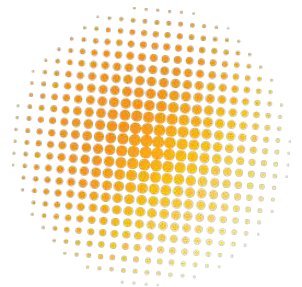


Vidarbha Economic
Development Council

"Glorious 30 Years"
Pioneering Vidarbha's Economic
Development with Unwavering
Dedication

PROGRESS PULSE

APRIL - MAY 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

As we complete a vibrant and fulfilling year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering dedication to the VED Council. Your passion and commitment to Vidarbha's economic development continue to inspire and drive our collective mission of fostering growth and prosperity in the region.

This past year has been marked by meaningful milestones—most notably, the successful organization of the 2025 Mining Summit at Hotel Centre Point. With the esteemed presence of Shri Ashish Jaiswal, MoS, and Dr. Ashshirao Deshmukh, MLA, the summit served as a crucial platform for discussing sectoral challenges and submitting a Referendum addressing key concerns of the Lsses. My sincere thanks to Mr. Bhupesh Shukla, our Vice-President and Project Director, for his exemplary leadership, and to our generous supporters—WCL, Eshan Minerals Pvt Ltd, and Mr. Aatish Jindal—for making this initiative possible. We also proudly submitted the proposal for Project Kaushika, aimed at empowering underprivileged women through handloom skill training and production. This step reflects our growing commitment to inclusive, sustainable development.

Looking ahead, we are excited about two major initiatives:

A conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI) that will explore innovation and future-ready opportunities for our region.

The revival of Wagh Utsav, in collaboration with SCZCC, to promote tiger conservation through eco-tourism while creating livelihood opportunities for local communities.

As we welcome new members and expand our network, I am deeply thankful for your continued support. Let us stride forward with renewed energy and purpose, committed to creating impactful outcomes for Vidarbha's future.

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**Warm regards,
Rina Sinha
President, VED Council**

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VED Members Extend Warm Wishes to Shri Nitin Gadkariji on His Birthday

MINING SUMMIT 2025



April 12th, 2025

Hotel Centre Point
Ramdaspath, Nagpur

MINING SUMMIT-2025 was organized by the Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) on Saturday April 12, 2025, at the Hotel Centre Point in Ramdaspath, Nagpur.

Event was supported by Western Coal Fields (WCL) and Eshan Gold. Adv B K Shukla, VP-VED Council was the Project Director. President-VED Council, Rina Sinha in her opening remarks emphasized –“ Mining Summit 2025 aims to foster a constructive dialogue addressing the complexities of mining operations, with a strong emphasis on sustainable practices and regulatory compliance.

VED is a non-political organization dedicated to identifying and pursuing various thrust areas, including industrial manufacturing, mining, agriculture, and logistics. Our mission is to provide vital platforms for stakeholders and to serve as a catalyst for collaboration between the private sector and government entities”, said Rina Sinha. Inaugural session was graced by the esteemed presence of Hon’ble Shri Ashish Jaiswal, Minister of State for Finance, Planning, Agriculture, Relief and Rehabilitation, Law and Justice, Labor, Maharashtra State, and MLA, Ramtek Assembly Constituency, whose participation added immense value to the summit.

Ashishji lauded VED’s initiative of directly providing a platform for addressing the issues of the lessees. Mr. Jaiswal informed that State Government has created Gadchiroli Mining Development Authority which will soon start mining operations. Shri Jaiswal has also recommended VED to share a detailed Report on Mining to be handed to the Stated Government for further action. Session was also graced by Hon’ble Dr. Ashishrao Deshmukh, MLA of Saoner (Nagpur) along with Shri Ranjan Sahai, Former Controller General of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), as the Guest of Honour. Dr Ashishrao Deshmukh complimented VED’s initiative on various thrust areas over the past decades. He highlighted the possibility of combining tourism with mining in his Saoner constituency.

This one- day summit brought together key stakeholders from the mining industry, government officials, environmental experts, and legal advisors to discuss pressing issues, share insights, and explore collaborative opportunities within the sector.

