

## Celebration of National Safety Day, 2022 at AERB

AERB celebrated the 51<sup>st</sup> National Safety Day on March 04, 2022 (Friday). Every year, 4<sup>th</sup> March is celebrated as National Safety Day to commemorate foundation of National Safety Council (NSC) of India in the year 1966. The theme for this year's National Safety Day-2022 was "NURTURE YOUNG MINDS DEVELOP SAFETY CULTURE".

The programme started with the opening remarks by Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB. In his address he highlighted importance of safety culture in operation of a facility. He pointed out that in DAE units, the major hazard is from radiation emanated from radioactive sources and its prolonged impact in comparison to chemical hazards. He expressed satisfaction over the better safety culture at DAE units reflecting from lesser number of accidents and national safety awards won by the units. He emphasized that the safety culture in DAE units should be strengthened further to realize the goal of zero accidents in future. Taking a cue from the theme for this year's National Safety Week, he suggested that more and more young employees should be trained and nurtured to develop and strengthen the safety culture of an organization. He stated that beyond organizational learning, individual training forms the foundation to build a systemic safety culture.



*Shri G. Nageswara Rao, Chairman, AERB delivering his address*

An invited talk by Shri Arun Kumar Das, General Manager (Health, Safety & Environment), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Mumbai Refinery was arranged on the topic "Safety management, Safety Culture and OISD Guidelines for Fire Safety".



*Shri Arun Kumar Das, GM (HSE), BPCL delivering Invited Talk*

Shri Arun Kumar Das, in his talk, elaborated various aspects of safety management system such as occupational health management, process safety management, environmental management and emergency preparedness. He explained the principle of “walk around and talk around the management”. He stated that one should carry out more field visits with attention to know the signals given by the systems about any abnormality in it. He explained the “Behaviour Based Safety” principle. He highlighted the new initiatives and the modifications taken at BPCL refineries which include installation of blast resistant modules (cabins) for operators, use of drones for field surveillance, installation of digital ELCB, application of underground cable locator machine, use of finger saver, suite for hydro jetting operation etc.



*Shri J Koley, Head, OPSD, AERB felicitating Shri Arun Kumar Das, GM (HSE), BPCL*

AERB employees participated the programme both physically while observing social distancing protocols and through video conferencing.



*Shri Sumit Awasthi, OPSD, AERB anchoring the programme*



*Dr Diptendu Das, OPD, AERB welcoming the invited speaker*

A safety inspection of AERB office premises i.e. Niyamak Bhavan - A & B and the construction site of Niyamak Bhavan - C was conducted by a team of AERB officials, for aspects such as workplace hazards, condition of building structures, cleanliness for safety etc.



*AERB Team inspecting the construction site of Niyamak Bhavan-C during safety inspection of AERB Office premises*

The programme was appreciated by the participants.