

## Delegation from Norway

A delegation from Royal Norwegian Embassy met senior officials of WBIDC to discuss trade and investment opportunities in West Bengal. MD, WBIDC briefed them about West Bengal's strengths in sectors like petrochemicals, food processing, iron & steel, engineering goods, leather, gems & jewellery. The Delegation was also apprised of West Bengal's advantages in terms of its geographical position, natural endowments and human resources.

Ms. Hege M. K. Hansen, Second Secretary, Royal Norwegian Embassy said that West Bengal could benefit from Norway's expertise in hydel energy and solar energy. Ms. Hansen also mentioned that Norway assisted Vietnam in developing their inland fishing programme. Given that West Bengal accounts for about 30% of India's total inland fish production similar possibilities of association could be explored between Norway and West Bengal.