



Modernization of Fire Services

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Why in News?

Recently, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has launched a “**Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States**” under the [National Disaster Response Fund \(NDRF\)](#) for strengthening fire services in the States.

What is the Scheme for Expansion and Modernization of Fire Services in the States?

- **About:**
 - The Scheme finds its origin from the recommendation of the [Fifteenth Finance Commission \(XV-FC\)](#) which allows an allocation of 12.5% of each of the NDRF and [State Disaster Response Fund \(SDRF\)](#) for the **Funding Window of Preparedness and Capacity Building.**
- **Objective:**
 - It aims to expand and **modernize Fire Services in the States** with a view that activities for strengthening of fire services at the State-level through preparedness and capacity-building **components of the NDRF will be ensured.**
- **Measures under the Scheme:**
 - Setting **up of new fire stations**
 - Strengthening of State Training Centres and capacity building
 - Provisions for modern fire-fighting equipment
 - Strengthening of State Headquarters and Urban Fire Stations
 - Technological upgradation and installation and augmentation of online systems.
- **Fund Allocation:**
 - Fund allocation under the scheme is on a cost sharing basis of **75:25 with the States, except for North Eastern Hill States** which is in the ratio of 90:10.
 - While the Centre will provide **Rs. 5000 crore to the States for identified activities, the States’** contribution will be of Rs. 1387.99 Crore.
 - An amount of Rs. 500 crore, out of the total central outlay of Rs. 5000 crore will be available for incentivizing the States for adoption of legal and infrastructure-based reforms.

What are the Government Initiatives for Disaster Risk Reduction?

- [National Disaster Management Plan](#)
- [Aapda Mitra Scheme](#)
- **Common Alerting Protocol based Integrated Alert System (Sachet).**
- **School Safety Programme (SSP) of NDRF**
- [National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project \(NCRMP\)](#)
- **NGO-Coordination Centres at States/UTs and District levels.**
- **NDRF Mock Exercises scheme on community disaster Awareness.**

- **NDMA Guidelines for Management of Disaster Risks.**
- **[National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project \(NCRMP\)](#)**

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