

Detailed Report on Disaster Management Awareness: NDRF Rescue Operation Demonstration at Sri Pratap College, Srinagar

Introduction

The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) conducted an insightful and action-packed demonstration/ mock drill at Sri Pratap College, Srinagar, on 2nd December 2024. This event was a collaborative initiative by the Departments of Geology, Geography, and the NSS Wing of the college, aimed at raising awareness about disaster preparedness and response mechanisms among students and faculty members. The program highlighted practical strategies for mitigating risks during natural and human induced disasters including Floods, Earthquakes, Fire hazard, CRBN etc. equipping participants with life-saving skills.

Objectives

- **Awareness Building:** To educate students and faculty about the role of NDRF in disaster management.
- **Skill Development:** To train the participants in basic rescue and emergency response techniques.
- **Preparedness:** To instill a culture of preparedness and resilience against disasters.

Program Outline

1. Welcome Address:

- **Dr. Bashir Ahmad Shiekh, Principal Sri Pratap College**, welcomed the dignitaries and participants. He emphasized the importance of understanding disaster management in the context of Jammu and Kashmir, a region prone to earthquakes, floods, and landslides.

2. Keynote Speech by NDRF Officer:

- **Mr. Hilal Ahmad Shiekh, Assistant Commandant NDRF** gave an overview of the organization's structure, its role in disaster response, and the importance of community-level awareness and training.

3. Practical Demonstrations:

○ **Rescue Operations:**

The NDRF team demonstrated various rescue techniques, including:

- **Building Evacuation:** Simulated scenarios for safely evacuating individuals from multi-story buildings using ropes and stretchers.
- **First Aid Techniques:** CPR, bandaging, and stabilization methods for injuries.
- **Fire Safety:** Handling fire extinguishers and managing fire-related emergencies.
- Equipment's like cranes, cutters, pneumatic lifting etc.

- **Disaster Equipment Showcase:**

The team displayed tools and equipment used during the rescue missions, including hydraulic cutters, lifeboats, inflatable rafts, and emergency communication devices.

4. **Mock Drill:**

- A mock earthquake drill was conducted, with students and staff participating under the guidance of the NDRF team. This practical exercise demonstrated evacuation protocols and assembly point management.

5. **Vote of Thanks:**

- **Dr. Anayat Ahmad Qureshi**, Program Coordinator, expressed gratitude to the NDRF team, the college administration, and the organizing departments for their contributions to the event's success.

Group photograph capturing the NDRF team members and faculty members, during the insightful event on disaster preparedness and response.

Key Takeaways

- The significance of disaster preparedness and the role of educational institutions in promoting it.
- Hands-on experience in rescue operations and first aid.
- A better understanding of the importance of coordinated efforts between agencies like the NDRF and local communities.



Group photograph capturing the NDRF team members, faculty members, and enthusiastic participants during the insightful event on disaster preparedness and response.

Conclusion

The NDRF demonstration was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on the participants. It strengthened the college community's resolve to better prepare for unforeseen emergencies and disasters. The event underscored the importance of collaboration between academic institutions and disaster management agencies in fostering a safer and more resilient society.

Event Coordinators:

- **Geology Department**
- **Geography Department**
- **NSS Wing of the College**
- **Participants:** Students and faculty from Sri Pratap College, alongside NDRF personnel.