

Shree Cement organizes International Cement Sustainability Initiatives Safety Task Force Meeting

The Cement Sustainability Initiative (CSI) Health and Safety Task Force meeting was organized by Shree Cement from 6th to 8th Sep 2011 for the first time in India. CSI works on climate change, environment, health & safety, alternative fuels & raw materials and reporting. Shree Cement Ltd. was the first Cement Company in India to join CSI in 2002.

The meeting was attended by 14 international Health and Safety experts from countries like Belgium, Mexico, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Italy and Brazil and 11 Indian experts. They represented various reputed cement plants of the world such as Holcim, Lafarge, Cemex, Heidelberg, Italcementi, Taiheiyo Cement, Votorantim, Ultra Tech Cement and Shree Cement. These plants together contribute 783.8 Million tonnes of cement to the world every year. The meeting offered them an opportunity to sit under one roof, share knowledge, and discuss the best practices to adopt to ensure utmost safety and sustainability in all business operations. Strategies to monitor and report incidents, driving safety experiences of different countries, implementation of CSI safety guidelines and engagement of non-CSI members on driving safety were discussed. The meeting also involved a knowledge sharing session with a focus on good management practices, lessons learnt from previous accidents and other safety initiatives. Further, the additional moments of knowledge dissemination gave the opportunity to show and discuss the implementation of recommended good practices for driving safety, vehicle selection and specification / heavy vehicles/ driver airbags and seatbelts. The disaster management strategies of Taiheiyo Cement Company of Japan during Tsunami of 2011 were shown in a video.

During the closing ceremony, Mr. Phillip Fonta, the Program Director of CSI, Geneva, Switzerland said that an efficient plant and Senior Management commitment were the key factors for safety success and sustainability at Shree. A lot was achieved during this meeting and we look forward to maintaining this knowledge sharing in the future.

Mr. M. K. Singhi, the Executive Director of Shree Cement said that together we've gained experience, but more important than having experience is what we do with that experience and that's to stay prepared and to stay trained for adopting the best safety practices in work culture. People are our most important assets and their safety is our first priority. By adopting CSI guidelines we keep marching ahead as good and committed Cement Manufacturers for ensuring safety and sustainability in all our business operations and prove to be one of the best in every field.

The ceremony served as a fitting close to a conference that brought the leading Cement manufacturers from all over the world closer and aided them in creating personal and professional relationships.