

Indo-German Focal Point

NEWS LETTER

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INTERNATIONAL VISION ZERO CONFERENCE ON OSH IN VADODARA, GUJARAT

Since the start of the Vision Zero campaign in 2017, India has hosted six International Vision Zero Conferences and more than



Photo by CII: Vipul Mitra (Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Labour & Employment, Govt. of Gujarat), Dilipkumar Thakor (Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Labour & Employment Department, Govt. of Gujarat), Nishith Dand (Chairman CII Central Gujarat Zonal Council)

120 companies have subscribed to Vision Zero in India. The latest conference has been organized by Indo -German Focal Point in cooperation with the Director Industrial Safety & Health of the Government of Gujarat, the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on 31 July 2019 at Vadodara, Gujarat.

In the first technical session on safety in process industries, case studies on the implementation of Vision Zero in Siemens India, UPL and the industries of Odisha were presented. The second technical session on electrical safety was headed by DGFASLI and included presentations from speakers of the German Social Accident Insurance Institution for the energy, textile, electrical and media products sectors on Vision Zero in the electrical sector and the role of the contractor. Finally, in the technical session on construction safety the President of ISSA Construction presented new ways to prevent fall accidents and the speaker from Aarti Industries emphasized the human behaviour as vital tool for construction safety.



Photo by CII: B.K. Sahu at the International Vision Zero Conference at Vadodara, Gujarat

The interest in the conference topics far surpassed the expectations and reached 600 participants, even though this was the first Vision Zero conference in India with a registration fee. Most delegates were safety officers in their companies of different sectors from Gujarat and other Indian states. They vividly discussed the presented topics and despite the heavy monsoon rains the conference hall was packed.

VIVEKANANDA SCHOOL INCLUDES OSH IN SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Since the start of the school year 2019, Vivekananda School in Bhubaneswar has included occupational safety and health as part of its school curriculum. The school has been actively organizing OSH awareness programmes for many years, including safety plays and art competitions.

Indo-German Focal Point has been advising Vivekananda School on OSH. Furthermore, the Focal Point is actively promoting the inclusion of OSH in the Indian school curriculum. If your school is interested to organize OSH activities or include OSH in its curriculum, please contact the Indo-German Focal Point.

SAVE THE DATE

29 - 30 Nov 2019

**WORKSHOP ON OSH,
BHUBANESWAR**

15 - 16 Feb 2020

**OSH Conference,
Kalinga Institute of
Industrial Technology,
Bhubaneswar**

29 Feb 2020

**Submission Deadline,
International Media Festival
for Prevention at
Toronto 2020**

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INTERNATIONAL MEDIA FESTIVAL FOR PREVENTION IS NOW OPEN FOR SUBMISSIONS!



The International Media Festival for Prevention is now accepting submissions for 2020. The Festival is an integral part of the XXII World Congress on Safety & Health at Work, which will take place in Toronto, Canada from 4-7 October 2020.

It showcases films and multimedia productions about safety and health at work. The winners are selected by an international jury and awards are announced at the Congress during the Special Media Session in front of influential safety and health professionals from around the world. Find out more about how to submit today by visiting www.mediainprevention.org! For updates follow the IMFP on Twitter and Instagram: @IMFP2020

FIRST WORKSHOP ON PREVENTION FORUM + (PF+)

Prof. Noetel (Head of PF+) and Dr. Schies (Deputy Head of PF+) presented the online platform PF + at a workshop in Bhubaneswar on 29 July 2019. Indo-German Focal Point and its partners are working towards the inclusion of the Indian field of law on this platform, so that qualified information on OSH from India can be found on the search engine.



Photo by P.M. Shah: Kristina Eger (BG BAU), Karl-Heinz Noetel (BG BAU), Bimal Kanti Sahu, Dilipkumar Thakor (Hon'ble Cabinet Minister, Labour & Employment Department, Govt. of Gujarat)

Meeting with the Labour Minister of Gujarat

During the discussion with Mr. Dilipkumar Thakor, Hon'ble Cabinet Minister (Labour) on 30 July 2019, B.K. Sahu along with the German Delegation were particularly impressed by the schemes the Honorable Minister launched for the Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Board of his state. Gujarat has put in place several schemes that stand out within India, including the provision of mobile health care, well-balanced meals for ₹10, safety training free of charge, financial support for the education of girls, the provision of PPE for each worker free of charge (helmet, gloves, ear protection and eye protection). Most importantly, in Gujarat it is possible for construction workers to register via self-certification, therefore facilitating the registration process from day one of any worker's assignment. The number of registered labourers in the state increased from 47,000 in 2014 to 5,63,000 in 2017.

For more information on Building and other Construction Workers' Welfare Board of Govt. of Gujarat, see: <http://bocwwb.gujarat.gov.in/index.htm>



Photo by B.K. Sahu: Panchanan Kanungo (Former Finance Minister, Odisha)