

ONGC Bags a Rich Haul at the National Safety Awards

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Sending a resounding note across the industry about the enduring organizational commitment and assiduous practice of safety in its operations, ONGC ran up an impressive tally of 10 awards in the Oil Mines Category at the prestigious National Safety Awards (Mines) for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on November 21, 2012. Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, the Chief Guest on the occasion, handed away the prizes to the Safety Award winners.

CMD Mr. Sudhir Vasudeva, accompanied by ONGC Board Directors - Mr. K S Jamestin, Director-HR, Mr. P K Borthakur, Director-Offshore and Mr. A K Banerjee, Director-Finance, and Mr. K Satyanarayana, OSD (Onshore) were also present on the day to witness the felicitation of ONGC on its remarkable performance in the domain of operational safety.



Doing ONGC Proud: Award winning teams with CMD Mr. Sudhir Vasudeva and ONGC Board Directors

Delivering the Presidential Address, the Hon'ble President of India Mr. Pranab Mukherjee highlighted the significance of 'safety' in the any realm of industrial operations. He reckoned that the Safety Awards which, per se, is the recognition of 'safety' being an integral component of business and also an acknowledgement of the exemplary safety performances that have been displayed by organizations should help in fostering a better appreciation of the need for improved working conditions and the betterment of safety standards. He emphasized on the need for 'self-reliance' and 'self-regulation' by companies operating in the hazardous mining areas through voluntary initiatives and workers' participation. *"With the ever growing significance of mining in the country's energy environment and driving the core sectors of the economy is concerned we*

also are witnessing the extension of mining into more adverse terrains and as such there is hardly any room to harbor complacency", the President stated. Technology interventions and effective stakeholder engagement are, what he believes, the necessary tools for the mining industry as it negotiates its way through a business environment that is undergoing substantive changes with major focus on cleaner operations and greater energy efficiency.



The ONGC Team with its rich haul at the National Safety Awards

ED Chief HSE who represented ONGC in the National Safety Awards Committee coordinated with the Director General of Mines Safety (DGMS) for the prestigious awards. ONGC's imperious showing at the Awards, evidenced by its 10 awards out of a total 102, comes at the back of the organization's stringent and committed approach to the adoption and practice of safety in its work areas. Around 20 functional installations/ rigs of ONGC applied for these national safety awards for 2008, 2009, 2010 out of which 10 were selected as recipients in the Oil Mines category judged on their performance on two safety indices - Longest Accident Free Period (LAFP) in terms of man-shifts worked during three consecutive years ending with the contest year & Lowest Injury Frequency Rate (LIFR) during three consecutive years ending with the contest year.

Given below is the breakup of the ONGC Award winning units in the National Safety Awards for the 2008, 2009 & 2010:

- Krishna Godavari Production Mine (Runners Up on LAFP in 2008 & Winner on LIFR in 2010) and Drilling Mine (Winner on LIFR in 2008 & Winner on LAFP in 2009) of Rajahmundry Asset - 4 Awards
- Cauvery Production (Winner on LAFP in 2008 & Winner on LAFP in 2009) and Drilling Mine (Winner on LAFP in 2009) of Karaikal Asset - 3 Awards
- Production (Runners Up on LAFP in 2009) and Drilling Mine (Runners Up on LAFP in 2008) of Tripura Asset - 2 Awards

- Oil Project of Mehsana Asset (Runners Up on LIFR in 2009) - 1 Award

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