

Report
One Day Workshop on
Theme: "Safety during Working in Confined Space"
March 17, 2018

Safety & Quality Forum jointly with Delhi State Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India) organized One day Workshop on "**Safety during Working in Confined Space**" on March 17, 2018 at Institution's Premises. Workshop was sponsored by M/s Quality Austria Central Asia and M/s Emprise Marketing respectively.

Shri Abhai Sinha, Director General, Central Public Works Department was the Chief Guest of the Inaugural Function. Workshop started with ceremonial Lighting of Lamp in the Inaugural Function.

Delivering welcome address Mr Devendra Gill, Chairman, Delhi State Centre, IEI mentioned that workshop's topic has been selected considering the fact that in recent time there have been few accidents with workers having entered into the Confined space and getting seriously affected by the hostile environment of confined space. Human lives have been lost. The other bothering issue is that in such accidents, multiple fatalities occur as people enter into the confined space one behind the other.

Delivering the workshop address, Shri K B Rajoria, Immdt Past Chairman, Safety & Quality Forum informed that Safety & Quality Forum has been established in the year 2003 by the Institution of Engineers (India) with the mission. "To Create a Culture of Safety & Quality, Through Ethical & Professional Practices & to Promote Working Environment". Shri Rajoria in his address cited various initiatives taken by Safety & Quality Forum to propagate the culture of Safety in every facets of life.

Chief Guest of the function, Shri Abhai Sinha, Director General, Central Public Works Department in his address mentioned that safety concerns have always been of paramount importance in the construction industry. Worksites have complex environments with workers from multiple trades interacting in challenging physical environments. He also mentioned that the key strategies to achieve safe working conditions at work sites is by ensuring that safety issues are closely planned, organized, controlled, monitored and reviewed.

On this occasion, **Shri Dharmvir Singh Radhu**, Fire Officer, Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Team, M/s GMR Hyderabad International Limited was felicitated for his Brave Act of Saving Human Lives during a Building's fire rescue operations at Shamshabad, Hyderabad. Shri Radhu briefly explained about the sequences of unprecedented events occurred on that day and explained adverse circumstances under which he took such bold initiatives. Shri Radhu mentioned that escalation of fire would have led to more devastating impact as source of fire was closely located to Medical Shop and Housing Society.

On this occasion, sixteen IEI Alumni's were felicitated with Scroll of Honour for their long association with Delhi State Centre of The Institution of Engineers (India).

Workshop started with Screening of a Movie and followed by specialized talks by following experts:

1. **Shri Sanjay Katityar**, Sr Manager-EHS, M/s SRF Ltd, Bhiwadi
Topic: "Confined Space Working in Chemical Industry-Challenges & Strategies"
2. **Shri Sandeep Duggal**, Asst. Divisional Officer, Delhi Fire Services, Govt of NCT of Delhi
Topic: "Challenges faced by Emergency Responders during Confined Space Rescue"
3. **Demonstration on** Confined Space Rescue by
M/s Karam Group
4. **Shri Abhishek Pal**, Scientist 'B', Bureau of Indian Standards
Topic: "Safety in Construction through Standards"
5. **Shri Alok Kumar**, M/s Quality Austria Central Asia Private Limited
Topic: "Safety on behalf of QACA"
6. **Mohammad Moizuddin**, Head EHS North India, Larson and Toubro Limited
Topic: "Construction Industry Challenges of Confined Space Working"

Nearly 120 members, guests and invitees attended the workshop. The participants represented various organization viz. BHEL, FLSmidth, NTPC, DMRC and its contractors and UPES, Dehradun.

Shri Praveen Kumar Singh, Honorary Secretary, Delhi State Centre of the Institution coordinated the programme & delivered the Vote of Thanks.
