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Message

I am happy to know that the Directorate of Fire & Emergency Services, Government of Goa, is observing the National Fire Service Day on 14th April, 2020, with the theme "Samanam Agni – Saranam Agni, to pay homage to the valiant firemen martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and as the basic objective of creating greater awareness about the necessity and importance of fire safety in our lives.

The role of fire services is very crucial in our society in any emergency. In fact, in the developed world, fire services are not only employed for firefighting but also for rescue operations as emergency services. Firefighters also provide incident stabilization. Some incidents can potentially escalate if not quickly contained. Some examples include forest fires, hazardous material releases, floods, and also terrorist attacks that might include explosions. In fact, fire is a major cause of human misery and destruction, wreaking untold havoc and irreparable loss of human lives and properties worldwide. In these situations, we have seen firefighters find a way to confine and control these incidents. They are skilled to work quickly and strategically to minimize the threat of danger and the level of damage caused by these incidents. In addition to saving lives and stabilizing situations, firefighters also try to conserve properties and premises when in need. Battling blazes and performing other defensive measures, they work efficiently to ensure that their efforts don't cause unnecessary damage to building structures and personal property, and they try to salvage as many lives/property as possible. They also seek to limit environmental damage, especially in situations like wildfires. Firefighters have also been providing an important role in educating the public regarding fire and safety. By teaching fire prevention and educating the public on how to respond in emergency situations, they can help save lives.

I convey my best wishes for the celebration of the National Fire Service Day.

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10th April, 2020.