

NATIONAL SAFETY WEEK 2018 at IISWBM

National safety week is being celebrated at IISWBM for the first time since its inception in 1953 as an initiative of the Director-Prof (Dr) Soma Bandyopadhyay. The highlight of the celebration has been spreading general awareness amongst the employees, students as well as visitors to the Institute about the importance of safety and how it is everyone's responsibility to maintain safety at workplaces, homes and also in public places.

A program was held on March 7, 2018 in the Assembly Hall of the Institute to focus on the aspects of Safety, Health and Environment as the contributors to sustainability.

The Welcome address was delivered by the Respected Director of the Institute- Prof (Dr) Soma Bandyopadhyay to a packed audience comprising of students, staff, officers, faculty members and guests of the Institute. In her speech, she highlighted the safety measures-facilities; mock drills etc that are regularly undertaken at IISWBM to keep safety as a priority at the Institute. Further she also announced a 'Poster and Slogan' competition for all students of the Institute on messages related to safety, which will be subsequently judged and sent to various Government organisations for use.

The Guests of Honour on the day were Shri Amalendu Banerjee - former Dy. Director, West Bengal Fire and Emergency Services, Government of West Bengal and Prof Sekhar Dey (F.I.M.I Fire E (UK), an internationally acclaimed fire expert.

Shri Banerjee spoke on the problems that he had encountered in the various instances of fire that he had experienced, either as a fighter or as an expert or as a consultant or as an investigator and his discourse shook up the audience quite a bit.

Prof Dey presented a brilliant slide show, which was very informative and filled with videos that enabled the audience to learn and understand many aspects of fire prevention-protection-control and safety measures.

The Chief Guest at the function was Dr B.K Sikdar, Jt Chief Inspector of Factories(Medical), Government of West Bengal .In his keynote address , Dr Sikdar spoke of the genesis of the Factories Act and how Dr Radhakrishnan the first President of the country had conceptualized Industrial safety as a concern. He highlighted the concept of MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) and spoke of various occupational diseases as per the Factories Act of 1948.

The program ended with a vote of thanks from the former dean of the Institute- Dr K.M Agrawal and it was conducted by the Head of the department of Fire Safety Management – Dr Sarbani Mitra.