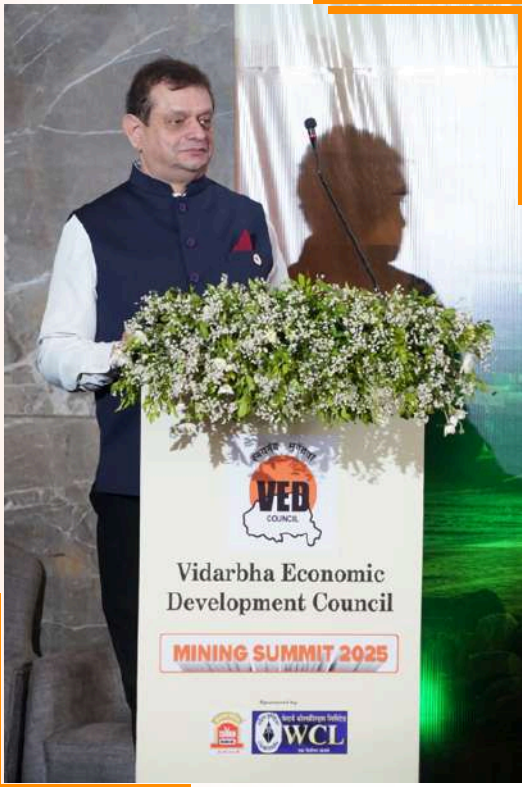


Guest of Honor – **Shri Ranjan Sahai** emphasized on the MMDR Act and why MCDR has become stringent. Esteemed speakers included: **Shri Vasant Kulkarni Deputy Secretary (Retd.), Government of Maharashtra**, provided an overview of the State Mineral Policy.

Shri Shantanu Puranik & Mr. Rajendra Korde Environment Consultants, shared their thoughts on environmental concerns related to mining operations. **Shri Rajkumar Dongre** Regional Controller of Mines (Retd.), IBM & **Adv. Harish Thakur** Mineral Law Consultant, emphasized on the legal frameworks governing mining activities. **Dr. P K Gandhi, Consultant** – Forest Clearance & Tiger Corridor, and address the crucial interface between mining environmental conservation.

Adv. B K Shukla Mining Law Consultant & Vice President of VED Council, provided insights on the acquisition of surface rights for mining operations. Prominently Present were Past Presidents of VED Council, **Devendra Parekh & Shivkumar Rao**, Vice-Presidents **Pankaj Mahajan & Rahul Urganlawar**, Treasurer, VED **Varun Vijaywargi**, Joint Secretary **Amit Yenukar** and heads of various associations viz **Shree Jamdar**, Chairperson CII **Mr. P. Mohan** President MIA , **Mr. Dipen Agarwal**, Chairperson – The Chamber of Associations of Maharashtra Industry & Trade etc. The Summit featured engaging panel discussions, networking opportunities, and the sharing of best practices aimed at enhancing the mining landscape in Maharashtra and beyond. I would like to specifically acknowledge **Mr. Ashish Sharma, Mr. Mohd Master, Ms. Jesal Thaker, Mr. Aliasger Wagh** and **Ms. Nidhi Gandhi**, along with others who may not be in the picture, but whose contributions are equally important to our efforts.





ET NOW LEADERS OF TOMORROW NAGPUR SPRINGBOARD PRESENTED BY IDFC FIRST BANK



April 17th, 2025

05.00 PM



Pride Plaza, Wardha Rd, opposite Airport, New Manish Nagar, Sonegaon, Nagpur

'Leaders of tomorrow has been a platform

Celebrating

Entrepreneurship, shedding light on the stories of innovative minds, previously featured leaders, bureaucrats & eminent emissaries like Mr. Nitin Gadkari, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Nadir Godrej, Harsh Mariwala, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Gautam Singhania & Niranjan Hiranandani, among many others.

Panel Discussion on "Nagpur the Future city" held on Thu, 17th April 2025
President, Rina Sinha Panelist ET Now Leader of Tomorrow by Economic Times. Other Panelists Dr Vipin Itankar, IAS – Nagpur District Collector & Mr. Girdhari Mantri, Vice- President – Association for Industrial Development (AID)





MEETING AT VP, VED, BHUPESH SHUKLAJI'S OFFICE WITH MINISTER OF STATE SHRI ASHISH JAISWALJI



April 19th, 2025

05.00 PM

Bhupesh Shuklaji's Office, Lokmat Bhawan, Nagpur

where we gave him our referendum of outcomes of our Mining Summit 2025 ! He has assured us of all support! Also gave him the final proposal of Project "Kaushika" - Empowering Women through a Handloom Skill Training and Production Centre at Kanhan to Shri. Ashishji Jaiswal, MoS. This project aims to empower underprivileged women by providing vocational training in weaving, thereby promoting financial independence and improved livelihoods. The project proposal is currently being processed.





