



Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay)

Workshop on

Critical Minerals, Materials and Metals

Organized by

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Date: 20th and 21st February 2026 | Venue: B. Nag Auditorium, VMCC, IIT Bombay

Day 1 : 20 th Feb, 2026	
Time	Program
14:00	Registration
14:30	Inauguration
14:35	Opening remarks Prof. Shireesh B. Kedare, Director IIT Bombay
14:45	Welcome address Prof. Sachin C. Patwardhan, Dean R&D, IIT Bombay
14:55	Introduction of Centre of Excellence – Critical Minerals, Metals and Materials (CoE-CMMM), IIT Bombay Prof. R. Murugavel, Head CoE-CMMM
15:05	Photo Session & Tea break
15:30	Panel Discussion on “Heralding Nation’s Energy Security through Critical Minerals: A Reality Check” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Anupam Agnihotri, Director, JNARDDC Nagpur• Prof. K. Narayanan, Head, Department of Economics, IIT Bombay• Prof. M. Radhakrishna, Head, Department of Earth Sciences, IIT Bombay• Mr. Sanjay Mehta, President Materials Recycling Association of India (MRAI)• Dr. Robert Morasch, Head R & D, Nayam Energy Pvt. Ltd.• Mr. Indra Dev Narayan, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MECL• Mr. Siddharth Nautiyal - Head, Strategy, Lohum Pvt. Ltd• Moderator : Prof. C Subramaniam, Department of Chemistry, IIT Bombay
17:00	Session 1 (Chair: Prof. Srinivasa Rao) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof. Sakthi Saravanan Chinnasamy, Dept of Earth Sciences, IIT Bombay

Day 2 : 21th Feb, 2026	
Time	Program
9:00	Registration
9:30	Overview of ANRF activities : Dr. Shivkumar Kalyanaraman, CEO, ANRF (Chair: Prof. Swatantra Pratap Singh, IIT Bombay)
9:45	Session 2
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Satish Maurya, Dept of Earth Sciences, IIT Bombay • Dr. Suman Sit, Senior Vice President, Maheswari Mines Pvt. Ltd. • Prof. N. N. Viswanath, Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Sciences and, IIT Bombay
10:45	Interactive session with the Session 2 speakers
11:00	Tea Break
11:30	Session 3 (Chair: Prof. Arindam Sarkar, IIT Bombay)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pratyush Sinha, Head - Special Projects, Lohum Pvt. Ltd • Prof. Jayasree Biswas, Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Sciences and, IIT Bombay • Mr. Govind Shorewala, CEO and Co-Founder, Vinmir Resources Pvt. Ltd. • Prof. Maheswaran Shanmugam, Department of Chemistry, IIT Bombay
12:40	Interactive session with the Session 3 speakers
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Session 4 (Chair: Prof. Achintya Kumar Dutta, IIT Bombay)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Amrita Bhattacharya, Department of Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Sciences and, IIT Bombay • Mr. Nimesh Gupta, Chief Growth Officer, Atomberg • Prof. Bharat Sutar, Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Bombay
15:00	Interactive session with the Session 4 speakers
15:20	Tea Break
16:00	Session 5 (Chair: Dr. Wazeem Nishad, IIT Bombay)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Abhinav Mathur, Head Strategic Initiatives, Attero Pvt. Ltd. • Prof. Munish Chandel, Head . Environmental Science and Engineering Department, IIT Bombay
16:40	Interactive session with the Session 5 speakers
17:00	Concluding remarks: The way forward
17:20	Vote of Thanks