

## **DGMS, Dhanbad observes its 120<sup>TH</sup> Foundation Day**

Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Dhanbad, observed its 120<sup>th</sup> foundation day on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021. The foundation day function was organized in DGMS auditorium. Function was chaired by Shri Prabhat Kumar, Director General of Mines Safety. Dr. P K Singh, Director, Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), Dhanbad, graced the function as Chief Guest. Shri M K Malviya, DDG (Electrical), Shri Arvind Kumar, DDG (CZ), and Smt. Snehalata Sethi, DDG (Statistic) were other dignitaries present on the dais during the function. The function was attended by officers and staff of DGMS.

Eminent scientists from CIMFR S/Shri C. N .Ghosh, Gautam Banerjee & Santosh Kumar Ray and eminent academicians from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad S/Shri R.M. Bhattacharjee & Arvind Kumar Mishra, associated with DGMS at different platforms were also present during the function.

During the function, the journey and achievements of this 120 years old organization was depicted through a presentation and representatives of staff association and officers spoke on the challenges and path ahead for the organization in the years to come.

On this occasion, Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment and Ms Kalpana Rajsinghot, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, congratulated team DGMS for successfully moving towards its vision & mission all these years. On this occasion they have sent their messages which was read out during the celebrations and reproduced below.

Dr P.K. Singh, Director, CIMFR and Chief Guest, appreciated the achievement of DGMS in improving the health and safety standards of persons employed in mines and significant reduction of fatality rate in mines in the last twelve decades of its service to the nation. He also suggested the need for better coherence between scientific community, academia and DGMS in future for the overall benefit of the mining industry. He suggested promoting fresh ideas and innovation for further improvement of safety in mines.

Shri Prabhat Kumar, Director General of Mines Safety, highlighted the achievement of DGMS in recent past and assured the stakeholders that DGMS will continue to deliver to the industry in future at a faster pace. He congratulated team DGMS on this occasion for having made significant achievements even during the Covid-19 pandemic. He informed about the significant reduction of fatality rates in both coal and non coal mines over last twelve decades since the inception of this department. He hailed the efforts of mining industry in encouraging employment of women in open cast working of mines during night hours and also in below ground workings. He remembered accomplishments of retired officers of the department and acknowledged their contribution in the journey of DGMS.

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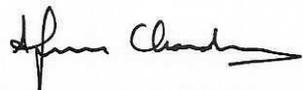
## **MESSAGE**

It is a pleasure to learn that the Directorate General of Mines Safety is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> Foundation day on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. Directorate General of Mines Safety, through its 120 years of service, has continuously striven to achieve its vision to attain risk and hazard free conditions of work and welfare of persons employed in mines. It has been very active in its mission to identify and reduce risk of accidents and diseases in and around the mine through development of suitable legislation, rules, regulations, standards and guidelines; adequate measures to ensure compliance and initiatives for awareness of stakeholders.

The statutory enforcement over the years by the department has yielded significant results in terms of reduction of accidents in mines. The trend in fatal accidents and fatality rates have considerably come down from 0.93 & 0.67 deaths per thousand persons employed in coal and non-coal mines respectively during the 1901-10 decade to 0.20 & 0.25 respectively during the decade 2011-19. The health and working condition of persons employed in mines has seen substantial improvement over these years.

The Central government has consolidated 44 labour laws into four codes including the Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code 2020 which has subsumed the Mines Act' 1952. The new labour codes will facilitate industrial growth and ease of doing business and cover workers across the organised, un-organised and self-employed sector. I am sure that Directorate General of Mines Safety would be able to successfully deliver the fruits of legislative reforms to the stakeholders.

I congratulate the members of Directorate General of Mines Safety on the occasion of foundation day. I am confident that Directorate General of Mines Safety will continue to put all their efforts in service of the nation, strive for excellence and achieve their vision and mission.

  
(APURVA CHANDRA)

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### MESSAGE

I am delighted to note that the Directorate General of Mines Safety is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> Foundation day on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

Directorate General of Mines Safety is one of the oldest departments of Government of India with an impeccable track record of service. The department has continued to maintain its relevance through its untiring service to nation and regulating and promoting safety in one of the most hazardous industries. Directorate General of Mines Safety through its statutory enforcement has brought about tremendous change in the life of the persons employed in mines in terms of their health, welfare and workings condition.

DGMS, over the years has continuously modified its work systems and successfully adopted the legislative reforms, transparency and e-governance initiatives of the Government to best serve its stakeholders and bring transparency and accountability in the system. I hope team DGMS would be able to successfully implement the legislative reforms brought about through the implementation of the recently enacted Occupational Safety, Health & Working Conditions Code, 2020 and the Rules and Regulations to be framed there under.

I am sure the 120<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day will inspire every individual working for, or connected with Directorate General of Mines Safety to work with increased dedication and commitment and wish them all success in their future endeavors in achieving the vision and mission.

[Kalpana Rajsinghot]