

## Consultative Meeting on Mining & Minerals Sector in West Bengal

A Consultative Meeting was jointly organized by FICCI and West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation (WBIDC) on the Prospects of Mining & Minerals Industry in West Bengal on April 26, 2019 at Kolkata, chaired by **Shri Alapan Bandyopadhyay, IAS**, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Industry, Commerce & Enterprises, Government of West Bengal.



### Highlights of the meeting :

- West Bengal accounts for :
  - ❖ 4.63% of the total share of mineral production in the country.
  - ❖ 7.4% of the total reporting mines in India.
- Significant and proven mineral resources in West Bengal :
  - ❖ Blackstone/ Building Stone, Base Metal (Copper), Barite, China Clay, Fire Clay, Pozzolana Clay, Dolomite, Feldspar, Limestone, Ochre, Quartz, Quartzite, Apatite (Rock Phosphate), Sillimanite (Corundum), Tungsten, Gold, Blotting Clay, Base Metal Cu, Base Metal Pb, Graphite, Kayanite etc.
- Senior Secretaries and Officials :
  - ❖ Industry Commerce & Enterprises Dept., and Corporations - WBIDC, WBPDCI, WBPCB, WBMDTCL,
  - ❖ Land & Land Reforms Dept.,
  - ❖ Dept. of Science & Technology, Government of West Bengal &
  - ❖ Geological Survey of India.

- Noted players attended the meeting :
  - ❖ TATA Steel, CESC, Hindustan National Glass, McNally Bharat Engineering Co., TATA Hitachi, H&R Johnson, Allied Ceramics, United Exploration India etc.
- Major institutes attended the meeting :
  - ❖ Central Mine Planning & Design Institute.
  - ❖ Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute.
  - ❖ Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology.

A presentation by the Knowledge Partner – KPMG, on the Mining and Minerals Sector in West Bengal, focused on :

- Overview of minerals in the State, production, resource, and reserve comparison
- Profile of mineral based industry in West Bengal,
- Detailed coal scenario in the State,
- Status of key factors for investment in mining and implication of National Mineral Policy 2019 in mining sector.