



Observance Of
National Fire Service Day

On

14th April-2018

At

Lignite Project, Rajpardi

Introduction:

National Fire Service Day/Week (NSW) is celebrated every year in India from 14th April to 20th April. It is observed as a part to pay homage to those brave Fire Fighters, who sacrificed their lives in line to their duty on 14th April, 1944. Industries observe this day / week as Fire Service day / Week and conducts Training, Drills and Rehearsals to demonstrate the Preparedness to combat emergencies

In order to evade the saying of "History repeats itself" we have to first know the background of National Fire Day Observation every year on this day.

Background:

Bombay docks explosion occurred on 14 April 1944, in the Victoria Dock of Bombay (now Mumbai) when the freighter SS Fort Stikine, carrying a mixed cargo of cotton bales, gold, and ammunition including around 1,400 tons of explosives, caught fire and was destroyed in two giant blasts, scattering debris, sinking surrounding ships and setting fire to the area, killing around 800 to 1,300 people. Some 80,000 people were made homeless and seventy-one firemen lost their lives in the aftermath.

We are observing Fire Service Day in the memory of these brave Firemen who lost their lives for others. They are martyrs and saviours. They are remembered with a grief in heart and industries keep their preparedness in order to combat such situation. The day is started with a 2 min. silence in their remembrance and then several fire drills are carried out with training to security personnel and other members to deal with the situation

Objectives:

- v Create an awareness of the fire safety in all spheres of human activity
- v Focus attention on fire prevention in workplace
- v Check operability of fire protection equipment
- v Enable employees to control fire effectively
- v Activities of National Service Week
- v During whole week Campaign celebration and various activities are displayed to the people as per the safety requirements. Various activities undertaken on this day may be as follows:
 - v Message of fire safety by the Chief Executive to all employees
 - v Reviewing operational and maintenance procedures for safety
 - v Operational check on fire protection equipment
 - v Special emphasis on orderly storage of materials
 - v Distributing instruction cards on specific fire hazards and precautions in local language
 - v Inspection by small teams of employees to spot fire hazards in different departments
 - v Competition/contests for housekeeping, suggestions on fire precautions, fire safety slogans
 - v Demonstrations on fire fighting and rescue
 - v Training programmes
 - v Fire drills and competitions for fire crew members
 - v Screening fire safety films in work recess
 - v Arranging visit of local Fire Brigade Officer for familiarizing him with plant operations
 - v Guest lectures on fire safety topics by specialists in the field
 - v Displaying banners, posters on fire safety at strategic locations in the plant
 - v Training to security persons in fire watch and first aid fire fighting

Unfolding of Programme:

The programme was started with a silence of 2 min. to pay homage to the deceased firemen at M/S Ranjit Dura (JV) Camp with the leadership of Safety Officer Shri S.D Jagani and with the guidance of GM (P), Lignite Project-Rajpardi.

Safety Officer explained about the importance of celebration of National Fire Service Day every year. He shared his experience at the time of fire incidence in machinery and precautions to be taken to deal with fire effectively. He also talked about the objectives of fire safety campaign which is mentioned above.



Guest Invitee from Rajshree Polymer Limited:

Shri Vipul Desai and Datresh Patel from Fire department of RPL (Rajshree Polymer Limited), Aditya Birla Group was invited for fire training and awareness among employees over here.

Shri Vipul Desai explained about fire triangle that needs three elements to occur i.e fuel, oxygen & heat and if you take any one of these factors away then the fire cannot occur or it will extinguish . He also explained about the classification of fire i.e class A, B, C& D and types of fire extinguishers to be used.

He shared his experience during the incidence of fire in Netrang and Jhagadia taluka. After the theoretical training, he demonstrated about the use of fire extinguisher and fire tenders at the time of fire.



Fire Extinguishing Demonstration:

Fire extinguishing is critical for ensuring the safety of the staff, students, residents and clientele that enter your business, building or property. Practicing scheduled fire demonstration will help ensure individuals have the knowledge to extinguish a fire without injuring themselves or others.



Fire demonstration was carried out step wise which is Shown above in the pictorial form:

- 1) Fire to some waste material lying
- 2) How to open Fire Extinguiher
- 3) Operation of DCP to control Fire
- 4) Control over fire



Fire tender drill:

Fire Tender Drill was also carried out. Guest invitee from Rajshree Polymer Limited, Aditya Birla Group has given training on how to control over fire through Fire Tender. It is shown pictorially below:



Concluding remarks:

Concluding remarks was offered by Shri Swagat Ray , GM(P). He initially elaborated the basic objectives of fire fighting:

- 1) Save Life
- 2) Save national and public property
- 3) Rescue and preservation

He put emphasis mostly on the ordinary combustible material which catches fire easily due to negligent behaviour or improper housekeeping. He explained about prevention of fire due to flammable liquid & gas, electrical equipments etc. and measures to enhance the safety standards. He stressed that in the event of fire never try to extinguish by alone and always call for help.



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