

PRESS RELEASE

Bharat Safety Yatra & Safe India Hero Plus Awards 2025 Successfully Concluded in Goa

Goa, April 1, 2025 – The Bharat Safety Yatra - Goa Edition and Safe India Hero Plus Awards witnessed a resounding success at the prestigious Hotel Grand Hyatt, Bambolim, Goa, bringing together over 500 delegates and visitors from leading industries and hotel chains. The event, organized by Fire & Safety Magazine, was held in collaboration with the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Goa, and served as a grand platform to honour the dedication and heroism of fire safety professionals.

A Power-Packed Celebration of Safety & Excellence:

- The event featured insightful sessions from esteemed industry leaders, including:
- Shri Nitin V. Raiker, Director, Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Goa
- Mrs. Padmaja Chauhan (IPS), Additional Director General, Fire Services, Uttar Pradesh
- Shri R.C. Sharma, Former Director, Delhi Fire Service
- Shri Maheshwar Swain, Former Chief Fire Officer, Odisha
- Shri Arvind Mandke, Ex-Chief Fire Officer, CIDCO
- Dr. Deepak Ghosh, Dy. Chief Fire Officer, Mumbai Fire Brigade

Key discussions focused on Fire Safety Protocols for High-Risk Units, Emergency Response in Hazardous Environments, Electrical & EV Safety, Fire Risk Assessment, Smoke Management Techniques, and the Importance of Fire Audits in Industrial Occupancies.

Nitin Raiker, Director, Fire & Emergency Services, delivered an insightful presentation on **“Industrial Fire Safety in High-Risk/Hazardous Units”** at the event. Mr. Raiker emphasized the **critical role of fire safety protocols, risk assessment, and advanced firefighting strategies** in hazardous industrial environments. He highlighted the need for **strict adherence to fire prevention measures, modernized emergency response systems, and continuous training for personnel** to mitigate risks in high-hazard units such as chemical plants, refineries, and heavy manufacturing facilities.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Raiker stated, *“Industrial safety is not just a regulatory requirement but a collective responsibility. Effective fire prevention and emergency preparedness can save lives and protect assets. It is imperative for industries to invest in fire safety infrastructure, conduct regular audits, and train their workforce in emergency response.”*

Mr. Raiker's session was highly appreciated for its **practical insights and industry-specific safety strategies**, reinforcing the importance of **proactive fire safety management** in hazardous industrial operations.

Honouring the Guardians of Fire Safety:

A major highlight of the ceremony was the felicitation of 51 firemen and fire officers, both serving and retired, for their exemplary bravery and heroism. Additionally, seven leading hotels and eight industrial plants were recognized for their outstanding contributions to fire safety management.

Although Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, was unable to attend due to unavoidable circumstances, he extended his best wishes and felicitated Mrs. Padmaja Chauhan (IPS) and Team UP Fire Services for their exemplary service during the Maha Kumbh. He also honoured Mr. Nitin Raiker, Director, Goa Fire & Emergency Services, for his pivotal role in successfully organizing the Safe India Hero Plus Awards 2025.

A Milestone for Fire & Safety Awareness:

The Bharat Safety Yatra - Goa Edition served as a crucial platform for fostering fire safety awareness, industry collaboration, and knowledge sharing among top fire and safety professionals from across the country. The event's grand success reinforced the mission of Zero Accidents and underscored the need for continuous advancements in fire prevention, risk assessment, and emergency response.



