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# President's Message

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to serve as the President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce which has a 193-years-old golden legacy. It was a fulfilling journey as President, and I thank each and every member for their continuous

encouragement and confidence in me. Like every past president, I too gave my best to drive the growth of our Chamber through individual growth of our members. This platform did give me the chance to gain valuable experience for my future endaevours.

Throughout the past year we have deliberated upon issues pertaining to economic affairs, MSME Development, Taxation, the National Budget, Health, Information Technology and International Affairs. We also conducted thought leading dialogues on Good Governance and World Peace and Understanding. I believe that these meticulously planned special sessions reflecting current issues, have definitely been instrumental in stirring movement at some level that will prove beneficial to our members and the society at large in the near future. The Chamber also had in-house celebrations during various festivities and we also welcomed our new members through a special programme called The Confuence. These special programmes were targeted towards motivating our members to come to the forefront and take initiative to drive business and trade utilising the Chamber platform.

We had invaluable & incredible discourses by Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry. The sessions with the government functionaries were indeed thought provoking, Hon'ble Chairman, EAC, PM Dr. Bibek Debroy stressed on the complete elimination of all tax exemptions. Dr. Arvind Virmani, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog, asserted that 'the vision of Amritkaal is set to propel India's manufacturing sector, making it a significant player in the global market'. The observations and recommendations of cyber security experts were eye-opening for all of us. The grand success of our Business Delegation to Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh & Dalat City of Vietnam concluded with the signing of a couple of MOUs with Vietnam counterparts.

Recovering from the Covid 19 era, we have understood the importance of digital assets and visibility. The Chamber decided to optimize its digital reach through existing platforms like the official website and its official Page on Facebook. The website has been completely redesigned for a more comfortable and appealing look for members seeking

information, and also for other prospective members. We started managing our Facebook page professionally and also started an official Instagram Profile for the Chamber. Our initiatives have acquired a favorable amount of new followers, generated new leads & members.

India has achieved an unanimous "New Delhi Leaders' Summit Declaration" on all developmental and geopolitical matters in G20 Summit 2023—"Together with all, Development for all, Trust of all", which echoes the spirit of multilateralism and inclusiveness. Chandrayaan-3's success is a matter of national pride for India. India has created history by being the first country to land on Moon's South Pole.

India's economic growth has been commended across the globe for almost a decade now and economic momentum has remained strong. The rapidly growing domestic consumer has made India an important investment destination for a wide range of multinationals in many sectors, with foreign direct investment inflows (FDI) having reached a new record high. Recent economic indicators for India during the first half of 2023 continue to signal expansionary economic conditions driven by domestic demand. Overall, India is expected to continue to be one of the world's fastest growing economies over the next decade. India is predicted to become the first choice of business giants for acquiring skilled manpower in the coming days.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Past Presidents, all senior members of the Chamber and my Team for their invaluable support and advice all throughout. I would like to thank all my colleagues of the Executive Committee for the confidence and trust that they have placed in me and it has been my privilege and honour to have worked closely with all of you throughout the year. I believe we have built trust and established a strong rapport during this wonderful journey. I thank all the members of the Chamber & Ladies Forum that have been the backbone of the Chamber, we thank you and you will continue to be the strong voice of the Chamber. I thank the entire Calcutta Chamber Secretariat for working hard and diligently to push forward the agenda. And an enormous thanks to the Media for their support.

Here's wishing the Calcutta Chamber under Mr. Hari Shankar Halwasiya and his team continued success. I would request all members to get involved and to support and promote the activities of the Chamber and drive it on its way forward.

May I also convey the very best to you and your families for a great year 2024.

Warm regards.

Kishan Kumar Kejriwal President

A look at the year gone by 2022-23 O1 Calcutta Chamber of Commerce



#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2022-23**

#### Office Bearers & Committee Members for 2022-23

1. Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal - President

2. Mr. Hari Shankar Halwasiya - Sr. Vice President

3. Mr. Anant Saharia - Vice President

4. Mr. Pramod Dayal Rungta - Vice President

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2. Dr. Mahesh Kumar Maheshwari

3. Mr. Amit Sharma

4. Mr. Ritesh Agarwal

5. Mr. Rajat Agrawal

6. Mr. Shankar Lal Gupta

7. Mr. Hemant Tibrewalla

8. Mr. Vijay Kumar Chandak

9. Mr. Hemant Marda

10. Mr. Annurag Jhunjhunwala

11. Mr. Purushottam Agrawal

12. Mr. Ajay Agarwal

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1. Mr. Anand Muskara

2. Mr. Shyam Sunder Dey

3. Mr. Nirmal Jain

4. Mr. Surendra Kumar Sharma

5. Mr. Ashok Butta

6. Mr. Rakesh Bhatia

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3. Mr. ArunLaddha

4. Mr. Dilip Bansal

5. Mr. Hariram Garg

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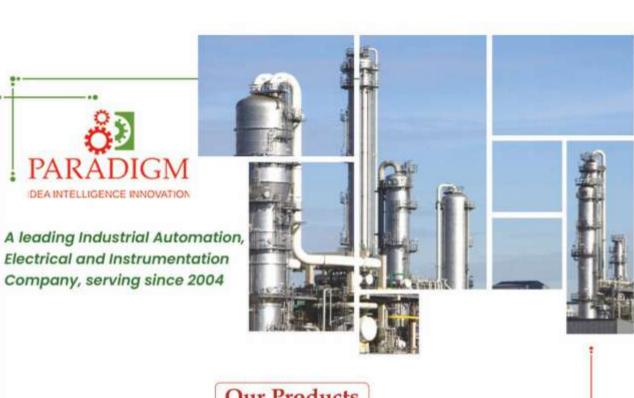
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#### 191st AGM Business Session

## Inaugural Session 191st Annual General Meeting



The Calcutta Chamber held its Inaugural Session of 191st Annual General Meeting on 28th October, 2022 at The Lalit Great Eastern, Kolkata. Dr. Shashi Panja, Hon'ble Minister of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises and Public Enterprises & Industrial Reconstruction, Govt. of West Bengal was the Chief Guest.

Hon'ble Minister Dr. Shashi Panja asserted that the state does not discriminate between small and big industries and supports everybody equally. The West Bengal government is revamping its industry-focused single window portal 'Shilpasathi' for a truly 24x7 service and it is likely to be launched within two months. The new portal will have more features to facilitate greater ease of doing business. state industry Minister Shashi Panja said. The 'Shilpasathi' portal had been in place for business and industry as a single point of contact for some time and now it is being rebuilt. She said that the state is working towards framing a state logistics policy. Logistics is a highly prospective sector that can attract huge investment in the state. The Centre has recently announced a logistics policy that

aims to exploit multi-modal transport to reduce costs.

