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28TH IISSM CONCLAVE 2018 on Security, Safety, Fire and Loss Prevention

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On 30 Nov 2018, curtains were drawn with the playing of National Anthem at the precincts of the Mankeshaw Centre, Delhi Cantonment. The grand finale of our annual event: IISSM Global Conclave on Security, Safety, Fire and Loss Prevention was concluded successfully 28th time in a row. A great achievement indeed!

The conclave was attended by professionals, academics, PSU representatives, bankers, security agencies, integrators, along-with various stakeholders from across the globe. This time also there were a good number of participants from abroad especially countries like, Australia, Singapore, Kenya, Spain South Africa, USA and Holland. This is an unique opportunity for all the participants related to this profession who get an opportunity to interact face to face and even one to one with the top hierarchy like MDs, CEOs, owners of security agencies, manufacturers, system integrators and the policy makers from various government departments. This event has another unique feather in its cap that every session is

preceded by the address of a minister from the central government to articulate the government's policies on the subject.

It all began on 28th Nov 2018 with the Board of Governors (BoG) meeting of IISSM, which delved into the management issues of the IISSM and reviewed the annual performance. It also discussed various policy matters for future development of the IISSM.

On 29th Nov 2018, the Conclave was inaugurated by Shri Suresh Prabhu Minister of Commerce & Industry and Minister of Civil Aviation. Mr. Suresh Prabhu appreciated the efforts of the IISSM in bringing the industry professionals together at such a platform where the issues related to the industry are discussed and necessary lessons are drawn for future operations. He also appreciated the role played by the Private Security Industry in safeguarding the nation's assets in which approximately 1 Cr security professionals are absorbed. This is not only provisioning Security but also harnessing jobs for many young adults. He stressed the need of

bringing loss prevention to the core of every business and appraised all with the policies being implemented by his ministry that will bring a sea change in security sector especially – aviation security. A Souvenir was also released to commemorate the event by the hon'ble minister.

Next Keynote speaker was Mr. Alphons Kannanthanam, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Tourism. He shared his views on the subject of safety and security and underlined the importance of such conclaves. He emphasized the need of collaboration between the government and the private sector industry. He gave his vision to make India a tourist destination which is Safe and accordingly project it to the world to attract large number of foreign tourists. He articulated the need to showcase to the world about our heritage and culture. He too appreciated the efforts of the IISSM for striving towards the cause of Security, Safety and Fire and loss prevention for last 28 years.

Mr Jayant Sinha, MoS Civil Aviation articulated

a thought provoking and inspiring idea of making Airline travel through DigiYatra. He also appraised the participants of the latest technology being used in aviation sector which will usher in the new era.

There were other ministers who addressed the conclave viz. Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar, Minister of Labour & Employment, Shri Giriraj Singh, MoS MSME, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Science & Technology, Environment, Forests & Climate Change.

Smt Aruna Sundararajan, IAS, Chairperson, Telecom Commission and Secretary, Dept of Telecommunications, Govt. of India, also addressed the gathering and gave out her vision of India and the telecom Industry and brought out needs of the Security in the Cyber domain.

In another Keynote address, Sri Vikram Singh, IPS (Retd), former DG Police (UP) and Pro-Chancellor of Noida International University enthralled the audience with his in depth knowledge and experience of Policing Challenges in the (future) Smart Cities. He elaborated on threats that will be emanating from the Cyber domain for the Smart Cities, needs to be addressed with the high-end use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML), which is developing at a fast pace and gave details of certain ground breaking developments that have taken place in the field of security .

Panel Discussions

The IISSM conclaves are well known and carry a reputation of bringing the best minds in

the industry to express their views. The organizers make sure that the panel discussions where the policy makers, innovators, and experts from various domains share their views are of very high standard. The audience gets to hear the technological innovations, plans and process that is yet to unfold and become an integral part of their life in 3 to 5 years down the line. This year too there were five panel discussions as under:

Panel Discussion-I: HSSE – Sustainable Growth and Development in Healthcare, Hospitality and Retail

Panel Discussion-II: Social Media and Data Privacy - Opportunities and Threats in a Cyber Environment

Panel Discussion-III Challenges and Opportunities in Corporate Security & Property Conservation Programmes

Panel Discussion - IV : Security, Safety, Vigilance and Responses in a Smart City

Panel Discussion - V : Road Safety – An Operational Risk and Collaborative Solutions

IISSM Security and Safety Excellence awards 2018

The IISSM Security and Safety Excellence Awards 2018, which is considered to be most prestigious Award in the Security sector were awarded to those organizations that have set an example in their respective domains. There was individual excellence awards too for those who think out of the box thus contributing a great deal to the society. The awards were given by various ministers namely Mr Suresh Prabhu, Mr K.J. Alphons, Mr Santosh Gangawar, Mr Jayant Sinha, Mr Giriraj Singh, and Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

Special Awards

Apart from these Awards,

there were special awards for professionals whose contributions have been remarkable in spreading the brand IISSM in various parts of the world.

