

**Indo-German Focal Point** 



## **NEWSLETTER**

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# 1500 participants at International Vision Zero Conference at Mumbai

Prof. Dr. Breuer, Managing Director of DGUV and President of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), held an inspiring keynote address on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at IIT Bombay in Mumbai that was followed by three days of intensive exchange and networking on occupational safety and health in diverse industries, including construction, manufacturing, mining and transportation. **Some 1500 experts and almost 100 speakers from 11 countries** (Germany, Switzerland, India, United States, United Kingdom, China, Malaysia, Turkey, Russia, Italy and France) participated. Among the international companies represented were Siemens, Bosch, Larsen & Toubro, Unilever and Godrej. Indo-German Focal Point was present at the



Photo by BG BAU/Eger: Interview with Prof. Dr. Breuer during the Conference

International Vision Zero Conference on OSH with a presentation on accident prevention in the construction sector and an exhibition stand.

If you are interested in occupational safety and health and would like to network with Indian and international experts in this field, come to our <u>next Vision Zero Conference on 31<sup>st</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 at the Grand</u> <u>Mercure Surya Palace, Vadodara, Gujarat.</u>



Photo: Inauguration of the Centre of Excellence on OSH at KIIT on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019. From left to right: Bimal Kanti Sahu, Prof. Sasmita Samanta (KIIT), Karl-Heinz Noetel (BG BAU) (Photo by KIIT)

## Inauguration of Centre of Excellence on OSH in India

Mrs Anu Gargh, Principal Secretary, Labour and ESI Department, Government of Odisha, gave the inauguration address as guest of honor. In her address to a full hall of over 400 guests, the Labour Secretary mentioned the initiatives of the Government of Odisha on OSH and the importance of creating a Centre of Excellence. The focus of the Centre will be specifically on the promotion of OSH in the informal sector. More information: <u>https://centreofexcellence.kiit.ac.in/</u>



### SEMINAR

FALL PROTECTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

3-day seminar organized by KIIT from 27<sup>th</sup> until 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Bhubaneswar, India. More information and registration: <u>https://kiit.ac.in/event/fall-protection-for-the-construction-industry/</u>



## Search engine on OSH for India

prevention

forum

Prevention forum+ (PF+) is a multinational search engine where you can find information of high accuracy in the field of occupational safety and health (https://www.praeventionsforum-plus.info/).

The advantage of this search engine is that it only searches quality-approved information out of unambiguously predefined websites and databases by cutting edge search technology, allocating the search results to topics and showing them sorted by countries and topics.

Currently five European countries are involved. Indo-German Focal Point promotes the creation of a PF+ for India. The first workshop to develop this idea will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

#### State Visit to Rajasthan

Museum on Occupational Safety and Health in India

During my meeting with Shri Naveen Jain (Secretary, Department of Labour, Government of Rajasthan) in March 2019, we decided to cooperate in the field of occupational safety and health.

One of our ideas is to establish a Museum on Occupational Safety and Health at Rajasthan. Similar museums can be found for example in Dortmund, Germany: <u>https://www.dasa-</u> dortmund.de/en/home/

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Dr. Avneesh Singh (Director of DGFASLI) visited the offices of the Indo-German Focal Point at Bhubaneswar on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019. After highlighting the importance of occupational health and safety for the society at large, Dr. Avneesh Singh

emphasized the role of the Indo-German Focal Point in promoting OSH in India. Photo (from left to right): B.K. Sahu, A. Singh (DGFASLI), M. Pradhan (Directorate of Factories & Boilers, Odisha) (Photo: B.K. Sahu)

## Interview with the winner of the Indian Safety Song and Video Contest 2019 (SSVC)

The SSVC was organized by DGUV, the ISSA sections on electricity and construction as well as the Indo-German Focal Point with the aim to create safer and healthier workplaces in India through inspirational productions. The video song by Prof. Himanshu Sekhar Khatua, CEO of School of Film and Media Sciences at KIIT, won the first prize (<u>http://indogermanfocalpoint.com/award-ceremony-of-indian-safety-song-and-video-contest-2019-at-mumbai/</u>).

#### K. Eger: What is the background of your video?

**H.S. Khatua:** KIIT being the leading university in Eastern India which emphasises on safety and security along with educational curriculum. We do various activities of social concern and safety is also a major part of these activities! Association of KIIT with Indo-German Focal Point induced inspiration to take up such project!

#### K. Eger: Why did you choose a music video to transport the safety message?

**H.S. Khatua:** Music video catches attention of people from all sections of the society! Aiming at the target audience and concerned stakeholders, we thought of this music video for overall safety.

#### K. Eger: How are you going to use the video you produced?

**H.S. Khatua:** Display in public place, television and work place, social media and sharing the link with stake holders (industry, institutions and agencies).

Photo: Award Ceremony of the Indian Safety Song and Video Contest on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019. From left to right: J. Jühling (ISSA Electricity), M.M. Kulkarni (National Safety Council), H.S. Khatua (KIIT), B.K. Sahu, S. Barik (Indo-German Focal Point) (Photo by BG BAU/K. Eger)



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