

## Team ONGC comes out on top in the Oil Industry Safety Awards

Oil Industry Safety Awards were instituted in 1987 by Oil Industry Safety Directorate (OISD) in order to inculcate competitiveness amongst oil companies to improve their safety performance. OISD evaluates the Safety performance of Oil & Gas industry members every year and the top performers are recognized through awards given away by the Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas. Safety performance of the competing organizations / installations is evaluated with the help of a criteria which takes into consideration, the total loss concept i.e. fatalities, fires, lost time, direct & indirect losses etc. and also the hazard potentials.



**CMD receives the best performer award in Onshore (Cauvery Asset) Oil & Gas Category**

The OISD Safety Awards ceremony to honor the winners for the years 2009 and 2010 was held at a glittering ceremony held at New Delhi on August 1, 2012. **ONGC, the flagship energy major walked away with a plethora of awards bagging five in different categories and one individual award.** The ceremony was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Mr. Jaipal Reddy, Hon'ble Minister of State, Mr. R.P.N Singh, Mr. G.C. Chaturvedi Secretary, MoPNG, Mr. L.N. Gupta Joint Secretary, Refineries, Mr. HIRAK DUTTA, Executive Director, OISD and Mr. S.L.Chakravorty Director, Process & Engg, OISD along with several other dignitaries.



**Best performer award (SH Platform) in Offshore Production Platform Category**

Mr. Sudhir Vasudeva CMD, ONGC received the awards on behalf of all ONGCians from the Hon'ble Ministers Mr. Jaipal Reddy and Mr. R.P.N Singh under the categories:

- Cauvery Asset as the Best Performer in Onshore Oil & Gas Asset category amongst All India E&P Operators for 2010-11
- SH Platform as the Best Performer in Offshore Production Platform - PSUs category for 2009-10
- Sagar Shakti as the Best Performer in Offshore Drilling Rig – PSUs category for 2009-10
- Rajamundry Asset as the most Consistent Safety Performer amongst Onshore Oil & Gas Asset for 2009-10
- MRPL as the Most Consistent Performer amongst Refineries for 2009-10





MRPL, the most Consistent Performer amongst Refineries

In the category of Individual contribution towards Safety, Mr. V K Goyal, Dy. SE (P), Neelam Complex won cash award for showing exceptional alacrity by alerting the pilot of a helicopter that the wheels were not opened and hence preventing a major disaster.



The award for Best Performer in Offshore Drilling Rig (Sagar Shakti)

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Jaipal Reddy said that “nothing is as important as safety” and also that “nothing is as difficult as safety”, especially in the hydrocarbon sector which has its own set of complexities. He further added that a safety culture is rather difficult to practice in a developing country as ours since other sectors may not be as developed and hence pose a much stiffer challenge. He praised OISD for continually keeping itself abreast of the latest and best safety practices across the globe and appealed to Heads of all PSUs to ensure that a safety culture is imbibed by all of them in letter and spirit.



**Rajahmundry Asset, most Consistent Safety Performer amongst Onshore Oil & Gas Assets**

Mr. R.P.N Singh in his address said that these recognitions for best practices in Safety set standards and should inspire all the stakeholders to improve the safety standards in their respective fields. While addressing the gathering, he said that the issue of safety is crucial and potentially more hazardous in Oil & Natural Gas sector as the extent of damage is humongous and hence urged the industry leaders to set safety benchmarks for the world to follow.

Mr. G.C Chaturvedi, Secretary MoPNG said that the presence of Hon'ble Ministers is a testament of the importance accorded to safety and the issue of safety of non-negotiable and the industry should aim for zero tolerance for accidents. He further added that almost 80 percent cases occur due to negligence and not following the standard procedures set by OISD and hence no doubt avoidable.

Addressing the audience, Mr. L.N. Gupta, Joint Secretary, Refineries purported that “Safety is not expensive, it is priceless”. He further added that although the overall accidents have come down in the last three years, there is still immense scope of improving by learning from the near-miss accidents and following the standard procedures more stringently.

Earlier, Mr. HIRAK DUTTA, Executive Director, OISD said that a 24X7 constant vigil is required for safety and that we need to build the safety culture in the industry. He urged the CEOs to build an appetite to share the bad news among everyone and that the whistle-blower must not be punished, but applauded.

Speaking after the awards ceremony, Mr Vasudeva said that as a responsive, proactive and prudent national oil company, ONGC accords the highest priority for HSE functions in its operations. The safety measures include both proactive and secondary to combat any unsafe situation and are systemic in nature. All operations are carried out after ensuring that two safety barriers are in place. These safety measures include in-built safety aspects during design phase, process safety, instrumentation & safety interlocks, emergency response, disaster management plans, etc. All these were done as per the international standards and in compliance with regulators requirement. He signed off by complimenting all ONGCians for these memorable achievements.