

Interactive Session with Dr Krishna Gupta - MD, WBIDC, April 2013



Exclusive Interactive Session with Dr Krishna Gupta, MD, WBIDC was held in April 2013. Dr Gupta spoke on Investment Opportunities in West Bengal and Industrial Development in the state. The session was quite interactive as it gave the members an opportunity to interact with Dr Gupta directly and share their concerns and expectations regarding Industrial development and investment opportunities in the state.

Exclusive Interactive Session with eminent Journalist, Editor and talk show host Mr Prabhu Chawla, August 2013



An exclusive Interactive Session with Eminent Journalist, Editor and Talk Show Host Mr Prabhu Chawla was organized by The Young Leaders Forum, Indian Chamber of Commerce at The Bengal Club on August 26, 2013. The session was well attended by YLF and ICC members and prominent personalities from the Business Community of Kolkata. Mr Chawla as always spoke candidly on the topic "Politics & Economy : 2014 & Beyond". The talk was quite thought provoking and inspiring and was applauded by all.



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From the Chairman's Desk

Dear friends,

The Young Leaders Forum is recognized as a strong platform for the development and networking of the young entrepreneurs and professionals in the city of Kolkata. I have been heartened by the warmth and support received from the programs that we have conducted over the past two years. Our goal has always been to bring leaders and speakers of eminence from myriad areas to share their thoughts with us and I hope that you have found them engaging and rewarding. We have also had events aligned with the cultural interests of the members, and with your encouragement I am sure the YLF will continue to have such programmes.

The current daunting economic scenario points to a tough road ahead. We the young generation are uniquely placed to transform the adversity that we will face into opportunity if we build innovation into our professional and business lives. Innovation in business models, business areas and functional processes is necessary if we are to ultimately thrive. I believe groups and networks such as ours help in this process by helping to broaden horizons and to prevent us from succumbing to "tunnel vision." A natural and impulsive response to external stress is to retreat into a shell and to narrow one's focus. It takes a brave person to overcome this reflex and continue to take a considered, broader view of things. It is crucial to never lose sight of the forest no matter how large and foreboding the tree in front of us. One of our objectives here at the YLF is to help in this

process by varying the backgrounds of our speakers and having diverse themes in our events. Through this we hope to introduce our members to new ideas and keep them up-to-date with global and domestic themes.

There are reasons to stay positive in what looks to be a doom and gloom scenario. The markets have welcomed the selection of a distinguished new RBI governor who is also in many ways the face of a younger dynamic India. Dr. Rajan, an IIT/IIM alumnus is the youngest ever RBI governor and prior to that the youngest ever chief economist at the IMF. Several younger politicians are gaining prominence in the upcoming elections who I am certain will be a necessary force of change for the better. We have a growing entrepreneurial class and this group is substantially a younger cohort. The task at hand then is to encourage the younger generation; to empower them by giving the necessary tools in terms of education, outlook and perspective. There is no lesson learnt better than one that is self-taught. Therefore we need to help each other to grow and we need to be willing to teach and learn from each other as well. The YLF is well positioned to facilitate in this activity and I am sure that with the help and efforts of each other we will achieve our mandate.

I thank you for your support during these past two years and hope that this body continues to go from strength to strength in the years to come.

Shiv Siddhant Narayan Kaul
Chairman, YLF

ICC-YLF Outstanding Young Achiever's Award and Annual Session April 2011



The YLF Annual Session & Outstanding Young Achievers' Award ceremony was held in April 2011. The award was conferred to the legendary flag bearer of Indian Tennis Leander Paes. The honour was in recognition to his unique contribution to the nation in the field of tennis, and his deep commitment towards making the country proud.

He has been the winner of 6 doubles and 6 mixed doubles titles in his career, and the recipient of India's highest sporting honour, the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award in 1996-1997. He has also won the Arjuna Award in 1990, and the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 2001 for his outstanding contribution to tennis in India.

Mr Sanjiv Goenka, Vice Chairman RPG Enterprises conferred the award to Leander Paes.

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Bowling Evening : 21st October 2011, Bowlers Den , NICCO Park.



Mr Shiv Siddhant Kaul, Chairman Young Leaders Forum welcome party was organized at Bowlers Den in October 2011. The party was well attended by YLF members and provided for a good bonding opportunity amongst them . It was a fun filled evening.



Interactive Session with Mr Sunil Mitra – Ex Union Secretary, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, November, 2011

Young Leaders Forum of Indian Chamber of Commerce organized an Exclusive Interactive Session with Mr Sunil Mitra, Former Revenue Secretary, Union Ministry of Finance on Thursday November 17, 2011.

Sunil Mitra a 1975 batch IAS officer from the Bengal cadre, was a close confidante of the then Finance Minister and played a crucial role in tapping new revenue sources as the government planned to reduce its fiscal deficit.

Mr Sunil Mitra emphasized on the importance of Leadership linking it to solitude stating that “The two terms are dichotomous-solitude implies being alone with yourself while leadership necessitates the presence of others – who are to be led”. The inspiration for YLF members was to assume leadership roles by innovating in every sector.

