is essential for modern, digitized supply chains, with India actively promoting trade facilitation through initiatives like **SWIFT** and the **AEO Trusted Trader Program**. The **AEO scheme** grants certified businesses, including SMEs, expedited clearances and deferred duty payment. With over 6,000 registered AEOs, India is unifying benefits by signing **Mutual Recognition Arrangements (MRAs)** with 20 partners to seamlessly streamline cross-border trade in the Indo-Pacific.

Mr. Navanit Narayan emphasized that the **Indo-Pacific** is the world's economic engine, projected to grow at 4%-5%. Despite temporary tariff issues, **global supply chains** are paramount. **Bengal** is a critical, high-potential gateway for India to the East and Nepal, but realizing this growth is contingent on urgently addressing **logistical bottlenecks** like port congestion and slow ship turnaround times. The core strategy for India to secure its inevitable share of regional trade is to **strengthen infrastructure, digitize processes, and simplify operations** to maximize efficiency.

Commodore Sujeet Samaddar highlighted that to strengthen **long-term stability** in Indo-Pacific trade, businesses require **predictability, credibility, and stability**, founded on strong **connectivity** (digital, energy, people-to-people) and **security infrastructure**. The core strategy is building **supply chain resilience** through a "**many-to-many**" **diversification** of vendors and customers, underpinned by compliance with **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)** and **ESG standards** (monitoring emissions for regulations like CBAM). Achieving this requires significant infrastructure **investment** (e.g., \$2 trillion for shipbuilding under Maritime Vision 2047, possibly funded by **blockchain tokenisation**), a shift toward **high-tech exports** (electronics, automobiles), and active **collaboration** between industry, government, and think tanks to shape resilient, future-ready enterprises.

Mr. S Ramakrishna highlighted that to build a **resilient supply chain** — the ultimate goal for regional trade groupings — India, despite its advanced **digital and customs systems** and strategic engagement in forums like **QUAD, ASEAN and IPEF**, must address critical logistics weaknesses. While trade facilitation has improved (e.g., fast GST refunds), the main gaps are the lack of robust **track-and-trace mechanisms** for global confidence and the absence of **domestic shipping companies and container manufacturing** (with over 95% currently produced in China), which severely impacts cost-competitiveness and global trade efficiency. India possesses the capability to fix these gaps and strengthen its logistics sector.

Shri R. Rajhans highlighted that to boost Indo-Pacific trade, the **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (SMPA)** is prioritizing **digitalization** and heavy **infrastructure investment/mechanization** to meet the **Amritkal 2047** capacity goal. SMPA is strategically key for regional integration, serving as the closest port for **Nepal** and facilitating agreements with **Bangladesh and Myanmar**.

Special Session - II

Sub theme-Building bridges in the Indo Pacific - Catalyzing business connects in South East Asia

Discussions by :

- **Mr. Aung Aung Myo Thein**, Myanmar Consulate-General in Kolkata
- **Mr. Indronil Sengupta**, Former Chairman, Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM)
- **Dato Ramesh Kodammal**, Chairman, ASEAN India Economic Council (AIEC), Malaysia
- **Mr. Johnny Chotrani**, Chairman, Philippines- India Business Council
- **Mr. Marshal Rathour**, Director, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NICCI)
- **Session Moderator : Dr. Prabir De**, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Co-Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I

Mr. Aung Aung Myo Thein said that Myanmar is strategically positioned as a catalyst for connectivity and trade in the Indo-Pacific, acting as a natural bridge between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. Key infrastructure projects, vital for reinforcing regional integration and India's Act East policy, include the **Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project**, which connects Kolkata with Myanmar's **Sittwe port** and Northeast India (expected to be operational by 2027), and the ongoing development of the **India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Road**. These projects demonstrate the strong mutual emphasis on connectivity by both nations.

Dato Ramesh Kodammal highlighted that Vietnam built its manufacturing strength and became the top beneficiary of the China-plus-one strategy by signing over **25 FTAs** (covering 70% of global GDP), developing **1,000 industrial parks**, and offering MSME tax incentives. Opportunities for **India-Vietnam collaboration** lie in **restructuring Indian MSME investments** to utilize Vietnam's FTAs, **investing in Vietnamese startups**, and **infrastructure development**.

Mr. Johnny Chotrani highlighted that the Philippines views

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its economic life as reliant on Indo-Pacific stability, mirroring India's interest. **A Bilateral FTA** is urgently needed to serve as the economic pillar for their strategic partnership, leveraging their **complementary economies** (India in IT/Pharma; Philippines in electronics/skilled labor) to greatly increase the modest **\$2.9 billion** trade volume. Ultimately, business leaders must drive this growth, intertwining the economies to secure peace and stability.

Mr. Marshal Rathour acknowledged India's rise as a major economic power. India is **Nepal's largest trade partner**, handling over **90% of its third-country trade** (\$30 billion in 2023). NICI facilitates cooperation in trade, energy, and logistics, emphasizing that despite Nepal's landlocked nature and resource wealth, India's leadership in the **Blue Economy** and regional stability relies entirely on **mutual trust and strong regional integration**.

Day - 2 (19th September 2025)

Sub-Theme : Innovation and Sustainability in Indo-Pacific Ecosystem

Inaugural Session

Discussions were led by :

- **Mr. Arnab Basu**, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd.
- **Shri A. Ajay Kumar**, Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
- **Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran**, Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India
- **Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri**, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I
- **Session Convenor and Moderator : Mr. Abhijit Roy**, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd.

In his opening remarks, **Mr. Arnab Basu** warmly welcomed all distinguished guests, esteemed delegates, and participants, reflecting on the rich deliberations of Day One, which he described as truly power-packed and marked by vibrant synergy between nations of the Indo-Pacific, industry representatives, academia, and policymakers. He noted that the discussions had underscored India's steadfast commitment to maritime cooperation while navigating evolving geopolitical dynamics and strengthening its Indo-Pacific credentials through neighborhood stability, economic integration, and

technological advancement. Introducing the focus of Day Two on sustainability, he emphasized its centrality to India's growth and resilience, highlighting initiatives such as cybersecurity enhancement, AI-driven defense, and the Digital India programme—all framed within a sustainability perspective. He linked the conclave's theme, "Towards New Horizons of Maritime Partnership," with the sub-theme for the day, "Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific," stressing the urgency of sustainability amid global climate challenges and citing the importance of partnerships aligned with UN SDG 17. Mr. Basu highlighted frameworks like the Quad and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) as vital in promoting clean energy, resilient supply chains, and sustainable trade. Referring to the Asia and Indo-Pacific SDG Progress Report 2025, he underlined the need for collaborative, multi-level approaches involving governments, businesses, and communities, and commended the private sector's pivotal role in shaping sustainable models. He concluded by outlining the day's agenda, which featured prominent economists and thought leaders, and reaffirmed the Bengal Chamber's vision for the conclave as a platform for collaboration, innovation, and shared learning toward sustainable and inclusive growth in the Indo-Pacific.

Shri A. Ajay Kumar, in his address shifted the focus to **India's indispensable role** in advancing **innovation and sustainability** in the Indo-Pacific, which was described as the **"beating heart"** of global trade and civilization, yet a **theatre of profound challenges** (climate change, pollution, etc.). India's unique strengths (youth, technology, civilizational ethos) position it to lead four critical pathways: powering the region with **clean energy** (e.g., International Solar Alliance), transforming the **blue economy into a green economy** (e.g., sustainable aquaculture), building **disaster resilience** (evolving from first responder to first partner), and securing **food and water security** (e.g., climate-smart agriculture). While challenges like financing and bureaucratic hurdles exist, success relies on **coalition building** via platforms like BIMSTEC and QUAD, treating all nations (especially small island states) as equal partners, and ensuring every investment prioritizes **long-term sustainability** over short-term profit.

Dr. V Anantha Nageswaran, who was the Chief Guest of the Conclave highlighted **India's indispensable and complex challenge** of balancing rapid economic growth (strongest among G20) with the **generational challenge of energy transition** to meet **Net Zero 2070**. He identified crucial **trade-offs** : the high total cost and grid instability of intermittent renewables; the constraint of an arbitrarily

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assigned **global carbon budget** which threatens to consign developing nations to underdevelopment without technology and finance from the developed world; the **fiscal risk** of losing fuel tax revenue and creating stranded assets in the banking system; and the **national security vulnerability** of heavy dependence on a single source for **critical minerals**. He advocated for a broader clean energy approach — including **hydro and nuclear** (opening up the sector) — prioritizing **adaptation alongside mitigation**, improving **public transport and urban systems**, and reviving traditional practices, asserting that only through honest recognition of these trade-offs and shared responsibility can the Indo-Pacific achieve sustainable growth.

Finally, **Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri** concluded that the discussion centred on the intersection of **disaster relief, supply chains, and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** within the Quad and Indo-Pacific frameworks, emphasizing the asset of India's **youth** and the need for **awareness campaigns** on sustainability issues like mangrove protection and recycling. Key challenges highlighted were the **high sunk costs** for renewable energy, the **trade-off between economic development and energy consumption**, and the **disproportionate burden on developing nations**, with a call to treat globally beneficial technologies as **public commons**. Solutions proposed included a **mixed energy approach** (hydro, nuclear, solar), strengthening **public transportation** in India to reduce private dependence, and adopting **circular economy** principles. The need for rigorous **cost-benefit analysis** and addressing the financial stability risk to the **banking sector** from transitioning non-renewable assets were also stressed, alongside concerns about global climate targets impacting the **"Make in India" manufacturing initiative**.

Special Session III

Sub theme-Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

Discussions were led by :

- **Mr. Ishikawa Yoshihisa**, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata
- **Dr. Bradley Jensen Murg**, Senior Advisor and Distinguished Senior Research Fellow, Cambodia Institute for International Cooperation and Peace (CICP) & Provost, VR for Academic Affairs, Paragon International University
- **Dr. Satish C Mishra**, Founder and Executive Director, Arthashastra Institute, Bali, Indonesia
- **Dr. Mridul Saggarr**, Professor, Indian Institute of

Management (IIM), Kozhikode

- **Mr. Rahul Mazumdar**, Deputy General Manager, Research & Analysis Group, Exim Bank
- Session Moderator : **Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta**, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP, Former Head of Management Consulting, KPMG India and Former Head of Consulting, PwC India

Mr. Ishikawa Yoshihisa stressed the **Indo-Pacific's** critical importance, detailing Japan's commitment to peace and prosperity via the **Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)** vision and extensive cooperation with India. He highlighted infrastructure projects and joint efforts in the **Quad** on security and supply chains, affirming the Japan-India strategic partnership as vital for regional stability, and concluded by asking about the region's key **success factors** for the coming years.

Dr. Bradley Jensen Murg highlighted the evolving world as **multipolar**, argued that **mini-lateralism** is now a durable, pragmatic structural feature, necessitated by the limits of both U.S./China bipolarity and full multilateralism (like ASEAN). While mini-lateral groups offer **speed and focus**, examples from the Greater Mekong Sub region show they must maintain a clear, single-issue focus to avoid **duplication and fragmentation**. The key is for these flexible groupings to act as a **complement** to, not a replacement for, broader multilateral efforts.

Dr. Satish C. Mishra told that he advocated for an **India-Indonesia strategic partnership** to serve as a **"second pole"** in Asia, balancing China and advancing multilateralism. Citing **Indonesia's successful democratic and economic reforms** as a model, the speaker emphasized that the two nations must overcome limited mutual knowledge to collaboratively address global challenges like AI and climate change and leverage opportunities in technology and trade, with the **Arthashastra Institute** established to foster this crucial alliance.

Dr. Mridul Saggarr proposed **pragmatic, inclusive cooperation** in the Indo-Pacific across five areas : **Trade** (tariff reduction, revisiting RCEP), scaling up **MDBs** to bridge the infrastructure gap, strengthening **RFAs** (like CMIM) for financial security, promoting **Monetary Cooperation** through local currencies, and advancing **Digital Cooperation** using models like the **India Stack/UPI**. They also highlighted the need to learn from partners like **Japan** on **sustainability** and to coordinate among **Export Credit Agencies (ECAs)** to boost regional growth and stability.

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Mr. Rahul Mazumdar asserted that **business and investment** are the core drivers of Indo-Pacific engagement, despite India's struggle with unfavourable trade balances (e.g., increased deficit with ASEAN) due to its **inability to produce in-demand goods** and restrictive **Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs)**. They urged collaborative action across **trade, finance, and regulation**, stressing the need to learn from **Japan** on **sustainability** and proposing cooperation among **Export Credit Agencies (ECAs)** to boost regional trade.

Special Address :

Shri. Atul Bagai, IAS (Retd.), Former Head, United Nations Environment Programme Country Office, India and Chairman, Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF)

Shri Atul Bagai urged the Chamber to broaden its focus beyond climate change to include the crises of **nature (biodiversity loss)** and **pollution**. They recommended the Chamber engage in the **Blue Economy** — citing the India-Norway agreement as a model — and proactively lead industry on issues like the **global plastics treaty** and **water governance**. Highlighting the success of the Montreal Protocol, the speaker called for a **paradigm shift** where industry drives sustainable technological and policy innovation, adopting the philosophy of "**Prakriti Devo Bhav**" (**Nature is God**) for responsible engagement in the Indo-Pacific.

Special Session IV

Theme : Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem

Discussions by :

- Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER
- Mr. Ajeya Bandyopadhyay, South-Asia Lead for Climate Advisory, International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group
- Dr. Srinivas Yanamandra, Visiting Professor, IDRBT (Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology, established by RBI)
- Mr. RVN Vishweshwar, Director (Finance), Hindustan Copper Ltd.
- Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Assistant General Manager & Regional Head, Kolkata Regional Office, Exim Bank
- Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, Professor & Co-Editor, Foreign Trade Review, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata
- Sri Rajneesh Kumar, DGM SME, SBI

- Session Moderator: Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Member Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I

Mr. Vivek Jalan said that the core topics to be discussed in the session were : leveraging **technological innovation** in maritime trade, securing massive **green investment** and financing for the digital ecosystem, developing the **circular economy** for industrial waste, and managing **trade/tariffs** amid geopolitical shifts. The session, featuring experts across finance and policy, opened with a discussion on **South-South collaboration** to accelerate India's **decarbonization** of heavy industries.

Mr. Ajeya Bandopadhyay highlighted that **South-South collaboration** is crucial for **decarbonization** in the Indo-Pacific, given the Global South's reliance on **carbon-intensive infrastructure**. The strategy requires a new growth model leveraging the region's vast **\$50 trillion capital pool** through innovative financing, utilizing the Global South as a **deployable market for new technologies**, and fostering **knowledge exchange** and **industrial convergence** to create green jobs and R&D.

