# Indo-German Focal Point

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## Welcome Mr Timotheus Felder-Roussety!

Mr Felder-Roussety is the new Head of Social and Labour Affairs, Vocational Education & Training at the German Embassy in Delhi. From Indo-German Focal Point, we give him a warm welcome and hope to continue the good collaboration with his office!

*Photo: Celebrating the Day of German Unity with Mr Felder-Roussety in New Delhi, 03.10.2018 (Photo by B.K. Sahu)*

### Fall Protection Seminar

Accidental falls continue to be the leading cause of injuries and fatalities in many industries. At the same time active fall protection is the most complex field of safety, according to the experts.

Therefore, the Indo-German Focal Point in cooperation with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) are organizing a seminar on fall protection offered by A.Sulowski (www.fallpro.com/) at Bhubaneswar.

More information: www.indogermanfocalpoint.com

*Photo (from left to right): Dr. U.C. Ojha (ESIC), R. Franke (Siemens), K.-J. Thielen (BGHW), Dr. Singh (DGFASLI), T. Felder-Roussety (German Embassy Delhi), H. Samariya (Ministry of Labour& Employment), Prof. K.-H. Noetel (BG BAU), L. Gabhane (National Safety Council), Dr. J. Wuttke (BDA), Dr. J. Jühling (BG ETEM), B.K. Sahu, F. Spiteller (DKE), S. Veetil (Indian Embassy Berlin) in Berlin, 29.01.2019 (Photo by B.K. Sahu)*

## 10 years of Indo-German cooperation

On 29th January 2019, DGUV organized an event at the DGUV headquarters in Berlin to celebrate 10 years of Indo-German cooperation on social security, occupational safety and health to discuss the benefits and the future of the cooperation.

The event was opened by Prof. Dr. Breuer, Director General of DGUV, and included distinguished guests such as Dr. Schmachtenberg, State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) of the Federal Republic of Germany, Heeralal Samariya, Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment of the Government of India and Paramita Tripathi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of India in Germany.

Many achievements were presented, e.g. the creation of a Centre of Excellence on Occupational Safety and Health in Odisha and the implementation of occupational safety regulations according to German standards in Maharashtra. Digitalization, sharing training documents and guidelines and visits from German health and safety inspectors to Indian construction sites were mentioned as examples to implement practical cooperation.

Heeralal Samariya stressed the importance of this cooperation to build a global culture of prevention, while Siemens' representative Georg Karl emphasized the importance of mutual esteem in the context of cultural differences as a basis to build common standards on occupational safety and health. Vision Zero as goal of a comprehensive culture of prevention has been actively embraced by India since its launch almost two years ago, according to Prof. Karl-Heinz Noetel.

## *Winners of the Indian Safety Song & Video Contest 2019*

Thank you to all participants of the SSVC 2019 – we received over 30 outstanding videos and songs! At the end of December 2018, our jury selected the 3 winning productions. On 20th February 2019, the winners will be awarded during the "International Vision Zero Conference on Occupational Safety and Health".

## Train the Trainers – Vision Zero Workshop

Together with 38 participants from 18 different countries and 3 continents, I participated at the first train the trainer workshop on VISION ZERO at the DGUV Headquarters at Berlin, Germany.

From 10th until 11th January 2019, we discussed the 7 Golden Rules and how to apply them in Vision Zero training programmes.

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## International Vision Zero Conference at Chennai

Dr. Nilofer Kafeel, Minister for Labour, Government of Tamil Nadu, inaugurated the "International Vision Zero Conference – From Safety and Health Problems to Practical Solutions" that took place on 15th and 16th October 2018 at Le Royal Méridien Hotel in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In the presence of 300 participants, the third edition of the Focal Point Newsletter and the latest IGFP Brochure (http://indogermanfocalpoint.com/resources/) were released. The event was jointly organized by the Indo-German Focal Point, DGUV and the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health, Labour and Employment Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

*Photos from the International Vision Zero Conference at Chennai by Kristina Eger/BG BAU*

# Visit to a German construction site

On 30th January, I was part of an Indian delegation that visited a major construction site (26.700m2 plot) in Berlin-Charlottenburg together with experts from DGUV and BG BAU.
More information on our visit (in Germany) can be found at: https://www.otto-wulff.de/news/otto-wulff-ist-vorzeigeunternehmen-fuer-sicheres-bauen-1229

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