Dr Panja said the discussion on dedicated freight corridor will be broached upon during the Eastern Zonal Council Meeting with Union Home minister Amit Shah. She also maintained that during the meeting, topics of railway and transport will also be discussed. "56 per cent of the PM Gati Shakti has been completed and it's now at the Bengal border. It will have to be connected from the Bengal-Bihar border to interiors of Bengal. This will lbe discussed in the meeting as well," Panja said.

She also pointed out that the Jangal Sundari Karmanagari project by the state government will help people get into the districts that were earlier not approachable. This will benefit the industries, according to Panja. The state government had formally launched the project in February 2021 on 2483 acres of land belonging to the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC). The project has been conceptualised as part of the Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor, which is

aimed at development of integrated manufacturing clusters at certain identified key nodes along the alignment of the Eastern Dedicated Rail Freight Corridor along Dankuni.

Regarding land acquisition she affirmed that policy is very clear and investors can handle and talk directly to the owner of the land. The state has so many industrial parks spread over 10,000 acres and it is ready to invest.

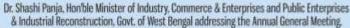
She further said that the State has large number of MSMEs - 89 lacs units occupying almost 14% of Indian MSMEs. The industrial parks are accessible with the Shilpasathi Portal. She remarked the deep sea project at Tajpur is coming up. Electric vehicles are on the agenda and the state is going green because there is a directive to reduce carbon content in the air. We have already an Ethanol Production Policy; we are reviving it further and it is being launched because that is the supply line of alternative fuel.



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Hon'ble Minister Dr. Shashi Panja and Office Bearers of the Chamber joined for the lighting of the lamp ceremony.







Ms. Shailia Mehta, President, CCC delivering her welcome speech.



Homble Minister Dr. Shashi Panja interacting with the members of the Chamber.



A glimpse of he gathering



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### 191st AGM Business Session

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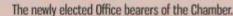
### Presidentship



Mr. S.P. Saharia, Past President felicitating President Mr. K.K. Kejriwal

The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce has descended from The Calcutta Trades Association, and is known to be one of the oldest chambers of not only the country, but also that of Asia. The Chamber had organised its 191st AGM on the 26th September 2022, where they welcomed the new Office- Bearers: Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal as the President, Mr. Hari Shankar Halwasiya as the Sr. Vice President, Mr. Anant Saharia and Mr. Pramod Dayal Rungta as Vice Presidents.







Office Bearers of the Chamber with immediate Past President Ms. Shailja Mehta.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President addressing the business session.







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#### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**



## Budget Consultation Meeting with Hon'ble Finance Minister



Virtual meeting with Hon'ble Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman.

Mr. Madhav Sureka, Chairman, Tax Committee attended the Meeting

#### Budget Watching & Analysis





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Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal felicitating CA Mohit Bhuteria, Partner A. C. Bhuteria & Co.



Union Budget Watching Session was held at the Chamber Conference Room for its members.





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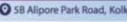


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#### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**



## Panel Discussion on "Union Budget 2023-24 and its impact on Economy"

A Panel Discussion and Interactive Session on Union Budget 2023-24 was held on 03.02.2023 at the Hotel Hindustan International, CA K. R. Sekar-Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India, CA Rohini Aggarawal-GST & Public Policy Consultant and Mr. Gaurav Jalan-Founder & CEO, mPokket were the guest speakers in this discussion on Union Budget.

Mr. K. R. Sekar commented that this year budget has become a talking point of India for some historical reasons, because there is lot of expectations around the budget. The government

heavily bets on infrastructure which is most vital for the growth of the country and the huge capital outlay of Rs. 10 lacs crore has been allotted.

CA Rohini Aggarawal stated that no much amendment has come in the budget as far as GST is concerned. The government has announced some very good schemes and overall this is a good budget. From the perspective of indirect taxes. nothing has changed for industry. This budget has not impacted industry. Nothing has happened in this budget for GST Tribunal.

Mr. Gauray Jalan said UPI is one of the leading payment technologies and the government encourages this and it is a good initiative. The government focused on fiscal consolidation and had been trying to reduce the budget deficit. There is a focus on capital expenditure and revenue expenditure. One more good initiative taken by the government is to introduce the Digi Locker. UPI: the leading payment technology in the



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC delivering welcome speech.



Mr. K. R. Sekar, Partner, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu India LLP explaining direct tax proposals of the budget.



Mr. Gaurav Jalan, Founder & CEO - mPokket making his points on Start up.



CA Rohini Aggarawal, GST and Public Policy Consultant

A section of the gathering.



proposing Vote of thanks.

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#### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

# Session on "Resilient &

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised an Interactive Session on "RESILIENT & SELF-SUFFICIENT INDIA" on Thursday, 13th July 2023 at 4-00 p.m. at The Park Hotel. The Guest of Honour of the Session was Dr. Arvind Virmani, Hon'ble Member, Niti Aayog.

Mr. Arvind Virmani, Hon'ble Member, Niti Aayog said "I am pleased to note that GDP growth has accelerated, indicating a positive trajectory for the Indian economy. The growth momentum continues across various sectors, including agriculture, which is a vital component of our economy. Additionally, the vision of Amritkaal, with its focus on a technology-driven and knowledge-based economy, is set to propel India's manufacturing sector, making it a significant player in the global market. Moreover, as India strengthens its manufacturing capabilities and focuses on exporting, we have the potential to reap the benefits irrespective of what China does. Furthermore, the digital transformation of India is evident, with a remarkable 70% of transactions now happening online, showcasing the immense potential of the ecommerce sector in our country."

Niti Aayog member Arvind Virmani today said that India needs to have a more competitive environment for the country to become an economic power in the coming years. The government, he said, needs to focus on public good, create a market-driven environment, formulate regulations for economic activity, and empower people.



Dr. Arvind Virmani, Hon'ble Member, NITI Aayog remarking on current status on Indian economy.



Mr. Surendra Kumar Sharma, Senior Committee Member presenting memento to Hon'ble Member of Niti Aayog Dr. Arvind Virmani.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC speaking at the session.



Mr. R.K. Chhajer, Past President and Chairman, Banking, Finance & Economic elaborating the theme of the session.





Mr. H. S. Halwasiya, Senior Vice President, CCC proposing vote of thanks



Past Presidents and Committee Members of CCC with Dr. Arvind Virmani, Hon'ble Member: NITI Aayog.

#### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

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Dr. Bibek Debroy,
Hon'ble Chairman, EAC
to the Prime Minister
elaborating on the
strength of the AS
Indian economy.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC speaking at the session.

Mr. M.P. Sureka,

Past President

making his

remarks.

introductory





Mr. P.D. Rungta, Vice President offering vote of thanks.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC presenting memento to Hon'ble Chairman, EAC to the Prime Minister, GOI Dr. Bibek Debroy.

A Special Interactive Session on "RESILIENT & SELF-SUFFICIENT INDIA" was organized by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, 22nd August 2023 at 4-00 p.m. at The Park Hotel. The Guest of Honour of this Special Session was Dr. Bibek Debroy, Hon'ble Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Govt. of India.

Bibek Debroy said the government was losing revenue due to the GST, which should be revenue neutral with a single rate."The ideal GST is one that has a single rate, and it was meant to be revenue neutral. When it was introduced, there were some calculations by the Ministry of Finance then that said, in order to be revenue neutral, the average GST rate must be at least 17 per cent."The average rate now is 11.4 per cent. So because of GST, the government is losing revenue," the eminent economist said. Bibek Debroy said the public as well as members of the GST Council want the 28 per cent tax rate to come down, but "no one wants the 0 per cent and 3 per cent tax rates to go up". "That way, we will never have a simplified GST".



Interaction with audience

On direct taxes, the EAC-PM chairman said 'the eventual goal of tax reforms should be the complete elimination of all exemptions. Any exemption makes life more complicated, increases compliance costs and leads to litigations, he said. "If the government needs to spend, it needs revenue... 10 per cent of GDP must be spent on health and education, 3 per cent on defence and 10 per cent on infrastructure. However, we as citizens pay around 15 per cent of GDP as taxes. "So, whether we like it or not, either we must be prepared to pay more as taxes or our expectations cannot be like - we get airports like in the West or get railway stations like in China," he said.

The renowned economist also said the rate of population growth in India was slowing down sharply, and the burden of the aged will be a challenge for the country after 2035. Social security for the aged can be managed if there is a balanced population pyramid, with young people coming into the labour force and their contributions financing the social security needs of the old, he stated.



A glimpse of the gathering.



#### **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

February 13 2023

### Session on "INDIA: Towards - Balanced Development and Inclusive Growth"

The Session was addressed by Dr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, State Bank of India and Ms. Aditi Bhutoria, Assistant Professor, IIM-Calcutta were the speakers.

Talking about Budget 2023 Dr. Soumva Kanti Ghosh commented that the budget actually has many first - if we look into the capital expenditure which is basically creation of productive assets, we find capital expenditure highest in 18 years. Secondly, the revenue deficit of the Government this year is the lowest in last 17 years, Subsidy to GDP ratio is also the

lowest in last 17 years and this sets the context of the budget. The Government has provided for a budget with infrastructure boost. MSMEs, agriculture and infrastructure received special attention of the budget. The Government has also gone for a new tax regime. Tax buoyancy is highest in last 53 years and during pandemic too, there was surge in tax to GDP ratio. This is a budget for creation of productive assets, the impact of which will be felt over long period of time.

Reiterating Ms. Aditi Bhutoria also said it is first in the budget this year to bring in the

idea of Amrit Kaal. India today has a vision which is inspiring. The budget has talked about the vision of Amrit Kaal with Saptarishi which include inclusivity, delivering to the last mile, conversation on green technology, technology related ideas, youth power and aspects of finances. The budget has a thrust on empowering women. The idea of budget is translating into Amrit Kaal and to connect it and with inclusivity is extremely important. The redistributive aspect is predominant in this budget.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC making his welcome remarks.



Dr. Soumyakanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, State Bank of India explaining the finer points of Union Budget.



Dr. Aditi Bhotoria, Assistant Professor, IIM-Calcutta explaining the merits of the Union Budget-2023-24.



Hon'ble Dignitaries, Office Bearers & Past Presidents releasing the Members Directory 2022.



Mr. R.K. Chhajer, Chaiman, Banking, Finance & Economic Affairs speaking on the theme of the session.



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#### Session on "Delayed Payment

## to MSME: Challenges and Possible Solutions"

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised a enterprises facilitation council established special session on "Delayed Payment to MSMEs: Challenges and Possible Solutions" on Wednesday, 10th May 2023 at the Chamber's Conference Room. The session was addressed by the Guests of Honour - Mr. Uday Swaroop, IAS-Director MSME, Government of West Bengal; Dr. Mou Sen-Joint Director- MSME, Government of West Bengal, Mr.Ashoke Ghosh - Deputy Director- MSME, Government of West Bengal, Mr.Aloke Tibrewala - Member, West Bengal Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council.

Dr. Mou Sen. Joint Director(HQ), MSME. Government of West Bengal during her presentation remarked that micro and small under the MSMED act 2006 is the fastest and most affordable process for MSEs to resolve delayed payment. She pointed out that any MSEs except a trader having valid Udyam Registration can apply before the Facilitation Council. She added that the MSEs can apply before the council only through on line mode www.samadhan.msme.gov.in maintained by Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.

Mr. Ashoke Ghosh, Deputy-Director(HQ), MSME, Government of West Bengal told that 75% of the awarded amount to be deposited before the court for setting aside any decree, award or

order made by the Council. Mr. Ghosh commented that this beneficial legislation solely dedicated to MSEs has an overriding power over any other law being a special act.

Describing achievement of the WBMSE Facilitation Council Mr. Alok Tibrewala, Member. West Bengal State Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council cited that WBMSEF Council owned a trophy for securing third position in respect of third highest number of cases settled in 2018 in a programme conducted by CIMSME with the help of Development Commissioner, MSME, Government of India.



Dr. Mou Sen. Joint Director(HO), MSME. Govt. of West Bengal giving her presentation on delayed payment to MSME.



Mr. Alok Tibrewala, Member, West Bengal State Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council analyzing the role of facilitation council.



Mr. H.S. Halwasiva, Senior VP presenting memento to Mr. Ashoke Ghosh, Deputy-Director(HQ), MSME. Govt. of West Bengal.



Mr. Annurag Jhunihurwala, Co-Chairman, Seminar & Workshop Sub-Committee welcoming the dignitaries of the session.



A section of the audience



President Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal attended the inauguration ceremony of ICAI MSME Camp & Helpdesk held on 1430:2022 along with Vice President Mr. P. D. Rungta.

### ICAI MSME Camp & Helpdesk







A Flag-off event for a Bus was organized as a part of the programme.



#### Information Technology

Special Session on "Importance of Cyber Security in the Growing Digital Interface"

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised a special session on "The Importance of Cyber Security in the Growing Digital Interface" on Friday, 24th March 2023.

