

Mock drill conducted at ZIOTL

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The district administration (south), on Wednesday, conducted a mock drill at Zuari Indian Oil Tanking Ltd (ZIOTL) in view of assessing preparedness to tackle any emergency.

As part of the drill, the South Goa District Disaster Management Authority projected a fire emergency at the ZIOTL where oil tanks are located on Sancoale plateau.

The ZIOTL authorities declared offsite emergency when they failed to control the flames. The district collector then appointed Kedar Naik, deputy collector of Margao (land acquisition) as the incident commander at the site.

The incident commander immediately directed the police and traffic authorities to block the four-



A fire tender on the job during a mock drill at ZIOTL on Wednesday

lane highway NH7B at Queeny Nagar-Upasnagar and at MES College junction. Fire tender and water supply authorities of PWD were directed to rush to the site.

Five 'casualties' were shifted to the sub district hospital at Chicalim. The emergency was called off at around 11 p.m after the fire was brought under control.

In the meantime, vehicular traffic heading towards Dabolim airport and Verna was diverted from Birla Zuarinagar-Zorint road. The executive magistrate of Mormugao Vimod Dalal, deputy superintendent of police-Vasco Raju Raut Dessai, who is holding additional charge of Vasco SDPO office, besides other government officials from various departments were present at the site and were monitoring the situation.

