

# Symposium Champions Industry- Academia Collaboration Through Internships

MI News Service, Kolkata: The symposium titled "Chamber-led Initiatives: Connecting Academia and Industry through Internships," jointly hosted by the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce and the Department of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal, was a pivotal event fostering collaboration between academia and industry. Held to address the significance of internships in bridging the gap between education and industry, the symposium brought together esteemed dignitaries, industry leaders, academic professionals, and distinguished guests. Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President of the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, extended a warm welcome to the attendees, expressing gratitude to key figures such as Mr. Manish Jain, Hon'ble Principal Secretary of the Department of Higher Education and School Education, Govt. of West Bengal, Hari Mohan Bangur, Managing Director of Shree Cement Ltd., SajjanBhajanka, Chairman of Century Plyboards (1) Ltd., and Rudra Chatterjee, Managing Director of Luxmi Tea Co. P. Ltd., among others.



Manish Jain, Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education and School Education, Govt. of West Bengal lighting the lamp on the occasion of a seminar on 'Chamber - led initiatives : Connecting Academia and Industry through Internships' organized by Calcutta Chamber of Commerce in presence of Hari Shankar Halwasiya, President of the Chamber and other dignitaries on Saturday.

The symposium underscored the paramount importance of collaboration between academia and industry for India's economic growth. Rudra Chatterjee emphasized, "The partnership between academics and industry is paramount for India's economic growth. Just as capital and labor are essential, collaboration between academia and industry is integral to fostering innovation and propelling our nation's economy forward."

Hari Mohan Bangur, Managing Director of Shree Cement Ltd., stating, "Internships provide invaluable experience to students, preparing them for the demands of the industry. It is essential for companies to invest in these opportunities to nurture and empower our youth, who are eager to contribute to the workforce." Manish Jain, Principal Secretary of the Department of Higher Education and School Education, Govt. of West

Bengal, reiterated the importance of creating platforms for students and introducing new opportunities to drive India's economic growth. He emphasized, "As India gears to become the third largest economy globally, the collaboration between industry and academia is paramount in facilitating the transition of students from educational institutions to the industry." Prof Saibal Chattopadhyay, Director-in-Charge of IIM Calcutta, said, "At IIM Calcutta, we recognize the significance of internships in bridging the gap between academia and industry. Our mission is to equip students with practical skills and industry exposure to prepare them for successful careers." The symposium served as a platform for meaningful discussions on enhancing collaboration between academia and industry, with a focus on optimizing internship experiences for students to meet the evolving demands of the workforce. Overall, the event highlighted the crucial role of partnerships in propelling mutual growth and preparing the youth for successful careers.