

Report of the Disaster Management Workshop

Organized by: NCC Units of St. Aloysius College Edathua

In Association With: District Disaster Management Authority Alappuzha and Kerala Fire and Rescue Services Thakazhy

Date: 23rd January 2025

Attendees: All UG students of the College

Objective

The primary objective of the Disaster Management Workshop was to educate students and NCC cadets about disaster preparedness, risk reduction, and effective response mechanisms. The session aimed to create awareness about handling natural and man-made disasters while equipping participants with practical skills and knowledge to contribute during emergencies.

Activity Details

The programme was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Indulal G, who emphasized the importance of disaster preparedness in today's world and highlighted the role of youth in building resilient communities.

Chinthu Ramachandran, Hazard Analyst from the District Disaster Management Authority Alappuzha, introduced the session, providing insights into the types of disasters commonly faced in the region and the importance of coordinated efforts in mitigating their impact.

The core sessions were led by Kerala Fire Service Inspectors Suresh and Vimal, who conducted a practical and engaging class. The activities included:

Theoretical Session: Overview of disaster management principles, including disaster risk reduction, first aid, and evacuation protocols.

Practical Demonstrations: Demonstrations of firefighting techniques, flood rescue operations, and emergency first-aid procedures.

Interactive Q&A: Participants were encouraged to ask questions, clarifying doubts and discussing real-life disaster scenarios.

S. Lt. Justin J Thomas delivered the welcome address and Lt. Dr. Jubin Antony proposed the vote of thanks.

Outcome

The participants gained a comprehensive understanding of disaster management and the crucial role they can play during emergencies. Practical skills such as firefighting, first-aid application, and rescue techniques were effectively demonstrated, boosting confidence among the attendees. The programme fostered a sense of responsibility among NCC cadets and students, inspiring them to act as first responders in their communities. The collaboration between the college, District Disaster Management Authority, and Kerala Fire Services highlighted the importance of collective efforts in disaster preparedness.