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REPORT

MOCK DRILL ON EARTHQUAKE: PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE TRAINING

On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Department of Environmental Science, GDC Handwara in collaboration with the Department of Disaster Management and SDRF Component Kupwara, organized a mock drill on **Earthquake: Preparedness and Response Training** in the College premises of GDC Handwara.

The mock drill began with an insightful session led by **Dr. Mohammad Ashraf** Chief Warden Disaster management Kupwara. He emphasized the vulnerability of Jammu and Kashmir to natural disasters, particularly earthquakes. **ASI Mr. Habibullah** along with Instructor **Mr. Mohammad Sarver** and his team demonstrated essential measures for earthquake preparedness and response, educating the large audience on actions to be taken both before and after an earthquake. They also demonstrated the various steps involved in earthquake rescue operations. They showcased their expertise in search-and-rescue techniques, explaining the proper use of equipment such as life detectors, cutting tools and lifting gear which is crucial for retrieving victims from debris. The team also demonstrated the procedure for safely evacuating individuals from damaged buildings and providing first aid to the injured.

The event was graced by the presence of Worthy Principal of the College **Prof G R Ganai** and **ADC Handwara Mr. Aziz Ahmad** underscoring the significance of disaster preparedness in educational institutions. Their participation highlighted the importance of such drills in fostering community resilience. **Dr. Gh Nabi Najar** (HOD Environmental Science) delivered a vote of thanks, acknowledging the collaborative efforts of all involved departments and participants in making the mock drill a success. The event concluded with a renewed commitment to enhancing disaster preparedness and response capabilities among students and the wider community.



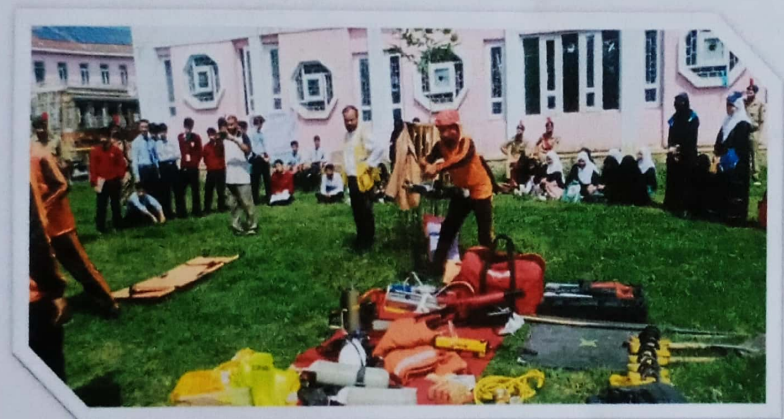




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