

## **Bengal Leads 2013**



Bengal Leads 2013 organized by the Government of West Bengal under the initiative of Commerce & Industries Department and Information Technology & Electronics Department was held from 15 to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at Helipad Ground, Haldia with an objective to showcase the opportunities and possibilities of investment in West Bengal.

The Summit showcased the achievements performed by various State Government Departments, Public Sectors Undertakings and Private Industry Houses who put up pavilions in the Exhibition Segment. Panel discussions on various subjects was also organized, along with cultural evenings attended by one and all in this 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Summit. With the participation of Industries and interactive sessions in Panel Discussions, Bengal Leads 2013 has truly achieved an unmatched success.

The Summit was inaugurated by Mamata Banerjee, Hon'ble Chief Minister, West Bengal on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 in presence of Hon'ble Minister in Charge Commerce & Industries and Information Technology & Electronics Departments and other Ministers of the State Government, Members of Parliament. Chief Secretary and Secretaries of various State Government Departments, Participants included prominent Industrialists, Bureaucrats, Heads of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Heads of Professional and Academic Institutions and many more in a packed Inaugural Auditorium. The Hon'ble Chief Minister handed over 12 Land Allotment Letters to Entrepreneurs for setting of Industries in different Sectors in various Industrial Parks of WBIDC & WBIIDC in West Bengal. She also laid the foundation for an IT Hub at Haldia.

Apart from exhibition of various departments and companies showcasing their capabilities and achievements, the Summit also successfully organized Panel Discussions in various segments like IT, Tourism, Skill Development, Manufacturing Industries, Health, Infrastructure, North Bengal Development, Micro and Small Scale Enterprises, Oil and Petrochemicals, Development of Haldia, Environment *etc.* on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2013, which were attended and participated by renowned Industrialists, Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries of various Departments, Chambers of Commerce, young entrepreneurs and students of various Professional Institutes.