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Sub: Precautions against Fire accidents at AIIMS During Ongoing Pandemic. - ADVISORY

This is with reference to the susceptibility of fire mishaps on account of ongoing and ensuing high temperature during the summer season. Advisories have been issued vide Circulars dated 8.11.16, 27.04.17, 24.02.18, 3.04.19, 17.09.19 and recently on 26.05.2020 also. Due to prolonged non-use or minimal use of many laboratories and other facilities following additional advisory is issued -

- Due to ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, lots of patient care services are on reduced scale and so are the investigations carried out in various laboratories. The staff has been roistered accordingly by many departments. This has resulted in closure or extended time of closures in many laboratories (patient care related as well as the Research Related ones). The laboratories are equipped with sophisticated instruments which are often on UPS backup. The said UPS are generally located inside the laboratories and due to less usage and decreased workforce the laboratories are unmanned for relatively longer period of time. This increases the chances of electrical mishap in the equipments especially the ones with a functional UPS along with it in the same room. Precautions have to be taken to check the optimum functionality of the equipments and the UPS. The same are generally under the AMC/CMC of the OEM/Supplier. Due to lockdown some of the routine essential service and checks may not have been carried out by the Vendors but with opening up of the lockdown now, it is expected from all stakeholders and laboratory in charges to ensure that due maintenance and service of the equipments and associated UPS, is due urgently. Even if the service is not due, a special inspection by the Vendor is advisable due to long lockdown minimal usage and ongoing summer heat.
- Similarly the deep freezers kept inside many laboratories should be regularly monitored for overheating of the room in which they are housed and provision of exhaust and ventilation of such rooms be ensured.
- The laboratories or any other patient care facility should not be kept unattended with a running air conditioner( Split or window type ones) on a continuous basis without any intermediate rest time as this may lead to overheating of such air-conditioning units and may be cause of a fire mishap. Apart from the Central Air-conditioning, no other air conditioner be kept ON during OFF hours.

All are required to extend their active co-operation in the matter. Wide publicity may be given to all subordinate staff regarding contents of this circular and proactive stance be maintained for implementation of the precautions suggested herein please.

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