

WBIDC launches Shilpa Sathi

West Bengal is fast emerging as a prospective destination for investors. The state recognizes the need for industrial development for rapid economic growth and employment creation and has taken a number of steps to aggressively promote development of industries and services.

The state is committed to promote the ease of doing business by enabling entrepreneurs to establish and operate their business in a hassle free manner. **Shilpa Sathi** - a single window clearance system was inaugurated in West Bengal by Hon'ble Chief Minister Ms. Mamata Banerjee and has started functioning successfully. Shilpa Sathi will help the investors in setting up industries ensuring time-bound issue of various clearances for projects and investment proposals.

Earlier the investors needed to submit an array of application forms to different government departments to get relevant licenses and registrations which often resulted in un-necessary delays. The new system will assist investors to apply in Common Application Form (CAF), to obtain licenses and registration certificates from relevant important State Government departments from a single place. The earlier 99 page procedural form has been significantly reduced to 7 pages.

A Single Window Cell (SWC) has started functioning at the Ground Floor, "Protiti", West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation Ltd (WBIDC), 23. Abanindranath Thakur Sarani (Camac Street), Kolkata -700 017. For more information please contact <http://www.wbidc.com/singlewindow/INDEX.PHP>