The Guests of Honour of the Session were Mr. Hari Kishore Kusumakar, IPS, Special Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, Mr. Krishnamurthy Chittoor, Information Security Officer (Asst. GM), State Bank of India, Mumbai, Mr. Sumantra Bose, Principal Associate, Khaitan and Co., and Mr. Sandeep Sengupta, Director, Indian School of anti-Hacking (ISOAH).

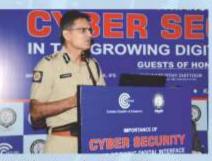
Special Commissioner of Police Mr. Hari Kishore Kusumakar advised people to be



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, talking at the session.

more cautious in order to stay safe from Cyber criminals, Mr. Kusumakar explained the challenges that police have to face during investigation of cyber-crime going to the jurisdictional related issues. A large number of cyber criminals use virtual private network (VPN) which acts a layer between the police and offender.

Mr Krishnamurthy Chitoorwas of opinion that technology adoption has significantly impacted the cyber security threat landscape. The financial sector is one of the most vulnerable sectors when it comes to cyberattacks. He spoke on the measures that can be adopted to prevent such crimes include.



Mr. Hari Kishore Kusumakar, IPS, Special Commissioner of Police, Kolkata focusing on the Cyber Crime trends in Kolkata city in recent years.

Mr. Sumantra Bose remarked that in India, cyber laws have helped to enable electronic commerce and electronic governance to flourish by safeguarding maximum connectivity and minimizing security

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Mr. Sandeep Sengupta said that Video-call blackmails, loan fraud apps, and duping people with threats of disconnecting power supply and into sharing device screens have become the most reported frauds. Mr. Sengupta said that the solution to Video-call blackmail is to cover the front camera of the phone with a sticker."



Mr. Krishnamurthy Chittoor, Information Security Officer (Asst. General Manager), State Bank of India, Mumbai making his presentation.



Mr. P.D. Rungta, President, ACAE presenting memento to Mr. Sandeep Sengupta, Director, Indian School of Anti Hacking (ISOAH).



Mr. Indu Chatrath, Past President, ACAE greeting Mr. Sumantra Bose, Principal Associate, Khaitan & Co.

#### International Affairs

November 17 2022

Session on "Status and Future of India-US Partnership"



Ms. Melinda Pavek, Hon'ble Consul General, United States of Americal, Kolkata receiving memento from CCC President Mr. K K Keiriwal.

Ms. Melinda Pavek, Hon'ble Consul General of the United States of America, Kolkata was the Guest of Honour.

Ms. Melinda Pavek said that we are the world's two leading democracy and largest economies. We are powered by innovative people and together through actions each nation can shape the 21st Century and beyond and that is why strengthening the relationship between our countries is one of the USA's top foreign policy priorities.

She spoke on bilateral cooperation and on how we can realize more prosperous. free, interconnected and secure world as a part of our partnership. The United States and India are collaborating in every field to improve the lives of our people and contributing to the global arena. One important aspect is impact of climate change which is growing globally. The climate and green energy leaders of US and India share a common vision in this critical juncture to reduce emission and achieve climate change navigation goals.

The United States and India have very strong economic partnership. The growth size has been very amazing - by almost seven times in eighteen years and that has been a remarkable achievement. It is ensuring shared and sustainable economic prosperity for the United States and India by promoting trade & economic growth.



speaking on the India-US relationship.



Ms. Melinda Pavek, USA Consul General Mr. Rajendra Khandelwal, Past President of the Chamber moderating the Session.



A section of the gathering



Mr. H. S. Halwasiya Senior Vice President proposing vote of thanks.



#### **International Affairs**

May 02 2023

## Session on "Indian Passport: Recent Developments"

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised a special session on "Indian Passport: Recent Developments" on Tuesday, 2nd May 2023 at The Park Hotel.

The Guest of Honour was Mr. Ashish Middha, IFS, Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Mr. Ashish Middha, Regional Passport Officer said that in 2023 the total number of Indian

> Mr. Ashish Middha, IFS, Regional Passport Officer, Ministry of External Affairs, GOI making his points.

Passport issued from the Regional Passport Office Kolkata might cross 6 Lakhs. He added that the government and the Passport Offices in recent times have taken several action to address issues of escalating demand, technical glitches, streamlining application, procedure strengthening background checks, growing its network of PSKs and working with law endorsement organizations. Mr. Middha said soon the Ministry of External

Affairs will start the issuance of e-passport. Earlier the Passport Seva Kendra in Kolkata used to accept 150 application every day. But presently Mr. Middha has written to the Ministry of External Affairs to increase the number to 200.



Regional Passport Officer Mr. Ashish Middha interacting with the audience.



Mr. H.S. Halwasiya, Senior VP offering vote of thanks.



Mr. Ritesh Agarwal, Senior Committee Member presenting memento to Regional Passport Officer Mr. Ashish Middha.



Mr. P.D. Rungta, Vice President introducing the speaker of the session.



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Members of CCC & CCCLF with Hon'ble Mr. Ashish Middha.



#### **International Affairs**

26th February to 2nd March 2023

#### The India-Vietnam Business Forum

A 14-member multisectoral Business Delegation from Calcutta Chamber of Commerce visited the two regions of Vietnam – Hanoi & Ho-Chi Minh City from 26th February – 2nd March 2023. The delegation was led by Mr Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce. The objective of the visit was to assess the investment climate in different sectors of Vietnam, to explore the possibilities of business tie-ups and hold meetings with business leaders and high officials of the Vietnam Government to enhance trade between the two countries.

The delegation was very well received by and had successful meetings with the Indian Embassy in Hanoi, Ministry of Trade & Industry (MOIT), Board of Directors of Housing Development and Trading Joint Stock Company, Investors of three Industrial Parks in Hanoi as well as Ho-Chi-Minh City and had attended Seminar & B2B meeting with VIETRADE organised by Indian Business Chamber (INCHAM) at Hanoi & Ho-Chi-Minh City.

It is a matter of great pride that during the Visit CALCUTTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with INDIAN BUSINESS CHAMBER IN HANOI and Centre of Information and Investment Consultant (Invest Global). MCKV Institute Of Engineering, India (owned by Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce & Head of the Delegation) also signed Cooperation Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with INDUSTRIAL UNIVERSITY OF HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM.



Members of the delegation with Mr. Le Bien Cuong, Dy. Director-General, Asia-Africa Market Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade.



President Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal felicitating Indian Ambassador Mr. Sandeep Arya at Vietnam



Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Delegation with Indian Ambassador Mr. Sandeep Arya at Vietnam



Mr. Rajendra Khandelwal, Past President and Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC presenting memento to Mr. Subhash Gupta, Deputy Chief of Mission, Indian Embassy in Vietnam.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC presenting memento to Mrs. Doan Thi Thu Thuy, Head of Trade Promotion, Vietnam Leather Footwear and Bag Association.



CCC delegation at the Ba Thien Industrial Park

#### International Affairs





The Seminar and B2B Session at Hanoi is in Progress.



Meeting of the Members of the CCC delegation and Members of INCHAM at Ho Chi Minh city.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC and Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Ha, General Director, Central Information and Investment Consultant (Invest Global) signing MOU.



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC and Mr. Indronil Sengupta, Chairman, INCHAM, Hanoi signing MOU in presence of Mr. Subhash Gupta, Dy. Chief of Mission Indian Embassy in Vietnam.

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#### International Affairs



## Revisiting India-Vietnam **Business Forum** 2023

The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce took the initiative to organize a review meet where the delegation shared insights of the traditional as well as emerging trade opportunities for both the countries. The leader of the delegation and President, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal recognised every delegate for their contribution in making this visit a grand success through individual felicitations.











Mr. K.K. Kejriwal, President, CC making his welcoming note.

Mr. Annurag Jhunjhunwala on behalf of



On behalf of Mr. Puneet Keyal





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### **International Affairs**

August 30 & 31 2023

Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi.

Hon'ble Consul General of India

in Ho Chi Minh City addressing the conference.

Mr. Pham S - Provincial Commissioner.

Vice Chairman of Lam Dong

Province People's Committee

welcoming the delegates of the Conference.

## India - Central Highlands Trade and Investment Conference - 2023



Mr. Pham S - Provincial Commissioner, Vice Chairman of Lam Dong Province People's Committee in his welcome note commented that in terms of trade cooperation, many key commodity products of Lam Dong Province have been exported to the Indian market like green coffee beans; raw silk, textiles, silk fabric; aluminum oxide. Lam Dong is a potential land, particularly with many advantages for agricultural development, and is eager to welcome Indian investors and entrepreneurs seeking opportunities for investment and trade

In his remarks Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi. Consul General of India in Ho Chi Minh City said "for the first time in history, more than 40 companies from eight Indian states representing Agriculture, Pharmaceuticals, Agricultural Machinery, Information Technology, Tourism and Education have converged in Da Lat, including three organizations, which comprise the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, KrishiUdhyamiKrishakVikas Chamber and Association for Global Economic Development and its member businesses.

He added that "the entire purpose of inviting a large corporate delegation to Vietnam is to foster commercial partnerships between enterprises on both sides. What I see are opportunities in trade, investment, education, information technology, tourism and healthcare. Although we have a good bilateral trade of 15.1 billion USD, we all know that it is below its inherent potential. India presents a massive market equivalent to China for many products in Vietnam. Lam Dong province is a vast province with strong agricultural and tourism industries. The province's primary businesses include the processing of agricultural, forestry and fishery products, fertilizers and the generation of electricity and aluminum".

MCKV INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING, India (owned by Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce & Head of the Delegation) also signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dalat University, VIETNAM.



The conference is in progress.



Mr. K.K. Keiriwal, Chairman. MCKV Institute of Engineering exchanging MOU with Dalat University.



Members of the CCC delegation with Hon'ble Consul General Dr. Madan Mohan Sethi.



Members of the delegation visiting Samten Hill





Mr. K.K. Keiriwal, President, CCC making his remarks on Indo-Vietnam relations.



#### International Affairs

November 09 2022

## Open House discussion on "Indo-Bangladesh Economic Outlook"

An Open House Discussion on Indo-Bangladesh Economic Outlook with Dr. Atiur Rahman, G-20 Sherpa (Economic Advisor) to Bangladesh Prime Minister & Former Governor of Central Bank of Bangladesh on 9th November 2022 was held on 09.11.2022, at The Spring Club, in association with the Association of Corporate Advisers & Executives (ACAE).

Dr. Rahman said that today Bangladesh and India are doing so well even in this global meltdown. He mentioned that Covid 19 has disrupted the supply chain severely. The cost of transport particularly in the shipping sector is four/five times higher because most of the

ships are not plying and they still have to be paid. The Ukraine War has created further disruptions in the supplies; the economy could not pick up or recover as expected because of the war.

The currencies all around the world is weaker and that has also an impact on the inflation. India and Bangladesh have also lost values in their currencies and in exchange rate and it matters for items we import. Because 40% of all the trade takes place in dollars, so more we import, more we spend and the inflation goes up and we call it really an imported inflation; the inflation which we are witnessing and that inflation is killing the small earners.



Mr. K K Kejriwal, President, CCC presenting memento to Dr. Atiur Rahman, G-20 Sherpa (Economic Advisor) to Bangladesh Prime Miniser & Former Governor of Central Bank of Bangladesh



Dr. Atiur Rahman, -20 Sherpa (Economic Advisor) to Bangladesh Prime Miniser & Former Governor of Central Bank of Bangladesh dwelling on Indo-Bangladesh Economic Outlook.



Interactive Session is in progress.



Members of CCC & ACAE with Hon'ble Dr. Atiur Rahman.

#### Taxation

June 10 2023



Enablement Session on

"E-Invoice, E-Way Bill & Audit Trail"



Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President, CCC making his points.



Mr. Sujoy Mondal, Tally Solutions making remarks on e invoicing.

Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised a Special Enablement Session on E INVOICE, E WAY BILL & AUDIT TRAIL on Saturday, 10th June 2023 at the Chamber's Conference Room.

The Session was addressed by Mr. Sujoy Mondal, Tally Solutions and Mr. Rambabu Ray, Dynavision Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

While explaining the features of Audit Trial Mr. Sujoy Mondal and Mr. Rambabu Ray remarked that Audit Trial is a log of



Mr. Rambabu, Dynavision Technologies Pvt. Ltd. making his presentation and elaborating on the features of e-invoicing and audit trial.

financial transactions and is listed in order and serves as proof of a transaction history, right from recording to tracking all changes that may take place. The notification has its impact in the way that the Company should ensure that the existing software provides Audit Trial facility and CA should certify the software. The features of Audit Trial are varied and the Company should ensure all the features namely date stamp, edit log features and technical log vs. audit log etc.

The MCA notification clearly states that an accounting software with Audit Trial capability should not have any option to disable it. So it is an in-built capability available in the Tally Prime Edit Log product. For the users who do not fall under the purview of the MCA rule will use Tally Prime product.