MINES & MINERALS – RELATING TO MINING SUMMIT



April 23rd, 2025

05.00 PM

 Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall
VED Council Office



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE



April 28th, 2025

05.00 PM

📍 Smt. Rupadevi Daga Hall
VED Council Office

- President- Rina Sinha
- Vice-President - B K Shukla
- Secretary Genral - Ashish Sharma
- Jt. Secretary - Amit Yenukar
- Navin Malewar
- Dr. Preeti pendharkar
- Atul Tajpuriya
- Narayan Gupta

Executive Committee monthly meeting



THE SIGNING OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE SYMBIOSIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (SIT) AND VED COUNCIL



April 30th, 2025

03.00 – 05.00 PM



SIT Building,
Wathoda, Nagpur

President-Rina Sinha, VP-Pankaj Mahajan, Sec.Gen-Ashish Sharma, Jt.Sec.-Amit Yenurkar, Jt.Sec.-Aliasger Wagh, Premlata Saboo,

The Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT) and VED Council. Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) is actively working to promote Vidarbha as an Education Hub.

As part of these initiatives, VED is partnering with leading educational enhanced institutions to encourage innovation through technical solutions and Information Technology initiatives. In this regard, we are pleased to invite you to cover a landmark event – The Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Symbiosis Institute of Technology (SIT) and VED Council.

This collaboration is aimed at driving key innovation in technology and education, positioning Vidarbha as a hub for innovation.



MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CREATION OF A DIRECTORY CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT ALL INDUSTRIES IN NAGPUR



May 16th, 2025

04.00 PM

 Smt Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office

Rina Sinha-President Ashish Sharma- Secretary General, Aliasger Wagh- Joint Secretary, Dr T S Rawal, Dr Nitin Rakesh, Milind Alshi



DIGITAL MEDIA MEETING



May 20th, 2025

11.00 AM



Smt Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office

Rina Sinha-President Aliasger Wagh- Joint Secretary and Tejaswini Bhandarkar – Teztecch Digital Media



MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



May 23rd, 2025

05.00 PM

📍 Smt Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office



DECODING ZUDPI JUGLE JUDGMENT



May 24th, 2025

04.30 PM

Smt Rupadevi Daga Hall | VED Council Office

Rina Sinha-President, Vilas Kale- Past-President, Dilip Kamdar- Vice-President, Shivkumar - Past-President Rao, B K Shukla,Vice-President Ashish Sharma-Secretary General, Anil Rathi, Behram Patel, Kartik Lokhande – The Hitavada

Had a very fruitful meeting with lots of inputs from our senior members - opened up a sea of opportunities that VED can pursue for economic development!

VED over the years has been doing a lot of good work related in this field and now we take this forward further.



VED MEMBERS EXTEND WARM WISHES TO SHRI NITIN GADKARIJI ON HIS BIRTHDAY



May 27th, 2025

04.30 PM

📍 Shri Nitin Gadkari's residence

Aliasger Wagh- Joint Secretary, Mohammed Master, Aatish Jindal, Ankeet Tagde

VED was represented today by Joint Secretary Ali Asghar , Atish Jindal , Mohammed Master and new member Ankeet Tagade to felicitate Honorable Minister Shri Nitin Gadkariji on his birthday this morning !

Thanks @VED Aliasger Wagh for leading the team on our behalf

On the auspicious occasion of Shri Nitin Gadkari Ji's birthday, members of Vidarbha Economic Development (VED) Council – Aliasger Wagh, Mohammad Master, Aatish Jindal, and Ankeet Tagde – had the honour of meeting and extending their heartfelt greetings to the esteemed leader. Representing the spirit of regional development and entrepreneurship, the VED delegation conveyed their appreciation for Shri Gadkariji's visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the progress of Vidarbha and the nation.



VED Council conducts Mining Summit 2025



Rina Sinha felicitating Ashish Jaiswal, State Minister for Finance. MLA Dr Ashish Deshmukh, Ashish Sharma, Adv B K Shukla and Ranjan Sahai are also seen at the event.

Business Reporter

ASHISH Jaiswal, Minister of State for Finance, Planning, Agriculture, Relief and Rehabilitation, Law and Justice, Labour, Maharashtra State elaborated that State Government has created Gadchiroli Mining Development Authority which will soon start mining operations. Jaiswal has also recommended VED to share a detailed report on mining issues and demands of mining industry to

be handed over to the State Government for further action, while speaking at the Mining Summit 2025 organised by VED Council at Hotel Centre Point on Saturday.

