

## Brainstorming Session on Gas Industry Prospects in West Bengal

A Brainstorming session on prospects of Gas Industry in West Bengal was jointly organized by WBIDC and FICCI-WBSC (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry – West Bengal State Council) on Wednesday April 10, 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 has significant and proven environment friendly natural Gas reserves.
- Thorough exploration necessary.
- Domestic E&P (Exploration and Promotion) activity to be encouraged.
- Boosting State economy, attracting higher investment and encourage employment generation.
- Focused on Prospects of Natural Gas industry in West Bengal, E&P activities for non-conventional Gas sources, broad Regulatory framework to promote efficiencies & investment in the sector and Challenges/Factors affecting the growth in Gas sector (Upstream, Midstream, Downstream).
- Senior Secretaries and officials :
  - ❖ Industry.
  - ❖ Transport.
  - ❖ Power departments of Govt. of West Bengal.
  - ❖ WBIDC.
  - ❖ WBPCB.
- Senior representatives from the leading Natural Gas sector players –
  - ❖ GEECL,
  - ❖ EOGPL,
  - ❖ H-Energy,
  - ❖ ONGC,
  - ❖ GAIL,

❖ HPCL, IOCL, BGCL.

- Aquilaw made a presentation on regulatory aspects and reforms pertaining to Natural Gas sector.