Mr. RVN Vishweshwar reviewed India's tax reform journey from the complex "three Ps" to the **stabilized GST (₹ lakh crore revenue)**, which now offers businesses **predictability**. The focus is on continued **customs digitization and tariff rationalization**, with the major goal of integrating **ISGATE and ICAS portals by April 2026** to fully streamline processes and reduce the burden of compliance and litigation.

Prof. Arpita Mukherjee detailed how **WTO rules** forced a shift in **SEZ** design globally, moving away from export subsidies. India's predominantly service-based SEZs now lack competitive fiscal incentives compared to ASEAN, reducing their appeal for manufacturing. The speaker concluded that India must **reinvent its zone-based schemes** and fully **integrate all cargo and government systems (ICEGATE)** for SEZs and **FTWZs** to remain internationally competitive.

Dr. Debashis Chakraborty applied the "**impossible trinity**" concept to Asia-Pacific trade, favoring RTAs driven by **national interest** ("Make in India") over weakening multilateralism. India must strategically pursue agreements, like with **Mercosur and the EU**, and focus on competitive sectors (e.g., **leather**) while navigating challenges like the political complexity of **RCEP** and trade deficits with partners like ASEAN.

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Sri Rajneesh Kumar discussed the historical under-development of **maritime transport in India**, but noted significant recent improvements through **digitization** in the past few years, which has enhanced port efficiency and turnaround times. These advancements create **investment and financing opportunities** for traders, service providers (e.g., crane operations), and the intersecting **tourism sector**. Furthermore, the move toward **cost-effectiveness and fuel efficiency** via renewable energy and green vessels is opening new avenues for **green financing instruments** like green bonds, supporting sustainable growth in the sector.

Mr. Aniruddha Barooah highlighted that Exim Bank, owned by the Indian government, views **green financing** as essential for achieving the **net-zero 2070 target**, with a broad scope covering **hydrogen, EV networks, and heavy industry decarbonization**. The bank actively issues bonds and offers concessional **Lines of Credit** to fund **renewable projects overseas** (Africa, Southeast Asia), planning to significantly **expand its sustainable financing** portfolio.

Conclusion :

The Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave (IPEC) 2025 concluded with a forward-looking vision that positioned India as a regional anchor in Indo-Pacific cooperation, emphasizing the alignment of flagship national initiatives such as Sagarmala, the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), the Act East Policy, and Maritime Vision 2047 with regional frameworks including ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF). Through this strategic convergence, India reaffirmed its leadership in advancing maritime security, connectivity, and trade facilitation, while promoting an inclusive, secure, and sustainable Indo-Pacific order. The conclave also underscored India's pivotal role in fostering an open and rules-based maritime domain, driven by a shared commitment to peace, prosperity, and collective resilience.

A key takeaway from IPEC 2025 was the call to strengthen inclusive and sustainable development frameworks, ensuring that the benefits of Indo-Pacific growth reach MSMEs, coastal communities, and vulnerable groups. The conclave highlighted the immense potential of the blue economy—including fisheries, seafood processing, coastal tourism, and marine biodiversity conservation—as a vehicle for inclusive prosperity. Stakeholders emphasized the importance of targeted policy interventions, skill development, and financial access to empower communities and businesses across the maritime value chain, while encouraging the private sector to adopt sustainable and socially responsible business models.

Deliberations also focused on accelerating connectivity and infrastructure development across the region. Participants advocated for scaling up deep-sea ports, industrial corridors, multimodal transport projects like the Kaladan Multimodal and IMT Trilateral Highway, and digital port management systems to ensure seamless supply chain linkages between South Asia and Southeast Asia. The conclave emphasized the necessity of digital transformation and technology-driven trade, encouraging the adoption of AI, blockchain, fintech, and customs digitization programs such as AEO schemes and single-window clearance systems to enhance predictability, transparency, and competitiveness across Indo-Pacific commerce.

Another major theme that emerged was the need to integrate supply chain resilience and sustainability within Indo-Pacific trade frameworks. Participants called for diversification of vendors and customers through "many-to-many" trade models, domestic container production, and adherence to ESG-compliance and EPR frameworks to align with evolving global regulations such as the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). This approach was seen as crucial for ensuring long-term stability and adaptability in the face of global disruptions.

The conclave also placed strong emphasis on green economy cooperation and clean energy transitions, calling for joint ventures in electronics, EVs, renewable energy, shipbuilding, and biotechnology—sectors that represent the next frontier of Indo-Pacific collaboration. India and West Bengal, in particular, were envisioned as innovation-driven hubs in these domains. Participants stressed the need to accelerate renewable energy deployment through solar, wind, hydro, nuclear, and green hydrogen, supported by storage solutions, grid modernization, and cross-border collaboration, alongside the development of functional carbon and green markets with clear taxonomies, carbon trading mechanisms, and climate-related disclosures.

In parallel, regional cooperation and economic diversification were recognized as vital to maintaining strategic balance and stability. Strengthening partnerships through ASEAN, BIMSTEC, Quad, and IORA was identified as essential to addressing shared climate and security challenges, while diversifying trade corridors away from dependence on any single major power. Enhanced cooperation with Japan, South Korea, and emerging Southeast Asian economies was recommended to broaden trade access and industrial partnerships. The discussions also highlighted West Bengal's strategic role as India's Indo-Pacific hub—its geographic proximity to Southeast Asia, the development of the Tajpur Deep Sea Port, industrial parks, and robust logistics networks position the state as a

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gateway for trade expansion in textiles, seafood, engineering goods, and green industries.

The Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025 received substantial coverage in both print and social media. Major Indian newspapers, such as **The Times of India, The Telegraph, The Indian Express, Millennium Post, The Economic Times, Anandabazar Patrika** among others, extensively reported on the Conclave, offering detailed insights into the discussions and outcomes.

On social media, platforms like Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram saw a surge of real-time engagement. Thought leaders, influencers and organizations shared live updates, key insights and takeaways from the Conclave. Twitter hashtags helped consolidate the conversation, while LinkedIn provided in-depth discussions among professionals. Instagram was primarily used for sharing visual content, including photos and video clips, capturing the Conclave's highlights. These platforms amplified the conclave's reach, ensuring wide engagement and discourse on the economic strategies and collaborations shaping the Indo-Pacific region. The Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025 has achieved a **total social media reach of 6.33 million** users. Additionally, the conclave has garnered a **total of 7.61 million impressions**, representing the number of times the content was viewed.

Finally, IPEC 2025 reaffirmed the importance of institutionalizing policy dialogue and people-to-people linkages. Delegates proposed creating standing platforms that bring together governments, businesses, and think tanks to translate

deliberations into actionable policy and implementation frameworks. Greater engagement with the Indian diaspora and youth across the region was also emphasized, particularly in promoting climate action, innovation, and sustainability education. The conclave concluded with a collective commitment to foster collaboration, innovation, and shared growth—anchored in the principles of inclusivity, sustainability, and mutual trust—to shape a prosperous and resilient Indo-Pacific for the decades ahead.

The 171st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry was held on 19th September 2025, marking a significant milestone in the Chamber's rich legacy as one of the oldest industry bodies in the country. At this historic occasion, Mr. Abhijit Roy, Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Berger Paints India Ltd, formally took over as the new President of BCC&I.

The new leadership team for the year was also announced during the AGM. Mr. Abhijit Banerjee, Managing Director of Linde India Limited, has been named President Designate., Mr. Navanit Narayan, Whole Time Director & CEO of Haldia Petrochemicals Limited assumes the role of Senior Vice President, while, Mr. Navarun Sen, Chief Operating Officer, Century Plyboards (India) Limited has been appointed as Vice President.

The AGM celebrated the Chamber's enduring commitment to driving industry growth, fostering innovation, and strengthening Bengal's position in the national and global economy under the stewardship of its new leadership.

Day 1



Opening Address at the Inaugural Session by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025

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Address by Dr. Meera Mitra, Mentor, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I and Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business at the Inaugural Session on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Shri A. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India Setting the Context of 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025 (Day 1) during the Inaugural Session

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Keynoted Address at the Inaugural Session by Shri Rajesh Pandey, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME & T), Government of West Bengal on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Special Address by H.E. Dato' Muzafar Shah Mustafa, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of India, High Commission of Malaysia, New Delhi on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025 during the Inaugural Session

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Special Address by Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC at the Inaugural Session on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. delivering the Concluding Remarks for the Inaugural Session of Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Snapshot of the Esteemed Speakers of the Inaugural Session of Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025 featuring- Meera Mitra, Mentor, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I and Member, Governing Body, Centre for Responsible Business, Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC, Shri A. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd, Shri Rajesh Pandey, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME & T), Government of West Bengal, H.E. Dato' Muzafar Shah Mustafa, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of India, High Commission of Malaysia, New Delhi, Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd (Left to Right)

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Glimpses from the Special Address by Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri, Former Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Luxembourg, Belgium and European Union on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Mr. Deb A Mukherjee, Managing Director, Cenergist Energy Private Limited and Former President, BCC&I handing a token of appreciation to Mr. Manjeev Singh Puri, Former Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Luxembourg, Belgium and European Union on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025 (Left to Right)



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Mr. R. Srinivasa Naik, Chief Commissioner, Kolkata Customs during his address for the Session on Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade : Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Mr. Navanit Narayan, Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited during his address for the Session on Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade: Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Commodore Sujeet Samaddar, Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) during his address for the Session on Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade: Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025

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Mr. S. Ramakrishna, Director, Balaji Mariline Pvt. Ltd. & Advisor, FFAI during his address for the Session on Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade : Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Shri R. Rajhans, Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority during his address for the Session on Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade: Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Snapshot of the Esteemed Speakers of the Session on Reimagining Indo-Pacific Trade : Connectivity, Digital Innovation, and Sustainable Supply Chains for a Resilient Future on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025- Commodore Sujeet Samaddar, Visiting Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Mr. S. Ramakrishna, Director, Balaji Mariline Pvt. Ltd. & Advisor, FFAI; Mr. Navanit Narayan, Whole Time Director & CEO, Haldia Petrochemicals Limited; Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adamas University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I (moderator); Mr. R. Srinivasa Naik, Chief Commissioner, Kolkata Customs; Shri R. Rajhans, Traffic Manager, Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Authority (Left to Right)

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Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Co-Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I Moderating and setting the context for the Session on Building bridges in the Indo Pacific - Catalyzing business connects in South East Asia on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Mr. Aung Aung Myo Thein, Myanmar Consulate-General in Kolkata during his address for the Session on Building bridges in the Indo Pacific - Catalyzing business connects in South East Asia on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Mr. Indronil Sengupta, Former Chairman, Indian Business Chamber in Vietnam (INCHAM) during his address for the Session on Building bridges in the Indo Pacific - Catalyzing business connects in South East Asia on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025

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Dato Ramesh Kodammal, Chairman, ASEAN India Economic Council (AIEC), Malaysia during his address for the Session on Building bridges in the Indo Pacific - Catalyzing business connects in South East Asia on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Mr. Marshal Rathour, Director, Nepal-India Chamber of Commerce & Industry (NICCI) during his address for the Session on Building bridges in the Indo Pacific - Catalyzing business connects in South East Asia on Day 1 of the 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave, 18th September 2025



Glimpses of the Networking evening hosted by Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd at the Calcutta Club on 18th September 2025 for the Managing Committee Members of BCC&I and Esteemed Speakers and Partners of 3rd Edition of Indo Pacific Economic Conclave

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Mr. Arnab Basu, President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, PricewaterhouseCoopers Pvt. Ltd. delivering the Welcome Address at Inaugural Session on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Glimpses of the Inaugural Session convenor and Moderator, Mr. Abhijit Roy, President Designate, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Shri A. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary [States], Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivering the Keynote Address during Inaugural Session of Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

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Glimpses of the Address by Chief Guest, Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Adviser, Government of India on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Prof. Dr. Ajitava Ray Chaudhuri, Professor Emeritus and Head, Department of Economics, Adams University and Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I Summing up the rich discussions taken place at the Inaugural Session of Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

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Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP, Former Head of Management Consulting, KPMG India and Former Head of Consulting, PwC India moderating the session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Mr. Ishikawa Yoshihisa, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata during his address at the session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Dr. Satish C Mishra, Founder and Executive Director, Arthashastra Institute, Bali, Indonesia during his address at the session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

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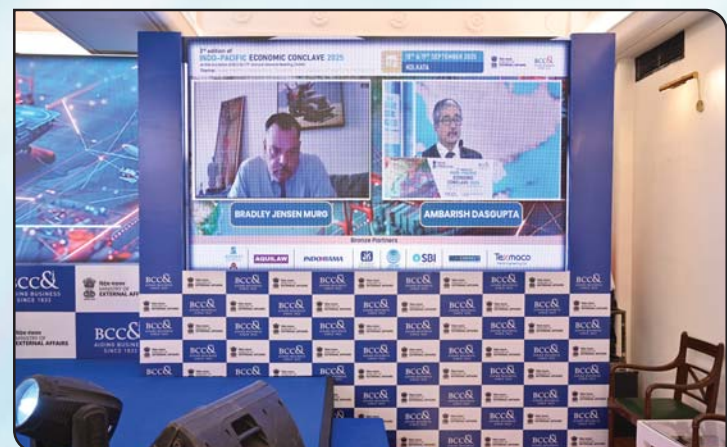
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Dr. Mridul Sagar, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode during his address at the session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Mr. Rahul Mazumdar, Deputy General Manager, Research & Analysis Group, Exim Bank during his address at the session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Dr. Bradley Jensen Murg, Senior Advisor and Distinguished Senior Research Fellow, Cambodia Institute for International Cooperation and Peace (CICP) & Provost, VR for Academic Affairs, Paragon International University delivering his virtual address at the session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

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Snapshot of the Esteemed Speakers of the Session on Strengthening Multilateral Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025- Mr. Rahul Mazumdar, Deputy General Manager, Research & Analysis Group, Exim Bank, Dr. Satish C Mishra, Founder and Executive Director, Arthashastra Institute, Bali, Indonesia, Mr. Ambarish Dasgupta, Senior Partner, Intueri Consulting LLP, Former Head of Management Consulting, KPMG India and Former Head of Consulting, PwC India, Mr. Ishikawa Yoshihisa, Consul General, Consulate General of Japan in Kolkata, Dr. Mridul Saggar, Professor, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode (Left to Right)



Glimpses of the Fireside Chat Session on Strengthening Cooperation in The Bay of Bengal Region held on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025, featuring- Prof. Dr. Prabir De, Professor, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Co-Chairperson, Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I Ambassador Indra Mani Pandey, Secretary General, BIMSTEC (Left to Right)



Shri. Atul Bagai, IAS (Retd.), Former Head, United Nations Environment Programme Country Office, India and Chairman, Network for Certification and Conservation of Forests (NCCF) delivering the Special Address during the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

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Mr. Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Member Economic Affairs National Committee, BCC&I moderating the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Mr. Ajeeya Bandyopadhyay, South-Asia Lead for Climate Advisory, International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank Group during his address at the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

Prof. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER during her address at the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Dr. Debashis Chakraborty, Professor & Co-Editor, Foreign Trade Review, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata during his address at the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025

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Sri Rajneesh Kumar, DGM SME, SBI during his address at the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Mr. Anirudha Barooah, Assistant General Manager & Regional Head, Kolkata Regional Office, Exim Bank during his address at the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



Mr. RVN Vishweshwar, Director (Finance), Hindustan Copper Ltd. during his address at the Session on "Pioneering the Future - Maneuvering Trade and Tariffs; Advancing Innovation and Sustainability in the Indo-Pacific Ecosystem" on Day 2 of the 3rd Edition of Indo-Pacific Economic Conclave 2025, 19th September 2025



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171ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BENGAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (BCC&I)

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Glimpses of 171st Annual General Meeting of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) on 19th September 2025



Elected President of BCC&I for the Year 2025-26, Mr. Abhijit Roy, Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. addressing the Managing Committee of The Chamber during the 171st Annual General Meeting of The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) on 19th September 2025

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ANNUAL NIGHT 2025

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) hosted its Annual Night at Taj Bengal, Kolkata, on Friday, September 26, 2025. The highlight of the evening was a specially curated fashion show, 'Défilé de mode', which featured Chamber members walking the runway. This event celebrated the rich heritage of Bengal's textiles, handlooms, weaves, and handicrafts, blending global fashion with traditional Indian aesthetics.

