

Shri M.V. Deshmukh Fire Adviser, Government of Maharashtra.

Shri M.V. Deshmukh started his career as a Fire Officer in the year 1979. Initial 19 years he worked in the Industrial Belts wherein Chemical, Petro-Chemical and Hazardous Industries are situated. Subsequently, he was assigned the post of Chief Fire Officer & Fire Adviser by M.I.D.C. as a Head of Department. Innovation and using latest technique in the field of fire safety is his prime forte.

A student by passion believes in continuous learning process. He is a Gold Medalist of the National Fire Academy and he has been awarded Fellow of IFE (UK). He is a MBA from of the University of Mumbai. He has done his diploma in Industrial Safety and subsequently he has completed Masters in Information Technology. He has done his Law Degree (LLB) from University of Mumbai.

Government of Maharashtra honored him by appointing him as a 'Fire Adviser to Government of Maharashtra' in the year 2002. In the year, 2005 he was appointed on the new assignment – Director, Maharashtra Fire Services, Govt. of Maharashtra.

He has taken following major initiatives in the interest of society:

- He was instrumental in initiating an independent Fire Act with special emphasis on Fire Prevention.
- The Gap Analysis of the Fire Services Infrastructure in the State of Maharashtra was systematically carried out and the Plan Scheme-'Maharashtra Agnisuraksha Abhiyan' to augment the Fire Service Infrastructure is being implemented from which at least 100 new Fire Stations are being established in the State of Maharashtra.
- <u>Training & Development</u>: For imparting Training to Fire Service Personnel a State of the Art Fire Academy is established in Kalina, Mumbai where professional courses in the sphere of Fire Engineering & Technology are being conducted.
- Selflessly without any personal interest more than 100 Fire Service Medals were recommended and arranged to be declared by the Hon'ble President of India for various Fire Personnel in the State for their acts of Gallantry/Meritorious Service.

He has been instrumental in driving 'Mission - Fire Safe Maharashtra'.