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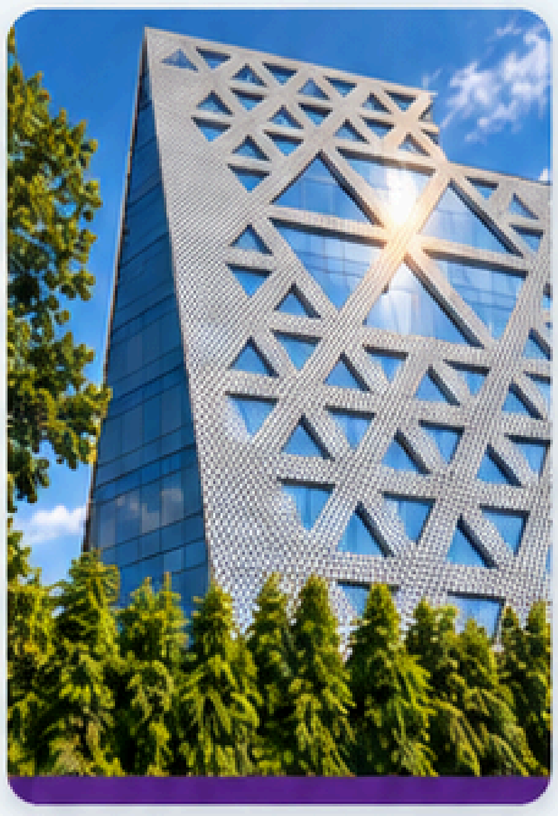
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TAEJAE UNIVERSITY









OSTT CHANGEMAKERS PROGRAMME 2026

Introduction to the programme

Inspired by **Professor William Barnett** of **Stanford Graduate School of Business** and the **Doerr School of Sustainability**, and advanced by **Messrs. Mazi Zarrehparvar**, social entrepreneur and researcher at the **University of Oxford**, and **Charlie Maeng**, distinguished journalist, the **OSTT Changemaker Programme** is a multi-country initiative that encourages university students and recent graduates to explore innovative approaches to the sustainable improvement of human life and societies.

The programme addresses contemporary challenges at the intersection of human development and society through an integrated, multidisciplinary perspective. Bringing together themes such as geopolitics, climate science, mental health, emerging technologies, entrepreneurship, history, art and culture, it explores how deeper ethnographic understanding can help uncover the underlying dynamics of complex societal challenges and inform meaningful solutions.

An International Fellowship

Hosted annually at the University of Oxford, the Changemaker Fellowship programme initially brought together students from graduate programmes in business and sustainability at Oxford and Stanford. Subsequently the initiative has added other universities into the student fellowship including **Taejae University** from Korea and **TCG CREST** from India; as well as other locations including Seoul, Panama City, Palo Alto and Kolkata.

The program mixes intensive seminars and workshops with site visits at leading globally impactful organizations such as the London Stock Exchange, the King's Foundation, The Economist, Google, The Korean National Assembly and Ministries, the ParLatino (the Latin American Parliament), the Panamanian Parliament, and many more. A principal objective of the program is to facilitate strong bonds between participants under the common cause of making the world a better connected, just, equitable, healthier and more peaceful place.

About TCG CREST

TCG CREST is a research university, recognized by the Ministry of Education, Government of India and the UGC under the Distinct Category – Research. Built on a reverse model – where research excellence precedes and shapes education – the University provides a vibrant, interdisciplinary ecosystem anchored in excellence, driven by curiosity, and guided by societal relevance.

This research-led approach informs an evolving offering of innovative doctoral, postgraduate, executive education and specialized programmes, designed to engage with emerging fields of knowledge, evolving professional needs and the aspirations of lifelong learners.

About the Programme

The Kolkata edition of the Changemaker Programme is a five-day immersive experience bringing together an international cohort of students and faculty members at **TCG CREST**.

The programme will feature talks, field visits and workshops exploring India's historical, social, technological, environmental and geopolitical landscape. Participants will engage with contemporary challenges while gaining insights into India's diverse institutions, communities, research ecosystems and cultural traditions.





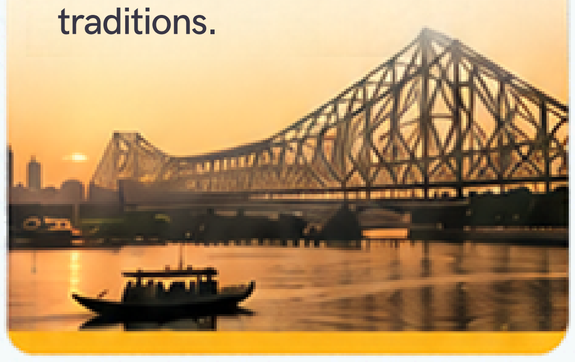




Exploring the Intersections

History, Society & Identity

The historical evolution of India, Partition, Kolkata's past and its future, and art labour and life in Indian folk traditions.



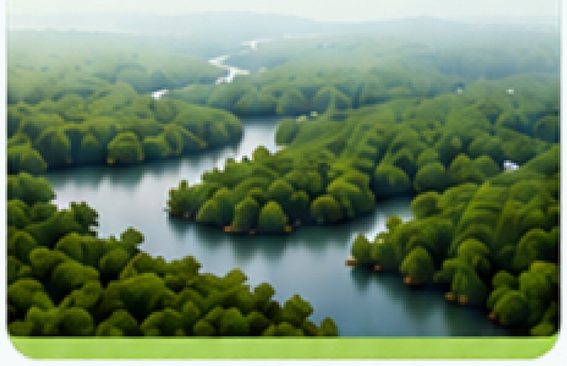
Health & Diplomacy

Health diplomacy in the contemporary geopolitical context and primary healthcare in the Sundarbans.



Climate & Sustainability

Fragile geographies, climate change and sustainable development.



Technology & Innovation

A visit to IIT Kharagpur, TCG CREST's Quantum Centre and other research laboratories.



The Programme at a Glance

Dates	23-27 November 2026
Duration	5 days
Venue	TCG CREST, DJ2
International Changemakers	17 students
Participating University Students	Stanford, Oxford, Taejae and TCG CREST
Faculty Participation	4 faculty members

Who Can Participate?

The programme welcomes participation from students of other Indian universities.

With limited seats available, interested students are encouraged to register and become part of this international exchange of ideas, perspectives and experiences.

Registrations Open

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