The runway walks, choreographed by renowned Show Director Ms. Shubha Kenworthy and set to live music. The programme was emceed by BCC&I's Ms. Soma Mitra Mukherjee, Assistant Director General and Mr. Arnab Chakraborty, Director of BCC&I. Eight Chamber members and their spouses participated, along with ten members of the BCC&I Secretariat.

Members who have strolled as couples were :

- Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. and Mrs. Gargi Roy
- Mr. Arnab Basu, Immediate Former President, BCC&I and Clients and Industries Leader, Pricewaterhouse-Coopers Pvt. Ltd. and Mrs Tiasa Basu
- Mr. Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, BCC&I and Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP and Mrs. Neha Jalan
- Mr. Indranil Dutta, Mentor, National MSME Committee, BCC&I and Chief Executive Officer, Datre Corporation Limited and Mrs. Soma Dutta
- Mr. Anoop Hoon, Chairperson, National Marketing & Brand Committee, BCC&I and Independent Director, Berger Paints India Ltd. and Mrs Anita Hoon

- Mr. Lalit Lakhani, Member, MSME Committee, BCC&I and Director, ASL Plastics Pvt Ltd and Mrs. Vasudha Lakhani
- Mr. Abhijit Chatterjee, Managing Committee Member, BCC&I and Chairman & Founder Director, Ascensive Educare Limited and Mrs Sayani Chatterjee
- Mr. Santanu Mukherjee, Managing Committee Member, BCC&I and Director - Emerge, Indus Net Technologies Ltd (INT Ltd) and Mrs Gargi Mukherjee

Secretariat who have strolled were :

- Ms. Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, BCC&I
- Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I
- Ms. Manisha Roy, Jr. Executive, BCC&I
- Mr. Rajat Dutta, Jr. Executive, BCC&I
- Ms. Sinchita Sen, Jr. Executive, BCC&I
- Ms. Oindrila Chakraborty, Sr. Executive, BCC&I
- Ms. Srijoyee Sen, Sr. Executive, BCC&I
- Mr. Abhishek Koar, Executive, BCC&I
- Ms. Waindrilla Saha, Manager, BCC&I
- Ms. Bikramjit Saha, Senior Executive, BCC&I

The Annual Night had the presence of Industry Leaders, Policymakers, and Thought Leaders. This was followed by The Annual Reception and Cocktails, which was a very well attended gathering of who's who of the business fraternity.

The evening was supported by ASL Plastics Pvt. Ltd. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the session. It was also well covered in the media.



Welcome Address by Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. at BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata



Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and Managing Director & CEO, Berger Paints India Ltd. and Mrs. Gargi Roy walked at the Defile de mode – a specially curated Runway Walk on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata

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Mr. Rajat Dutta and Ms. Manisha Roy from The Chamber Secretariat walked at the Defile de mode – a specially curated Runway Walk on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata



Ms. Sinchita Sen and Ms. Oindrila Chakraborty from The Chamber Secretariat walked at the Defile de mode – a specially curated Runway Walk on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata



Ms. Srijoyee Sen and Mr. Abhishek Koar from The Chamber Secretariat walked at the Defile de mode – a specially curated Runway Walk on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata



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Ms. Shubha Kenworthy, a Renowned Fashion Choreographer, choreographer of Defile de mode along with Ms Angana Guha Roy Chowdhury, Assistant Director General, BCC&I, and Ms. Sukanya Bose, Director, BCC&I on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata

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Smt. Somdutta Banerjee and Shri Chiranjib Nath, performed live at the Defile de mode, a specially curated Runway Walk on the occasion of BCC&I's Annual Night 2025 on 26th of September 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata



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(From L-R) Mr. B B Chatterjee, Former President, BCC&I, Mr. Navarun Sen, Vice President, BCC&I, Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, BCC&I and Mr. Subir Chakraborty, Former President, BCC&I



Esteemed Guests at the BCC&I Annual Night 2025 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata

"DURGA DARSHAN 2025"

29th September and 1st and 3rd October 2025

The National Tourism Committee of The Bengal Chamber, in association with Balmer Lawrie & Co. Ltd.'s Vacation Exotica, successfully organized "Durga Darshan 2025" — a unique festival tourism initiative integrating Bengal's rich cultural heritage with the vision of promoting inbound tourism. Curated across 29th September (Saptami), 1st October (Nabami), and 3rd October (Ekadashi), the programme brought together tourism stakeholders, corporate guests, and cultural promoters to explore the business and promotional potential of Durga Puja — inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list.

The initiative aimed to foster business-to-business connections linking the tourism and hospitality ecosystem with the vast opportunities of festival tourism during Bengal's grandest celebration. It showcased how Durga Puja is evolving into a global tourism brand — blending tradition, creativity, community, and commerce.

Participants experienced a guided tour of Kolkata's UNESCO-recognised Durga Puja, featuring iconic pandals, heritage celebrations, and traditional festivities such as Dhunuchi Naach, with skip-the-line access for a comfortable, immersive experience. Highlights included visits to South Kolkata's celebrated pandals like Bosepukur Sitala Mandir and Badamtala Asar Sangha on Saptami; Sabarna Roy Choudhury Barisha and the Sabarna Sangrahashala Museum on Nabami; and the vibrant Sindur Khela and Dhunuchi Nach at Newtown Sarbojonin Club and immersion ceremony at Newtown Bisarjan Ghat on Ekadashi, an initiative supported by NKDA.

Over 20 delegates participated daily, including senior representatives from GRSE, IIM Calcutta, IIM Ranchi, and DVC. Through Durga Darshan 2025, BCC&I once again demonstrated how Bengal's most iconic festival connects culture, commerce, and community — positioning Durga Puja as a global celebration and a catalyst for sustainable tourism development.

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“DURGA DARSHAN 2025”



Participants boarding the bus to visit the heritage Durga Puja pandals during the Durga Darshan Initiative held in 2025 on Saptami, 29th September 2025



Participants visiting the South Kolkata Puja pandals during the Durga Darshan Initiative held in 2025 on Saptami, 29th September 2025



Participants visiting SanjherAtchala at Sabarna Roy Choudhury Bari's 400-year-old heritage Durga Puja during the Durga Darshan Initiative held in 2025 on Nabami, 1st October 2025



Participants witnessing DhunuchiNaach at Bishorjon Ghat, Newtown, during the Durga Darshan Initiative held in 2025 on Ekadashi, 3rd October 2025

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The Directorate of Quality Assurance (Naval), in partnership with the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I), organised the “Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar,” bringing together key stakeholders from the Defence ecosystem and MSMEs.

The seminar aimed to promote ‘Make in India’ and ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat’ initiatives by fostering collaboration between Defence establishments and Indian industries, particularly MSMEs. Discussions focused on strengthening the Defence manufacturing value chain through innovation, quality assurance, and process simplification.

Sessions covered a wide range of themes, including Role of Quality Assurance in the Defence Supply Chain, Naval Initiatives towards Promoting Make in India, Underwater Paints in the

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Indian Navy, Criticality of Underwater Paints, New Generation of Boat Davits, an overview of Defence manufacturing in West Bengal, and a discussion on key challenges for Bengal MSMEs in Defence manufacturing.

DGQA officials highlighted simplified Quality Assurance (QA) procedures, vendor registration, type testing, self-certification, and the Green Channel policy, aimed at enhancing ease of doing business and encouraging wider industry participation. Additionally, initiatives such as IDEX, Make-II, and Industry 4.0 adoption in defence production, were also in discussion with the participants regarding emerging opportunities. The seminar underscored the shared commitment of DGQA and BCC&I to strengthen industry-Defence collaboration, foster innovation, and accelerate India's path toward indigenous, technology-driven Defence manufacturing.

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Keynote Address by Cmde B Swaminathan, DDG, DQAN



Cdr A Bhattacharyya, Officer-in-charge, QAE(N), Kolkata



Technical Presentation by Shri T. K. Mahato, Scientist 'G', on the Criticality of Underwater Paints



Address by Mr. Supriyo Ghosh, Chairperson, National MSME Committee, BCC&I, on Defence Manufacturing in West Bengal



Address by Mr. Indranil Dutta, Mentor, National MSME Committee, BCC&I, highlighting Key Needs and Challenges for Bengal MSMEs in Defence Manufacturing

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Presentation of Memento to Cmde B. Swaminathan by Mr. Supriyo Ghosh, Chairperson, National MSME Committee, BCC&I



Presentation of Memento to Cdr Ashwin by Mr. Indranil Dutta, Mentor, National MSME Committee, BCC&I



Delegates attending the seminar



Esteemed Speakers, officials from QAE(N) and representatives from BCC&I

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WATER AND WASTEWATER MISSION

The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service (TCS) organized a Water and Wastewater Mission from October 13 to 16, 2025 in India. The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) hosted the Canadian delegation during their visit to Kolkata on Monday, 13th October 2025 and facilitated a B2B meeting session with Indian companies.

The mission was expected to enable Canadian water and wastewater companies to showcase their innovations and forge key partnerships in India's dynamic water sector given the Government of India has provided a major thrust to enhance wastewater treatment, reduce leaks, and promote reuse across major urban, industrial and rural areas. BCC&I invited Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee - National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS), under Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India based in Joka, to showcase the

work and projects undertaken by them and also to interact with the Canadian delegation. Shri Priyatu Mandal, IAS Joint Secretary cum Director & Head, SPM-NIWAS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India and Mr. Mohd. Ishfaq (IAS Retd.), Adviser, SPM-NIWAS represented Ministry of Jal Shakti during the meeting with the Canadian delegation at BCC&I premises.

Following the meeting with SPM-NIWAS, the Canadian water and wastewater companies joined for a B2B meeting session with Indian companies. Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCC&I) & Managing Director & CEO Berger Paints India Ltd delivered the welcome address. The Canadian delegate made presentations introducing their businesses and showcased their objectives of joining the session. Over 40 participants from Indian companies joined the B2B meeting interested to meet the

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Water and Wastewater companies either for collaboration or for technology transfer or for vendor onboarding. The B2B session was attended by an eight member delegate who travelled from Canada representing six water and waste water companies :

- **Mr. Scott Foster**, President, Bi Pure Water (Canada) Inc
- **Mr. Reza Shams**, Senior Business Development Manager, Bi Pure Water (Canada) Inc
- **Mr. Sanjay Deshpande**, Executive Director, Clearford India Pvt. Ltd
- **Mr. T Sujith Kumar**, Chief General Manager, Ovivo India Private Limited
- **Mr. Mohit Malani**, Managing Director, Premier Tech Water and Environment
- **Ms. Morgan Lehtinen**, Executive Director, RXN HUB
- **Mr. Sebastian Alamillo-Falkenberg**, Director of Strategy & Industry, RXN HUB
- **Mr. Prashant Srivastava**, Executive Director, Seneca International

The delegation was also joined by :

- **Mr. Arjun Dutta**, Trade Commissioner, Trade Office of Canada in Kolkata
- **Mr. K. V. (Kam) Rathee**, Chairman, Advisory Board, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce
- **Mr. Vikas Gupta**, ICCB Board Member and Director Trade, Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce
- **Mrs. Simonil J. Bamji**, Associate Regional Manager, Export Development of Canada, Mumbai
- **Nikhil Thorat**, Trade Advisor, Government of Québec, Mumbai



For the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, it was a paid assignment from the Govt. of Canada in India.

List of Indian companies that attended the B2B Session :

- AECOM
- Amust Water Products Pvt Ltd
- Berger Paints India Limited
- BlueSky Education Pvt Ltd
- Calderys Ltd
- Coal India Ltd
- Development Consultants Pvt Ltd
- Drinkwell Pvt Ltd
- Geovale Services Private Limited
- Grafton Tarmac Engineering
- Hindustan Copper Limited
- IQPonics Technologies
- JB Enviro Consultants
- Metcon Water Systems Pvt Ltd
- PLIZMA Technology
- Qualicom Solution Pvt Ltd
- Rania Fashion LLP
- Rean WaterTech Pvt. Ltd.
- SEI
- Seminal Water Infrastructure Private Limited
- Sun Agro Tech
- Sunanda Enviromental International Pvt Ltd
- Tech Deco LLP
- Watertec Enterprises (P) Ltd



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Mr. Abhijit Roy, President, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Managing Director & CEO of Berger Paints India Ltd delivering the welcome address during a B2B meeting session with the Canadian Water & Wastewater Delegation



Mr. Priyatu Mandal, IAS, Joint Secretary cum Director & Head, SPM-NIWAS, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India addressing the audience during the B2B meeting session with the Canadian Water & Wastewater Delegation



Mr. Arjun Kumar Dutta, Trade Commissioner, Trade Office of Canada setting the context of the purpose of the B2B meeting session with the Canadian Water & Wastewater Delegation



Participants from Indian companies interested in Water and Wastewater Sector – Over 40 Participants from Indian companies joined

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Presentations by the Canadian Delegation during the B2B Meeting Session

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B2B Meeting in progress between Indian and Canadian Water and Wastewater Companies

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WEBINAR ON “GST ON HEALTHCARE SERVICES”

DGTS-CBIC in association with The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry organised a Pan-India Webinar on “GST on Healthcare Services”, on 14th October, 2025 from 3.30 pm onwards.