Dr Ashishrao Deshmukh, MLA of Saoner along with Ranjan Sahai, Former Controller General of IBM, Rina Sinha, President of VED Council, Ashish Sharma, Secretary, Adv. B K Shukla, past presidents of VED Council, Devendra Parekh and Shivkumar Rao and others were present.

LOKMAT TIMES

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'Instead of Mineral blocks minerals should be auctioned'

LOKMAT NEWS NETWORK
NAGPUR

"Nobody knows the exact quantity of minerals in a mineral block. Therefore, instead of auctioning the blocks, the minerals themselves should be auctioned," stated Adv Ashish Jaiswal, Minister of State for Finance, Planning, Agriculture, Relief and Rehabilitation, Law and Justice, Labour, Maharashtra, and MLA from Ramtek. He was speaking as the chief guest at the inaugural session of the Mining Summit 2025, organised by the Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) at a city hotel.

Adv. Jaiswal further stressed the need for local value addition, asserting that minerals should be processed in the region they are extracted from. "Processing of Vidarbha's minerals should take place within Vidarbha itself,



Adv Ashish Jaiswal, Minister of State for Finance speaks at the inaugural session of the Mining Summit 2025.

and the benefits should be distributed locally. The minerals should not leave the State," he emphasized.

He also urged the VED to compile a comprehensive report on mining to be submitted to the State Government.

In her opening address, VED President Rina Sinha underlined that a detailed document incorporating the summit's insights will be prepared and shared with the government. "There is no single-window system, and stakeholders face

numerous hurdles in obtaining clearances," she said. The event also saw participation from Dr. Ashishrao Deshmukh, MLA from Saoner, and Ranjan Sahai, Former Controller General of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), who attended as Guests of Honour.

Dr. Deshmukh pointed out that for Vidarbha's economic development, a thriving mining sector is essential. Ranjan Sahai focused on the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act (MMDR)

Perception around mining sector should change

"The view that mining merely exploits natural resources must change -- it should be seen as a developmental activity," said keynote speaker Vasant Kulkarni, Deputy Secretary (Retd.), Government of Maharashtra. He highlighted financial assistance, complex clearance processes, and vague land acquisition norms. He also suggested Basalt exploration for other valuable minerals in the future.

and emphasised how the Mineral Conservation and Development Rules (MCDR) have become more stringent over time. VED General Secretary Ashish Sharma delivered a vote of thanks.

Legal & environmental aspects of mining

Rajkumar Dongre, Regional Controller of Mines (Retd.), IBM, and Adv. Harish Thakur, Mineral Law Consultant, shed light on the legal framework surrounding mining, pointing out frequent misinterpretations that lead to arbitrary actions by authorities. Environmental aspects were discussed by Shantanu Purnik and Raendra Korade, who shared some sustainable mining practices. Dr. P. K. Gandhi provided insights into forest clearance and the tiger corridor issues. Additionally, Adv. B. K. Shukla, Vice President of the VED Council and Mining Law Consultant, also elaborated on the legal procedures for acquiring surface rights necessary for mining operations.

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वेदची 'खनिकर्म परिषद' शनिवारी; विविध सत्रे

म.टा. प्रतिनिधी, नागपूर

विदर्भ इकोनॉमिक डेव्हलपमेंट काँन्सिलच्यावतीने येत्या शनिवार, १२ एप्रिल रोजी 'खनिकर्म परिषद' आयोजित करण्यात आली आहे. या परिषदेत विदर्भासह राज्यात खनिजावर आधारित संधी आणि त्यातील पर्यावरण व इतर तांत्रिक बाबींवर विविध सत्रे होतील.

इंडियन ब्युरो ऑफ माइन्सचे माजी महानियंत्रक रंजन सहाय यांच्या उपस्थितीत परिषदेचे उद्घाटन सत्र होईल. निवृत्त उपसचिव वसंत कुलकर्णी, शंतनु पुराणिक, राजेंद्र कोरडे, निवृत्त प्रादेशिक नियंत्रक राजकुमार डोंगरे, अॅड. हरिश ठाकूर,

डॉ. पी. के. गांधी, अॅड. बी. के. शुक्ला आदी तज्ज्ञ मंडळी विविध पैलूवर प्रकाश टाकतील. रामदासपेठेतील हॉटेल सेंटर पॉइंटमध्ये सकाळी १० ते दुपारी ४ वाजेपर्यंत विविध विषयांवर चर्चा करण्यात येईल, असे सरचिटणीस आशिष शर्मा यांनी स्पष्ट केले.

