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30<sup>th</sup> DAE Safety & Occupational Health Professionals Meet at Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) during December 18-20, 2013.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) Safety & Occupational Health Professionals Meet is jointly organized by Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai and Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) during December 18-20, 2013 at Narwapahar, Jharkhand. This Meet is organised annually with various themes on Industrial Safety and Occupational Health by AERB jointly with a Department of Nations themes on industrial safety and occupational readit by ALFICE Johnly Wall a Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) unit to promote and motivate Safety and Occupational Health aspects in DAE. The themes for this year's three day Meet is "Safety in Mining and Milling Activity" and "Chronic Respiratory Diseases". This Meet is inaugurated by Shri S.S. Bajaj, Chairman, AERB. About 200 delegates from various DAE Units and DAE aided institutes participated in this Meet. Shri S. K. Shrivastava, Director (Technical), UCIL, Jaduguda welcomed the gathering. A Monograph on "Safety in Uranium & Thorium Mining & Milling and Chronic Respiratory Diseases was released by Shri R. Bhattacharya, Secretary, AERB followed by the briefing about the important milestones, significant achievements of the past Meets and highlights of this year's Meet. Shri D. Acharya, CMD, UCIL & Chairman, Steering Committee distributed prizes to winners of logo competitions conducted for the Meet and addressed the gathering. The AERB Environmental Protection Awards for the year 2012 were presented to the winners of DAE units, Heavy Water Plant (Kota), Bhartiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (BHAVINI), Kalpakkam and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. (ECIL), Hyderabad .These units have performed commendable work for the protection, sustainability and preservation of the environment. Shri Bajaj gave away the awards ,he also released the technical proceedings, commemorating the Meet and delivered the Inaugural Address. One of the major highlights of this year's Meet was that the Dr. S.S. Ramaswamy Memorial Endowment Lecture was delivered by Shri Rahul Guha, Dirctor General, Directorate General of Mines Safety, Dhanbad on "Present Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Scenario in Indian Mining Sector". Technical Exhibition on Nuclear Technology, Safety Appliances, Public Awareness & Safety and Regulatory aspects was organised during the Meet for the benefit of the participants and encourage interactions between industries and DAE units. Shri S.S. Bajaj, Chairman, AERB inaugurated the exhibition. About 13 exhibitors including AERB, AMD, BARC and other manufacturers/suppliers have put up their stalls.

The inaugural session and three technical sessions covering Safety in Mining & Milling aspects, Safety Regulation in Mining & Milling, Chronic Respiratory Diseases and other areas of interest were arranged. The talks / lectures in the sessions were delivered by renowned experts from DAE-as well non-DAE facilities. There are oral / poster presentations made by participants on various areas in Industrial Safety & Occupational Health. The Meet will be concluded by a Valedictory Session, where in prizes for winners of Poster, Cartoon and Slogan Competitions conducted amongst DAE Employees would be distributed.

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