The webinar witnessed the esteemed presence of Shri Amarjeet Singh, Additional Director General, DGTS, CBIC; Shri Ravindra Joshi, Additional Director, DGTS, CBIC; Shri Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP; Ms. Parul Garg, Additional Director, DGTS, Kolkata Zonal Unit and Shri Raju Jetley, Assistant Commissioner (Retd.).

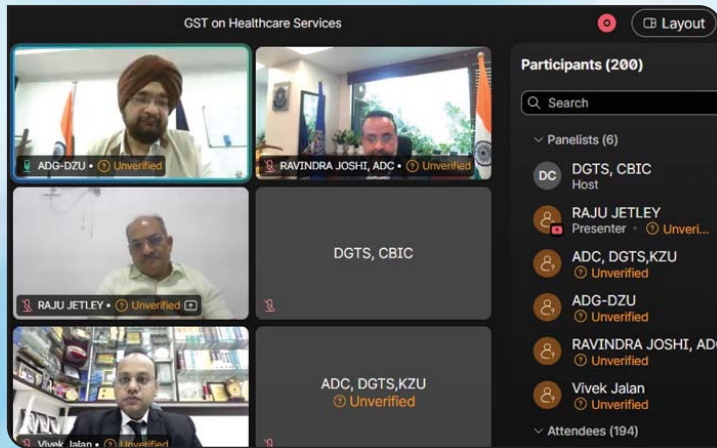
Shri Ravindra Joshi, Additional Director, DGTS, CBIC welcomed the audience and introduced the panelists for the webinar. Shri Amarjeet Singh, Additional Director General, DGTS, CBIC

delivered the welcome address and set the agenda of the webinar followed by Shri Vivek Jalan, Chairperson, National Fiscal Affairs & Taxation Committee, The Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry & Partner, Tax Connect Advisory Services LLP, who presented and highlighted the recent changes in GST in the healthcare services. Shri Raju Jetley, Assistant Commissioner (Retd.) forwarded the discussion and gave a thorough presentation on GST on Healthcare Services, highlighting the impact of the recent GST changes in the healthcare service industry with special mention to the services like veterinary clinic and IVF which has been included under the umbrella of healthcare services. The presentation was ended with a short quiz with participants answering the questions displayed on screen making the session engaging and proving this webinar to be quite informative and fruitful. The webinar was attended by more than 300 delegates from all over India.

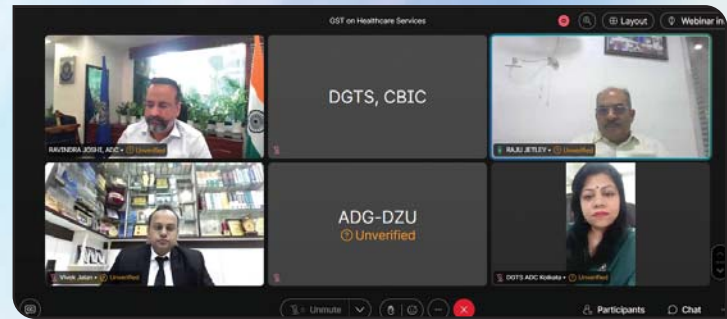
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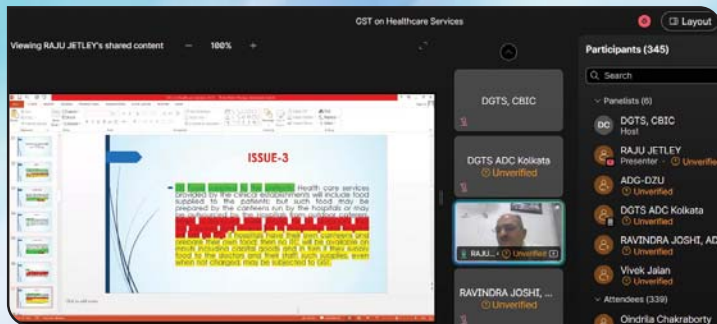
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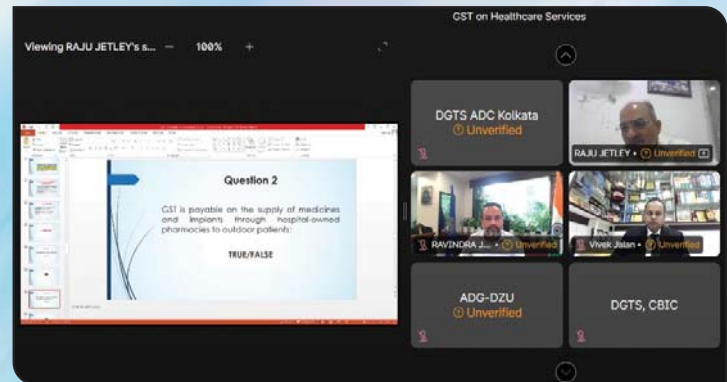
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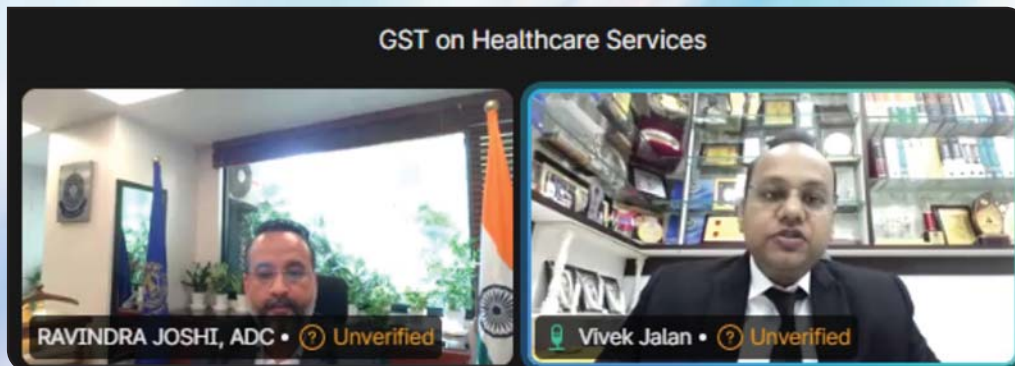
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Webinar in progress



Presentation by Shri Raju Jetley, Assistant Commissioner (Retd.)



Quiz in progress

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

National conference on Sustainable Urban Transformation, Theme : “Reimagining Resilient, Resource-Efficient & Responsive Cities”, 15th November 2025, Taj Ambassador, Delhi

NOURISH INDIA 2025 - VIKSIT Bharat Through Innovation and Exploring Opportunities in Food Safety & Security, 20th November 2025, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

National Health Insurance Summit, 21st November 2025 , The Bengal Chamber Premises

Rising Asia-BCC&I Summit 2025 Theme : “INDIA’S TURN – Seizing Opportunities Amid Geopolitical Challenges”, 12th December 2025, The Bengal Chamber Premises

The Bengal Chamber Marketing and Brand Quiz, 13th December 2025 , ITC Sonar, Kolkata

4th Edition of CSR Conclave and Social Leadership Awards 2025, 19th December 2025, Kolkata

Infrastructure Conclave, 19th December 2025, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



ABACUS INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT

MoU Signing between AIEM and MSME TOOL ROOM – KOLKATA (Central Tool Room & Training Centre) : 29.08.25

Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, in association with the IIC Cell, organized an enlightening seminar titled **“Stealth Technology: The Science of Invisibility.”** The event commenced on **25th April, 2025 at 12:30 pm**, drawing participation from students, faculty, and distinguished professionals. The **first session** focused on academic frameworks—emphasizing the importance of research, curriculum development, and academic rigor as foundations for future



innovation. The **second session** delved into the **dynamic interplay between academic institutions and industry**, exploring how mutual engagement can catalyse socio-economic progress. The highlight of the seminar was the keynote address by **Professor Somnath Maity**, Professor of E.C.E Department, Gargi Memorial Institute of Technology. In a compelling and insightful presentation, **Professor Maity** articulated the rising importance of industry-academia synergy in contemporary India.



Celebrates a National Sports Day 2025 by sports committee in collaboration with IE(I) : 29.08.25

National Sports Day by the **Sports Committee** in collaboration with the **IIC cell of AIEM**, with a special **Yoga session** for all students and staff. The event was organized to honour the **birthday of Major Dhyan Chand**, one of India's greatest hockey players, and to promote the importance of physical and mental well-being.

The formal proceedings commenced at 2:30 pm with a Welcome Address by our esteemed **Principal, Prof. Jinia Datta**. In her speech, she emphasized the importance of the day, urging the audience to uphold the values of unity, integrity, and dedication. She also paid tribute to Major Dhyan Chand, the legendary hockey player, in whose honor National Sports Day is celebrated in India. A brief speech followed, highlighting



the significance of fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship in our lives. Around 60 students were present at the event.

The Yoga session was conducted by a trained instructor, **Mr. Pikai Ghosh**, who skilfully guided participants through a series of **asanas, pranayama (breathing exercises), and a brief meditation**. Following the session, he shared a few insightful words on the benefits of yoga, emphasizing its role in enhancing concentration, reducing stress, and promoting physical flexibility and overall fitness. The day concluded with a short speech by the Sports Coordinator and team members. They commended all the participants for making the event a success and encouraged everyone to make yoga a part of their daily routine.



BS&H Dept. of AIEM organized the Diploma Induction Programme: 03.09.2025

Diploma Induction Programme was conducted to welcome the fresh batch of first-year diploma students. The programme aimed at introducing the students to the academic environment, institutional values, and opportunities awaiting them during their course of study.

The first half of the programme began with the opening song, presented by Sandip Debnath (Diploma 3rd Year EE), creating a warm and inspiring atmosphere. This was followed by the Lamp Lighting Ceremony, conducted by our Registrar sir, HoDs and senior faculties symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. The Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Gautam Kumar Das (HOD, ECE Dept), setting a motivational tone for the day. A presentation on the college, its group, and regulations was then presented by Mr. Shounak

Bandyopadhyay, (Assistant Registrar, AIEM), providing students with valuable insights about the institution. Next, sessions were conducted on important academic and financial support systems. Ms. Sudeshna Das (AP, CSE) and Mr. Subhodip Das (AP, ME) briefed students on Scholarships and the Student Credit Card Scheme, followed by Mr. Sukhendu Bikash Banerjee explaining examination details and procedures. Mr. Debraj Modak (AP, ECE) encouraged students to participate in Sports and Extra-Curricular Activities. A highly motivating session on training and placement procedures and career opportunities was delivered by Dr. Pritish Kumar Ghosh (TPO), followed by Mr. Bikash Banerjee's (HoD, ME) session on the Idea-O-Meter, encouraging creativity and innovation among the students, teachers and parents. Our Registrar sir, Mr. Devmalya Banerjee, highlighted the role and opportunities in NSS activities, the importance of enrolling in Diploma courses, along with the various opportunities in different sectors.



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In afternoon session students visited the library and other laboratories. The highlight of the day was the Cultural Program coordinated by Ms. Reshmi Bhowmick (AP, EE). Students from various

departments showcased their talents through songs, dances, and recitations.



Photography Club of AIEM organized Photography competition and Workshop : 05.09.2025

The Photography Club of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Mogra successfully convened a Photography Contest on 5th September 2025 from 2:30 pm onwards, which was preceded by an insightful workshop on “Fundamentals of Photography,” conducted by Mr. Titas Bhowmik (HoD, EE Dept.). The event was hosted at the Seminar Hall of the institute and witnessed an enthusiastic response from students across various departments.

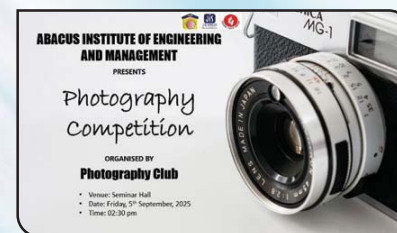
The workshop provided participants with essential knowledge of photographic techniques, such as framing, lighting, composition, and exposure balance. It was particularly beneficial for beginners,

enabling them to develop a conceptual understanding of photography as both a technical skill and an art form.

Following the workshop, the Photography Competition was held, focusing on the central theme “College Campus.” The event was structured into two distinct categories :

1. Photography (Still Images)
2. Creative Shorts (Short Films/Video Clips)

The competition received an overwhelming 74 submissions, of which 63 were still photographs and 11 were short films. After a meticulous initial review, 51 entries were shortlisted for final evaluation, reflecting contributions from 48 individual participants.



AICTE-Sponsored Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Robotics organized by ME and EE Dept. : 08.09.2025 to 13.09.2025

A one-week AICTE-sponsored Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Robotics from 08th to 13th September 2025 in Offline Mode has been organised.

Day 1 : 1st session on *AI Enabled Brain-Computer Interface for Bio-mechatronics and Bio-robotics Applications* delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) Subhasis Bhaumik**, Professor, Aerospace Engineering Department, IEST, Howrah. 2nd session by **Mr. Saptak Bhattacharjee**, Founder and CEO, Intuitive Robotics OPC Pvt Ltd, delivered a talk on *Robotics and Industry 4.0*

Day 2 : 1st sessions by **Prof. (Dr.) Santanu Das**, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, KGEC, on *Optimal Path Planning and Obstacle Avoidance in Robotics*, 2nd session by **Prof. (Dr.) Bikash Bepari**, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, from Haldia Institute of Technology on *Actuation Parameters of doped IPMC for Soft Compliant Grippers*.

Day 3 : 1st session on *AI, IoT, and Robotics for Society 5.0*, delivered

by **Dr. Nabarun Bhattacharyya**, Director, School of Information Science & Technology, MAKAUT. 2nd session by **Mrs. Anita Addy**, Executive Director, Aces Infotech Pvt. Ltd., on the role of robotics in enhancing employability.

Day 4 : 1st session by **Prof. (Dr.) Ranjit Kumar Barai**, Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Jadavpur University, on *Real-time Path Planning of Robot Manipulators*, 2nd session by **Mr. Tushar Kanti Das**, Director, Cedtro Technologies Pvt Ltd, delivered on *Communication and Networking between Drones and Underwater Robots*.

Day 5 : In 1st session the participants visited **ACES Infotech Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata**, where they gained practical exposure to the latest trends in **Robotics and Automation**. 2nd session on *IT Entrepreneurship and Innovation* delivered by **Mr. Subhashish Addy**, Chairman & MD, ACES Infotech Pvt. Ltd.

Day 6 : **Dr. Raju Basak**, Chairman, IEI, WBS, delivered an insightful session on *“Robotics in Industry 4.0: Automation and Smart Manufacturing”*. This was followed by an MCQ test and reflection journal activity to assess participant learning outcomes. The programme concluded with a valedictory session.