विदर्भाच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी वेदचे सातत्याने प्रयत्न चालले आहेत. विविध क्षेत्रातील गुंतवणूकदार खासगी क्षेत्र व सरकारी यंत्रणा समन्वयक साधण्याचा आमचा प्रयत्न असतो, असे वेदच्या अध्यक्ष रिन सिन्हा यांनी नमूद केले. वेदचे उपाध्यक्ष अॅड. बी. के. शुक्ला प्रकल संचालक आहेत.

2G theory can't work in mines, auction policy review must: Min

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Nagpur: Maharashtra's minister of state for finance and agriculture Ashish Jaiswal said that the Supreme Court decision on 2G spectrum does not concern natural resources like minerals. The apex court, through a presidential reference, had made it clear that the ruling was only related to the 2G spectrum.

Yet, the govt went ahead with an amendment before the presidential reference was out, and now even mine blocks have to be acquired through competitive bidding.

"After auctioning, it may appear that the govt has generated massive revenue. But, there is no guarantee when the revenue will be actually realised. This is because the actual deposits in a block cannot be predicted," he said.

The policy needs to be reviewed, said Jaiswal, who was the chairman of Maharashtra State Mining Corporation in his previous tenure. "Now,

VED'S CONCERN

> VED chairperson Rina Sinha said the association has discussed the opportunities and challenges in the sector

> Most of the leases granted during the pre-auction regime failed to secure statutory clearances, including the acquisition of surface rights

> The delay has led to the mining leases lapsing



> VED would be putting forward the concerns of the mining industry

due to the amendment, there is no other option but to auction the mine blocks. However, the central govt needs to be convinced to re-evaluate the policy," he said.

Instead of auctioning blocks to mining entities, Jaiswal has advocated for the appointment of mineral development operators (MDO) to exploit the resources on be-

half of state govt-owned corporations. These corporations can mine the resources without acquiring a block through auction. In turn, the mineral extracted through the MDOs can be auctioned, Jaiswal said.

The minister was speaking to newsmen on the sidelines of Mining Summit 2025, organised by Vidarbha Economic Development (VED) Council on Saturday. Jaiswal said he would be taking up the suggestion with stakeholders in the sector.

He proposed that the state govt promote value addition in the same district where the mineral is extracted.

Other delegates in the meeting also raised the issue of pre-embedded mines. Former deputy secretary of mining, Vasant Kulkarni, said the state govt has not come up with the embedded mining blocks. Under this system, all the clearances are taken by the state govt before putting the blocks on auction.

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खाणींच्या ब्लॉकसाठी लिलाव नकोच

राज्यमंत्री आशिष जयस्वाल यांची भूमिका; खनिकर्म परिषदेत दिले आश्वासन

म. टा. प्रतिनिधी, नागपूर



वेदव्यावतीने आयोजित खनिकर्म परिषदेत उपस्थित राज्यमंत्री आशिष जयस्वाल. यावेळी उपस्थित रिना सिन्हा, रंजन सहाई, वसंत कुलकर्णी, राजेंद्र कोरेडे, शंतनू पुराणिक, राजकुमार डोगरे, अॅड. हरीश ठाकूर, डॉ. पी. के. गांधी, डॉ. बी. के. शक्ता, वसंत कुलकर्णी.

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संसाधनांचा लिलाव करा. असा निर्णय घेण्यात आल्याचे संदर्भ दिले जातात. मात्र, हा निर्णय केवळ दृष्टी स्पेक्ट्रम संदर्भातच होता. ब्लॉकमध्ये किती खनिज आहे, हे कोणीच सांगू शकत नाही. त्यामुळे हे सर्व गुरे केंद्राकडे

दृष्टिकोन बदलण्याची गरज

'खनिकर्मला उद्योगाचा दर्जा देण्यात यावा. पर्यावरणाचे शोषण म्हणूनच या क्षेत्राकडे बघितले जाते. हा दृष्टिकोन बदलण्याची गरज आहे. विकासचे प्रत्येक क्षेत्र म्हणून याचा विचार केला तर अर्थनैतिके सुधारेल. परवानग्या घेण्याची प्रक्रियाही अधिक सुलभ करावी. महसूल आणि खनिकर्म या दोन विभागांचा समन्वय नसल्यानेही अनेक अडचणी भेडसावतात. भूसंपादनान्वयेही अडचणी आहेत. पर्यावरण अनुमती मिळवण्यासाठी होत असलेल्या सुनावण्या वेळेत होत नसल्यानेही प्रक्रिया लांबवणेच पडेल. शासनाकडून विशेष सुविधा मिळवण्याची गरज आहे', असे मुद्दे या क्षेत्रातील तज्ज्ञ वसंत कुलकर्णी यांनी मांडले. खनिकर्म क्षेत्रात परााचे गमक आहे. त्यामुळे विदर्भातील अर्थशास्त्र सुधारून येजावली जावेत, असा विश्वास व्यक्त करत छत्रसंगड प्रमाणे महाराष्ट्रात येवढा राबविण्याची गरज आशिष देरामुख यांनी व्यक्त केली.