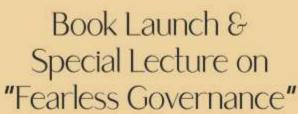
Describing the preparedness for E-invoicing, Mr. Sujoy Mondol commented that tax payers will receive a communication from department and on receiving the communication, tax payers will be logging to IRP portal and complete registration process by providing required details. Tax payers will select their preferred GSP in case of API based E invoice generation and start generating e invoice from date of applicability.





#### Think Series

Book Launch & Special Lecture on





Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose making his remarks on Fearless Governance.



The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organized a Book Launch and a Special Lecture Session on 'Fearless Governance' on Thursday, 18th May 2023 at The Raj Bhawan. The session was addressed by the Chief Guest - Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose. Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Guest of Honour Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry and a distinguished author.

Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal introduced the Book on "Fearless Governance" authored by Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry at Raj Bhavan, Kolkata. Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal and Hon'ble Former Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, through their incredible discourses shared thoughts on the essence of good and fearless governance.

While speaking on Fearless Governance, Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose characterized Dr. Kiran Bedi as an iconic Civil Servant, Hon'ble Governor said that - Right from the day she is in service, she has been the role model of the country. Dr. Kiran Bedi was not just an individual, she was a sensation. As I myself have always admired her, on many occasions. Citing the strength of Goddess Kali, Dr. Bose expressed that Dr. Kiran Bedi demonstrated Stree-shakti, the Strength of Kali. Dr. Bedi according to Governor is embracing the lessons of Gita - You have the right to work only but never to its fruits --Nishkama Karma. In civil service, the task is not rule based but role based.

Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry while speaking about the book on Fearless Governance said - 'My service as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry for five years has given me a wide experience in governance. As a Lieutenant Governor, I was in a totally different position than that of your full-fledged Governor. I was a hands-on functioning executive/ administrator. I got the opportunity to connect to people, and full powers on financial and service related matters. Now, why did I write this book? It's

because it is my duty to document what has been done. Therefore, whatever I inherited and whatever I did during my tenure is documented in this book'.

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She said, 'It was not a lonely work, it was a strong team work where people of Puducherry was involved. How we revive the entire Puducherry beach has been documented in the book and how did we work together despite challenges of vested interest. Many issues of Government of India were challenged during my time and there were lot of legal challenges and we spent so much of money in legal battles. The people of Puducherry was part and parcel of these challenges. Some parts of the content show that administrators, lieutenant governors, executives or bureaucrats can actually work together in coordination with politically elected representatives. And when they are in line, they can do wonders in administration. This book gives an account of the leadership quality which are required to render good governance'.

#### Think Series



Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose. Han'ble Governor of West Bengal introducing the book on Fearless Governance' authored by Dr. Kiran Bedi. Hon'ble Former Lt Governor of Puducherry.





Mr. K K Kejriwal President, CCC felicitating Honble Governor Dr. C. V.

Mr. Rajendra Khandelwal, Past President presenting memento to Hon'ble Governor Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose.





Mr. Hari Shankar Halwasiya. Sr. Vice President presenting memento to Hon'ble Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry Dr. Kiran Bedi.

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Office Bearers and members of CCC with Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Dr. C. V. Ananda Bose and Hon'ble Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry Dr. Kiran Bedi.







Ms. Manjula Jain, President, CCCLF conducting the conversation session with Horrble Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry Dr. Kiran Bedi.



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#### Think Series

World Peace and Understanding Day Celebrations



Ms. Melinda Pavek, Hon'ble Consul General of USA expressing her thoughts on World peace and understanding day.



Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Eminent Cardiologist making his points on world peace.



The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, Indo American Chamber of Commerce, EIC, Kolkata and Rotary International, celebrated World Peace and Understanding Day & 118th Foundation Anniversary of the International Rotary Club on 23rd February 2023 at The Park Hotel, Kolkata. The Meeting was graced by Ms. Melinda Pavek, Hon'ble Consul General of United States of America, Kolkata, Mr. Jawhar Sircar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Kunal Sarkar, Eminent Cardiologist, Medica Superspecialty Hospital and Rtn. Ajoy Law, Rotary District Governor, RID 3291. The distinguished speakers exchanged ideas of contemporary challenges to peace and possible solutions.

On the eve of the first anniversary of the Ukraine war, US Consul General Ms Melinda Pavek urged the international Rotarian community to raise its voice against ongoing Russian atrocities. Talking about the "robust and far-reaching sanctions and export controls" that the US has placed on Russia to curtail its war economy, Ms Pavek said, "US and its partners will continue to support Ukraine for as long as it takes to restore peace." Ms Pavek added that the good news is that US sanctions is "weakening Russia on the battlefield," and helping to bring the war to an end, reflected in Russia's 10 percent federal budget cut in 2023

of anniversary of the International Rotary Club.

Mr. Jawhar Sircar, MP, Rajya Sabha referred to the war in Ukraine among other challenges to global peace to argue that "the history of humanity is one of repeated challenges and of continual responses". Mr. Sircar argued that since conflict is hardwired into our genetic framework, we cannot erase it but continually adopt social mechanisms to overcome it.

Dr. Kunal Sarkar while exchanging ideas of contemporary challenges to peace and their possible solutions remarked, "90% of our existential time is completely unknown, unrecorded, in any time. When we talk about how peace loving we are, we are not peace loving at all. From the very beginning, we are not very friendly, homely people – few of us manage to survive and that is the beginning of human species". He believes that 'Rotary is a platform in which one exists as an individual with feeling of right and wrong, identifies what the society lapse, goes ahead and devises ways and means for addressing those deficiencies in society. Here in lies the solution. It is actually 'service above self'.



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Mr. Jawhar Sircar, Horrble MP, Rajya Sabha elaborating on the challenges of global peace.



Hon'ble dignitaries at the session.



Mr. Rajendra Khandelwal. Past President moderating the session.



#### Health



Dr. Shashi Jindel, Senior Consultant, Gynae and OBS MBBS MS explaining the numerous disorders owing to menopause and solutions thereof.

## "Solving an Enigma on Menopause: MYTHS & FACTS"

The Ladies Forum of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organised an Interactive Session on "Solving an Enigma on Menopause: Myths and Facts" on Thursday, 22nd June 2023 at Apollo Clinic at Price Anwar Shah Road. The session was addressed by the distinguished experts in the healthcare fields - Dr. Shashi Jindal, Senior Consultant Gynaecologist and OBS MBBS, MS and Ms. Neelam Agarwal, Nutrition Consultant, Dr. Nehal Agrawal, Consultant, Physiotherapist and a Chiropractor.

