

NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE DAY OBSERVED

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National Fire Service Day was observed by the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) in their premises at St. Inez today. The theme for this year was 'Fire Loss is National Loss-Let us adopt Fire Safety Measures'. Chief Secretary (CS) Shri. Dharmendra Sharma, IAS, was the Chief Guest for the function. Chairman of EDC Shri Sidharth Kuncalienker, Mayor of Corporation of City of Panaji (CCP) Shri. Vithal Dayanand Chopdekar, Director of DFES Shri. Ashok Menon were present on the occasion.

The program began with Shri. Sharma, placing the wreath on the Fire Fighter's Memorial, inspected the Ceremonial parade and received the Guard of Honour. Shri. Ashok Menon gave the welcome address.

In his address the CS mentioned that the Fire Service Day is observed to pay homage to the Martyrs who have sacrificed their lives during the course of duty to ensure the safety and well being of the community. "In the changed circumstances and sustained economic and industrial growth activities, the fire service department plays a key role in ensuring the safety of the people. However, to cope up with rapid urban emergencies, use of latest technologies and techniques is also equally important," he added.

He later honoured Fire Fighters for their commendable contribution towards work and gave prizes to the winners of Poster Drawing Competition which was organized by the department.

The function was followed by live firefighting, search and rescue demonstration and exhibition.