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G. Kishan Reddy Calls for Expediting Mineral Exploration and Strengthening Centre–State Coordination



CHENNAI – 7 Nov, 2026 The 4 th Conference of Mining Ministers concluded in Goa. The second day witnessed deliberations on key priorities for the growth of the mining sector, with participation from States including Telangana, West Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala. Representatives from these States highlighted key issues, shared their experiences and discussed challenges and opportunities in the sector.

G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and Mines, emphasised the need for the Centre and States to work together to expedite mineral exploration, particularly in view of the growing demand for critical minerals. He also stressed enhancing States' revenue through mining, improving mine planning and ensuring effective mine closure practices. Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines, highlighted the importance of collective efforts by States to accelerate mining initiatives and contribute to the country's mineral self-reliance.

Keshav Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, stated that the Ministry had taken note of the issues and suggestions raised by the participating States and assured that efforts would be made to address challenges, particularly delays and procedural bottlenecks, through better coordination and timely resolution.

The second day and the conference concluded on a positive note, with a renewed commitment towards strengthening Centre–State cooperation, addressing key challenges and accelerating the development of India's mining sector in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047

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