

## **Note on the Workshop on Occupational Safety & Health in Industrial and Construction Sectors, Bhubaneswar, 29-30 November, 2019.**

The Workshop was organized by the Indo German Focal Point (IGFP), with the support of the National Safety Council, DGUV and BG BAU as organizers and Punjab National Bank, MGM Group – Odisha, Visiontek Consultancy Service and Udyogi as sponsors.

Both DGUV and IGFP have dedicated themselves to promote Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) through Vision Zero which aims at no casualty scenario in India. Awareness generation and training being two important parameters in this endeavor, IGFP has been holding both national and international Conferences and helped in establishment of Centre of Excellence at Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT). The Workshop is a step in this direction, catering to two important areas, namely, industrial and construction, which generate employment both for formal and informal sector workers in India.

Apart from panelists, speakers, rapporteurs etc., the Workshop aimed at participation of 100 delegates, while 90 delegates actually participated. There were six sessions, including four plenaries which were both interactive and informative in nature, where sector-specific case studies were also presented by professionals. The Workshop specifically focused on nature and causes associated with falling from height and their possible solution.

Following important conclusions emerged in the Workshop:

- i. While prevention is always better than cure, development of safety culture is very important in India. Awareness and implementation of safety measures are two pillars on which safety culture can be built. It necessitates change in the mindset of both workers and management.

- ii. Need for safety is more pervasive.it covers road safety, household safety like prevention of fire and in use of various gadgets etc. While promoting safety in industrial and construction sectors in India, it has to be borne in mind that the latter employs many informal and casual workers whose training needs are different.
- iii. Odisha Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board was urged to play a pro-active role in providing OSH facilities to construction workers in Odisha.
- iv. Safety education has to be imparted from childhood.
- v. Leadership should be competent and committed, appropriate rules should be framed and good training facilities are to be created.
- vi. Hierarchy of protective measures, which include technical, organizational, protective and behavioral measures, is important. Safety management system has to be holistic catering to high rises, factories, construction sites as well as residential areas.

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