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# Major fire incident averted at Namchi hospital

## NAMO DIXIT

**NAMCHI, May 9:** The timely intervention of Namchi fire station saved the district hospital's kitchen from a major fire outbreak at Namchi today afternoon.

Though the kitchen's wooden structure, crockery items and other kitchen items were gutted in the incident, major part of the kitchen was saved with the quick response of the fire personnel. It took approximately 30 minutes to control the blaze. The cause of fire was gas leakage from LPG regulator/pipe, as informed by the kitchen staff.

Leading fireman K.B. Gurung from Namchi fire station said the intervention by fire personnel saved extension of fire towards administrative section which is an old wooden structure. He added timely removal of LPG cylinders helped in averting them from bursting which otherwise would have caused huge loss in the surrounding areas.

No case of injury or fatality was reported. Five cylinders were also removed from the site of incident.

The fire incident also damaged the ration for one week which was stored in the spot of occurrence of fire. The food prepared for today's serving for patients was also spoiled due to fire. The fire personnel also appreciated the steps taken by the kitchen staff to control the fire by using extinguishers.

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