

Profile of Shri Shekar Saran

Shri Shekhar Saran is the Chairman of the Board of Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited, one of the largest Coal and Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Company across the country. Shri Saran is widely recognized for his path breaking and visionary contributions to the industry as Mechanized Mine Developer and transformed the landscape of the Mines by setting new standards in production and productivity.

He joined CMPDIL as Director (Technical) in June, 2013 and looked after Coal Resource Development and then Planning & Design till December, 2015. On 1st January, 2016, he took over as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of CMPDIL.

Shri Saran graduated from 1981 batch from the Deptt. Of Mining Engineering, Institute of technology, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), now IIT (BHU). Being the topper of his batch he is the recipient of BHU Gold Medal as well as Robertson Medal from MGMI. Subsequently, during 2013-15, he has added to his credit Post-Graduate Programme in Management for Executives (PGEXP) from IIM, Ranchi.

Prior to joining CMPDIL, he worked at Sohagpur, Hasdeo and Bistrampur areas of SECL as JET to Sub area Manager, at Kunustoria, Satgram and Sodepur areas of ECL as Agent to CGM and lastly as CGM (P&P) at Eastern Coalfields Limited, Headquarter. He is having a rich experience of managing large opencast & underground Mines in different subsidiary companies. While working at SECL, he converted many manual UG mines into mechanized mines with introduction of roof bolting/ steel support. He presented number of technical papers in different seminars/ workshops. He had also been a rescue trained member for more than 26 years and had attended a number of rescue and recovery operations in underground mines.

He has visited a number of foreign countries like U.K, Germany, France, Netherlands, USA, Canada and Switzerland etc. He is an NCC Certificate holder & a good sportsman. He is widely credited with conceptualizing a unique and innovative

techniques in Coal Mining Production. He has been a firm believer in corporate life and its superiority in the development of human resources. He is interested in Coal India Limited to the extent that he attends the Meeting of the Board of Director of Coal India Limited as a Permanent Invitee.

He is Chairman-cum-Managing Director, CMPDI w.e.f. 01.01.2016.
