

# Shashwat Goenka eyes Horasis success as youngest ICC head

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**Kolkata:** Shashwat Goenka, the youngest president of Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), wants to have a larger national footprint for the city-headquartered premier industry chamber. After Badridas Goenka, K P Goenka, R P Goenka and Sanjiv Goenka, Shashwat, 27, is the fifth generation of the Goenka family to become president of ICC.



On achieving the feat, the junior Goenka said during his next one-year tenure in ICC, he would promote Bengal and east and North Eastern region as a whole.

During his time, ICC will be hosting Horasis India Meeting in Kolkata on November 26-27. This will be the first Horasis meeting in India which is touted as the Asian version of World Economic Forum.

“A host of big names from corporate globally are likely to attend the Horasis meet in the city. It would be a big opportunity for Bengal,” the new ICC head added. The forum will witness the presence of over 500 international participants from over 65 countries and 150 leading business leaders from India.

State chief minister Mamata Banerjee is supposed to be present at the Horasis meet. Shashwat indicated that a number of Union



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(L-R) ICC outgoing president Aditya V Agarwal, state minister for power Sovandeb Chatterjee, ICC president Shashwat Goenka, and ICC VP Rudra Chatterjee at the chamber AGM in city on Monday

ministers, too, would attend the Horasis meet in the year-end. “India today stands at a juncture where people are willing to lead and lead from the front. This year, we hope to develop and celebrate and commemorate people from all works of life, who have dared to imagine, taken the lead at innovation and inspired all,” he added.

The new ICC president said a special initiative will be undertaken this year for the revival of tea sector which is vital for the economy of Bengal and northeast. “Tea will be definitely in our agenda in a big way. We are planning to prepare special report on commercialisation of bamboo,” he added. Bamboo is an integral part of the northeast.