

## **Statewide Basic Firefighting Training Conducted for Over 5,700 Security Guards February, 09-2026**

With the objective of strengthening public safety and improving emergency preparedness, the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department conducted Basic Firefighting Training programme to Security Guards across the State on February 9, 2026.

As part of this large-scale initiative, 5,732 security personnel employed in private establishments, hospitals, high-rise residential apartments, and commercial complexes were imparted basic fire safety and firefighting training. The programme was simultaneously conducted at 384 Fire and Rescue Services Stations across Tamil Nadu, marking one of the most extensive coordinated fire safety training efforts in the State.

The training focused on basic firefighting techniques, use of fire extinguishers, initial response during fire emergencies, evacuation procedures, and personal safety measures. The initiative aimed to equip frontline security staff—often the first responders at workplaces and residential complexes—with essential skills to control fire incidents during the critical initial minutes, before the arrival of fire and rescue teams.

The inaugural function for the programme was held at the Ashok Nagar Fire and Rescue Services Station in South Chennai District. The event was formally inaugurated by Mrs. Seema Agrawal, IPS, Director General of Police / Director, Fire and Rescue Services, Tamil Nadu, who flagged off the training sessions and interacted with the participants.

Addressing the gathering, the Director emphasised the importance of fire safety awareness, preparedness, and coordination in preventing loss of life and property. She highlighted that trained security personnel play a vital role in ensuring safety in public and private premises, especially in densely populated urban areas.

The statewide training initiative reflects the commitment of the Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department to capacity building, community participation, and proactive disaster risk reduction, thereby reinforcing the State's emergency response mechanism and public safety infrastructure.









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