

PRESS RELEASE
LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR FIRE SAFE INDIA

Shillong, 14TH April, 2011:



DGP Prem Singh addressing the gathering

Fire Service Day was observed on Thursday morning at the premises of Meghalaya Fire & Emergency Services, Nongthymmai, Shillong. The function was attended by senior police officers, fire service personnel, eminent citizens and village elders. A respectful homage was paid to the Fire & Emergency Service personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty during the year 2010-11.

Speaking on the occasion state DGP, Mr Prem Singh said that Immense strides have been made by the Meghalaya Fire & Emergency Service over the years with the number of Fire Stations and Sub Fire Stations increasing from only 2 (two) Fire Stations in 1972 to 5 (five) Fire Stations and 29 (twenty-nine) Sub Fire Stations today. Besides, land has been acquired for setting up 2 (two) more Sub Fire Stations at Mawlai Nongkwar and also proposals have been sent to Govt. for acquisition of land for setting up Sub Fire Stations at Umroi, Nongstoin, Mawngap and Shallang. Recently, 7 (seven) numbers of chassis have been procured for fabrication into Advanced Fire tenders and also 1 (one) Foam Tender and sophisticated equipment for search and rescue operations have been procured recently for modernization of Fire & Emergency Service.

Mr Singh added that there has been a paradigm shift in the role required to be performed by the Fire & Emergency Service. In addition to fire fighting, Fire & Emergency Service personnel now need to play an important role in the disaster management for which they are being sent to attend various training programmes. DGP further said that the Fire & Emergency Service personnel have been performing their mandated task with utmost sincerity and they must continue to perform the same to the fullest satisfaction of the public in the years to come.

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