Dr. Shashi Jindel, Senior Consultant Gynae and OBS MBBS MS defined menopause and narrated the phases relating to that. While explaining the treatment she explained that it depends on how bad are the symptoms, overall health of the woman, lifestyle changes, hormone therapy, hormone treatment etc. She also cautioned that there are chances of breast cancer and advised some diet and lifestyle changes - regular check-up of lipid profile, low fat diet, exercise and meditation, calcium, and vitamin D supplements are the preventive measures.

Ms. Neelam Agarwal, Nutrition Consultant focused on food for strong bones. She remarked that osteoporosis is a progressive loss of bone tissue and an increased risk of fractures which is natural part of ageing but is aggravated post menopause due to decline in levels of estrogen. It can be prevented by nutrition and exercise. She described nutrients vital for bone health having calcium, magnesium, vitamins etc. and focused on vegetables and non-vegetarian diet.

Dr. Neha Agarwal, Consultant Physiotherapist and a Chiropractor explained that during menopause estrogen progesterone controls menstruation. Menopause happens when the ovaries no longer produce high levels of hormone. She demonstrated pelvic muscle exercise and said deep breathing, yoga and stretching would manage stress.



Dr. Neelam Agarwal, Nutrition Consultant speaking on the health diet during menopause.



Ms. Manjula Jain, President, CCCLF delivering welcome speech.



Ms. Swati Saraf, Vice President, CCCLF offering vote of thanks.



Dr. Neha Agrawal, Consultant, Physiotherapist and a Chiropractor providing health trips through exercise.





A section of the audience.

## Session on "Removal of Diabetes and Obesity"

Hon'ble Speaker of the Session was Dr. Malhar Ganla, Founder, Freedom from Obesity, CIO, Freedom from Diabetes



Mr. P. D. Rungta, Immediate Past President, ACAE felicitating Dr. Malhar Ganla



A glimpse of the gathering



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## Heritage



Heritage Walk at Fort William



Members of Calcutta Chamber of Commerce its hallowed grounds, they discovered a and their beloved family members embarked on an unforgettable journey back in time! On July 9th, 2023, an exclusive visit was organized inside the legendary Fort William at the complex, adorned with awe-inspiring heritage buildings, holds great historical significance and served as the backdrop for this extraordinary

adventure. Within

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Museum, the Command library, Kitchener House, St. Peter's Church, and the remarkable esteemed headquarters of the Indian Army's Dalhousie Barracks. Every step through the Eastern Command. The magnificent fort fort's storied halls and corridors was ar enriching experience. The participants were captivated by the extraordinary tales of bravery and heroism that echoed through time. It was an unforgettable day, brimming with knowledge and admiration for the epic







history that Fort William stands for till today.



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#### **Exhibition**



# \*MINERVAS\* POWERED BY WOMEN

To discover the latest trends, exquisite fashion and unique artisanal creations from inspiring female entrepreneurs and designers, Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and Calcutta Chamber of Commerce Ladies Forum organized a one-of-a-kind Lifestyle Exhibition \*MINERVAS\* - powered by Women on the 21st of September 2023 at the Hotel Hindusthan International. This empowering event showcased the strength, vision, and talent of women entrepreneurs in the heart of Kolkata.

Luminaries like Veteran singer Ms. Usha Uthup, Ms Agnimitra Paul, fashion designer and Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly, Ms Alokananda Roy, Indian classical dancer & choreographer, Ms Shamlu Dudeja, Director, Malika's Kantha Collection&Chairperson, SHE Foundation and Mr. DilipJaiswal, Chairman & Managing Director, The HHI Group of Hotels graced the inaugural Ceremony of the exhibition as Hon'ble Guests.

The day-long exhibition saw the participation of 32 entrepreneurs showcasing their products ranging from apparel, handmade products, jewellery, dresses, home décor, and medicinal products among others. This needs special mention that two NGOs also showcased products made by the less privileged women - Ekal - from Friends of Tribal Society & Sustainable Solutions-Rotary club of Salt Lake Metropolitan.

Women organizations from all across Kolkata participated actively and enthusiastic crowd made the exhibition a grand success.



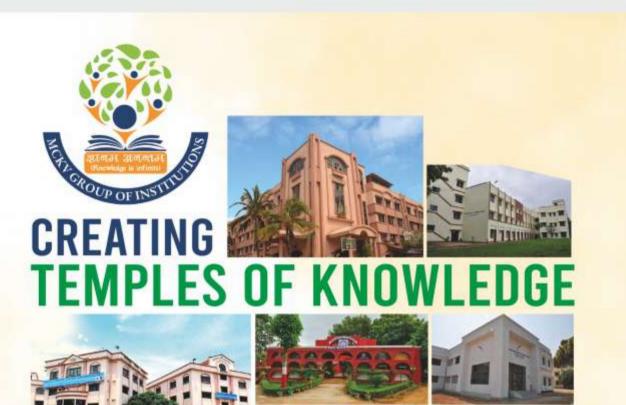






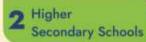






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2023

# Celebration New Year Get Together



A New Year Get Together was hosted on 15.01.2023 at the residence of Shri Satish Jhunjhunwala Ji. Senior Officers of the Consulate of the People's Republic of China attended the programme.







## Vasant Bahar 2023 Holi Get-together

The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organized Holi Get-together & a musical event in which members & guests actively participated.









March 15

2023

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### Celebration

## "The Confluence" New Members Induction Programme



Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organized a meet and greet program for the New members. The program was well received and attended by the members of the Chamber - New & existing and provided for a formal networking platform to get together with each other. The program also saw discussions on the benefits that are associated with membership. The Chamber sought advice, recommendations, comments from the new members in order to discharge its functions more effectively. The evening witnessed interactions & exchanges over a networking dinner.



Mr. Hari Shankar Halwasiya, Sr. Vice President

Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President



Mr. P. D. Rungta, Vice President



Mr. S. P. Saharia, Past President



Mr. Kishan Kumar Keiriwal, President presenting Lapel Pin to

Mr. O. P. Agarwal, Past President



Mr. Ritesh Agarwal, Sr. EC Member



Mr. O. P. Agarwal, Past President presenting Lapel Pin



Ms. Swati Saraf, Vice President, CCCLF



Members of the Chamber



Office bearers & Past Presidents of the Chamber

## **Executive Committee Meetings**



Calcutta Chamber of Commerce held meetings of the Executive Committee at regular interval in the Conference Room of the Chamber to discuss different agendas with respect to the activities of the Chamber. The Office Bearers and Past Presidents presented Chamber's lapel pin to EC members in the meetings.















