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<u>PRESS RELEASE</u> MASSIVE FIRE AT OIL FACTORY

The massive fire that gutted Naseem Oil Industry on the intervening night of 24th and 25th April 2018, highlights the necessity of maintaining high standard of safety and security by Industrial units.

The Naseem Oil Industry, located behind All India Radio is situated on a narrow road. The Oil Factory was functioning in a tin shed, with no safety or fire fighting equipments present in its premises. Huge amount of dried coconut were stacked in the vicinity of the factory in nylon bags.

Soon after the receipt of PCR call, multiple Fire Tenders from all locations of the city were rushed to the spot. The local police regulated the traffic and cordoned off the area. Fire Tenders of the Naval Ship Repair yard and INS Utkrosh were also pressed into service. After painstaking efforts of A&N Fire Personnel, Defense Fire Personnel, A&N Local Police and Local Residents of the locality for four continuous hours, the fire was controlled and doused. A criminal case has been registered against the owner and the manager of the factory for endangering life and personal safety of others.

This fire incident is a grim reminder to all the concerned stakeholders, including the factory owners to ensure that all the fire safety and security equipments are installed and are functional. All factory owners should get their premises audited by the team of nearest Fire station and take such safety measures as are recommended to ensure safety and security of the workers and nearby residents, failing which they will be liable for legal action against them.

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