Indian Critical Minerals Landscape: Foundation for a Sustainable Future

Empowering Innovation, Growth & Self-Reliance

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FICCI Federation House, Tansen Marg, New Delhi

Draft Programme

9:30 am – 10:30 am	**Registration**
10:30 am – 11:30 am	**Inaugural Session**
10:30 am – 10:35 am	Opening Address by **Ms. Jyoti Vij,** Director General, FICCI
10:35 am – 10:55 am	Industry Address by ▪ **Sh. Arun Misra,** Chair, FICCI Taskforce on Critical Minerals and CEO, Hindustan Zinc Ltd ▪ **Sh. Rajat Verma,** Member, FICCI Taskforce on Critical Minerals and Founder and CEO, LOHUM
10:55 am – 11:05 am	Address by **Sh. Ed Jager**, Minister (Commercial), High Commission of Canada in India
11:05 am – 11:10 am	Launch of FICCI Portal on Global Critical Minerals Assets & FICCI-Deloitte Report on Critical Minerals
11:10 am – 11:30 am	Inaugural Address by **Sh. G. Kishan Reddy,** Hon'ble Union Minister of Mines & Coal, Government of India
11:30 am – 11:35 am	Concluding Address & Vote-of-Thanks by **Sh. Pankaj Satija,** Co-Chair, FICCI Mining Committee and Executive Vice President - Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Ltd
11:35 am – 12:00 pm	**Tea**
12:00 pm - 12:50 pm	**Technical Session I: Critical Minerals' TAF: Exploration & Processing Technology, AI and Finance in driving the Critical Minerals Ecosystem**
	This session will explore how emerging technologies, artificial intelligence & advanced digital solutions and financial enablers are transforming critical minerals exploration, mining operations, and research & development. The session will also examine the financing challenges and explore innovative financing models that can help unlock investment and support the scale-up of resilient critical minerals ecosystems. **Industry Address by Sh. Sandeep Narade,** Co-Chair, FICCI Mining Committee and Vice-President - Mines, Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd

	Keynote Address by Sh. Anshoo Pandey, Director, Ministry of Mines, Government of India **Theme Address by Dr. Tamanna S R C Murthy**, Head – Mineral Processing Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Center, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India **Moderation by Sh. Rajib Maitra,** Partner, Deloitte **Panelists** ▪ **Prof. Dheeraj Kumar,** Project Director, TEXMiN Innovation Hub and Centre of Excellence, IIT-ISM Dhanbad ▪ **Dr. Abhilash**, Senior Principal Scientist, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – National Metallurgical Laboratory, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India ▪ **Sh. Ahsan Abdullah,** Managing Partner, Tass & Hamjit ▪ **Sh. Neeraj Chadha,** Director, Complete Instrumentation Solution Private Ltd ▪ **Sh. Abhinav Goyal,** Energy Specialist, World Bank
12:50 pm – 1:45 pm	**Lunch**
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	**Technical Session II: Building Blocks for Development of Critical Minerals Ecosystem: Extraction, Processing & Production**
	The session will delve into key enabling factors and building blocks across the value chain and matrix of critical minerals sector in the country, necessary for supporting the growth of the sector. Discussions will also highlight strategies for extraction, advanced processing, urban recycling, regulatory perspective and optimizing domestic resources. **Moderation by Sh. Sandeep Narade,** Co-Chair, FICCI Mining Committee and Vice-President - Mines, Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd **Panelists** ▪ **Sh. Pankaj Kulshrestha,** Controller General, Indian Bureau of Mines ▪ **Sh. R. Saravanabhavan,** Deputy Adviser (Industry & Foreign Investment), NITI Aayog, Government of India ▪ **Sh. Vilas Tathavadkar**, Chief Technology Officer, Hindalco Industries Ltd ▪ **Sh. Dinesh Kumar Likhi**, Director (Business Development), SRB International Private Ltd ▪ **Sh. Pratyush Sinha**, VP – Special Projects, LOHUM ▪ **Dr. Ripudaman Gaur,** Professor & Dean, Lloyd Business School

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	**Technical Session III: Strengthening Global Partnerships for Resilient Critical Minerals Supply Chains**
	This session will focus on the role of international cooperation in building secure, diversified, and resilient critical minerals supply chains. With perspectives from BRICS, multiple countries and diplomatic missions, the discussion will explore how governments, industry, and institutions can collaborate across exploration, processing, and downstream manufacturing. **Keynote Address by Sh. Vivek Kumar Bajpai,** Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India **Moderation by Sh. Pankaj Satija,** Co-Chair, FICCI Mining Committee and Executive Vice President-Corporate Affairs, JSW Steel Ltd **Panelists** ▪ **Dr. Sukanya Chakraborti,** Chief Technical Officer, KABIL ▪ **Ms. Jane Edquist,** Counsellor (Resources, Energy and Climate Change), Department of Industry, Science and Resources, Australian High Commission in India ▪ **Sh. Toyokazu Nagamune**, Regional Representative of METI for South Asia, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI) AND Senior Director, JETRO ▪ **Sh. Artem Ukolov,** Head - Business Department, Russian Trade Commission in India ▪ **Sh. Roy Postigo Medina,** Trade Specialist of Peru in India, PROMPERÚ - Promotion Agency of Peru for Exports and Tourism
3:45 pm – 3:50 pm	Vote-of-Thanks & Concluding Remarks by **Sh. Arpan Gupta**, Director, FICCI
3:50 pm onwards	**Hi-Tea**