



Short Bio
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Dr. Anant R. Sontake is the first Professor appointed at the National Fire Service College (NFSC), Nagpur under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt of India in March' 2024. He earned his BE in Fire Engineering from NFSC and furthered his education with an ME and Ph.D. in Fire Engineering from RTM Nagpur University, becoming the first

Ph.D. holder in Fire Engineering in the country. He is the chairman of Board of Studies of Fire Engineering in RTMU. He holds four patents, two international and two Indian.

Dr. Sontake began his career with 'Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)- A Maharatna Company' in Bhilai as a Management Trainee in Fire. During his tenure, he ascended to the roles of Additional Chief Fire Officer and General Manager (Safety) in the Fire Service Department and Safety Engineering Departments of the Bhilai Steel Plant. He was the key driver in massive modernization & expansion project of Bhilai Steel Plant valued during 2008 to 2022.

With over 27 years of experience in designing and commissioning of fixed firefighting systems in various projects, fire appliances, process safety, workplace safety etc. Dr. Sontake has served as a technical expert to several Central and State Government organizations on fire safety matters. He has published numerous technical papers in international journals and conferences.

He was the Chairman of Committees constituted for Uniform Cadre Structure, RR of Fire & Emergency Services & recognition of Fire Training Centers across the Country.

Prof. A R Sontake is a member of the Standing Fire Advisory Council (SFAC) and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Fire Loss Prevention Forum of India (FLPFI) and a life member of six prestigious professional institutions: the Indian Institute of Industrial Engineering (IIIE), Indian Institute of Plant Engineers (IIPE), Indian Institute of Welding (IIW), Institution of Fire Engineers (India), Fire & Security Association of India (FSAI), and Quality Circle Forum of India (QCFI). He is also a recipient of the esteemed Jawahar Award from SAIL management for his outstanding performance in Fire and Safety.

Recently, Dr. Sontake has spearheaded several initiatives at NFSC, including the development of a FabLab, an incubation center, R&D programs, higher education programs, accreditations and consultancy work in fire safety in collaboration with national and international institutions.