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AIEM Organized Student Induction Program 2025 for B.Tech., BBA and BCA : 15.09.25

The first half of the programme began with the opening dance, presented by our student Tina Kundu (CSE 3rd Year), which was followed by the Lamp Lighting Ceremony, conducted by our Registrar Sir, HoDs, senior faculties, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. The Welcome Address was delivered by HOD of Electronics and Communication Department, and Dean of Academics Dr. Gautam Kumar Das, setting a motivational tone for the day. A presentation on the college, its group, and regulations was then presented by Mr. Shounak Bandyopadhyay, providing students with valuable insights about the institution. The Guest of Honour Mr. Dipayan Biswanath Chaudhuri delivered a thought-provoking speech on his introspection and inspired the students by sharing his own experiences. Next, sessions were conducted on important academic and financial support systems. Ms. Sudeshna Das, AP of CSE and Mr. Subhodip Das, AP of ME briefed students on Scholarships and the Student Credit Card Scheme, followed by Mr. Sumit Kumar Banerjee, AP of CE and OIC of Examination Cell explaining examination details and procedures and also encouraged the students

to participate in Sports and Extra-Curricular Activities. Mr. Bikash Banerjee, AP of ME, and Dr Bishal Dey, AP of ME, delivered sessions on the Idea-O-Meter, encouraging creativity and innovation among the students, teachers and parents. The Registrar highlighted the role of students in social responsibilities as an engineer, as well as on the importance of enrolling in B.Tech., BBA, BCA courses, along with the various opportunities in different sectors.

The afternoon session starts with an interaction with the parents, conducted by the HOD of BSHU and all faculties of BS&H, coordinated by Ms. Anuska Bag, AP and BS&H. The Training and Placement Officers of Techno India Group and Asansol Engineering College, Ms Debika Chatterjee and Dr Amit Roy toughed upon the importance of acquiring skills rather than solely focusing on theoretical aspects. They also emphasized on the role of personality development as well as communicative skills for having success in the corporate world. The highlight of the day was the Cultural Programme, coordinated by Ms. Reshmi Bhowmick, AP of EE and Sudeshna Das, AP of CST. Students from various departments showcased their talents through songs, dances, and recitations.



Electronics and Communication Engineering Department, AIEM organizes Industrial Visit to MSME TOOL ROOM : 15.09.2025

On 15th September 2025, 31 students from the Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) Department of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Mogra, visited MSME Tool Room, Kolkata-700108—a premier training and production centre functioning under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

During the visit, students gained valuable insights into skill development and industrial growth. They observed the practical applications of electronics and automation in areas such as modern tool design, CNC machines, robotics, manufacturing processes, instrumentation, and quality control techniques.

The primary objective of the visit was to enhance the students' industrial exposure, acquaint them with advanced tools and techniques, and strengthen their understanding of how engineering concepts are implemented in real-world industrial environments.



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AIEM organizes Blood Donation Camp : 16.09.2025

With great pleasure, we announce that on September 16, 2025, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Magra, on behalf of the Blood Donation Committee and in collaboration with the Imambara Sadar Hospital in association with the NSS Unit, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on 16th September 2025. This was AIEM's 6th blood donation camp. A total of 75 people safely donated blood to the cause. The institute's students and teaching and non-teaching personnel were among the benefactors. The donors received roses and food bundles to improve

their health status as a thank you for their enthusiastic commitment to this larger cause.

Blood donation is one of the noblest acts of service to humanity. Every unit of blood donated has the potential to save multiple lives, making donors silent heroes for patients in need. It not only supports emergency medical treatments, surgeries, and trauma care but also contributes to treating chronic illnesses such as cancer, thalassemia and hemophilia. Moreover, regular blood donation fosters a culture of compassion, responsibility, and community welfare, reflecting the true spirit of humanity.



CSE Dept. of AIEM organizes Webinar on "Preparing for the Future of Work in the Age of AI and Industry 4.0" : 19.09.25

The Department of Computer Science Engineering, Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management (AIEM) successfully organized a webinar on "Preparing for the Future of Work in the Age of AI and Industry 4.0" on 19th September 2025 from 11:00 am in collaboration with the National Digital Library of India (NDLI) and Institution's Innovation Cell (IIC), AIEM.

focused on the evolving dynamics of the modern workplace in the context of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Industry 4.0. Mr. Choudhuri highlighted the challenges and opportunities arising from rapid technological advancements and emphasized the importance of adaptability, continuous learning, and interdisciplinary skills as key drivers for future career success. More than 80 participants, including students and faculty members from the CSE Department, actively engaged in discussions that made the session highly interactive and impactful. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Anirban Choudhuri for his expert guidance and to NDLI and IIC Cell, AIEM for their continued support in organizing such impactful academic events.

The session was graced by the distinguished speaker : Mr. Anirban Choudhuri, Director, Impression Business Advisors. The webinar



AIEM successfully organized the Internal Institutional Level of Smart India Hackathon (SIH) 2025 : 22.09.25

The Smart India Hackathon (SIH) event was arranged by a college formed committee, solely meant for this event and to ensure a smooth functioning of it. The event began with the illumination of the lamp by our respected Principal Prof. Jinia Datta, SPOC for the event, Mr. Shounak Bandopadhyay and the HoDs, Convener of IIC Cell, Dr. Bikash Banerjee.

students participating in the hackathon, regardless of their prior experience or expertise level.

These 31 groups were judged by an eminent Judge's panel consisting of members, namely,

- Dr. Soumyabrata Saha, Professor and Head, Department of IT Dept., JIS College of Engineering, Kalyani
- Dr. Sumit Chabri, Professor and Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Narula Institute of Technology
- Dr. Somnath Maity, Professor, ECE department, GMIT
- Dr. Sobhan Chakraborty, Manager, JIS Incubation Centre

A total of 31 groups of students who participated in SIH were thoroughly trained to equip themselves with the necessary skills, knowledge, and tools to maximize their effectiveness during the hackathon. The sessions were designed to enhance their problem-solving capabilities, technical proficiency, and collaborative skills making them capable to perform in groups. It was tailored for

The evaluation was carried out successfully completing all team presentations in a single day.



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AIEM celebrates the Pre-Puja event, "Agomoni-2025": 23.09.2025

We are delighted to inform you that the Cultural Committee of Abacus Institute of Engineering and Management, Natungram, Mogra successfully organized a cultural event "AGOMONI-2025" on 23rd September 2025 (Tuesday) to celebrate the pre-puja festivities. The program was hosted and choreographed entirely by our students.

The celebration commenced with a lamp-lighting ceremony, graced by our respected Principal, Registrar, and Departmental Heads.

This year's theme, "Dasa Mahavidya", was beautifully brought to life through a series of songs, dances, and recitations presented by

our students. A special highlight of the evening was the "Dandiya" and "Dhunuchi Nrityo", both of which mesmerized the audience with their vibrant energy and enthusiasm. The grand finale, the "Dhunuchi Nrityo", saw active participation from almost every member present, filling the atmosphere with joy and rhythm.

Adding to the festive charm, live "Dhaak" beats were played throughout, heightening the spirit of Durga Puja. Students showcased their creativity by depicting 'Naba Durga' through thermocol plate art, wall-mounted paintings, straw mat designs, and clay pitcher decorations. A remarkable wooden artwork of Goddess Durga, designed by the students and used as the backdrop, drew special admiration.



Successful MoU Signing ceremony between AIEM and Trisita Engineering LLP, Kolkata: 25.09.25

On 25th September 2025, AIEM successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Trisita Engineering LLP, Kolkata. This MoU represents a strategic collaboration to promote mutual growth by leveraging their resources and expertise to equip students with industry-relevant skills. The collaboration intends to cover:

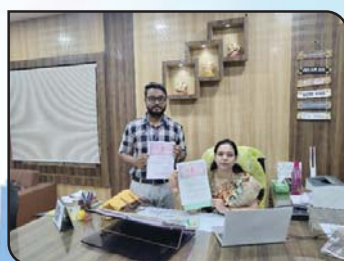
1. Skill Development & Training: Conducting training programs aligned with industry requirements.
2. Industrial Visits & Expert Lectures: Offering students practical exposure and insights from industry leaders.
3. Placement and Career Development Support: Facilitating placement-linked training to enhance employability.

4. Outcome-Based Learning Initiatives: Focusing on improving the technical and soft skills of students.
5. Collaborative Workshops & Seminars: Enabling students and faculty to stay updated with evolving industry practices.

Objectives of the MoU :

The primary objectives of this MoU are to :

- Bridge the gap between industry and academia.
- Provide skill-based education that meets contemporary industrial demands.
- Enhance the technical proficiency of students through hands-on learning experiences.



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CE Dept. of AIEM organized an Alumni Talk : 25.09.25

The Department of Civil Engineering at Abacus Institute of Engineering & Management, Natungram, Mogra organized an inspiring Alumni Talk Webinar on the topic "Opportunities in Research and Development Roles" on 25th September 2025, 8pm onwards at online platform (Google Meet). Selected 70 no.s of students from the department (both Civil and Diploma) attended the program. The session aimed to motivate and guide current students about various career opportunities in research and development within the field of civil engineering and allied domains. The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Sandeep Kumar, an accomplished alumnus

from the 2021 batch of the Civil Engineering department. Mr. Kumar has completed his M.Tech in Watershed Management at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, and now serving as a Junior Research Fellow (JRF) at IIT(ISM) Dhanbad.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A interaction, where students sought guidance on selecting research topics, preparing for GATE, balancing academics with internships, and exploring future career scopes after M.Tech. Mr. Kumar answered all queries patiently, offering thoughtful and motivating insights.



GREATER KOLKATA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT, BARUIPUR

The Department of Civil Engineering, Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM), organized an Industrial Talk on the topic "Repair, Rehabilitation and Strengthening of Structures" at GKCEM campus on August 27, 2025, at 3:00 pm onwards. The session was graced by Er. Pradip Mukherjee, Engineer, Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Government of India, who was invited as the distinguished speaker.



The Sports Committee of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering & Management has successfully organized National Sports Day on 29th August, 2025 by a friendly football match between B-Tech vs Diploma students of GKCEM. The program was inaugurated by our Honorable Principal Madam, Prof. (Dr.) Mahuya Das.

The Department of Civil Engineering, GKCEM, organized an industrial site visit on 10th September 2025 to the Sansara project site by PS Group, located at Golabari, Howrah. The primary objective of the visit was to provide practical exposure to students about modern construction techniques, materials, and project management practices. The visit was attended by the students of the Department of Civil Engineering, accompanied by the faculty members of the department. The site engineers and technical team of Ahluwalia Contracts (India) Ltd., the principal contractor, facilitated the session and guided the students throughout the visit.



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The Department of Civil Engineering of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM) organized a One Day CAD Boot camp on the occasion of *Engineer's Day* on 15th September 2025. The event was conducted at the Computer Centre of GKCEM and was attended by students from Different Polytechnic Institute of "Government of West Bengal".

Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management celebrated Vishwakarma Puja on 17th September 2025 at the Workshop, Mechanical Engineering Department to worship lord Vishwakarma, the God of the Engineers. Everyone joined hands in the puja preparation with fruits and sweets being arranged for the Prasad. After the offering of Prasad, a lunch was arranged for all the faculty members, staff, and students.



The Departments of Computer Science and Engineering and Civil Engineering at Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM) successfully organized a 2-Day National Symposium on Emerging Innovations in Engineering and Technology (NSEIET-2025) from September 18th to 19th, 2025. The event featured keynote and invited talks by eminent academicians and multiple technical sessions covering diverse domains such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, IoT, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Systems, and Sustainable Technologies.



Greater Kolkata College of Engineering and Management (GKCEM), successfully organized the Internal Hackathon event for SIH 2025 on 22nd September 2025 in offline mode. The event was jointly coordinated by the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC), Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), and the Innovation Cell of GKCEM.

The Music Club of Greater Kolkata College of Engineering & Management (GKCEM) organized a vibrant Pre-Puja Celebration, "आगमनी - २०२५" on 24th September 2025 in the Seminar Hall. The program commenced at 3:00 PM and brought the entire campus together to welcome the joyous spirit of Durga Puja.



GURU NANAK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
1. GNIT (ECS & CA) Hosts Week-Long : Hands-On Training Program on “Fundamentals of IoT”

The Department of Electronics and Computer Science, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Applications organized a Week-Long-Hands-On-Training Program on “Fundamentals of IoT” for BCA 3rd semester students. The program was conducted from 8th August to 14th August 2025 at the IoT Lab, ECS Department, GNIT.

The training was led by Ms. Bapita Roy, Head of the Department, ECS, with technical support from Mr. Mrinmoy Dutta, TA, ECS. Designed to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical application, the program introduced students to core concepts of IoT through a blend of theory and immersive practice.

Students explored the Arduino UNO board, covering its block diagram, sketch structure, data types, constants, and operators, while also working with control statements, loops, functions, and library functions. Emphasis was placed on I/O functions, serial communication, and real-time debugging, followed by interfacing sensors and actuators to create application-based mini-projects.

A total of 60 students actively participated, engaging in virtual simulations, practical exercises, and collaborative project work under expert supervision. On the final day, an exam was conducted to evaluate learning outcomes, and certificates were awarded to all participants.

Key Outcomes of the Program :

- Students gained hands-on experience with industry-standard IoT tools.
- Participants successfully developed real-time application-based projects.
- The program enhanced problem-solving skills, teamwork, and innovation.
- Students bolstered their technical knowledge and resume value through project-based learning.

This initiative reflects GNIT’s commitment to fostering experiential learning, innovation, and industry readiness among its students, preparing them to thrive in the fast-evolving world of IoT and emerging technologies.


2. GNIT (Computer Applications) : Shaping Tomorrow’s Developers through Expert-Led AI-Stack Session

The Department of Computer Applications (GNIT), successfully organized an Industry Expert Meet on “Full Stack Development using AI Integration” on 12th August 2025. The session aimed to equip students with cutting-edge knowledge at the intersection of full-stack development and artificial intelligence — a rapidly evolving domain shaping the future of technology-driven solutions.

The event commenced with a warm welcome and opening remarks by Mr. Shirsendu Dutta, Assistant Professor, CA Department, who served as the event coordinator. The highlight of the session was an expert talk by Mr. Anup Kr Paswan, an accomplished Full Stack Developer and Corporate Trainer, known for his deep industry expertise and hands-on approach to next-generation software development.

During the highly engaging and interactive session, Mr. Paswan

delved into the practical integration of AI models into modern web and mobile applications. Students were introduced to current development stacks such as MERN and MEAN, backend frameworks supporting AI workflows, and the use of RESTful APIs and GraphQL for efficient data handling. Real-world use cases, including AI-driven chatbots, predictive analytics dashboards, recommendation engines, and intelligent UI components were discussed to showcase the transformative power of AI in enhancing user experience and business intelligence.

He further highlighted best practices in UI/UX for AI-driven systems, explaining how responsive design and dynamic component rendering can be combined with machine learning algorithms to deliver intuitive and adaptive interfaces. Students gained valuable insight into model deployment, data pre-processing, and scaling AI features in production-ready applications using cloud services and containerized environments like Docker and Kubernetes.

