

# CUTS CRC Activity Report

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## ONGOING PROJECTS



### Cyber Safe East India Workshop for MSMEs and Women Entrepreneurs (Phase-II)

With support from U.S. Consulate Kolkata, CUTS International is implementing a project entitled “Cyber Safe East India – Workshops on Cyber Security for E-Businesses (Phase – II)”. This initiative aims to organise capacity-building workshops on cyber security in four Indian cities, to directly train a cohort of 160-200 MSMEs and women entrepreneurs with an entrepreneurship background and willing to implement cyber threat mitigation procedures in protecting their businesses.

The first training workshop was organised in collaboration with the Directorate of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, the Government of West Bengal, and the Darjeeling Chamber of Commerce at Darjeeling, West Bengal, on November 07, 2022. The workshop received participation from about 60-70 stakeholders from various entrepreneurial backgrounds.



**Cyber Security capacity building workshop for MSMEs and Women entrepreneurs at Darjeeling, West Bengal**

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The second workshop was organised in collaboration with Commerce & Industries department, Sikkim and the Sikkim Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Cell (SEED Cell) in Gangtok, Sikkim, on November 09, 2022. About 55-60 stakeholders participated, including women entrepreneurs, students, etc.



*Cyber Security capacity building workshop for MSMEs and Women Entrepreneurs at Gangtok, Sikkim*

## Pre-Feasibility Study for Creating a Freight Village (multimodal hub) at Balagarh, West Bengal

With the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Private Sector Engagement (PSE) support, CUTS International is implementing a 'Pre-feasibility study for creating a Freight Village (multimodal hub) at Balagarh in West Bengal.' The study aims to assess the feasibility of creating a Freight Village (FV) in Balagarh and develop an action plan to establish the proposed FV, encourage infrastructure investment and benefit the potential investors and policymakers.

CUTS and Geoffrey Kurgan, Programme Manager, PSE Support team, USAID, conducted interviews with various private and government stakeholders in India from October-December 2022, to sensitise them about the project and collect their perceptions about the initiative.



- Sucharita Bhattacharjee and Baishali Lodh Chowdhury attended a stakeholder consultation on 'A Just Transition Approach for developing a Green economy: a case of electric mobility' organised by FES at New Delhi on October 18, 2022.
- Arnab Ganguly participated at the 'PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit 2022 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh' organised by The Indian Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India, held on November 11-12, 2022.
- Sucharita Bhattacharjee attended the 16<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Mining & Machinery Exhibition (IMME) 2022, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Kolkata on November 17, 2022.
- Mihir Shekhar Bhonsale participated at the International Interdisciplinary Seminar on 'Enhancing Indo-Bangladesh Ties vis-a-vis Meghalaya,' a conference organised by the Synod College, Shillong, and Meghalaya on November 21-22, 2022.
- Arnab Ganguly and Rageshree Bose attended the PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Maritime Summit, organised by Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, in association with FICCI at Kolkata on November 23-24, 2022.
- Bipul Chatterjee, Arnab Ganguly, and Rageshree Bose attended the 'Indo-Dutch Inland Waterways Transport Seminar - Fit for Future Waterways System', organised by The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands together with the IWAI at Kolkata on November 25, 2022.
- Baishali Lodh Chowdhury attended the 13<sup>th</sup> Energy Conclave, 2022, organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at Kolkata on November 29, 2022.
- Sucharita Bhattacharjee was a panelist in an online session titled 'Gender and Just Transitions for MSMEs in India' organised by World Resources Institute on December 15, 2022.