OSH India 2019 held in Mumbai

OSH India - Occupational Safety & Health India 2019 was organized by Informa Markets, UBM India Pvt. Ltd. on 28th - 29th November 2019 at Bombay Exhibition Center, Goregaon, Mumbai. Indian Technical Textile Association supported the event. It was a two-day exhibition & conference connecting safety professionals and experts from the Industry. The objective was to provide an excellent opportunity for the professionals to discuss on the latest opportunities, new product developments, inventions and technology, exchange knowledge and create business in the global markets.

The show brought together internationally renowned exhibitors, consultants, business experts and key government officials on an industry platform to facilitate exchanges of global best practices and seeks solutions for challenges in upholding workplace safety and health. The show witness safety professionals from across India.

The conference had a Panel Discussion on the Topic- Latest Reforms in Occupational Safety and Health Laws in India and the Way Forward: Key Challenges and their Implementation. The Panelists were Mr. Bharat Londhe, General Manager - Corporate Environment Health Safety, Piramal Group, Dr. Anup Rakshit, Executive Director, Indian Technical Textile Association (ITTA), Mr. Dhananjay Vyawahare, Head OHS- Samsung- Networks business - India, Mr. Sunil
Bailwar, Vice President & Head Corporate Environment, Health & Safety at Hindalco Industries Ltd., Mr. Karan Vir Singh, General manager - Fire & Safety, Mumbai Refinery, HPCL, Mr. Gaurang Baxi, EHS Advisor DNV GL, Mr. P. S. Ganapathy, Senior Aviation Consultant, Fellow of Aeronautical Society of India, Mr. Amar Dalvi, General Manager- Safety, Health and Environment, Century Rayon and Mr. Shahzed A. Lehry, EHSF Advisory & CEO, Ceasefire Extinguishers & Systems (I) Pvt. Ltd.

Following points were discussed during the panel discussion -

a. New Laws and legislations related to Industrial and Worker Safety have been enacted by Parliament. However, there are variations across states and challenges in monitoring their implementation.

b. The National Policy on Health, Safety and Environment at Workplace is yet to be seriously implemented.

c. There’s a need to extend OSH coverage to all industrial sectors within India and spread awareness on OSH among key stakeholders.

d. Efforts need to be accelerated to improve data collection and statistics on occupational health and safety incidents and also to create a safe and healthy environment.