

CIVIL DEFENCE:

IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED DURING JANUARY 2013

Meetings, Visits and Tours	
Date	Activity
02-03 Jan 2013	Sh. Sanjay Sehgal, Project Deputy Director, visited the Haryana Civil Defence Directorate Punjab Civil Defence Directorate, both located at Chandigarh to review the implementation of the scheme in the States and re-inforce the need for early expenditure and submission of utilization certificates as the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Revamping of the Civil Defence Setup in the Country is ending on 31 March 2013. Sh. Sanjay Sehgal also visited the 40 acre land allotted by Govt of Punjab at Dera Bassi for construction of Combined Training Institute for Civil Defence and Home Guards. Sh. Harmanjeet Singh, Commandant CTI, briefed the visiting officer regarding the possibility of creating a Regional Training Institute at Dera Bassi for training the Civil Defence staff and volunteers.

16 Jan 2013

The End Term Appraisal Meeting for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Revamping of the Civil Defence Setup in the Country was conducted at New Delhi on 16 Jan 2013. The meeting was chaired by Sh. AK Mangotra, IAS, Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India and was attended by Sh. GVV Sarma, Joint Secretary (Disaster Management), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, Dr. PM Nair, IPS, DGP, DG NDRF & CD, Sh. SR Rathore, IG NDRF & CD and Directors Civil Defence of various states. The Secretary (Border Management) appreciated the efforts put in by the Disaster Management Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, DG NDRF & CD, the Project Management Team in the office of DG NDRF & CD and the Directors Civil Defence of various states for the efforts put in towards effective implementation of the scheme. The Secretary (Border Management) re-emphasised the need for speedy utilization of the funds released to the States and timely submission of the utilization certificates. He further hoped that the lessons learnt during the implementation of the scheme would stand everyone in good stead in implementing the new scheme for Mainstreaming Civil Defence in Disaster Risk Reduction which was to be implemented during the 12th Five Year Plan. The Secretary (Border Management) also expressed his appreciation of the efforts being put in by Dr. PM Nair, IPS, DGP, DG NDRF & CD towards integrating the functioning of Civil Defence, Home Guards and Fire & Emergency Services across the country for better response during disasters and emergencies and hoped that the Civil Defence would substantially benefit from the new model of functioning. Sh. GVV Sarma, Joint Secretary (DM). MHA described that the interactive meeting, presentation and the discussions during the meeting were very informative and showed the revival of the CD organisation across the country. The Joint Secretary brought out that the States still needed to put in much more efforts for implementation of the remaining part of the scheme and ensure that the utilisation certificates pertaining to funds released during FY 2011-12 are submitted positively by end of April 2013. He also mentioned that while the new scheme has been sanctioned for a sum of Rs. 600 Crore, a sum of Rs. 280 Crore only will be available for expenditure during the 12th Five Year Plan and the remaining amount shall be made available during the 13th Five Year Plan. He also stressed on the need to think how could the services of CD personnel be gainfully utilised during peace time/ when emergencies are not existing. The Joint Secretary laid particular emphasis on preparedness and enhancing the skill levels of CD volunteers.



17 Jan 2013

Sh. AK Mangotra, IAS, Secretary (Border Management), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India visited National Civil Defence College, Nagpur. The Secretary (Border Management) was welcomed by the Director, NCDC Nagpur and was introduced to the NCDC staff. Thereafter, the Secretary (Border Management) visited the college premises and appreciated the various training activities in progress at the college. The Secretary (Border Management) directed that the Director, NCDC, Nagpur, in consultation with the office of DG NDRF & CD and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India, should make a roadmap for turning NCDC Nagpur into an International Centre of Excellence. Sh. Sanjay Sehgal, Project Deputy Director, subsequently briefed the Secretary (Border Management) about the administrative & functional aspects pertaining to Civil Defence and Home Guards in the office of DG NDRF & CD and also on the progress of the current and new centrally sponsored plan schemes pertaining to Civil Defence. Thereafter, Sh. DK Shami, Deputy Fire Advisor briefed the Secretary (Border Management) regarding the progress of the current and new centrally sponsored plan schemes pertaining to modernization of fire services.



21 Jan 2013

Dr. PM Nair, DG NDRF & CD held a meeting with Sh. Jawed Ahmed, Minister-in-Charge, Disaster Management, Civil Defence and Fire & Emergency Services, Govt of West Bengal on 21 Jan 2013 to discuss the Revamping of Civil Defence and Modernization of Fire Services in West Bengal. The Minister brought out the important role of Civil Defence Organisation not only during/after disasters & emergencies but also in preparing the community for facing disasters & emergencies and thanked the DG NDRF & CD and his team for their support to West Bengal in implementing the Govt of India Sponsored Schemes for Civil Defence and Fire Services.



21 Jan 2013

Dr. PM Nair, DG NDRF & CD visited the Sea Explorer's Institute, Kolkata on 21 Jan 2013 and was acquainted with the diving and underwater search & rescue training facilities available at the institute.



23 Jan 2013

Dr. PM Nair, DG NDRF & CD visited Bengaluru to review the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Revamping of Civil Defence in the Country. The DG also met the CD wardens at Bengaluru and gained first hand inputs about Civil Defence.