The seminar saw enthusiastic participation from over 30 students

of the BCA and MCA programs. Through engaging discussions, live problem-solving demonstrations, and an extensive Q&A session, attendees gained clarity on integrating AI tools, backend logic structuring, and the architectural considerations essential for building secure, efficient, and intelligent applications.

The session successfully met its objectives by enhancing both conceptual awareness and practical understanding of AI-enabled

full-stack development. Participants gave highly positive feedback, expressing keen interest in exploring innovative academic and personal projects that apply AI within full-stack ecosystems. The initiative reaffirms GNIT's commitment to bridging industry-academia collaboration, preparing students to thrive in emerging technology landscapes.



3. GNIT (FT) Celebrates World Entrepreneurs Day 2025 with Innovation & Impact

The Department of Food Technology (GNIT) proudly celebrated World Entrepreneurs Day 2025 on 21st August 2025, with the vision of inspiring innovation, nurturing entrepreneurial acumen, and motivating students to transform their ground-breaking ideas into impactful, real-world business opportunities that address global challenges.

The event commenced with an insightful inaugural address by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kr Mitra, Principal, GNIT, who emphasized that entrepreneurship is not just about starting businesses but also about creating meaningful solutions in today's highly competitive, technology-driven world. He highlighted the indispensable role of academic institutions in cultivating creativity, leadership, and an innovation-driven mind-set among young technologists and researchers.

Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar, HoD, FT, extended a heartfelt welcome to all participants and guests, setting the tone for a day dedicated to visionary thinking and collaborative learning. This was followed by the felicitations of Dr. Shaleen Das, the distinguished guest speaker, in acknowledgment of her exceptional contribution to the field and the event.

Dr. Das delivered an inspiring keynote lecture on "Sustainability in Entrepreneurship." In her thought-provoking session, she underscored how entrepreneurs hold the power to shape sustainable futures through eco-friendly innovations, responsible resource management, and ethically sound business practices. She urged students to integrate sustainability principles into their research, product development, and commercialization strategies, ensuring that their ventures create long-term value for both society and the environment. Her address left students motivated to think beyond profit and design ventures with purpose, impact, and responsibility. The celebration also showcased dynamic presentations by M.Tech 2nd-year students of the Food Technology Department on "Entrepreneurship for Sustainability: Turning Research into Business."

These sessions provided a behind-the-scenes glimpse into their innovation journeys — from idea generation, formulation, and prototype design to evaluation, market research, competitor analysis, and scaling strategies. Students highlighted consumer needs, market demands, and potential commercialization pathways, demonstrating exceptional analytical thinking, creativity, and technical expertise that bridged the gap between research and entrepreneurship. The program concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Dean Academics, GNIT, who expressed deep appreciation for the collective efforts of the guest speaker, principal, faculty, and students in making the event impactful. She reiterated the significance of such platforms in inspiring young innovators to translate bold ideas into entrepreneurial ventures that drive industry transformation, economic growth, and social well-being. The celebration of World Entrepreneurs Day 2025 proved to be highly enriching and impactful, providing M.Tech students with valuable exposure to the complete process of product development, market research, and commercialization strategies, thereby enhancing their critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation-oriented skills. It significantly strengthened GNIT's innovation-driven learning ecosystem by integrating sustainability with entrepreneurship, empowering students to pursue innovation-led, purpose-driven careers in food technology and related industries. Most importantly, the event reinforced GNIT's role as a leader in fostering future-ready entrepreneurs equipped with both technical expertise and ethical responsibility — change makers capable of contributing meaningfully to society, industry, and the environment alike.

The event was coordinated by Ms. Jayshree Majumdar & Dr. Shairee Ganguly, Assistant Professor, FT, GNIT.





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4. GNIT Women Cell (with Procter & Gamble) Inspires Change: Menstrual Health Redefined at SALENA

The Women Cell of (GNIT), in collaboration with Procter & Gamble (coordinated by The Fusion Event Organisation), proudly hosted a transformative Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session – SALENA on August 22, 2025, at the GNIT Auditorium. The session aimed to break societal taboos, encourage open conversations, and empower young minds with the knowledge essential for maintaining health, dignity, and confidence.

The program commenced at 2:00 PM with an inspiring welcome by Mrs. Bapita Roy, HOD, ECS and Convenor of Women's Cell, who warmly addressed the gathering of dignitaries, faculty members, and students. Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT, emphasized the importance of spreading menstrual health awareness among youth as a crucial step toward gender equality, women's empowerment, and overall community health.

The highlight of the session was the keynote presentation by a representative from Procter & Gamble, delivered in an engaging, interactive, and scientifically informed manner. The talk, enriched with audio-visual aids, addressed essential topics such as safe hygiene

practices, busting persistent myths, combating stigma, and the need to normalize menstruation as a natural biological process. Real-life examples and relatable scenarios allowed students to connect deeply with the content, while an open Q&A segment gave attendees the confidence to ask questions without hesitation, fostering a safe and supportive learning environment.

The auditorium was filled with enthusiastic participation from both students and faculty, marking an inspiring shift toward awareness, acceptance, and proactive health practices. The session encouraged open dialogue, built empathy, and provided practical guidance on sustainable hygiene methods — an essential stride in nurturing a healthier and more informed society.

The program concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, recognizing the efforts of the organizers, the impactful delivery of the keynote speaker, and the collective commitment of GNIT in prioritizing women's health initiatives.

Overall, SALENA was not just an awareness session — it was a movement that inspired change, created safe spaces for conversation, and reinforced GNIT's vision of empowering individuals with the right knowledge to lead healthier, more confident lives.



5. GNIT (BHM) Empowers Freshers with Engaging Extempore Competition

The Department of Hospital Management, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), successfully organized an Extempore Competition on 28th August 2025 in Room 415 as part of its Student Engagement Program.

The competition aimed to enhance confidence, public speaking ability, articulation, and critical thinking skills among the 1st Year BHM students, providing them with a platform to express themselves with spontaneity and creativity.

With an overwhelming participation of 95 students, the competition witnessed energetic performances on diverse topics. Participants impressed the audience with their clarity of thought, fluency, and presence of mind, making the session both inspiring and enjoyable. Students showcased remarkable enthusiasm, actively volunteering to speak, embracing challenges with confidence, and demonstrating

their ability to think quickly and communicate ideas effectively.

After a series of captivating performances, the winners were declared as:

- 1st Position: Ms. Hrishika Sarkar
- 2nd Position: Ms. Tannistha Chakraborty
- 3rd Position: Ms. Arunima Mitra

The event was conducted under the leadership of Ms. Debashruti Ganguly (HOD & AP - BHM), with the active coordination of Ms. Arjama Halder and Mr. Tarpan Chakraborty (AP-BHM). Their constant guidance and encouragement ensured enthusiastic student involvement and smooth execution of the event.

This initiative highlighted the department's commitment to holistic student development, encouraging students to build confidence, sharpen their communication skills, and prepare for the dynamic demands of the hospital management profession.



6. GNIT Marks National Sports Day 2025 with Medals, Memories & Momentum

We are pleased to inform you that Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) organized a grand celebration on the occasion of National Sports Day 2025 on August 29, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in the college premises.

The event commenced with a formal opening ceremony officiated by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT, in the esteemed presence of faculty members and staff, who gathered to encourage and motivate the students, setting a tone of unity, enthusiasm, and respect for the spirit of sportsmanship.

Students from various departments actively participated in an exciting range of indoor competitions, including Chess and Carrom, with separate categories for male and female participants. The games provided not only an arena for healthy competition but also a platform for students to demonstrate strategic thinking, concentration, and teamwork — vital skills both on and off the board.

The celebration witnessed energetic involvement from over 60 students, each showcasing remarkable competitive spirit, discipline, and respect for their fellow participants. Laughter, cheers, and camaraderie filled the atmosphere, turning the event into a lively festival of talent and unity. Faculty members and staff enjoyed watching the matches, celebrating every move and appreciating the commitment of the young players.

The event concluded on a high note, with the winners of various events being honoured with medals and certificates, a proud acknowledgment of their efforts and dedication. Beyond victories and awards, the day strengthened the values of fair play, perseverance, and community bonding, leaving everyone with a sense of joy and accomplishment.

National Sports Day 2025 at GNIT was more than a celebration — it was a tribute to the power of sports in shaping character, nurturing friendships, and inspiring excellence. It reinforced our belief that education is complete only when it balances academic brilliance with physical well-being and sportsmanship.



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7. GNIT (AICTE IDEA Lab) and CDAC MAKAUT Boot Camp: Empowers Students with Hands-On Innovation Training on 3D Printing & Additive Manufacturing

The AICTE IDEA Lab (GNIT), in association with CDAC, MAKAUT, WB, successfully hosted a Two-Day Boot Camp on “3D Printing & Additive Manufacturing Technology.” This initiative strengthened industry-academia synergy and provided students with hands-on exposure to advanced manufacturing, innovation strategies, and entrepreneurial pathways.

Day 1 : Knowledge Sharing at GNIT

The inaugural session on 29th August 2025 began with a welcome address by Dr. Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal of GNIT & Chief Mentor, AICTE IDEA Lab, who emphasized the importance of experiential learning and future-ready competencies.

Dr. Barnali Kundu (Coordinator, AICTE IDEA Lab GNIT) spoke about the lab’s role in fostering design thinking and prototyping, while Dr. Shantanu Datta (Co-Coordinator) highlighted upgraded facilities and entrepreneurial exploration.

The keynote address by Mr. Asit Kr. Singh, Chief Investigator, CDAC Kolkata, was followed by expert talks from Mr. Indrajit Karmar and Mr. Debkana Bhattacharjee (CDAC Kolkata), Dr. Bivash Mullick (CDAC MAKAUT), and Mr. Abhinava Das (CDAC MAKAUT) on opportunities, facilities, and success stories in additive manufacturing.

Day 1 Key Takeaways :

CDAC, MAKAUT as hubs for design, tooling, prototyping, and advanced manufacturing.

Student opportunities through the 160-hour Additive Manufacturing Course.

Potential for collaboration in joint R&D and prototyping. Converting ideas into viable, market-ready products. Case studies showcasing impactful innovations by students.

Over 108 students and 15 faculty members actively participated, reflecting strong enthusiasm for innovation-driven learning.

Day 2: Industry Exposure at CDAC MAKAUT

On 1st September 2025, 24 GNIT students visited the CDAC Lab at MAKAUT for hands-on exposure to advanced equipment, prototyping setups, and incubation support. This visit bridged classroom learning with real-world application.

Day 2 Key Takeaways:

Direct exposure to advanced additive manufacturing machinery and tools.

First-hand learning of prototyping workflows and industrial processes. Interaction with CDAC experts to understand industry applications of 3D printing.

Insights into start-up incubation and entrepreneurial opportunities at CDAC MAKAUT.

Strengthened understanding of how industrial facilities complement academic learning.

Impact & Outcome

The Boot Camp enhanced students’ technical skills, fostered innovation-driven thinking, and encouraged entrepreneurship in emerging technologies. It empowered participants to envision careers in additive manufacturing, prototyping, and industrial innovation, while reinforcing GNIT’s commitment to bridging academia with industry.

GNIT, along with the AICTE IDEA Lab, extends heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Asit Kr. Singh and the CDAC MAKAUT team for their guidance and collaboration. The institute looks forward to future initiatives that prepare students as innovators, technologists, and entrepreneurs of tomorrow.



8. GNIT (BHM) Hosts Insightful Webinar on Clinical Nutrition in Healthcare

We are delighted to share that the Department of Hospital Management (GNIT) successfully organized a highly insightful online webinar on “Role of a Dietician in a Hospital” on 30th August 2025, from 8:00 PM onwards in virtual mode. This academic initiative was designed to strengthen the understanding of students and faculty about the indispensable role of dieticians in today’s fast-evolving healthcare ecosystem.

The session was led by Ms. Sampa Rakshit (Barman), an experienced Faculty member at SBIHM School of Management, who brought deep expertise and practical knowledge to the discussion. She highlighted the increasing importance of clinical nutrition and its direct influence on patient recovery, hospital efficiency, and healthcare outcomes.

Key highlights of the session included :

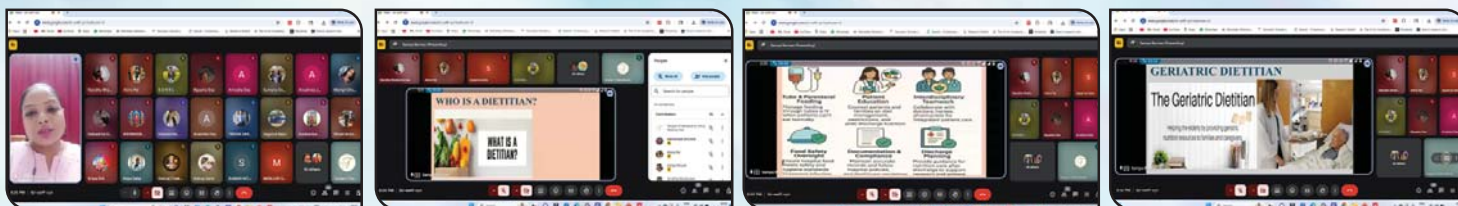
- The crucial role of dieticians in personalized patient care, recovery, and disease management.
- Development of individualized diet plans aligned with specific medical conditions and patient needs.
- Effective interdisciplinary collaboration between dieticians, doctors, nurses, and hospital administrators to ensure holistic care.

- The significance of nutrition management policies within hospital administration for operational excellence.
- Emerging career opportunities, growth pathways, and the professional challenges of dietetics as a healthcare profession in India and abroad.

With 60 participants, including both students and faculty members, the session fostered a meaningful learning environment, combining academic concepts with real-world healthcare practices. Participants engaged actively during the Q&A segment, posing thoughtful questions that explored the integration of nutrition science in hospital protocols, thereby making the session interactive, engaging, and professionally enriching.

We sincerely thank our distinguished resource person, Ms. Sampa Rakshit (Barman), for her valuable time, expertise, and inspiring delivery. We also acknowledge the efforts of our coordinators, Mr. Tarpan Chakrabarty (Assistant Professor, BHM Department, GNIT) and Ms. Debashruti Ganguly (HOD & Assistant Professor, BHM Department, GNIT), whose planning and coordination ensured the smooth execution of this event.

At GNIT, we continuously strive to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry-oriented professional exposure, ensuring that our students gain insights into critical healthcare roles that shape the future of hospital management. This webinar reaffirmed the importance of integrating nutritional science with hospital operations to enhance patient care and institutional excellence.