Fellowship of the IISSM

Dr. Harsh Vardhan presented the Fellowship Awards who have been conferred with the Fellowship of the IISSM in appreciation and recognition of their contribution for enhancing the standards and ethical practices in the profession of Security and Safety.

Valedictory Address was delivered by Dr Mahesh Sharma, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Culture in the twilight hours of the Conclave. Mr. Sharma stressed upon the need to have frequent debate and deliberations on these topics. As an individual, he was an entrepreneur and knew it well the value of security and safety in any business. Being the minister of Culture, he emphasized the need of efforts to preserve the national heritage sites and monuments.

Conclusion

The conclave was concluded with a vote of thanks by the DG, IISSM. The participants dispersed to their places with an enriched experience and looked forward to attending the next IISSM conclave in 2019 which is likely to be held in Bangalore in the month of November 2019. It is a matter of great pride for each one of the team IISSM for having successfully conducted the Conclave and added a page in its historical journey. The successful culmination of the event shows professionalism of the team and vision of the leadership and dedication towards the cause of Security and Safety.

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Reader,

Greetings to you all!

Since last two weeks India has been waiting, praying for 15 Miners who have been trapped inside a Rat-hole Coal Mine at Ksan in Meghalaya. Families of these trapped miners and the people across India are waiting to hear the good news. There have been questions and scathing attacks from all quarters against the administration for the supposed (?) failure to rescue the Miners. We need to analyse and understand that how this accident has happened or what should be done to extricate the trapped miners and may be even take a stock as to how to avoid such accidents in future? It has been reported that on 13 December, an unscrupulous mine –owner sent 18 -22 miners 350 meters down the rat-hole mine (Incidentally banned by the National Green Tribunal-NGT) at Ksan under the river bed of the River Lytein. Soon after 8 am, the mine started flooding and unconfirmed reports say that there were efforts to drain the water out of the mine by pumping but to no avail. Same day NDRF was requested to help and they dispatched a team of 71 next day but unfortunately they never had any prior experience of handling this kind of emergency, being very rare kind of calamity! Since then, efforts are on to flush the water out and bring in experienced people to help in rescuing the miners but despite best efforts of the locals, NDRF people, Navy and Air Force, we are yet to receive any news about their location or well being. Time is running out and luck may not be in our favour like those Thai football team boys who were rescued after over two weeks inside a cave which was flooded. The moot question remains, how can we ensure the Safety of miners who work under dangerous conditions? Threats are many like caving in of the mine, flooding, fire, toxic gas release and so on. So, Mine Safety is an issue that needs to be addressed and we would like to contribute meaningfully towards the cause of Security and safety of Miners.

The world experienced the nature's fury which struck Indonesia in the form of Tsunami wherein 430 people have died and more than 150 reportedly missing. The loss to the life and property has been very high. There have been alerts for repeat of the tsunami and thus large number of people have been evacuated. It will be a while for normal day to day life to be resumed in the affected areas. We at the IISSM have been training people on the subject 'Disaster Management and Business Continuity' wherein these experiences are discussed for drawing better lessons.

Back home, the North Indian states are experiencing serious cold wave attacks and Delhi and some of the areas of Rajasthan, Haryana are competing with the cities like Srinagar, Shimla, Musourie, Nainital and Pithoragarh etc. Though snowing is a common phenomenon in these hill stations but this time it has been very severe and thus northern plains are shivering. Room Heaters sales have gone up in the market but one must ensure the Fire and Electrical Safety while using them judiciously.

The world and the humanity celebrated the Christmas and Week-long holiday before resuming to their day to day lives after the New year bash. At the end, I wish all the readers a Very Happy New Year 2019.

Thanks and Best Regards,
Col (Dr.) MP Sen

News from the IISSM

New Initiative: We have started a new post titled " Security Concern for the Day" through 'IISSM' and 'IISSM Working People's' in 'What'sApp' along-with other social media platforms like LinkedIn and Twitter. We pick up one of the most relevant and important news story in terms of Security and Safety of life, property or information from the Daily News Papers and post it. This is aimed to enhance general awareness and sensitise the environment with respect Security and Safety Management in their day to day lives. It is heartening to note that people have started responding to the posts and appreciate our efforts.