

## **NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE DAY – APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

### **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: APRIL 14<sup>th</sup> to APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Goa, is observing National Fire Service Day on April 14, 2025, followed by the Fire Prevention Week from April 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025. This annual observance serves as a solemn occasion to pay tribute to the brave firefighters who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. It also aims to spread awareness about fire safety measures and preventive steps to mitigate fire hazards in homes, workplaces, and public spaces.

#### **Significance of National Fire Service Day**

National Fire Service Day is observed every year on April 14 to commemorate the heroic fire fighters who lost their lives during the tragic Bombay Dock Explosion of 1944. This day stands as a reminder of the immense courage and dedication of fire personnel who risk their lives to safeguard the public from fire and related emergencies. It also emphasizes the importance of fire prevention, preparedness, and response to minimize fire-related risks.

In line with the theme for this year's observance "*Unite to Ignite, a fire safe India,*" the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Goa, has planned a series of activities to engage and educate the public on fire safety practices. Various interactive and educational events will be conducted across the state to instil a culture of fire safety and preparedness among citizens.

#### **Planned Activities During Fire Prevention Week (April 14-20, 2025)**

##### **1. Poster Competition for School Children – April 5, 2025**

A poster competition will be organized for students in two categories:

- **Group I: 7 to 10 years:** *Flames of Harmony & Destruction.*
- **Group II: 11 to 14 years:** *Be Fire Safety Champion, Protect, Prevent and Prepare.*

This initiative aims to encourage young minds to express their understanding of fire safety creatively. Through art, students will depict the importance of fire prevention, emergency response, and safety measures.

##### **2. Fire Safety Awareness Campaign via Electronic Media – April 14-20, 2025**

To maximize outreach, an awareness campaign will be conducted through electronic media, including television, radio, and social media platforms. The campaign will highlight essential fire safety tips, emergency response techniques, and real-life success stories of fire prevention.

##### **3. Fire Fighting, Evacuation Drills, Lectures, and Demonstrations – April 14-20, 2025**

Fire drills, demonstrations, and lectures will be conducted at various locations, including Panchayats, Municipalities, Industries, and Schools. These activities will provide practical training to individuals, making them aware of safe evacuation procedures, fire extinguisher usage, and basic firefighting techniques.

#### **4. Paying Homage to Fire Service Martyrs – April 14, 2025**

A solemn ceremony will be held to honour the sacrifices of fallen fire fighters. This tribute will include a ceremonial parade, wreath-laying, and a moment of silence. Citizens will also have the opportunity to witness live fire and life safety demonstrations, showcasing firefighting tactics and rescue operations.

#### **5. All Goa Quiz Competition – April 16, 2025**

An All-Goa Quiz Competition will be organized for high school students in association with Nestle (India) Ltd. This competition aims to test and enhance students' knowledge of fire safety, first aid, and emergency preparedness, fostering a proactive approach to fire prevention.

#### **6. Blood Donation Camp – April 19, 2025**

A Blood Donation Camp will be conducted to support healthcare facilities and emergency medical services. This noble initiative encourages citizens to contribute to saving lives, reinforcing the spirit of selflessness and community service.

#### **7. 'Goa Fire Run 2025' – April 20, 2025**

The week will conclude with the 'Goa Fire Run 2025', a marathon organized in association with the Rotary Club of Porvorim, to pay homage to firemen martyrs. This event will unite citizens, fire service personnel, and fitness enthusiasts in a tribute to the bravery of fire fighters while promoting physical fitness and community engagement.

#### **Public Participation and Awareness**

The Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services urges all citizens, students, and institutions to participate actively in these events. Public cooperation in adopting fire safety practices can significantly reduce fire incidents and save lives.

Fire safety is a collective responsibility, and awareness is the first step toward preventing disasters. By participating in Fire Prevention Week, citizens can equip themselves with life-saving knowledge and contribute to a safer and more fire-resilient Goa.

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Let us work together to create a fire-safe Goa. Your safety is our priority!

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