

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**AIIMS FIRE PREPAREDNESS**

AIIMS reviewed its fire preparedness on October 19, 2016. Following a review meeting with all the officials of Delhi Fire Service, AIIMS Engineering wing, Fire Supervisors and Security Personnel, the Deputy Director Administration of the AIIMS V.Srinivas said that the AIIMS Fire Preparedness is in accordance with the provisions of the Delhi Fire Services Act. The recommendations made by the CISF in their Fire Preparedness Study of AIIMS have been fully implemented. There are 30 trained fire officers and supervisors deployed at the Main Hospital and various centres. Fire systems are well maintained and on auto-mode. All fire exists are fully operational. The AIIMS fire supervisors have trained over 4000 faculty, non-faculty and nursing personnel in 2016. The Centre for Medical Education and Training AIIMS has conducted training programs for 700 newly recruited nurses on fire preparedness. Monthly fire preparedness exercises are being held in the Main Hospital and Centres. The Main Hospital and Centres would also be undertaking evacuation drills in October to further enhance their preparedness.

To address the electrical fires at the Institute and Centres, Srinivas said that thermal scanning and thermal imaging audits have been conducted. Cables where temperatures increase are immediately detected in the process. All panels having loose wires have been checked. Fire safety circulars have been issued to all faculty and laboratory in-charges. The Institute has witnessed 2 small electrical fires in 2016 both of which were due to UPS cables catching fire. The fires were extinguished and no major loss to property was reported.

Srinivas also said that the Delhi Fire Services has certified that the Main Hospital, Cardio-Neuro Sciences Centre, Dr. BRA IRCH, Centre for Dental Education, and support services that these areas were fully compliant with the provisions of the Delhi Fire Services Act for next 3 years. Delhi Fire Services advised some improvements in fire safety operations for the JPNATC and Dr.R.P.Centre for Ophthalmic Studies with regard to installation of smoke management systems and sprinkler automatization. These shortcomings would be rectified in the next 10 days. The Institute also said that over 2000 fire extinguishers installed in all patient care areas, teaching blocks, residential areas are well maintained, fully functional and available on auto-mode.

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