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In recent years, the requirements for fire safety cover have increased manifold in the State. Due to the extensive use of hazardous materials and the construction of larger and taller buildings, the fire risks in urban areas have multiplied. Moreover, vast quantities of hazardous commodities are daily moved by different modes of transport all across the State posing complicated fire rescue problems. The fire service now responds to hazardous material incidents, advanced emergency medical situations, high-angle rescue, confined space rescue incidents, trench and collapse operations, underwater rescue, and more. In the immediate aftermath of any disaster coordinated search and rescue efforts are critical to saving lives and property.

ACTIVITIES



Fulfilling its commitment to ensure the safety of the people, Punjab government has upgraded fire fighting services in the state as Local government Minister Dr. Inderbir Singh Nijjar flagged off fire tenders and send other life saving equipments to the districts. Dr. Nijjar said that these new fire fighting vehicles and other fire fighting equipment such as multipurpose fire tenders, mini fire tenders, quick response vehicles, hydraulic combitools, six-layer fire entry suits and fire proximity suits worth more than Rs.16 crore, procured by the local government department for the newly established fire stations, will strengthen the fire fighting services in the state.

OBSERVING NATIONAL FIRE SERVICE (NFS) DAY 2022 FROM 14 - 20 APRIL 2022 (FIRE SERVICE WEEK): VARIOUS IEC ACTIVITIES

National Fire Service (NFS) Day is annually observed on every 14th April across the country in form of Fire Service Week (celebrated from 14 - 20 April) to highlight the importance of fire service and to pay homage to the firefighters who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. This year, the theme of National Fire Service Day was **Learn Fire Safety, Increase Productivity**. The week emphasized prevention is better than cure; averting fire mishaps during summer, and reducing the loss caused by fire. The main objectives of the week were to protect the state from fire hazards and to create and raise caution and awareness among the public.

PAYING HOMAGE TO FIRE FIGHTERS



IEC FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS

Fire Service Week - 14th to 20th April

To Prevent Fire : "Adopt Safe Housekeeping Practice & Approved Electrical Appliances"

1 Fire safety for you

Make Your Home Safe



Do not use faulty electrical appliances, wiring or insulators.



Keep fire starter items like matches and lighters away from children. Educate them about the dangers of fire.



Never leave cooking unattended.



Use an extension socket with the safety mark instead of overloading electrical outlets.

2 If caught in Smoke!

Crawl low under smoke

If you have to escape through smoke, cleanest air will be available at 1 to 2 feet above the floor.

Crawl on your hands and knees with your head 1 to 2 feet above the floor.



3 If your clothes catch fire!

Stop, Drop, and Roll - Cool and Call



If your clothes catch fire, Stop - don't run.



Drop gently to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and



Roll over and over or back and forth to smother the flames.

Cool the burn with cool water for 10-15 minutes. Call for help.

4 Protect your life & property by installing



Smoke Detector



Manual Call Point



Fire Extinguisher



Hose Reel



Hydrant



101 IN CASE OF FIRE & EMERGENCY

FIRE SAFETY TIPS AT HOME



FLAMMABLE ITEMS

Keep the flammable items such as matchbox, lighter etc. out of children's reach

STOVES

Turn off the stove and remove pans from burner right after cooking



LPG

Always check your LPG tank for leaks

CANDLES

Keep lit candles away from flammable materials such as cloth and wood



ELECTRIC WIRING

Regularly check electrical wires for damage. Replace faulty wirings immediately

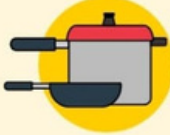




FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



SERVE UP FIRE SAFETY IN THE KITCHEN



COOKING IS THE #1 CAUSE OF HOME FIRES AND HOME FIRE INJURIES.

- **NEVER** leave cooking unattended, even for a short period of time.
- Keep anything that can catch fire, like oven mitts, away from the cooking area.
- Avoid wearing loose-fitting clothing that can catch fire while cooking.
- Establish a "kid free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove to prevent burns and other injuries.

UNCOMING EVENTS

- Punjab Fire and Emergency Service Training Institute has been proposed at Lalru, Punjab which shall provide courses on Fire Safety, Disaster Management, Rescue training, etc.;
- Website of Directorate of Punjab Fire and Emergency Service to be launched by Hon'ble Local Govt. Minister on 15th August 2022;
- Fire officers and Fire men preparing for the National Sports.

RECOGNITION AND FELICITATION

Call of duty: City's four firefighters honoured with bravery awards

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LUDHIANA : Recognising the efforts of four firefighters, who were severely injured during a firefighting operation at a textile factory in Ludhiana in May this year, the state government honoured them with state-level bravery awards at an Independence Day function held at Shaheed Lt. Navdeep Singh Ashok Chakra Sports Stadium in Gurdaspur on Tuesday.

Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh conferred the bravery awards on sub-fire officer Hazura Singh and three firemen — Lovesh Sood, Naresh Kumar and Saudagar Singh — for showing courage during the firefighting operation at a textile factory in Vijay Nagar of Ludhiana on May 11. The award comprised a medal, a bravery certificate and a cheque for ₹25,000.

Despite unavailability of fire safety kits, these firefighters exhibited great courage and entered the factory while it was up in flames. During the operation, a blast took place, leaving these firefighters severely injured. They were admitted to Christian Medical College and Hospital (CMCH) where current local bodies minister Navjot Singh Sidhu had visited them twice.

AWARDEES GRATEFUL: Hazura Singh, 36, had sustained severe injuries on the arms and back, and is still under recovery. Talking to HT, Hazura Singh said, "As I am still under recovery, I have been transferred to my home town Amritsar. The wounds are healing, but I still need to take precautions to protect the new skin. Surviving the blast was like second birth. I appreciate the recognition by



• Sub-fire officer Hazura Singh



• Fireman Saudagar Singh



• Fireman Lovesh Sood



• Fireman Naresh

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the state government."

The firefighters sought from the government to promote all firemen who have working for a long time and also recruit new firemen in the wake of low manpower.

Naresh Kumar, 30, said, "The government aided our treatment and my wounds are healing. I am thankful to the government for this award." His colleague, Lovesh Sood,

28, had suffered nearly 40% burns and remained under treatment at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Ludhiana for around 40 days. Sood urged the government to provide firefighting equipment and safety kits to safeguard the firefighters' lives.

Sood said, "I am still on medical leave as my wounds hurt. Firefighters' safety should be paramount for which they should be provided fire safety kits." Fifty-two years old Saudagar Singh, who hails from Beas village in Ludhiana district, said, "I am very thankful to chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh and local bodies minister Navjot Singh Sidhu for honouring me. It is a big encouragement for all firefighters."

