

POSITION: Assistant General Manager – QHSE
ORGANISATION: Great Eastern Energy Corporation Ltd
INDUSTRY/SECTOR: Oil and gas
SOCIAL:



Member Profile:

Amitabh Bhattacharya

In this interview, Amitabh Bhattacharya highlights his career to date, the reasons why he became a risk and safety management professional and how joining IIRSM can help you build and strengthen your skills, and support professional development

Tell us about your background, your current role and IIRSM membership grade

I am an occupational health, safety and environment (HSE) professional with 13 years' experience in different industries, including oil and gas, chemicals, construction and waste management.

I currently work as an HSE Consultant for Cairn Oil and Gas and oversee a sustainable HSE management system for drilling and civil operations in India. My role also includes environmental compliance and liaising with government bodies in relation to Cairn's ongoing operations.

I have been an IIRSM member since September 2020 and also currently hold the position of Vice Chair for the East India region.

What prompted you to become a risk and safety management professional?

My interest in joining the profession came about while I was pursuing my Master's. Industrial training was one part of the course and I was

exposed to complex machines, tools and strategies, and how they all align on a large-scale. I was fascinated by the controls and processes that are involved and how important they are in enabling such complex systems to work safely and efficiently. That's when I enrolled on a separate industrial safety course so that I could better understand relevant working methods.

Tell us about why you joined IIRSM and how it has helped you

I have been active in the HSE space for many years and felt that IIRSM offered the right platform for me. Membership offers important industry insights and regular updates.

IIRSM has helped to broaden my knowledge, skills and understanding so I can manage different risks. It has also helped me to connect with like-minded professionals, enabling us to learn and grow together.

I find the monthly newsletters and the Sentinel Magazine useful in better understanding risks and risk and safety management across different

countries. These resources have broadened my horizon and enabled me to dig deeper.

How can IIRSM membership help risk and safety management professionals?

IIRSM operates on a global level and this unique platform offers multiple benefits. Membership gives you great exposure to other risk and safety management professionals in a supportive environment. Having access to a close-knit group of like-minded individuals provides a rich knowledge base to draw on and an important forum in which to contribute ideas and gain important industrial insights from others.

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