

Farewell Dr. Wuttke!

Dr. Wuttke, Head of Social and Labour Affairs, Vocational Education & Training at the German Embassy in Delhi, is returning to Germany in August 2018. From Indo-German Focal Point, we thank you for your most valuable support and we hope to continue the good collaboration with your office in the future!

Photo: With Dr. Wuttke releasing the 2nd issue of the newsletter in New Delhi, 31.05.2018 Photo by B. K. Sahu



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CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

With the objective to promote occupational safety and health in Odisha and the whole of India, Indo-German Focal Point, BG BAU and BG ETEM signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) in Bhubaneswar to establish a Centre of Excellence on Occupational Safety and Health at KIIT. The MoU was signed during the visit of a delegation of KIIT to Germany. Furthermore, the delegation visited the training centres of BG BAU, BG ETEM, DGUV and the investigation centre of the University of Wuppertal.

How to protect scavengers from dust

The Indo-German Focal Point has organized a series of activities to sensitize scavengers and corporations about occupational safety and health. The latest workshop was held on 2nd July in cooperation with the People's Cultural Centre (PECUC) for around 120 participants, including



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90 scavengers. One of the main topics was the danger of constant exposure to dust and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). The challenges are manifold, as companies first have to provide PPE for scavengers and secondly, the latter have to use these. While many scavengers might assent to use a scarf (see photo at the top), only few will assent to use PPE (see photos below from the least effective PPE on the left to the most effective PPE on the right).



Photos by K. Eger/BG BAU

VISION ZERO– awareness in Odisha

The Vision Zero Conference held at Mayfair Convention in Bhubaneswar on 22nd and 23rd February 2018 has created a strong awareness about occupational safety and health and initiated regular campaigns among industries and government institutions in Odisha.

Upcoming Events

15th August 2018

OSH Education at Vivekananda School, Bhubaneswar

6th September 2018

Publicity event for the Indian Safety Song & Video Contest, Hotel Presidency, Bhubaneswar

15th – 16th October 2018

Vision Zero Conference in Chennai

17th October 2018

Workshop on Occupational Safety and Health at Bangalore



Promoting Occupational Safety and Health in Indian States

On my promotional tours for health and safety at work, I visited the Labour Departments in Assam and Jharkhand. Thank you for the warm welcome and very productive discussions!



Photo (from left to right) With K. Eger (BG BAU), P. Jackisch (BG BAU), E.M. Höffer (DGUV), K.-H. Noetel (BG BAU), C. Portero (BG ETEM), M. HesseSpötter (BG ETEM) in Cologne, 17.07.2018. Photo by K. Eger/BG BAU

Talk on migrant workers' rights

Migrant workers' rights are an important topic, especially on construction sites, where most workers are migrant workers. Migrant workers' rights are also an important topic for Odisha, as the number of migrant workers from Odisha to other Indian states is steadily growing. Therefore, the Indo-German Focal Point organized a talk on this topic on 10th April 2018 for 12 participants from interested institutions. While discussing the challenges and solutions of migration in India, topics such as traditional and neo bondage migration were lengthily discussed. The main presenters were Mr Ashok Sahu (Former Economic Advisor to the Ministry of Labour), Mr Panchanan Kanungo (Former Finance Minister, Odisha) and myself.

My visit to Germany

I visited Cologne from 16th until 18th July 2018 in order to coordinate Focal Point activities with DGUV, BG BAU and BG ETEM (see photo at the top). In the framework of the platform Präventionsforum+ it was suggested to create an Indian working space. For more information on this platform see: <https://www.praeventionsforum-plus.info/>

During my visit to the training centre of the BG BAU, I learned about the latest state of the art in PPE against dust (see photos on the first page) and in wood cutting machines (see photo on the right).



Photo: With T. Hahne (BG BAU) at the training centre of the BG BAU. Photo by K. Eger/BG BAU