Mass Awareness and Training Activities

Date

Activity

04 Jan 2013	Karnataka Civil Defence, in collaboration with Bengaluru Police, organized a Traffic Awareness Session & Training for CD Wardens at Traffic management Centre Bengaluru. The Joint Commissioner (Traffic Police) appreciated the efforts of Karnataka Civil Defence Organisation in assisting the Bangalore City Traffic Police for Enforcement Drives and Special Duty and assisting Karnataka Police in Rescue Operations, Emergency Services & Disaster Management
05 Jan 2013	A Short Term Civil Defence Awareness Program for 2 hours was organized by Karnataka Civil Defence at Yelahanka, Bengaluru on 05 January 2013 to make the general public aware about the capabilities of Civil Defence Organisation and to encourage people to join Civil Defence.
12 Jan 2013	A meeting was organized at PF layout residents welfare association bldg, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru to enroll new Civil Defence Volunteers. 37 members from PF layout and adjoining areas were enrolled as volunteers during the event.
13 Jan 2013	Civil Defence Orientation meet was held at Royal Convent School Bommanhalli, Bengaluru on 13 January 2013 to impart orientation training to the newly enrolled Civil Defence volunteers and also to enroll new volunteers. 20 persons from the general public were enrolled as Civil Defence volunteers and orientation training was imparted to 77 CD volunteers.

21 Jan 2013	<p>The Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) of Sonitpur organised a Fire and Evacuation Drill at Tezpur Collegiate School on 21 January 2013 in collaboration with Civil Defence, Fire Service and NRHM Emergency Service. Hundreds of school students joined the programme where they were trained to identify, prioritise and handle the situation effectively during fire, earthquake or any kind of hazards. A combined mock drill was conducted on the occasion by Civil Defence volunteers and Fire Service personnel to demonstrate the preventive measures for earthquake and fire related disasters. Approximately 75 Civil Defence volunteers and staff participated in the event.</p> 
22 Jan 2013	<p>Civil Defence Ludhiana, in association with “Helping Hands Club” a local organization conducted a seminar on Women Safety in Day-to-Day Lives. The meeting ended with a resolution to prepare a framework for women safety in Ludhiana District.</p>
27 Jan 2013	<p>Civil Defence Ludhiana, in association with “Drug Buster’s Society” a local organization conducted a mass awareness to educate youth regarding the ill effects of drug consumption. The seminar was attended by leading citizens of the city, Civil Defence volunteers and more than 150 college students.</p>

31 Jan 2013	<p>Civil Defence Ludhiana, under the guidance of S. Gurcharan Singh, Chief Warden, organized a mass awareness seminar on traffic rules and disciplined driving. Several CD Wardens and volunteers and general public participated in the seminar.</p> 
31 Jan 2013	<p>A regional integration and awareness meet was organised at Regional Civil Defence Control-room (RCDC), Srinagar by J&K Civil Defence on 31 January 2013. The programme was attended by Commandant, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), SSP, Coordinator Disaster Management, Dy. Chief Warden CD, , Divisional Warden CD, Dy. SPs of SDRF & Home Guards, CD Wardens and entire staff of Civil Defence, Srinagar. Speaking on the occasion the SSP lauded the role of the Deputy Controller CD in supporting various activities of Civil Defence Srinagar, especially related to disaster preparedness trainings, which were imparted to thousands of youth. On the occasion, the newly enlisted CD Volunteers demonstrated the use of gas-safety device, which prevents leakage of LPG by automatically shutting-off the gas supply.</p>
Rescue Operations	
Date	Activity

Jan 2013

Eight Civil Defence wardens from Division 44, Bengaluru voluntarily participated in the rescue operation when fire broke out at Woody's Hotel in Commercial Street, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru. On getting the news about the fire, these wardens immediately rushed to the spot and took active part by assisting the fire service personnel. and police to bring the situation under control within 20 minutes.



Social Cause Operations



Date

Activity

13 Jan 2013	<p>On the occasion of Pongal and Sankranthi, a team of CD volunteers from Bharathinagar Ward 9, Bengaluru, led by Sh. Shakeel Ahmed, actively contributed towards crowd management and traffic control.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
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21 Jan 2013	<p>A Indica car caught fire due to electrical short circuit in the car near RR Gold Palace.. Sh. Shivanand, CD Warden immediately rushed to the spot and helped the fire service personnel in putting out the fire</p>
27 Jan 2013	<p>A fire broke out in a Garment Shop located at Commerical Street, Bengaluru at 6.20 PM on 27 January 2013. Five fire engines and 15 CD Wardens participated in the rescue operations. While considerable loss to property was reported, no loss of life occurred. The rescue operation continued for more than six hours.</p>

Republic Day Celebrations across States

Date	Activity
26 Jan 2013	<p>Civil Defence contingents participated in the main Republic Day Parade held in Ahmedabad on 26 January 2013.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
26 Jan 2013	<p>The CD Contingents from Civil Defence, Bengaluru participated in the main Republic Day Parade held at Manekshaw Stadium, Bengaluru. The ladies contingent won the 2nd Best Marching Contingent award.</p>

26 Jan 2013

The CD Contingent from West Bengal participated in the main Republic Day Parade at Kolkata and won following awards:-

- (a) CD Girls marching contingent - Best Marching Contingent
- (b) CD Mechanised Column tableaux depicting high rise building rescue operations and followed by CD QRT Vehicles manned by CD volunteers
- 2nd Best Mechanised Contingent



NDRF Raising Day Celebrations

22 Jan 2013

CD West Bengal participated in the NDRF Raising day celebrations at Kolkata on 22 Jan 2013. The newly designed & Fabricated CD QRT vehicles with full equipment and volunteers required to man the QRT were displayed at the event. These QRTs have been designed, fabricated as part of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Revamping of Civil Defence Setup across the Country. A stall displaying the search and rescue equipments procured for the Multi Hazard Prone Districts under the scheme was also put as a part of the exhibition. The exhibition was inaugurated by His Excellency Sh MK Narayanan, Governor of West Bengal. The QRTs and the equipment displayed in the exhibition were highly appreciated by Sh. M Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman, NDMA, members of the NDMA and general public.

