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# VOLVO TRUCKS CONDUCTS FUEL WATCH 2014

Good driving delivers good fuel efficiency



VOLVO TRUCKS INDIA recently conducted Fuel Watch 2014, a competition for fleet customers highlighting the importance of good driving practices to improve fuel efficiency and reduce costs. The fifth instalment of the annual event was conducted on June 12 and 13 at a coal mining site in Manuguru, near Kothagudem in Telangana. After the preliminary selection, a group of 24 truck drivers were taken to the site and allowed to drive the Volvo FMX truck with a manual

transmission on a 3.3-kilometre track. The participants drove four laps of which two had them lugging full loads. R Satyanarayana of BGR Mining & Infra won the competition and managed 18 per cent better fuel efficiency compared to the driver in last place. He was followed by J Sampath Raju of SV Engineering Constructions and Sudharshan Dhal of Montecarlo Limited. The winners were declared by examining fuel consumption, use of the engine and

transmission, time taken for the run and accuracy in following the rules along with their attitude towards safety norms.

The trucks had an electronic management system that records trip data and fuel consumption. The process was closely monitored with and information was recorded without human intervention to aid accuracy. The competition was held under the supervision of the Volvo Driver Training Centre which has trained over 50,000 drivers so far. The winner of Fuel Watch 2014 will now compete in the Asia Fuel Watch competition. ✕

