

PRESS RELEASE

The observance of Annual Safety Fortnight was initiated today at the Corporate Office with the hoisting of the Safety flag by CMD, MCL Sri S.R.Upadhyay, CMD MCL alongwith other Directors and employees of MCL Headquarters.

In his speech to the gathered audience, Sri Upadhyay stressed on the importance of avoiding the 3 basics of Complacency, Ignorance & Lag in taking decisions and stressed on induction of new technology to achieve Zero harm.

Similar sentiments were raised by Sri A.K.Tiwary, D.T.(Operations), MCL who said that an assessment of the potential areas of accidents have been analysed and efforts made to eliminate them by producing 100% Coal through Surface Miners thereby eliminating blasting which is a potential cause of Accidents. Another grey area was Coal transportation for which MCL is going in for Transportation through Conveyor Belts and SILO Loading. He also stressed on imparting training to the contractual workers and providing them with proper safety materials to achieve Zero Harm.

Sri S.C.Padhy, Director (Personnel), in his brief address emphasized on the importance of safety not only in the mines but also in our lives and re-iterated that budget would not be a constraint in the induction of new safety equipments.



Sri N.K.Pradhan, CVO, MCL said that new technology should be inducted in the mines after observing all company rules and regulations and that due care to be taken that it should be procured in reasonable time.

Sri J.Singh, CGM(Safety), MCL while welcoming all to the Safety Fortnight appreciated the efforts made by to better the fatal accident rate of 3 fatality in 2009 as compared to 4 in 2008 and hoped to further improve on it in the following year.He also informed of the formation of safety committees which would be inspecting all the mines of MCL to choose the best mine and invited everyone to the Concluding Day Function of the afety Fortnight at Belpahar Traing Institute, Lakhanpur on the 4th of January 2010.

Sri Mandal, Dy CME Safety, gave the vote of thanks and Sri R.K.tripathy spoke on behalf of the labour union.

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