मांडून तोडगा काढण्यात येईल', असे जयस्वाल म्हणाले. विदर्भाचा विकास व्हावा, यासाठी या परिषदेचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे. खनिकर्म विभागात पाठदर्शकता याची कामे गतीने व्हावीत, यासाठी परवानग्यांसाठी 'एक खिडकी' योजना राबवावी, असा मुद्दा रिना सिन्हा यांनी मांडला.

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VED discusses issues of mining industry with Minister of State



■ Business Reporter

A DELEGATION from VED Council (VED), led by its Vice-President Bhupesh Kumar Shukla, recently met Adv. Ashish Jaiswal, Minister of State, to present the pressing demands of the lessees in the mining industry. The delegation discussed the issues including - acquiring surface rights for mining operations; granting industrial status to mining; etc.

In her remarks, President of VED Rina Sinha, emphasized that

VED is committed to the development and improvement of various sectors, with mining being a critical focus, particularly for the Vidarbha region.

Adv. Ashish Jaiswal assured the delegation of his full support and commitment to resolving these issues, ensuring that the concerns raised will be addressed promptly and effectively.

The VED Council delegation was also joined by Secretary General of VED Ashish Sharma, as well as members - Arun Deoras and Rajkumar Agrawal.

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VED signs MoU with Symbiosis Inst for industry-academia venture

The Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Symbiosis Institute of Technology, Nagpur (SIT-N) to enhance innovation, skill development, and employability in region. "This pact aligns with VED's mission to empower local industries through knowledge sharing," said Rina Sinha, president of VED. "By connecting industry problems with academic expertise, we aim to foster a culture of problem-solving, research, and regional economic development."



The MoU signing ceremony was attended by key VED members, including Rina Sinha, Ashish Sharma (secretary general), Pankaj Mahajan (vice-president), Amit Yenurkar (joint secretary), Aliasger Wagh (joint secretary), and Premlata Saboo (executive committee member).

Welcoming the VED delegation, Prof Nitin Rakesh, director of SIT Nagpur, underscored the importance of the collaboration. "We are thrilled to partner with VED in driving experiential learning and innovation. This MoU will open new doors for research, skill-building, and development of our students." The event was coordinated by a team from SIT-Nagpur.

VED to conduct 'Mining Summit 2025' on April 12 at Hotel Centre Point

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■ Business Reporter

THE Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) on Tuesday announced the upcoming Mining Summit 2025, to be held on April 12 at the Hotel Centre Point in Ramdaspath, Nagpur. The one-day summit will bring together key stakeholders from the mining industry, Government officials, environmental experts, and legal advisors to discuss pressing issues,

share insights, and explore collaborative opportunities within the sector. Adv B K Shukla, VP-VED Council is the Project Director.

The Mining Summit 2025 aims to foster a constructive dialogue addressing the complexities of mining operations, with a strong emphasis on sustainable practices and regulatory compliance

The inaugural session will be graced by Ranjan Sahai, Former Controller General of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), an experienced consulting specialist with a demonstrated history of working in the mining and metals industry.

Sahai's expertise spans safety management systems, minerals contract management, trading and joint ventures.

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Mining summit to discuss issues and the way ahead

Nagpur: The Vidarbha Economic Development Council (VED) has organised a one-day 'Mining Summit 2025', to be held on Saturday, April 12, at Hotel Centre Point, Ramdaspath, from 10am to 4pm.

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"VED is a non-political organisation dedicated to identifying and pursuing various thrust areas, including industrial manufacturing, mining, agriculture, and logistics. Our mission is to provide vital platforms for stakeholders and to serve as a catalyst for collaboration between the private sector and government entities", says Rina Sinha, President, VED Council.

"The summit will feature engag-

ing panel discussions, networking opportunities, and the sharing of best practices aimed at enhancing the mining landscape in Maharashtra and beyond," says Ashish Sharma, Secretary-General, VED Council.

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