The 32nd Annual Inspection Day Parade of the Directorate of Fire and Emergency Services was held at the Goa State Fire Force Training Ground at St Inez, Panaji, today. Principal Secretary, Shri Puneet Goel, I.A.S., was the Chief Guest for the function. Special Secretary, Home, Shri. Ravi Jha, IAS, and Additional Secretary, Home, Shri. Amarsen Rane also graced the occasion.

While speaking on the occasion, Shri Goel said that the Government is making necessary efforts to bridge the gap in Fire Station coverage, manpower and equipment. Shri Goel said that is heartening to note that the Department has been making serious efforts to spread Fire Safety and Disaster Preparedness Awareness among educational institutions and community volunteers at village Panchayat level. He said that this needs to be further given momentum to ensure that awareness reaches the remotest areas of Goa.

Shri Goel added that the Government is earnestly supporting the procurement of sophisticated equipment for Firefighting and life rescue in high rise buildings and also for handling major disasters. He said that the Government will back efforts of the Department’s in overcoming infrastructure deficiency in terms of building and sophisticated equipment.

Director of Fire and Emergency Services, Shri Ashok Menon, in his welcome address apprised the dignitaries regarding the various activities carried out by the department in the field of Fire Fighting, Fire Prevention, Fire Protection and Training in the State of Goa. He informed that the construction of Redesigning of the Fire Force Headquarters and additional construction of Administrative and Training block, fire station buildings at Valpoi and Bicholim are being executed through the Goa State Infrastructure Development Corporation. He also informed that the structurally weak Fire Station Building at Vasco has been demolished and Tender process for new building has been started by the Public Works Department.

Certificates and Trophies were handed over to the winners of the Drill Competition and Winners of Annual sports Meet. The best turns out
Fire Personnel from various Ranks were selected for the Best Turn out Awards.


An exhibition of Fire Drill event was also held on the occasion. Assistant Divisional Officer, North Zone, Shri Ajit Kamat compered the program.

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