Interactive Session with Dr Shashi Tharoor - January, 2012



It was an interactive session with Dr Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, former Minister of State for External Affairs and former Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations. Dr Tharoor spoke about an important topic in light of the event - " Young Indians and the Future of India". It was followed by a discussion with YLF members.

Exclusive Panel Discussion on Resurgence of the Bengal's Entertainment Industry, June 2012, Kolkata

Young Leaders Forum of the Indian Chamber of Commerce organized an exclusive panel discussion titled "Resurgence of the Bengal's Entertainment Industry" on the 23rd of June, 2012 at ITC Sonar, Kolkata. Prominent Tollywood celebrities Mr Jeet Madnani, Ms Koel Mullick, Mr Parambrata Chatterjee, Ms Locket Chatterjee, film directors Mr Srijit Mukherjee, Mr Mainak Bhaumik, Mr Anik Dutta, Mr Bappadita Bandopadhyay, well known percussionist Mr Bickram Ghosh, singer music director Mr Anupam Roy, script writer Mr N K Salil, notable dignitaries like Mr Arijit Dutta, MD, Priya Entertainments, Mr Sujay Kutty, Business Head, Zee Entertainment and Mr Sanjay Budhia, Past President, ICC were the notable panelists for the discussion. Eminent actor Mr Barun Chanda compered the high profile discussion .



An enchanting Musical Evening & Interactive Session with Sitar Maestro Ustad Nishat Khan

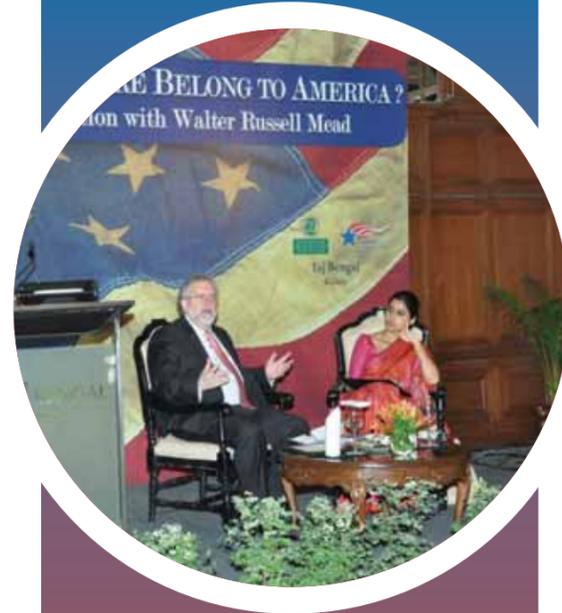


The YLF organized an Interaction with Sitar Maestro Ustad Nishat Khan at GD Birla Sabhaghar. This was followed by a scintillating concert along with Ustad Sabir Khan on Tabla.

Interactive Session with Dr Amyaz A Moledina, Associate Professor of Economics of Social Entrepreneurship Program, College of Wooster, USA, July 2012



"Catering Development through Social Entrepreneurship" was the theme for this Exclusive Interactive Session with Dr Amyaz A Moledina, Associate Professor of Economics of Social Entrepreneurship Program, College of Wooster, USA. Addressing the august gathering organized by Young Leaders Forum, ICC at Kolkata Dr Moledina said social entrepreneurship will ensure development of individuals through enlarging people's choices and enhancing human capabilities along with freedom. For proper utilization of both capital and human resources, corporates and individuals should launch social entrepreneurship programs for the development of society.



Discussion and Interaction with Prof. Walter Russell Mead - August 2012.

Young Leaders Forum in association with American Centre had organized an Interactive Session and Discussion with Prof. Walter Russell Mead, James Clark Chase Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College and Editor at Large, The American Interest on "Does the future still belong to America? The discussion was interactive with valuable inputs by Prof. Mead.

Meet with Varun Gandhi August, 2013



A meeting took place between members of the YLF and Sri Varun Gandhi, General Secretary, BJP on August 12 2013. The meeting was also attended by eminent members from other chambers of commerce.



Indian Chamber of Commerce and Young Leaders Forum organized an Exclusive Interactive Session with Mr Mahesh Bhatt in April 2013, at Kolkata Mr Bhatt spoke candidly on Indian Cinema : What is the way ahead and Freedom of Expression through art forms: Where does India Stand.

The session was attended by members of ICC and Young Leaders Forum. Eminent personalities like Agnimitra Paul, George Baker, Shuvaprasanna, Sujoy Prasad and Sonalee graced the occasion with their august presence.

The audience appreciated the forthright and honest talk by Mr Bhatt.



Mr Shiv Siddhant Narayan Kaul, Chairman, Young Leaders Forum had organized for a small get-together for YLF members at Bowler's Den, NICCO Park. This was followed by Fusion Fiesta which had live performance by the Sivamani Trio in February 2013. The percussionist had everyone swaying in tandem to his rhythm and beats. Sivamani enthralled all.