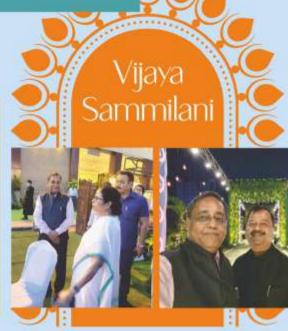








Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, President attended Vijaya Sammilani event of Govt. of West Bengal along with Vice President Mr. P. D. Rungta.



December 28 2022

"The possible scenario of opportunities & growth for business & professionals"





Calcutta Chamber of Commerce jointly with Association of Corporate Advisers & Executives\* organised a Panel Discussion on "The possible scenario of opportunities & growth for business & professionals" on 28th December 2022 at The Spring Club.

The eminent Panelists were Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, Education Entrepreneur, Mr. Kamal Nayan Jain, Insolvency Practitioner, Mr. Rajesh Agarwal Jindal, Capital Market Expert, Ms. Sujata Chatterjee, Sustainability Practitioner, Mr. Ritwik Mukherjee, Business Journalist & Mr. Manoi Gupta, Pharma Producer, The Session was moderated by Mr. Srish Kumar Agrawal, Tech Entrepreneur.





## Meetings & Initiatives



## Meeting Health Secretary



President, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal met Health Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal Mr. N. S. Nigam along with PP Mr. R. K. Khandelwal and Mr. S. S. Dey.





Excellence & Business Association

President Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal met Labour Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal Mr. Biren Roy and Labour Commissioner Mr. Amarnath Mallick on 15.12.2022, along with Mr. Annurag Jhunjhunwala and Secretary General Ms. Tapa Roy for addressing a session on new labour laws.





#### **ACAE Annual Conference**







Session with Mr. Rahul Jain, Founder Director of Business Coaching India LLP, Delhi is in progress.

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## Meetings & Initiatives

# Meeting with Police Commissioner





On 16.03.2023, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal met Police Commissioner, Kolkata Police, Mr. Vineet Goel with Vice President Mr. P. D. Rungta and Mr. Annurag Jhunihunwala.



## Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee Meeting

On 26.07.2023 Mr. Purusottam Agarwal attended Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) meeting



MCC&I: Ethos of Indian Constitution





Unity in Diversity" held on 07.08.2023 at the Park Hotel. present as a distinguished guest.

President Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, attended an exclusive session organised by MCC&I on "Ethos of Indian Constitution: Hon'ble Former President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind was present as the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Governor Mr. C. V. Anand Bose was

## **Meetings & Initiatives**

August 10 2023

## Convocation 2023 of Techno India University



President, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, attended the Techno India University Convocation Ceremony 2023 held on 10.08.2023 at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, New Town, wherein Mr. N. R. Narayana Murthy of INFOSYS was present as the Chief Guest.

#### BNI Summit







2023

August 12

President, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal attended the annual "Business and Beyond" Summit organised by BNI, as one of the Guest Speakers on 12.08.2023 at Biswa Bangla Milan Mela Prangan.

#### Independence Day Invitation



President, Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal was invited to the Ceremonial March Past on the occasion of 77th Indian Independence Day, arranged by the Govt. of West Bengal, followed by a reception at Raj Bhawan.









## Reception for the 74th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

EC Members of CCC with H.E. Mr. Zha Liyou, The Consul General of the People's Republic of China, Kolkata & Mrs. Zheng Huigun.



September 24 2023

## Industry Partner of PRSI BrandEdge -Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Conference 2023





The Chamber was happy to associate with the Public Relations Society of India, Kolkata Chapter's special annual event, a conference focussed on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), held on 30th September 2023 at the ITC Sonar, Kolkata, in the capacity of the Industry Partner of the event.

The objective of this conference was to start serious dialogues towards mainstream representation of the differently abled, the LGBTOAI+ and

other marginalized communities of the society. The conference witnessed deliberations from people representing these communities who are experts from different fields and very successful professionals. The panel discussions had guest speakers and influencers from similar backgrounds who have millions of followers on social media.

Our President. Mr. Kishan Kumar Kejriwal was also one of the panellists of a discussion on 'Creating Inclusive Minds: Education's Role in Fostering Diversity'. As education is the primary source of perception building of a child, it is of

great significance how the education institutes practise and promote diversity and inclusion within their campus.

#### Press & Media

#### THE TIMES FINDIA

# আনন্দবাজার পত্রিক

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#### 'Eco growth must remain strong'





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## Morning India

#### Calcutta Chamber of Commerce organized a special session on "India: Towards balanced development and inclusive growth"



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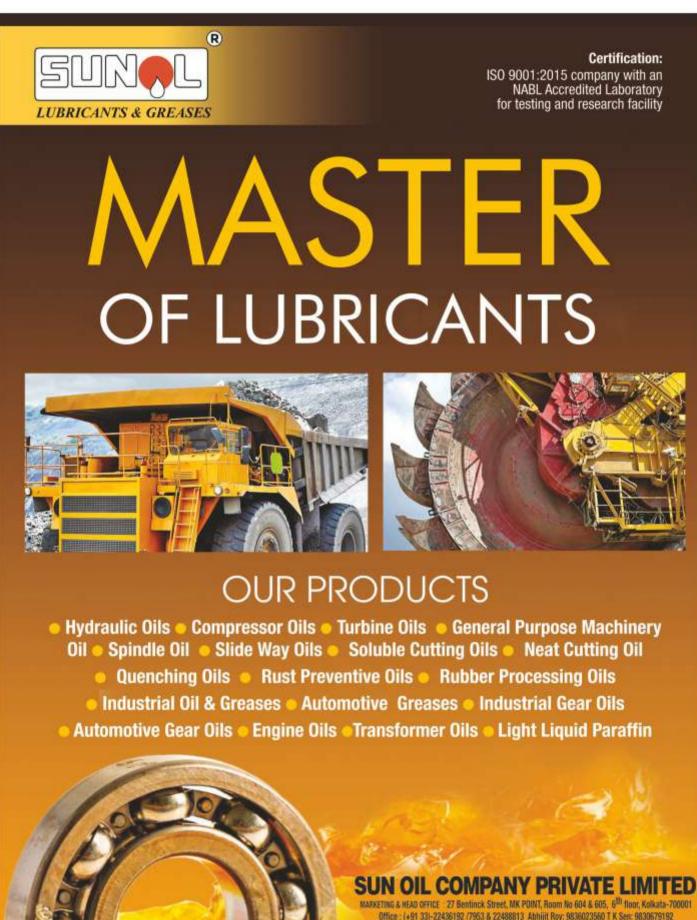




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