9. GNIT Signs MoU with Indian Institute of Packaging to Drive Food Technology Innovation

The Department of Food Technology, (GNIT), proudly hosted the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Kolkata Centre on 3rd September 2025, 2:00 PM at the GNIT Conference Room. This milestone collaboration marks a major step forward in integrating central institute expertise with academia, opening avenues for innovation, research, and entrepreneurial growth in the ever-expanding food packaging sector.

The ceremony was graced by eminent dignitaries including Dr. Bidhan Das, Joint Director & Regional Head, IIP Kolkata, alongside Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kr. Mitra, Principal, GNIT, Prof. (Dr.) Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Dean of Academics, GNIT, and Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar, Head, Department of Food Technology, with the active

participation of all faculty members of the department. Their presence reflected GNIT’s vision to strengthen academia-industry partnerships that prepare students to thrive in a globally competitive ecosystem.

Through this MoU, GNIT aims to :

- Strengthen technical, research, and entrepreneurial skills of students to meet the challenges and opportunities in the food packaging sector.
- Develop industry-relevant curriculum aligned with socioeconomic trends and evolving global needs.
- Promote experiential learning via industry exposure, internships, and collaborative projects that bridge theory with practice.

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The program was meticulously coordinated by Ms. Jayshree Majumdar and co-coordinated by Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya along with Mr. Saikat Mazumder, whose efforts ensured the seamless execution of the event.

This collaboration is expected to empower students with cutting-edge research opportunities, entrepreneurial exposure, and practical insights into industry dynamics. By nurturing innovation and problem-solving mindsets, the partnership aspires to prepare GNIT students not only as skilled professionals but also as future leaders in the food technology and packaging industry.

Snapshots of the MoU signing ceremony are attached for your kind perusal.

With this landmark partnership, GNIT takes yet another step in reaffirming its commitment to innovation, excellence, and student-centric growth, aligning its academic ecosystem with India's vision of becoming a global hub for food technology and packaging innovation.



10. GNIT (Food Technology) and Indian Institute of Packaging Host Seminar on Innovation & Career Prospects in Food Packaging

The Department of Food Technology (GNIT), successfully organized a Seminar on "Career Prospects and Innovation in Food Packaging" under the MoU with the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) on 3rd September 2025 in the Seminar Hall, GNIT.

The seminar was graced by Dr. Bidhan Das, Joint Director & Regional Head, IIP Kolkata Centre, who delivered an insightful address, sharing his expertise on innovations in packaging technologies, entrepreneurial opportunities, and the need for sustainable packaging solutions.

The event focused on key themes :

- Emerging Trends : Active and intelligent packaging, biodegradable materials, and nano-technology innovations.
- Career Opportunities : Diverse professional avenues in R&D, quality assurance, packaging design, and supply chain management.
- Sustainable Practices : Emphasis on eco-friendly packaging, circular economy, and the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling.
- Industry-Academia Collaboration: Strengthening ties between GNIT and IIP to foster joint research projects, student internships, and faculty exchange programs.

The signing ceremony was attended by eminent dignitaries and leaders :

- From IIP : Dr. Bidhan Das, Joint Director & Regional Head, IIP Kolkata.
- From GNIT : Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kr. Mitra, Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Kakali Bandyopadhyay, Dean of Academics, and Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar, Head of the Department of Food

Technology, along with all faculty members of the department.

The program was coordinated by Ms. Jayshree Majumdar, Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya, and Mr. Saikat Mazumder, ensuring smooth execution and enthusiastic student engagement.

Outcomes :

- Fostered a strong industry-academia partnership between GNIT & IIP.
- Equipped students with practical insights into emerging packaging technologies.
- Encouraged innovation and entrepreneurial thinking in food packaging.
- Reinforced GNIT's mission of promoting research, sustainability, and student skill development aligned with industry demands.

This impactful seminar not only broadened students' horizons on career opportunities in packaging and food technology but also reaffirmed GNIT's commitment to nurturing future-ready professionals capable of contributing to a sustainable and innovative food industry.



11. GNIT (IT) & IAE Academy Empower Students with GATE Preparation Insights

The Department of Information Technology (GNIT), in collaboration with IAE Academy, successfully organized a dynamic and enriching One-Day Seminar on “GATE Preparation and Awareness Program” on 4th September 2025 from 3:00 pm onwards at the IT Lab. The seminar was specially curated for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th-year IT students, aiming to motivate, inform, and guide them about the Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE) — its importance, eligibility criteria, preparation strategies, and the diverse career opportunities it unlocks.

The session commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Suparna Karmakar, Head of the Department – IT, who emphasized the role of competitive examinations in shaping students’ academic growth and professional trajectories.

The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Jyoti Mishra, GATE and Soft Skills Trainer, who conducted an insightful and interactive session covering :

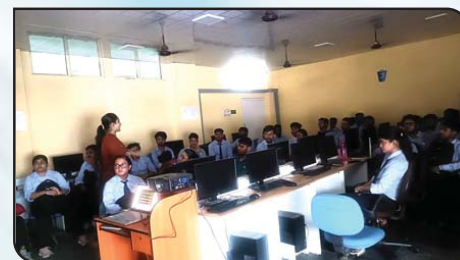
- Structure and pattern of the GATE examination
- Question trends and key subject focus areas

- Effective preparation and time-management strategies
- Career prospects in higher education (M.Tech, PhD) and Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)
- The significance of GATE in research and development sectors

A highly engaging Q&A session followed, where students sought clarity on eligibility, resources, preparation techniques, and career pathways. The speaker’s practical advice, motivational insights, and exam-oriented strategies were met with enthusiastic participation from over 100 students, who actively interacted, posed thoughtful questions, and expressed renewed confidence in preparing for GATE.

The event was convened by Ms. Priyanjana Mitra, Assistant Professor, IT Department, whose coordination ensured a smooth and impactful learning experience for all participants.

The GATE Awareness Program proved to be highly informative, inspiring, and career-shaping. It not only demystified one of India’s most competitive examinations but also empowered students with the confidence and structured guidance to pursue higher studies, secure opportunities in PSUs, and explore research-driven careers.



12. Honouring Our Guiding Lights : Teacher’s Day Celebration in GNIT Ujan 2025

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) celebrated Teacher’s Day 2025 with great respect and heartfelt enthusiasm to honour the invaluable contributions of its teaching fraternity on 5th September 2025. The event was a memorable tribute to the dedication, guidance, and lifelong influence of teachers in shaping students’ futures. The celebration began with a warm welcome address by Dr. Adhish Kumar Chakraborty, Registrar who highlighted the significance of the day and paid homage to the values and teachings of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. His inspiring words encouraged both teachers and students to carry forward the spirit of knowledge and wisdom. The occasion was graced by dignitaries whose presence added encouragement to the program. As a token of gratitude, mementos and gifts were presented to all teachers, acknowledging their unwavering support and mentorship.

A lamp lighting ceremony set the tone of the day, symbolizing knowledge and enlightenment. Students then showcased their

talents through cultural performances, including dance, soulful singing, and a melodious flute recital, each dedicated to their beloved teachers.

The highlight of the cultural segment was a thought-provoking drama, “Chhua Chandan” by Sharadindu Bandyopadhyay, beautifully enacted by GNIT students, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

The celebration concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, bringing teachers and students together in moments of joy, laughter, and heartfelt gratitude.

The event was a grand success, leaving everyone with cherished memories and reinforcing the deep bond between teachers and students at GNIT.

At GNIT, we believe that teachers are the true architects of society, shaping lives with wisdom, compassion, and dedication.



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13. GNIT (Food Technology) Celebrates National Nutrition Week with Creativity and Awareness through Placard & Slogan Competition among Students

The Department of Food Technology (GNIT) celebrated National Nutrition Week (1st to 7th September 2025) with a vibrant Placard & Slogan Competition held on 5th September 2025 under the theme “Eat Right for a Better Life.”

The event aimed to promote awareness about balanced diets, healthy eating, and sustainable food practices through a unique blend of creativity and scientific knowledge. Students across semesters enthusiastically participated, designing impactful placards and composing catchy, thought-provoking slogans that emphasized the importance of nutrition, food safety, and healthier lifestyle choices.

Highlights of the Event :

- Students showcased artistic and literary talent by integrating nutrition science with creative expression.
- Placards and slogans focused on themes such as balanced diets, sustainable food habits, and mindful eating.

- The competition fostered teamwork, innovation, and active participation in health advocacy.

A distinguished panel of judges evaluated the entries on creativity, clarity, relevance, and presentation.

Winners of the Competition :

- 1st Prize: Samadrita Mallik, Mayesha Murmu, Sananda Chatterjee
- 2nd Prize: Deepanjan Das, Sreeja Mitra, Apurba Sarkar
- 3rd Prize: Rudraditya Das, Moubani Dutta, Moupia Basu

The event, coordinated by Dr. Shairee Ganguly (Faculty, FT, GNIT) and co-coordinated by Ms. Riya Dasgupta (Faculty, FT, GNIT), successfully blended education with creativity, leaving a lasting impact on participants and the audience alike.

By engaging students in meaningful discussions on nutrition through creative expression, the event not only strengthened their scientific understanding but also nurtured critical life skills such as communication, teamwork, and advocacy. It encouraged participants to embrace healthier habits, inspired leadership in nutrition awareness, and reinforced GNIT’s commitment to shaping socially responsible professionals.



14. GNIT (Electrical Engineering) Students Gain Hands-On Insights at Indian Railways Workshop - Liluah

The Department of Electrical Engineering, Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT), successfully organized an industrial visit to the Indian Railways Workshop at Liluah on 5th September 2025. The visit aimed to provide students with practical exposure to railway maintenance facilities and to deepen their understanding of the technical operations, safety measures, and engineering practices in real-time environments.

The session was guided by Er. P. S. Choudhury, who offered valuable insights into the processes, machinery, and preventive maintenance protocols that ensure the smooth functioning of railway systems. A total of 27 students from Diploma and B.Tech Electrical Engineering actively participated in this visit, accompanied by coordinators Mr. Manit Mukhopadhyay (AP, EE) and Mr. Vivekananda Kumar (JTA, EE)

Objectives of the Visit :

- To observe the working environment of a railway workshop.
- To understand the inspection, repair, and maintenance processes of railway components.
- To bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications.
- To interact with industry experts and explore career opportunities in the railway sector.

Key Learnings :

- **Workshop Layout & Functions** : Exposure to different sections including mechanical, electrical, and carriage repair, along with insights into the systematic workflow for periodic overhauling of coaches and wagons.
- **Technical Aspects** : Hands-on understanding of repair techniques, welding operations, inspection of alternators, battery sections, power transmission, and usage of switchgear for safe and reliable operations.
- **Safety Protocols** : Importance of preventive maintenance and adherence to safety measures while operating heavy machinery.
- **Expert Interaction** : Er. Choudhury emphasized the significance of engineering precision, teamwork and continuous skill development, while also sharing real-life challenges faced in railway maintenance.

The visit, supported by Principal Sir Dr. (Prof.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Dr. Barnali Kundu (HOD, Electrical Engineering), and Mr. Amit Debnath, proved to be an enriching learning experience for all students. It offered a practical understanding of traction, railway engineering, and industrial teamwork, reinforcing GNIT's commitment to holistic technical education.

Such industry visits play a crucial role in shaping the future careers of engineering students by equipping them with practical insights, professional exposure, and the confidence to apply classroom learning in real-world scenarios.



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15. GNIT (EE) Hosts Seminar on Power Conversion Technologies in Modern Electric Vehicles

The Department of Electrical Engineering (GNIT), successfully organized a highly engaging seminar entitled “Role of Power Conversion Technologies in Modern Electric Vehicles” on 10th September 2025 at 2:00 PM in the GNIT Auditorium.

The session witnessed the participation of 55 B.Tech and Diploma students, reflecting keen interest in emerging trends in Electric Vehicle (EV) technologies and sustainable energy systems.

The seminar was graced by Dr. Pabitra Kumar Biswas, Associate Professor, Electrical Engineering, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Mizoram, an eminent academician and researcher in the field of power electronics and electric mobility.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Swaup Kr. Mitra, Principal, GNIT, who also felicitated the guest speaker with a memento and utorio.

Dr. Biswas delivered a thought-provoking lecture covering critical aspects of EV technology, including :

Advanced Power Conversion architectures and methodologies in EVs
Application of semiconductor-based power electronic devices such as IGBTs and MOSFETs
Battery Management Systems (BMS) and multi-level protection mechanisms

Integration of EVs with renewable-powered smart charging infrastructure

Thermal management, grid connectivity, and energy efficiency optimization

Challenges and opportunities in high-voltage powertrain systems
Future trends in wide band gap devices, fast-charging networks, and sustainable mobility innovations

The session was highly interactive, with students enthusiastically engaging in discussions on career opportunities, placement prospects, and the future scope of research in EV technologies.

Key Outcomes:

1. Deeper understanding of the role of power conversion in EVs
2. Insights into inverters, converters, chargers, and energy storage systems
3. Awareness of industry challenges and technological innovations
4. Motivation to explore career and research opportunities in next-generation EV power systems

This seminar served as an inspiring platform to equip students with advanced knowledge, technical skills, and futuristic perspectives in the field of electric mobility, powertrain engineering, and smart energy solutions, thereby strengthening GNIT’s commitment to nurturing skilled engineers ready to contribute to India’s EV revolution.



16. GNIT (Food Technology) Signs MoU with Bisuddha Enterprises to Foster Research, Training, and Entrepreneurship

The Department of Food Technology (GNIT), proudly announces the successful signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bisuddha Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. on 11th September 2025 in the GNIT Conference Room.

The event was graced by Mr. Jaydeep Saha (Founder & CEO) and Ms. Tanaya Kundu (Co-Founder) of Bisuddha Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., alongside GNIT leadership and faculty members. The initiative was spearheaded by Prof. (Dr.) Kakali Bandyopadhyay (Dean of Academics, GNIT) with the event convened by Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar (HOD, FT) and coordinated by Dr. Shairee Ganguly (AP, FT) and Ms. Riya Dasgupta (AP, FT)

This collaboration is aimed at bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industrial practice by:

- Facilitating student internships, industrial training, and live projects for enhanced employability.
- Encouraging joint research, product development, and consultancy projects in food technology.
- Organizing workshops, expert lectures, and knowledge-sharing sessions for capacity building.
- Strengthening industry-academia linkages to drive innovation and sustainable growth.

Expected Outcomes of the MoU

The signing of the MoU between Bisuddha Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. and the Department of Food Technology, GNIT is envisioned to generate impactful outcomes that will benefit students, faculty, and the industry alike :

1. Student Development

Enhanced opportunities for internships, industrial training, and live projects, enabling students to gain hands-on exposure to real-world applications.

Direct exposure to real-time industrial processes and emerging technologies in food processing, strengthening employability and professional readiness.

