

## **NATURAL DISASTER AND MITIGATION PRACTICES**

Shaheed Rajpal DAV Public School , Dayanand Vihar organized an exhibition on 'Natural Disaster and Mitigation Practices' on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 to sensitize the parents and community about methods that can be adopted during a disaster to avert damage to life and property. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Rajni Abbi, Mayor, Delhi who applauded the efforts made by the Principal Renu Laroia, teachers and students to spread awareness and sensitizing the community spreading the message that it is important to plan, prevent and to lessen the impact of disasters by being prepared. She also appreciated that the school has been deputed as an Emergency Relief Centre in case of any disaster/ eventuality by the DDMA (East). She was pleased to know that 90 students have already been trained by DDMA as task force to provide first aid to the victims in exigencies.

The other dignitaries who attended were Dr. S.S. Ghonkrota, Director, Food Safety & Standard, Authority of India, Mr. Hari Kumar, Head, GeoHazard Society, Mr. Balmukand, Senior Assisitant Editor, Nav Bharat Times, Mr. V.N.Tiwari, Asstt. General Manager, Times of India. Mr. R.S.Sharma, General Secretary, DAVCMC, Mrs. Sheetal Sharma, Secretary, DAVCMC and Dignitaries from Associated Organizations. The chairman of the school Mr. Vishwanath, Sr. Vice President, DAVCMC apprised the guest about the various achievements of students

Realizing the fact that Delhi falls in Seismic Zone-4 and is vulnerable to high intensity earthquake, in such an eventuality the school through its students and teachers can play an active role in offering shelter and succor to the affected. With this aim in mind, the students put up a display through models, charts and PowerPoint Presentation on - Types of Disaster, System of Communication, Impact on Social Life, Role of the Government, Community and School to rehabilitate the victims. A lecture on 'Family Preparedness Plan' and 'School's Preparedness Plan' was also delivered by Mr. Hari Kumar, Head Geo Hazards Society, Delhi.

As part of the awareness drive for students and teachers DDMA put up a puppet show and a street play by students was performed to create awareness about the need for family preparedness plan and developing a family safety kit. As part of the safety awareness Delhi Fire Service Board put up a breath taking demonstration on controlling the spread of fire through various rescue equipments. The Hazmat & Emergency Appliance Van used by the Delhi Fire Service aroused the curiosity of spectators. The Station Officer Nagender Singh, Delhi Fire Service apprised the audience with various features of this multipurpose van and told them that all over India there are only three such vans. This lecture cum demonstration received a great applause from spectators.

Few students of X, XI and XII who have undergone a day's Workshop on operating Ham Radio conducted by Vigyan Prasara, Delhi also showcased their talent . The exhibition was open to various schools, residents of Dayanand Vihar and other neighbouring areas to carry out the awareness drive. Pamphlets and leaflets were distributed to drive home the message of need for preparedness during a disaster