



## **Tata BlueScope Steel conducts Kawach Pro-Certification training for workers at Tata Steel Meramandali**

- **First-of-its kind safety workshop for steel construction industry**
- **This training module for roofers and structural riggers designed in association with CIDC, NITI Aayog, Government of India**
- **Training imparted to 50 construction workers on critical equipment handling and working at height with best safety practices**

**Dhenkanal, Odisha - 24<sup>th</sup> August:** To drive a positive change and encourage best safety practices within the steel construction industry, Tata BlueScope Steel successfully conducted unique certified roofers and structural riggers program under the aegis of '**Kawach Pro-Certification Workshop**' at Tata Steel Meramandali (TSM), located in Dhenkanal district of Odisha.

This initiative, developed in collaboration with CIDC (Construction Industry Development Council), has been accepted and approved by more than 180 Government Departments. Its main objective is to address the shortage of professionally trained structural riggers and roofers and augment the pool of skilled workers in the country. The two-day workshop is a blend of both theoretical and practical learnings imparted by trained experts. The training imparted to 50 construction workers on critical equipment handling and working at height with best safety practices.

Sharing his thought while conceptualizing this program, **Anoop Kumar Trivedi, Managing Director, Tata BlueScope Steel** said, "Construction workers needed a platform to ensure they get the right training and know-how to become better professionals. **Kawach Pro-Certification** is one step towards empowering them to earn professional credentials, thus elevating the entire construction industry with world-class safety practices while demonstrating our commitment for quality."

Speaking during the training session, **Subodh Pandey, Vice President, Operations, Tata Steel Meramandali** said, 'This is a much-awaited step towards changing the mindset and culture in building and construction space to train the workforce with proper skillset. This initiative reflects our philosophy of uplifting stakeholders in the last mile of our value chain to the next level of safety. I am happy that Tata BlueScope Steel has partnered with CIDC to usher in the transformation.'

Kawach Pro-Certification training modules are curated by top industry professionals which includes Training on Safe Construction Practices, Working at Heights and Critical handling, Mobile equipment operating techniques and risk management and Certification post assessment.

“Safety is our number one priority. Kawach Pro-Certification will open up a whole new world of opportunities who seek an edge for their construction services.” Said Ajay Rattan Associate VP - Corporate Services, Tata BlueScope Steel who was also present at the occasion.

### **About Tata BlueScope Steel**

Tata BlueScope Steel is an equal joint venture between Tata Steel and BlueScope Steel in the field of coated steel, steel building solutions and related building products. The Company operates in the Asia Pacific region. Tata BlueScope Steel maintains high standards in the area of Safety, Health and Environment and has been certified by SGS, for ISO 9001, ISO 14001 & ISO 45001 certifications. Tata BlueScope Steel’s core values are Safety, Trust, Human Dignity and Excellence. The company consistently works towards “*Creating Your New World in Steel!*”

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Few Glimpses of the Occasion:



Mr. Subodh Pandey – VP Operations Tata Steel

Addressing the workers during the felicitation

Program



While certifying the workforce after completion of their 2-day workshop



The First Batch of 35+ batch of Kawach Pro-Certified Taskforce at Tata Steel