



INTERNATIONAL VISION ZERO CONFERENCE ON OSH

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Background

Accidents at work and occupational diseases claim the lives of millions of workers resulting in significant economic and financial losses. According to ILO estimates, every year, 250 million accidents occur causing absence from work, the equivalent of 685,000 accidents every day, 475 accidents every minute, 8 accidents every second. ILO estimates further show that the fatality rate in advanced industrialized economies is almost half that of Central and Eastern Europe, China and India.

Providing safe and healthy workplaces is one of the common goals of all countries. To achieve this common goal, cooperation and exchange of knowledge, experience and best practices among the countries on occupational safety and health is essentially required.

Introduction

The concept of “VISION ZERO” is fast emerging as an effective tool in improving the occupational safety and health status worldwide and in achieving the goal of 'Zero Accidents'. The first of its kind on this concept in Gujarat, International Vision Zero Conference on OSH is being organized on 31 July 2019 and 01 August 2019 at Grand Mercure - Surya Palace, Vadodara by The German Social Accident Insurance (Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung – DGUV) Germany, Indo German Focal Point India, Director Industrial Safety and Health (DISH), Government of Gujarat and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) with strong support of International Social Security Association (ISSA) sections on Construction, Electricity and Mining.

The conference aims to focus on the Occupational Safety and Health challenges and issues in the various sectors. During the conference, experts in the field of Occupational Safety and Health will share best practices and reinforce alliances while laying the groundwork for cooperation and strengthening relationships. The conference will have high profile content driven to highlight key issues and developments to key stakeholders.

On the sideline of the conference, an exhibition showcasing personal protective equipment (PPEs), Occupational Health, High-Risk Prevention, Environmental Protection at Work, etc. will be held which will provide the most efficient platform to support technological communication and business trade.

Vision Zero- The Concept

Considering health as being the highest good of man, the primary focus should be on maintaining human health by all possible means. A reliable method for maintaining human health is to invest in the prevention of health hazards. At the same time investing in prevention helps to avoid much higher costs caused by occupational accidents, occupational diseases, and lost working time, and can also be regarded as a key competitive factor. Thus, prevention contributes to sustainable economic success of the companies as well as the preservation of employability of people.

To achieve this, the International Social Security Association (ISSA) sets Seven Golden Rules and describes a measure which forms the basis for achieving the Vision Zero.

The concept is based on four fundamental principles, viz., life is non-negotiable, humans are fallible, tolerable limits are defined by human physical resistance, and, people are entitled to safe transport and safe workplaces. For implementing Vision Zero, there are Seven Golden Rules.

- Take Leadership – Demonstrate Commitment
- Identify Hazards – Control Risks
- Define Targets – Develop Programmes
- Invest in People – Motivate by Participation.
- Ensure a Safe and Healthy System – be well-organized
- Ensure Safety and Health in Machines, Equipment and Workplaces
- Improve Qualifications – Develop Competence

Key Highlights of Conference

- 8 Plenaries
- Over 30 National & International Speakers
- Platform to Display Products, Technological Solutions & Services
- Over 400 Industry Leaders, Government Officials, Safety Professionals, EHS Heads

About the Organizer

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government, and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.

CII is a non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organization, playing a proactive role in India's development process. Founded in 1895, India's premier business association has around 9000 members, from the private as well as public sectors, including SMEs and MNCs, and an indirect membership of over 300,000 enterprises from around 265 national and regional sectoral industry bodies.

CII charts change by working closely with Government on policy issues, interfacing with thought leaders, and enhancing efficiency, competitiveness and business opportunities for industry through a range of specialized services and strategic global linkages. It also provides a platform for consensus-building and networking on key issues.

Extending its agenda beyond business, CII assists industry to identify and execute corporate citizenship programmes. Partnerships with civil society organizations carry forward corporate initiatives for integrated and inclusive development across diverse domains including affirmative action, healthcare, education, livelihood, diversity management, skill development, empowerment of women, and water, to name a few.

As a developmental institution working towards India's overall growth with a special focus on India@75 in 2022, the CII theme for 2018-19, India RISE : Responsible. Inclusive. Sustainable. Entrepreneurial emphasizes Industry's role in partnering Government to accelerate India's growth and development. The focus will be on key enablers such as job creation; skill development; financing growth; promoting next gen manufacturing; sustainability; corporate social responsibility and governance and transparency.

With 65 offices, including 9 Centres of Excellence, in India, and 11 overseas offices in Australia, Bahrain, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Iran, Singapore, South Africa, UK, and USA, as well as institutional partnerships with 355 counterpart organizations in 126 countries, CII serves as a reference point for Indian industry and the international business community.

Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung (DGUV)

The German Social Accident Insurance is a dedicated part of the statutory German social insurance system. The concept was “invented” by Otto von Bismarck in 1885. In accordance with the German Social Code the statutory accident insurance system provides prevention against occupational accidents, commuting accidents and occupational diseases as well as rehabilitation and compensation services out of one hand.

Director Industrial Safety and Health (DISH)

The department supervises and advises in monitoring safety, eliminating unsafe conditions, actions and situations. It also wants to keep constant watch on factories dealing with hazardous chemicals by way of regularly sampling and carrying out medical checkup of workers employed in such processes by factory medical officers.

The department has the objective of preventing any major industrial emergency / disaster with help of appropriate response plans already prepared for areas having major accident hazard factories, also to promote the concept of mutual aid system which would be useful especially to small-scale industries.

The mission of the department is to have effective implementation of various legislations enforced by it and also to protect health and safety of workers working in the factories. It is also to ensure that such workers work in best possible working conditions and their basic needs are satisfied. To eradicate the pain and agony of workers, special emphasis is laid on accident prevention, so that we may built up a society free of injuries, illness and occupational diseases.

Over and above, welfare and wellness of the workers is to be achieved by adopting various popular methods of modern management which would help in generating the feeling of brotherhood amongst workers, supervisors and management leading to welfare state. It is a motto of the department that "Sukhi Kamdar means Sukhi Gujarat "which is supplementary to the motto of the state "Aapnu Gujarat, Aagavu Gujarat".

The department is taking steps towards computerization and data base management which would result in better transparency and efficient administration. In this regard, it is also planned to interconnect all the computers of offices of Directorate, Industrial Safety and Health by Wide Area Network.

The chemical industry in the state has grown by leaps and bounds, which has necessitated the need for improved safety standards. To achieve this, the department conducts and propagates safety programs for workers, managements and general public as well as for officers of the department.

With steps being proposed to be taken by the department we are sure to create a society which would be at par with the standards prevailing in developed countries, thereby enhancing prosperity / wealth for generations to come.

Indo-German Focal Point

Indo-German Focal Point for India was established in January 2017 with headquarters in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, to support projects of the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) on occupational safety and health in Indian enterprises, state and non-state institutions.

International Social Security Association (ISSA)

The International Social Security Association is the principal international institution bringing together social security agencies and organizations. The ISSA provides access to information, expert advice, business standards, practical guidelines and platforms for members to build and promote dynamic social security systems worldwide.

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