

5-day Workshop on “Safety & well-being: Crucial for Viksit Bharat”

from 04.03.2026 to 10.03.2026 on the eve of 55th National safety week

held at VSSUT BURLA

A 5-day Workshop on “Safety & well-being: Crucial for Viksit Bharat” is being organized from 04.03.2026 to 10.03.2026 on the eve of 55th National safety week. The inaugural ceremony was successfully conducted on 05.03.2026 at 4.00 pm in the e-learning centre of Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology, Burla. The theme of the occasion was “Educate, Engage & Empower People to Enhance Safety.”

In the inauguration ceremony, the Convener of the programme, Prof. Ganeshwar Nath (Dean CDCE) rendered the welcome address by honouring the Chief Guest Shri Vishwas Shinde, Vice-President, Human Resource, HINDALCO, Hirakud Complex and the Guest of Honour of the programme, Shri Sanjay Kumar Jha, Director, Technical, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL). After that Prof. Siddharth Panda, Head of the Department of Safety and Fire Engineering as well as the being the organizing Secretary of the event, gave insights on the value of Safety education and about VSSUT being the first ever in opening a branch of Safety in Odisha. Safety should not only be taught during training but much before in universities to prevent hazards and accidental deaths. Thereafter the patron of the event, Shri Pradeep Kumar Dang, Registrar of the university highlighted about the effects of lack of safety and its necessity not only in industries but everywhere, whether it is about wearing a helmet on a road or safety jackets during adventure to taking care of safety while handling simple machinery at home as well as educational institutions. Honourable Vice-chancellor VSSUT, Burla, Prof. Dipak Kumar Sahoo thereafter spoke about the importance of education about Safety and how it is very crucial in our day-to-day life. Consequently, Mr. Amit Chatterjee, the co-convener of the workshop concluded with a vote of thanks to the guests, Vice-chancellor, Registrar sir, HOD, Safety & Fire Engg, Prof Siddharth Panda sir and Convener and Dean CDCE, Prof. Ganeshwar Nath, organizing committee members as well as Faculty members, students volunteers, staff members who came to participate and spared their valuable time. Prof. Siddharth Panda started 1st lecture of the workshop in which he highlighted about MATLAB simulation techniques as well as various optimization methods used for design considerations as well as choosing a product as well as the economics of safety.

The programme is continued up to 10.03.2026 where many eminent speakers and dignitaries are going to give valuable lecture sessions throughout these 5 days. Other eminent guests include Prof. V.R. Ranjith, Prof, Safety & Fire Engineering, School of Engineering, CUSAT, Kochi, Mr. Dipesh Kamdar (Plant Head), BPCL Bargardh Bio-refinery, Mr. Tusharkant Sahoo, Chief Manager (HSSE), BPCL Bargardh Bio-refinery, Mr. Umakanta Samantaray, Asst Dy. Director, Factories & Boilers, Sambalpur, Prof. G. Madhu, Former Professor, Safety & Fire Engineering, CUSAT, Kochi, Shri Pardeep Kumar, Sr. Area Manager (Contractor safety), Tata Steel Limited, Kalinganagar. Shri Ashesh Padhy, Executive Vice President, Thermal JSW Energy Limited and our esteemed Alumni member will grace the occasion in the closing ceremony. He has been a constant support and has encouraged organizing such an essential workshop which is the need of the hour for prevention of hazards.