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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence & Home Guards
(Fire Cell)

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Dated the 15th February, 2022

To
The Chief Secretary, all States/UTs.

Subject: Observance of Fire Service Week Commencing from 14th April, 2022.

Sir,

The Fire Service Week is observed from 14th April to 20th April, every year throughout the country for fire safety awareness among the public in order to minimize the losses owing to fire.


2. As per the recommendation of the Standing Fire Advisory Council (SFAC), which is an apex body constituted by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, the Fire Prevention Week/Fire Service Week has been observed since 1956. SFAC in its eleventh meeting which was held in the year, 1965, recommended to observe 14th April as "Fire Service Day" to commemorate the memory of the brave firemen who lost their lives during the Dock explosion at Mumbai on 14th April, 1944. Since then, 14th April to 20th April is observed as "Fire Service Week", and 14th April as "Fire Service Day" to pay homage to those brave firefighters who scarified their lives while discharging their duties.

3. The theme for this year's Fire Service Week is " Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity" "अग्नि सुरक्षा सिखें, उत्पादकता बढ़ाएँ". A broad list of programmes to be conducted during the week has been annexed herewith. However, the Head of Fire Service in your state may add other appropriate programmes to this list.

4. It is requested to direct all concerned to observe the Fire Service Week 2022 in a meaningful manner so that fire safety awareness could be spread among the public as much as possible. Head of the Fire Service should be asked to send a brief report on the measures taken to this Ministry.

Encl : a/a

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to: -

1. The Heads of the Fire Services, all States/UTs.
2. Central Ministries/Departments of Government of India (As per List).
3. National Safety Council, Mumbai
4. DG, CISF, CGO Complex, New Delhi
5. Director, NFSC, Nagpur.

**Guidelines/Instructions for the Observance of Fire Service Week Commencing from
14th April, 2022.**

1. **THEME FOR PUBLICITY**

“Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity”

“अग्नि सुरक्षा सिखें, उत्पादकता बढ़ाएँ”

Various publicity media mentioned in the succeeding paragraphs may please be made use of as effectively and promptly, so as to ensure that the publicity campaign generates the maximum public impact.

2. **HOMAGE TO MARTYRS**

It has been decided in the DGPs and IGPs conference, 2015 that the Fire Service Organizations must organize the functions on Martyrs' Day each year at the local schools where the martyr had studied to pay homage to them, so as to inspire the younger generations. Students from schools/colleges should also speak on the life history and valour of the martyr during the occasion. It is therefore, necessary that the details of the martyr be found out for paying him due homage. The family members/relatives of the martyrs may also be invited, and function should be organized in a befitting manner on the martyrs' day.

3. **OBSERVANCE OF COMMEMORATION DAY – ON 14TH APRIL 2022**

As a part of the observance of the Fire Service Week, in accordance with recommendations of the Standing Fire Advisory Council, Commemoration Day Parades may also be held on 14th April, and Wreaths should be laid at Martyrs' columns.

4. **FIRE SERVICES: PIN FLAGS**

As usual, Fire Service Day Pin Flags may be arranged locally and sold to the public on 14th April. The collections may be credited to the benevolent funds for the welfare of Fire Service Personnel and families of deceased members of the fire services. The Benevolent Fund has to be operated as per the directions issued by the concerned administrative authorities.

5. **FIRE & EVACUATION DRILL**

During the DGPs and IGPs conference 2019, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has directed that All States/UTs should conduct ten events, including anti-terrorist, firefighting and railway protection drills every year in full uniform. This should be given maximum publicity through different means, including circulating videos on social media and also organize Fire and Evacuation Drills frequently in schools, colleges, malls, hospitals and other occupancies. A team should be appointed in each district to carry out the Fire & Evacuation Drill frequently in schools, colleges, etc.

6. **FIT INDIA MOVEMENT**

Fit India Movement was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister with an aim to take the nation on a path of fitness and wellness. It encourages people to include physical activities and sports in their day-to-day lives. As part of the movement, individuals and organizations can undertake various efforts for their own health and well-being as well as for the health and well-being of fellow Indians. Parade, Yoga, Drill, Cyclothon, Marathon, etc., should be organized in schools, colleges and other institutions, and also for the fire personnel to make the Fit India Movement a great success in addition to spread fire safety awareness measures.

7. **KHELO INDIA**

The Khelo India programme has been introduced to revive the sports culture in India at the grass root level by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and establish India as a great sporting nation. Staff and officers of the organization and also the general public should be encouraged to participate in various sports which is an important component for the overall development of our nation.

8. **PUBLICITY THROUGH NEWSPAPERS, PRINTED AND ELECTRONIC MATERIALS**

Directorate General Fire Service, Civil Defence and Home Guards, Fire Cell, Ministry of Home Affairs has supplied print and electronic mass awareness materials from time to time, which may be utilized as per your requirement to give wide publicity on fire safety.

9. **LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS**

Lectures, workshops and presentations including demonstrations on fire prevention and fire protection may be organized by the Fire Service personnel at public places. Fire Prevention hand-outs may be distributed to the members of the public during these functions. Film shows may also be organized as a part of this publicity campaign. All India Radio FM Channels, Doordarshan & other TV Channels (Regional channels) should be requested to broadcast fire safety related audio material so that the campaign remains impactful. Local Fire Chiefs may keep close liaison with the local All India Radio Stations. In addition, discussions on common fire hazards in industries, commercial and office complexes, schools, hospitals as well as in residential premises, and appropriate fire prevention measures for these premises may be arranged for broadcast/telecast through local radio/T.V. stations.

10. **ESSAY/POSTER COMPETITIONS**

Essay/Poster competitions may be organized in educational/training institutions on selected theme relating to fire prevention and fire safety, and prize-winning entries should be awarded suitable prize on 20th April 2022. Outstanding prize winning entries may be forwarded to this Ministry.

11. USE OF TELEVISION

Doordarshan Kendras in the country should be requested to arrange telecasting of suitable feature films/video spots on fire prevention/fire safety during Fire Service Week or on succeeding/preceding days. The local Fire Chiefs may get in touch with the local T.V. authorities for making suitable arrangements.

12. SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FIRE SAFETY IN MULTI STOREYED BUILDING, HOSPITALS AND MAJOR INDUSTRIES

With a view to inculcate a sense of fire safety in the minds of all concerned and also to minimize losses due to fire out-breaks in high rise buildings in urban areas, hospitals and in industries, it is suggested that a special programme may be initiated during the Fire Service Week for survey of fire protection measures taken in these occupancies under your jurisdiction and expert advice be rendered on the measures required to be taken for ensuring adequate safety of the people.

13. Appropriate action may please be taken to ensure that the Week is observed in a suitable manner so that this year's 'theme' for publicity “ **Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity**” “अग्नि सुरक्षा सिखें, उत्पादकता बढ़ाएँ ” is brought home to the public to the fullest extent possible.

14. All instructions of the Government of India/ State Governments/UT Administrations with regard to containing the spread of COVID-19 be strictly adhered during the Observance of Fire Service Week.

15. Heads of the Fire Service should send a brief report on the measures taken to this Ministry.
