

## **TiE Kolkata transitions to a New Leadership and renewed era of entrepreneurship development**

At the 13<sup>th</sup>. Annual General Meeting of TiE Kolkata held at the Bengal Club on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Of June, TiE Kolkata senior Charter Member Mr. Bikram Dasgupta took over as the President of TiE Kolkata. An alumnus of Harvard Business School, USA and IIT – Kharagpur, India, Mr. Dasgupta commenced his career as one of the key Market Development Managers of HCL. He wetted his formative entrepreneurial zeal by promoting Pertech Computers Limited (PCL) and took a leading role in managing diverse functions and catapulting PCL to the position of the No.1 PC manufacturer in India. Bikram conceptualized Globsyn in 1997, which he leads as a Founder and Executive Chairman, as a group of companies which embodies a business model built around the fundamental concepts of Knowledge, Skills, Technology and Innoventures for the knowledge economy.

Mr. S. Radhakrishnan, Managing Director of Descon Limited will be the President Elect and Dr. Shurjo Ghosh, Chief Mentor of TotalinX Group and Vice Chair of TotalStart will be the Secretary of TiE Kolkata. Both are serving TiE Charter Members of the TiE Kolkata Chapter.

### **TiE Kolkata**

TiE, founded in Silicon Valley in 1992 is the largest global, not-for-profit network of entrepreneurs and professionals dedicated to the advancement of entrepreneurship. The principal objective is to provide a platform through mentoring, networking & education, to budding entrepreneurs & professionals.

TiE Kolkata is a member of this prestigious TiE family. It works towards creation of a sound ecosystem, which attracts and develops entrepreneurship in the eastern region of India. In other words, the objective is to create wealth by creating an environment for establishing businesses, locally as well as globally.

This is a mission to convert 'job seekers' to 'wealth creators'.

TiE Kolkata organizes variety of programmes relating to development and promotion of entrepreneurship. My Story Sessions are inspirational programmes, in which, the speaker, a leading entrepreneur/ businessperson/ professional shares his experience with the budding and aspiring

entrepreneurs, so that the latter can take lessons from his success story and the instances of momentary failure.

The major initiatives are :

a. Driving Entrepreneurial Growth (DEG) : This initiative is to accelerate entrepreneurial activities in Eastern India and specifically West Bengal, by addressing the following areas, that need special attention :

Innovation

Training and Education

Legal and Regulatory Framework

Funding

b. Tiegler Awards: Tiegler Awards have been introduced by TiE Kolkata to help and motivate the entrepreneurs of West Bengal. The objective is to identify key entrepreneurial talent in Bengal as also to instill fire among the budding entrepreneurs in Bengal, mentor them extensively, provide them entrepreneurial education, opportunity and recognition so that the ideas take shape and get transformed into proper business activities.

c. TiE International B Plan Competition: This pan global initiative provides Graduate-level University students and their teams a chance to compete in World's largest and most successful Business Plan Competition at Rice University in Houston, Texas. The participants are judged and mentored extensively by high profile senior entrepreneur – members of TiE.

d. TiE Young Entrepreneurs (TYE) : Another pan global initiative, TYE programme coaches and trains young high school students, from classes IX to XII, to become next generation entrepreneurs. The unique programme helps high school children learn about the challenges and rewards of becoming an entrepreneur. Senior entrepreneurs and mentors teach high school children based on a business-focused curriculum. This TYE program nurtures creativity, self-confidence, leadership and overall development of the students.

About TiE Global

TiE Global, the parent body in Silicon Valley has achieved tremendous credibility across the globe. Globally, TiE has brought together entrepreneurs, business people, government policy makers, professional service providers, academics, and the media with the objective of enhancing the entrepreneurial climate of the respective areas. Spread over 58 chapters in 13 countries, TiE

has over 12,000 Members and 2,200 plus Charter Members - includes top Entrepreneurs, VCs, Private Equity, Angels, Law Firms, Tech & Management professionals.

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