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Workshop on

Initiative for Construction Safety Awareness - ICONSA 2015 -



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Welcome

to

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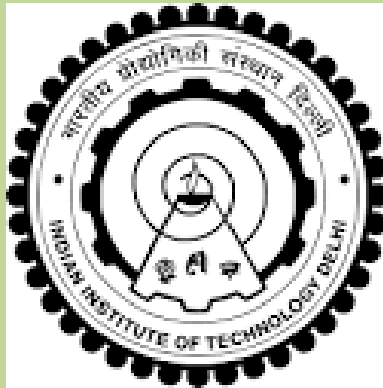


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With India poised to make a significant investment of resources in creation of infrastructure, there is an urgent need to ensure that a robust framework is in place to ensure a safe working environment at construction sites.

Safety is primary about worker health and well being, but the components relating to time, equipment, reputation, etc. cannot be lost sight of.



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This **Workshop on Initiative for Construction Safety Awareness (ICONSA-15)** brings together different stakeholders – contractors, owners, regulators, and academic institutions – to explore different aspects of construction safety and identify strategic opportunities to advance awareness and research on this critical issue.



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Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative

- The partnership between the [Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur](#) (IITK) and [Virginia Tech](#) (VT) was made possible by a grant from the [Obama-Singh 21st Century Knowledge Initiative](#) by the UGC in India.
- The IITK-VT partnership on **Sustainable Infrastructure Development** was formed to create the next generation of sustainable infrastructure development professionals



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The partnership is centered on the belief that sustainable infrastructure development will become increasingly important for the vitality of communities throughout the world and that **academic institutions have a responsibility to respond to the sustainability challenge.**

The IITK-VT partnership's overarching goal is to encourage mutual understanding, facilitate educational reform, and engage civil society through knowledge sharing.



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- **Safety is well established but has perhaps developed from the point of view of industrial and process safety**
- **Safety is viewed together with occupational health and environmental issues**



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- Construction safety is NOT a only about civil engineering – electrocution, equipment failure and so on are all part of this wider picture !!
- Safety is not only about labour – health, welfare, insurance, compensation. It is also about so many other things



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- Annually, nearly 60,000 fatal accidents occur at construction sites worldwide (ILO) 2005
- Approx. 31 million people employed in construction sector (Construction Industry Development Council, 2005)
- The average fatal accident frequency rate (FAFR; incidents/1,000 employees/year) is estimated at 15.8 in India [FAFR in US is 0.23 (CIDC 2005)]



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- 248 accidents were reported from 2003 to 2011 in the central sector construction projects, which resulted in 335 fatalities and 147 injuries (Ministry of Labor & Employment, Govt. of India).
- One in every 2,000 construction workers suffered either an injury or involved in an accident every day in India (Mahalingam et al., 2007).



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- **Construction sites are one of the most hazardous places in India**
- **Magnitude of the severity of the hazard is difficult to calculate as there is very little or no data on the construction accidents are available in India**



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Safety becomes a challenge in the construction sector, especially in India, due to its own peculiar / unique characteristics:

- **Dynamic nature**
- **Short construction period**
- **Diffused definitions of responsibilities of stakeholders**
- **Migratory and often unskilled and/or illiterate labour**
- **Economic disparities**



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We need to have a platform to share information about ALL of these !!



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Workshop objectives

- **To create awareness of critical construction safety issues**
- **To deliberate on possible safety legal frameworks that are applicable to India**
- **To discuss academic initiatives and programmes in construction safety**
- **To try to chalk out a ‘way forward’ to sustain professional activity in the area**



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Participants

- **Academic institutions**
- **Research establishments**
- **Construction companies**
- **Consulting organizations**
- **Project managers**
- **'Owner' organizations**



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Break out sessions

Discussion in smaller groups to identify 2-3 specific (doable) projects – along with volunteers to carry out the work !!



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- **Sincere thanks to all of you for coming here and spending a weekend for this event.**
- **I hope you will find that it was an worthy investment**



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:: THANK YOU ::