

Indo-German Focal Point

IGFP responds to the migration crisis during COVID-19

The Corona pandemic has severely impacted millions of mostly informal migrant workers in India. This crisis has made visible the precarious work situation of internal migrants with limited or no access to social security, occupational safety and health.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, IGFP has taken up the plight of the internal migrant workers and responded with a series of activities:

- ☐ First online panel discussion on challenges and solutions of migrant workers during the Corona pandemic (15 May)
- ☐ Formulation of a standard operating procedure for migrant workers during crisis situations as a result of the panel discussion on 15 May, which was sent as a recommendation to Central and State Governments
- ☐ Talk on migrant construction workers and handing-over of relief material and personal protective equipment to distressed migrant workers (7 July)
- ☐ Second online panel discussion on challenges and solutions of migrant workers during the Corona pandemic (13 July)
- ☐ Video for awareness raising for migrant workers (<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=due55qqfzW4>)



Launch of the e-publications website of the IGFP on India's Independence Day 2020 at the office of the IGFP at Bhubaneswar | Photo by B.K. Sahu



ISSA publication of the 7 Golden Rules guide in Hindi

The Vision Zero Guide is now available in 14 languages. The latest edition is the bilingual English-Hindi guide, translated by the IGFP. Thank you to Shyam Sunder Kathuria (Deputy Director, Official Language, ESIC) for his valuable support with the translation of this edition!

This publication as well as other publications on occupational safety and health by the IGFP and other authors can be downloaded free of charge from the new e-publications website of the IGFP:

<http://indogermanfocalpoint.com/publications/>

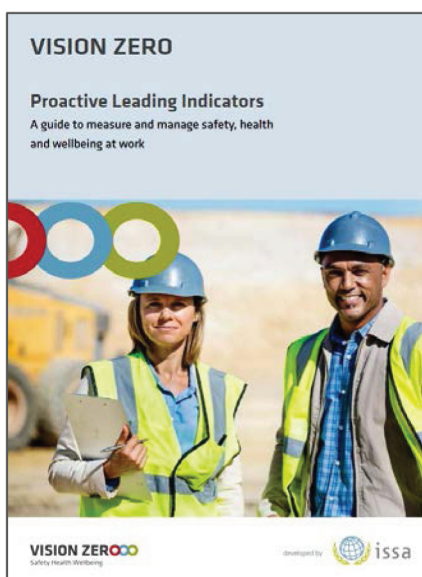
New partner of the IGFP

In August 2020, B.K. Sahu met with the German partners of the IGFP for a periodic review and planification of the IGFP activities via videoconference. It was the first time the new partner of the IGFP – the German Social Accident Insurance Institution for the trade and logistics industry (BGHW) – joined and suggested to cooperate on port safety as a first idea. IGFP welcomes BGHW to the Indo-German family and is looking forward to a successful cooperation!

Publication by ISSA on VISION ZERO

The ISSA's VISION ZERO - Proactive Leading Indicators guide to measure and manage safety, health and wellbeing at work was launched through a virtual event on 27 August, which was attended by B.K. Sahu. The document and videos of the launch can be found at:

<http://visionzero.global/proactive-leading-indicators>



IGFP organises first hybrid-workshop on occupational safety and health

Due to the Corona pandemic the IGFP is testing new formats to reach workers, employers and safety officers. After two successful online panel discussions, the Workshop on OSH for construction workers with a focus on COVID-19 preventive measures was the first event where 60 participants and speakers joined both physically and virtually. The workshop was held on 14 October at Swaroop Gardens, Jharsuguda. Many thanks to the Collectorate Jharsuguda who made this possible!



Participants of the Workshop on OSH for construction workers with a focus on COVID-19 preventive measures at Jharsuguda and Bhubaneswar, Odisha | Photos by B.K. Sahu

IGFP promotion activities lauded at the shortlist announcement of the International Media Festival for Prevention (IMFP) 2021

IGFP included English subtitles in the winning song video of the Indian Safety Song & Video Contest 2019. This version of the song was shown at the XXII World Congress on Safety and Health at Work Special Session on COVID-19 and OSH. Martina Hesse-Spötter, President of the ISSA Section for Electricity, also lauded the initiative of B.K. Sahu to launch the first Indian Safety Song & Video Contest in 2019 based on the IMFP. More information at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2XNkrvUaQg&feature=youtu.be>

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