

Indo-German Focal Point

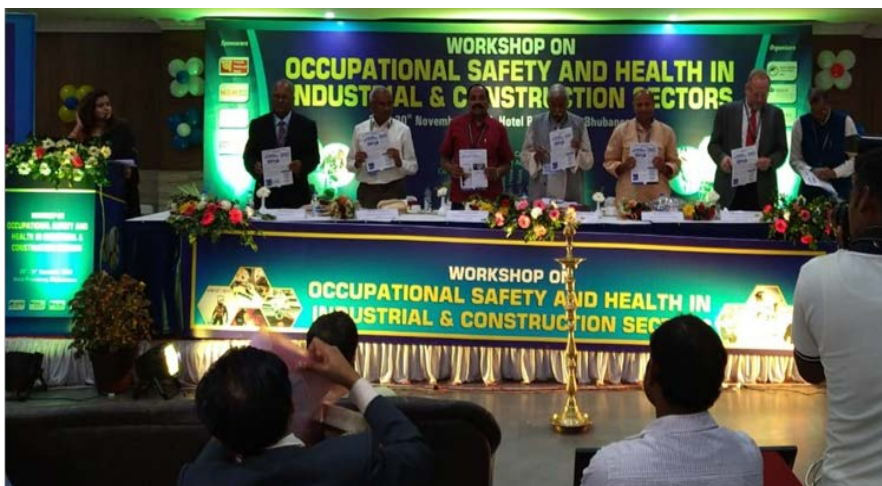
IGFP organised first workshop focused on the prevention of falling from height | Odisha

Falls from height are the main accident cause in the construction industry in Odisha and worldwide. IGFP wants to bring the topic to centre stage in Odisha and therefore invited the renowned expert on prevention of falls from height, Prof. Karl-Heinz Noetel, to give a workshop on 29 – 30 November 2019 at The Presidency Hotel, Bhubaneswar.

90 participants have actively participated in the discussions, shared their experiences and visited exhibition stands on safety equipment.

Besides Prof. Noetel, other renowned speakers included Mr. Panchanan Kanungo, Former Finance Minister of Odisha, Mr. Amar Satpathy, Member, Odisha Legislative Assembly, Mr. Subhash Singh, Chairman, Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Mr. Bijay Kumar Patnaik, former Chief Secretary of Odisha, Dr. Ashok Sahu, Member, IGFP Advisory Board, Dr. L. Jamir, Additional Commissioner.

The Workshop was organised by the IGFP with the support of the National Safety Council, DGUV and BG BAU.



Release of the IGFP Newsletter # 6 during the Workshop at Bhubaneswar | Photo by B.K. Sahu

IGFP was invited to speak at the Vision Zero Summit | Helsinki

Bimal Kanti Sahu was invited to present the Vision Zero experiences of the IGFP during the session on “Safety by training” at the Vision Zero Summit that took place from 12-14 November 2019 in Helsinki, Finland.

210 participants from 30 countries and nearly 120 organisations attended the summit.

The topics of the summit included:

- Human factors in promoting safety culture
- From Safety I to Safety II, focus on success
- Possibilities in Industry 4.0

The event was organised by the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) in cooperation with the Finnish Zero Accidents Forum.

The summit highlights have been captured on video and photo on the Summit

Website:
<https://www.ttl.fi/visionzero19/thank-you-2/>

Watch the Interview by Kalinga TV with Prof. Karl-Heinz Noetel on OSH

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHUg8LGNh8&feature=youtu.be>

Bihar set to achieve zero accidents and diseases at work

The Government of Bihar wants to achieve zero occupational accidents and diseases. As part of their endeavour, the Department of Labour Resources, Government of Bihar, organised a seminar on “Good Practices on Safety, Health and Skill Development” for workers engaged in construction, electricity, mining and like industries. Topics at the seminar included best practices of occupational safety and health in oil refining and thermal power plants. The focus was specifically on rehabilitation and return to work. B.K. Sahu was invited as key speaker.

Visit the IGFP Website and stay updated on our forthcoming OSH activities 2020, including

- Vision Zero Conferences
- Workshops on Occupational Safety and Health
- International congresses and festivals

Due to the corona pandemic, IGFP has temporarily closed its office. Nevertheless, we continue working from home and actively support the alleviation activities of the Government.

Promoting Vision Zero at Bengaluru

The Department of Labour, Government of Karnataka, organised the International Conference on Vision Zero “Occupational Safety and Health in a Globalized World: A Nuanced Approach towards Zero Accident Workplaces” jointly with DGUV, IGFP, the Social Security Association of India (SSAI) and Christ Deemed to be University. More than 400 participants attended the programme on 17 and 18 February 2020 at The Lalit Ashok, Bengaluru. The programme was translated English-Kannada and Kannada-English and was live streamed.

The technical sessions of the programme were focused on occupational safety and health in the construction sector, mining sector, electricity and gas sectors, boilers, chemicals and fertilizers, as well as the promotion of Vision Zero.

The conference was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister for Labour and Sugar, Government of Karnataka, Sri Arabail Shivaram Hebbar.



B.K. Sahu speaking at the International Conference at Bangalore | Photo by K. Eger

Seminar on OSH of Unorganised Construction Workers: Challenges and Way Forward

On 16 February, the Centre of Excellence on Occupational Safety and Health at KIIT Deemed to be University organised a one-day seminar on “OSH of Unorganised Construction Workers: Challenges and Way Forward” on its campus. 100 participants attended the programme and discussed the presentations held by Dr. Ashok Sahu, B.K. Sahu, Prof. Noetel, Dr. Jühling, Mrs. Eger and Dr. Subash Singh.

“Dedicated to the warriors who help preventing the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic”