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Fire Safety Awareness Program organized In coordination with Fire & Emergency Services, J&K

Chadoora, December 14, 2023 – Government Polytechnic College Budgam and Fire and Emergency Division Chadoora, successfully organized a Fire Safety Awareness Program on December 13, 2023 at Government Polytechnic College Budgam campus. The event aimed to educate the youth community about the crucial aspects of fire prevention, preparedness, and response. The program commenced with a warm welcome address by Mr. Arshid Ahmad, highlighting the importance of fire safety in our community. The following sessions provided valuable insights and practical knowledge to the attendees.

Session Highlights:

1. Theoretical Session :

It involved the theoretical aspect regarding the understanding fire safety is paramount in safeguarding lives and property. This involved awareness of the basic principles that govern fire prevention and response. Recognizing common causes of fires is crucial for preemptive measures. Electrical faults, unattended flames, and faulty appliances are often culprits. Preventive measures, such as proper storage of flammable materials and regular equipment maintenance, play a pivotal role. Fire extinguishers are indispensable components of fire safety. Fire extinguishers are vital tools for immediate response, enabling individuals to suppress small fires before they escalate. Understanding the proper use and maintenance of these devices enhances their effectiveness in ensuring the safety of both residential and commercial spaces.

Demonstrations of Emergency Evacuation Procedures:

Effective emergency evacuation requires clear and practiced procedures. Demonstrations by Zahoor Ahmad expert from Fire and Emergency Department, provided a visual clarity on the steps to be taken during an evacuation. This includes orderly exit routes, assembly points, and guidance on how to assist others, ensuring a swift and safe evacuation process.

Importance of Having a Fire Escape Plan at Home and in Public Places:

Having a well-thought-out fire escape plan is critical for both homes and public spaces. Individuals and families should know the layout of their homes, identify primary and alternative escape routes, and establish designated meeting points outside. Similarly, public places should have visible exit signs, well-marked escape routes, and regular drills to familiarize occupants with evacuation procedures. The expert emphasized, over ensuring fire safety at home is paramount, and this involves a comprehensive understanding of various aspects. In the kitchen, where potential fire hazards are prevalent, it is crucial to adhere to safety tips such as never leaving cooking unattended, keeping flammable objects away from heat sources, and having a fire extinguisher readily accessible. Electrical safety precautions are essential to prevent electrical fires; this includes proper wiring, avoiding overloading circuits, and regularly checking for damaged cords. Safe practices for heating appliances, like space heaters, emphasize maintaining a safe distance from combustibles and turning off appliances when not in use.

Practical demonstrations:

Practical demonstrations play a vital role in educating individuals about fire safety. Learning how to use a fire extinguisher correctly, the proper deployment of fire blankets, and gaining hands-on experience with emergency exits can be invaluable in preparing individuals to respond effectively in case of a fire emergency. These demonstrations provide tangible skills and knowledge that empower people to protect themselves and their homes from the devastating consequences of fires. Also, few students were given the chance to practically execute the safety plan and precautions in case of a fire situation in and around them.

The event concluded with closing remarks by Er. Suehail, expressing gratitude to the In-charge of the Fire Service Station - Chadoora Division, Expert Mr Zahoor from the department and the students for their collaborative effort in making the event a success and encouraged continued engagement in promoting fire safety awareness. Mr Zahoor said "The Fire and Emergency Department Division Chadoora, remains committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the community". The program provided a valuable platform for interaction between participants and fire department personnel, fostering a sense of shared responsibility in fire safety.