2. Research and Innovation

Promotion of joint research collaborations in product development, process optimization, and sustainable food technologies. Access to industry expertise, advanced facilities, and applied research opportunities, fostering innovation-driven growth.

3. Capacity Building and Knowledge Sharing

Organization of workshops, seminars, guest lectures, and training programs conducted by industry professionals.

Faculty development programs designed to align academic curricula

with contemporary industrial practices.

4. Industry–Academia Linkage

Establishment of stronger partnerships that facilitate seamless knowledge transfer between industry and academia. Creation of consultancy opportunities to address specific challenges in food processing and technology.

5. Entrepreneurship and Skill Enhancement

Guidance, mentoring, and incubation support for entrepreneurial ventures in the field of food technology.

Development of specialized skills in sustainable food processing, quality control, product innovation, and industry compliance. This landmark collaboration stands as a testament to GNIT's unwavering commitment to nurturing innovation, fostering academic excellence, and enhancing employability, while empowering students with industry-ready skills, entrepreneurial vision, and sustainable growth opportunities in the ever-evolving domain of Food Technology.



17. GNIT (ECS) and MSME Tool Room Kolkata Join Hands to Foster Training & Internships, Innovation & R&D

The Department of Electronics and Computer Science (GNIT), under the aegis of the JIS Group, proudly announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the MSME Tool Room, Kolkata (formerly CTTC) on 12th September 2025 at 3:00 PM. The ceremony was held at the MSME Tool Room campus in Bonhooghly Industrial Area, Kolkata.

The MoU was formalized in the presence of :

- Mr. Debductta Guha, General Manager, MSME Tool Room Kolkata
- Mr. Subhasis Nath, H.O.D. (Training), MSME Tool Room Kolkata
- Ms. Bapita Roy, Head of the Department, ECS, GNIT
- Ms. Suparna Maity, Faculty, ECS, GNIT

Established in 1978 with joint technical collaboration between the Governments of Denmark and India, MSME Tool Room Kolkata has been a premier centre for advanced training, tooling, and engineering solutions.

Through this collaboration, GNIT reinforces its commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry. The MoU focuses on enhancing student knowledge, research capabilities, and professional skills in modern technologies and web development applications, with extended scope in automation, advanced machining, design and tooling, and engineering support aligned to industry trends.

Proposed Outcomes of the Partnership :

- Opportunities for live projects and industry internships under expert guidance.

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- Access to research & development activities and collaborative project work.
- Exposure to practical training in advanced technologies, empowering students with industry-relevant skills.
- Strengthening of GNIT's academic ecosystem through faculty–industry–student collaborations.

This milestone agreement highlights GNIT's dedication to nurturing innovation, skill development, and employability, empowering students to meet the challenges of an ever-evolving technological landscape.



18. GNIT Worships Lord Vishwakarma – A Celebration of Skill and Innovation

Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) celebrated Vishwakarma Puja on 17 September 2025 with devotion, reverence, and a spirit of inclusivity, where students, faculty members, and staff came together to organize the jagya and puja ceremonies. The rituals were dedicated to Lord Vishwakarma, the celestial architect in Indian tradition, who is revered as the divine engineer, craftsman, and innovator.

Lord Vishwakarma is worshipped as the embodiment of technical mastery, architectural genius, and creative excellence. In Indian mythology, he is credited with designing the divine weapons of the gods, the majestic palaces of deities, and the celestial cities, which symbolize the union of art, science, and technology. His legacy inspires modern engineers and innovators to pursue excellence in design, creativity, and sustainable development.

To reaffirm this belief, the following Vedic verse was invoked during the puja :

“Vishwakarma Mahatmana? Sarvadeva Namask? ta?

S? jatya Adivyadhat Lokan Sa Deva? Silpi Pujita?”

(Meaning: The great soul Vishwakarma, honoured by all deities, creates and sustains worlds; he is the divine craftsman, eternally revered.)

In alignment with AICTE's vision and NEP 2020, this celebration went beyond ritualistic worship, highlighting the integration of traditional wisdom with modern technical education. The puja underlined values of innovation, creativity, and ethical engineering practices, reaffirming GNIT's commitment to producing technically skilled and value-driven graduates.

The event concluded with the distribution of bhog in the form of khichuri at the GNIT cafeteria, fostering community bonding and inclusivity. Students' and faculty members' active participation demonstrated GNIT's ethos of collaborative growth, where knowledge, culture, and innovation walk hand in hand.

By honouring Lord Vishwakarma through the lens of IKS, GNIT reinforced its belief that engineering and technology are not only professions but also sacred callings inspired by divine creativity.



19. GNIT (BHM) Explores Ethical Dilemmas in Healthcare Marketing Through Insightful Webinar

The Department of Hospital Management (GNIT) organized an insightful online Webinar entitled “Ethical Dilemmas and Challenges in Healthcare Marketing: Balancing Patient Care, Trust, and Business Growth” on 18 September 2025.

The session was facilitated by Mr. Anirban Chakraborty, Assistant Professor, Department of Hospital Management, GNIT, who highlighted the critical role of ethics in building credibility and trust in the healthcare sector while ensuring sustainable business growth. The discussion specifically addressed how marketing practices in hospitals, diagnostic centers, and pharmaceutical services must adapt to evolving regulations, digital platforms, and patient rights to remain both competitive and ethical.

Key Highlights of the Session :

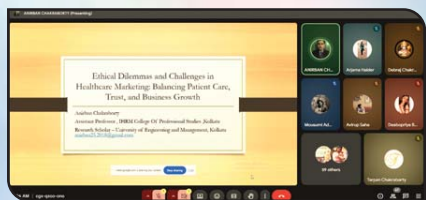
- Importance of ethical marketing for strengthening patient trust.
- Ethical dilemmas in healthcare marketing: transparency, pricing, and patient data confidentiality.

- Balancing quality care with profitability and growth.
- Case studies of unethical practices and their long-term impact.
- Strategies for patient-centred branding and responsible communication.

The interactive nature of the session encouraged 65 students of Hospital Management to actively engage in discussions, raising thought-provoking questions on real-world challenges in healthcare marketing.

The program was coordinated by Ms. Arjama Halder, AP, and Ms. Debashruti Ganguly, HOD & AP, Department of Hospital Management.

This thought-enriching session not only deepened students’ understanding of the ethical landscape in healthcare marketing but also empowered them to envision a more responsible, patient-centric, and sustainable healthcare ecosystem.



20. GNIT (Food Technology and Indian Institute of Packaging) Hosts Two-Day Workshop on Food Safety and Innovation for Army, Navy & Air Force Officers

We are delighted to share that the Department of Food Technology (GNIT) organized a Two-Day Workshop on Hands-on Training on Food Safety for officers from the Indian Army, Air Force, and Navy on 18th and 19th September 2025. The workshop was conducted under the prestigious MoU between the Department of Food Technology, GNIT, and the Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Kolkata.

The event aimed to enhance awareness of food safety practices and to motivate defence officers to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the food processing sector post-retirement.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by Dr. Kakali Bandyopadhyay (Dean – Academics), who delivered the opening address, followed by welcome speeches from Dr. (Prof.) Swarup Kumar Mitra (Principal, GNIT) and Dr. Adhish Chakraborty (Registrar, GNIT).

Day 1 featured insightful sessions on critical aspects of food safety, conducted by Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar (HoD, Food Technology) and Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya (Assistant Professor, Food Technology). In the afternoon, participants engaged in hands-on training sessions

across multiple laboratories, gaining practical exposure to food production, chemical analysis, microbiological assessment, and processing technologies. The sessions were coordinated by:

Food Processing Lab : Mr. Saikat Mazumder

Food Chemistry Lab : Dr. Shairee Ganguly

Food Microbiology Lab : Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya

Chemical Engineering Lab : Ms. Jayshree Majumdar & Mr. Amit Barman

R&D Lab : Ms. Riya Dasgupta & Ms. Monika Paul

Day 2 focused on innovative and fortified food product development, highlighting M.Tech. Student Projects that demonstrated how research ideas can evolve into viable start-ups. Participants also learned about food safety legislations, regulatory compliance, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the growing food processing sector. The day concluded with a live demonstration on food adulteration detection, empowering participants with simple, effective laboratory techniques to identify unsafe food practices.

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The workshop culminated with an interactive Q&A session, followed by a group photograph that captured the enthusiasm and spirit of collaboration between GNIT and the Armed Forces.

Dr. Dolanchapa Sikdar (HoD, Food Technology) served as the Convenor, while Dr. Shairee Ganguly and Dr. Souptik Bhattacharya coordinated the event with commendable effort and dedication.

Key Outcomes :

The workshop successfully :

Strengthened participants' understanding of food safety principles and best practices.

Provided hands-on training in food processing, analysis, and adulteration detection.

Enhanced awareness of food safety laws and start-up frameworks in the food sector.

Encouraged participants to explore entrepreneurship and innovation as post-retirement career options.

Fostered a deeper appreciation for quality assurance and consumer health protection.

The event stood as a testament to GNIT's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, industry collaboration, and nation-building through knowledge sharing and innovation.



21. GNIT (with IEEE Asia Pacific R10) Hosts Bhavisya Entrepreneur 2025 – A National Symposium Inspiring the Next Generation of Innovators

GNIT organized the Bhavisya Entrepreneur 2025 : National Symposium on Entrepreneurship & Innovation on 18th & 19th September 2025 at the Seminar Hall, GNIT, powered by AICTE IDEA Lab in association with IEEE R10. The Two-Day Symposium brought together visionaries, entrepreneurs, academicians, and young innovators to celebrate ideas, innovation, and the spirit of entrepreneurship.

The event aimed to foster an entrepreneurial mind-set among students and professionals, encouraging them to explore innovative business strategies, start-up culture, and industry-driven research. With over 150 participants, Bhavisya Entrepreneur 2025 served as a vibrant platform for collaboration and creative exchange between academia and industry.

Inaugural Session: Inspiring a Culture of Innovation

The symposium commenced with a thought-provoking inaugural address by Prof. (Dr.) Swarup Kumar Mitra, Principal, GNIT, who highlighted the importance of nurturing entrepreneurship in the

youth to meet the challenges of a dynamic global economy. He emphasized that innovation, coupled with technical acumen and ethical leadership, forms the foundation of sustainable enterprises.

The dignitaries and speakers were felicitated, marking the formal commencement of the event.

Day I Highlights – Innovation, Inspiration & Ideas

The first day featured distinguished speakers who shared their entrepreneurial journeys and research-driven insights :

Dr. Farhana Hoque, Scientist, ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Govt. of India, delivered a captivating talk on “Innovations in Aquaculture and their Entrepreneurial Potential.” She discussed how applied scientific research can transform sustainable aquaculture ventures into viable business models.

Mr. Rajdeep Chatterjee, Proprietor, Chatterjee Enterprise, Kolkata, shared his inspiring entrepreneurial journey, motivating students to adopt perseverance and creative problem-solving in the face of adversity.

Mr. Sandip Boral, Director, CALNESTOR Foundation, emphasized the

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role of social entrepreneurship in driving inclusive growth and community development.

The afternoon witnessed academic paper presentations and model exhibitions, where students showcased innovative prototypes and research ideas addressing real-world problems. The sessions fostered vibrant intellectual exchange, with expert judges providing valuable feedback and encouragement.

Day II Highlights – Global Vision & Hackathon Energy

Day II began with a special online keynote address by Md. Razib Ahmed, Owner & CEO, Merchant Converter Ltd. & B&G Collection Ltd., Dhaka, Bangladesh. He shared his global entrepreneurial journey, emphasizing cross-border collaborations and emerging market opportunities, offering participants an international perspective on innovation-driven growth.

Parallel technical sessions followed, providing a platform for participants to present interdisciplinary projects and models. A key attraction of the day was the Mini Hackathon, where student teams worked under time-bound constraints to develop innovative solutions to contemporary societal and industrial challenges. The hackathon reflected the participants' creativity, teamwork, and rapid prototyping skills, making it one of the most engaging segments of the symposium.

The two-day event concluded with a valedictory ceremony and certificate distribution, celebrating the outstanding contributions

of paper presenters, model innovators, and hackathon winners. Dignitaries commended the participants for their spirit of innovation and urged them to continue their entrepreneurial journey with confidence and curiosity.

Key Outcomes :

Students gained first-hand exposure to entrepreneurial ecosystems, innovation management, and real-world business problem-solving.

The event promoted interdisciplinary collaboration, teamwork, and creative ideation.

Research paper and model presentation sessions enhanced participants' confidence and presentation skills.

The Mini Hackathon nurtured critical thinking, design thinking, and solution-oriented innovation.

Strong academic-industry networking opportunities emerged, paving the way for future collaborative projects.

Bhavisya Entrepreneur 2025 reaffirmed GNIT's commitment to empowering young innovators through initiatives that blend academic excellence with entrepreneurial vision. The event stood as a testament to the institution's belief that the future belongs to those who dare to innovate, create, and lead.



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22. GNIT (NSS Unit , CA and ASHU) & Project Life Force Unite for a Successful Blood Donation Drive – 197 Lives Touched!

The Blood Donation Camp organized on 16th October 2025 at Guru Nanak Institute of Technology (GNIT) concluded with overwhelming success, reflecting the institution’s deep commitment to compassion and community welfare.

This year, the camp was proudly organized by the NSS Unit of GNIT, in association with the Department of Computer Applications and the Department of Applied Sciences & Humanities, in collaboration with the renowned NGO “Project Life Force.”

A remarkable 197 donors came forward to donate blood, making this humanitarian initiative a shining example of unity, empathy, and service to society. Each donor’s contribution is a life-saving act that reinforces GNIT’s mission of serving the community beyond the classroom.

On behalf of the organizing committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to every participant whose support and involvement made this Blood Donation Camp an outstanding success. Your kindness and cooperation embody the true spirit of NSS – “Not Me But You.”

We deeply appreciate the generous donors, whose willingness to contribute to this noble cause stands as a beacon of hope and

compassion. Your selflessness exemplifies what it means to be a responsible and caring citizen.

A special note of thanks is extended to the medical professionals and the dedicated team of Project Life Force, whose expertise, professionalism, and tireless efforts ensured the smooth and safe conduct of the entire event.

Our sincere gratitude also goes to the NSS volunteers, organizing team members, and the Group D staff whose dedication, meticulous planning, and seamless coordination contributed immensely to the camp’s success.

We convey our deepest appreciation to our Respected Principal Sir, Registrar Sir, all members of the GNIT family, and the JIS Group Management for their constant encouragement, strategic guidance, and logistical support. Their vision and motivation continue to inspire initiatives that create a meaningful social impact.

This event stands as a testimony to GNIT’s unwavering commitment to social responsibility, humanitarian service, and nation-building—values deeply rooted in the institution’s ethos.

Together, we have demonstrated that when compassion meets collective effort, it creates a legacy of life and hope.

