

National Security Day - 4th March

The security forces of the country work day and night through tremendously adverse conditions, to ensure that the citizens are protected from every form of threat, and can sleep peacefully. Hence, the 4th of March is celebrated as the National Security Day every year to acknowledge their massive efforts to protect the country.

Also referred to as the Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas, the day is devoted to the armies, policemen, commandos, and other personnel who have taken up the mantle to protect the nation.

History of the National Security Day India

The idea that the 4th of March should be celebrated as the National Security Day or the National Safety Day was first launched in 1972, and is organised every year, without fail. The NSC or the National Safety Council takes the responsibility of managing it every year. The National Safety Council was founded on the 4th of March 1966 by the Ministry of Labour to develop a sustainable Safety, Health, and Environment (SHE) movement at the national level.

Working towards such a noble cause urged the people of the NSC to celebrate its foundation day as the National Security Day of India. This one-day endeavour soon got prolonged to a week-long celebration and was named the National Safety Week.

National Safety Council

The NSC or the National Safety Council is a non-profit government organisation established on the 4th of March 1966. The Indian Government set up the autonomous body to develop and ensure the sustainability of the Safety, Health, and Environment (SHE) movement at a national level. By conducting specialised training courses and seminars all over the country, the organisation promotes the SHE movement.

The Theme of the National Security Day

Every year, the NSC decides on a new theme to celebrate National Safety Week and National Security Day, to raise awareness on various mishaps and topics that need to be addressed. The week-long celebrations make sure to educate people on said themes and work towards the betterment of the citizens. Last year's theme was 'Sadak Suraksha' or road safety. Soon, the NSC will announce the theme for **National Security Day 2022**.

National Security Day Campaign Objectives

While the day is celebrated in honour of the country's security forces, the objective of the National Security is to raise awareness on various safety concerns and renew the commitment of employees and integrate the trait of occupational safety and health. Some of the objectives are:

1. Prioritising safety and health into work and general lifestyle
2. Spreading the SHE (Safety, Health, and Environment) movement to various parts of the country
3. To inspire as many people as possible to promote safety in workplaces
4. Ensuring a higher rate of participation by the employees
5. To gain the involvement of major players of various industrial sectors

Suggested Activities to Make the Day a Success

To ensure a successful celebration of National Security Day, conducting various activities at and out of the workplace is necessary.

- **Inside Workplace**

1. Putting up banners of the National Security Day at strategic locations to ensure maximum viewership.
2. Have employees wear badges made especially for the day.
3. Exhibitions and presentations on promoting safety.
4. Organising and partaking in emergency drills.
5. Organising award functions to promote a safer work environment.
6. Organising training programs and workshops to help people have a clearer understanding of the concept of the SHE (Safety, Health, and Environment) movement.

- **Outside Workplace**

1. The use of safety badges on VIPs to reach a wider population.
2. The display of safety measures via an advertisement on local TV channels.
3. Promoting awareness by writing articles in the local newspapers.
4. Strategic display of banners promoting awareness of safety in various parts of the city.
5. Conducting multiple workshops and seminars on safety throughout the city.