

## **EVACUATION DRILL BY NDRF**

**“ Preparedness is the only way to combat a disaster”. Disasters are unpredictable and it is the need of an hour to deal with such emergencies. On this theme, St. Xavier’s School, Bathinda in collaboration with NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) on 29<sup>th</sup> April ,2022 took initiative to organize a Mock Evacuation Drill Programme. This event was organized to create an awareness and train the students to be responsible and to face any kind of crucial situations.**

**The event was graced by the presence of our Honorable Chief Guest Mr. Narendra Kumar Bassi (Community Aids Educator), Guest of Honour Mr. Ravi Pandita (Commanding Officer NDRF, Bathinda), Rev Father Cidloy Furtado (The Principal, St. Xavier’s School, Bathinda), Mrs. Archana Rajput ( The Co ordinator, St. Xavier’s School , Bathinda) and Mrs. Sonia Jindal ( The Activity Incharge). The guests were felicitated and honoured by Rev Father Cidloy Furtado and Mrs. Archana Rajput.**

**The Honourable Chief Guest , Mr. Narendra Kumar Bassi addressed the gathering with his words of wisdom and stated that life is very important and to safeguard it we should always be aware of precautionary measures . He also mentioned the importance of these safety measures at the time of disasters like fires, road accidents etc. He ended up by advising the students to be careful and always use their presence of mind in such crucial situations.**

**The gathering was further addressed by our Honourable Guest of Honour, who praised the school management for the wonderful opportunity given to NDRF to interact with the students. He emphasized that safety measures is not a part of academic education but an awareness to face any situation in the school. He encouraged students to be always optimistic, focused and to be thoughtful and proud of the glorious past of our country. He also focused on the fact that one should not panic in such situation rather one should have faith in oneself. Thereafter, the stage was set for the NDRF team to make the students aware about the basic safety programmes. They conducted various practical experiments like basic safety measure for rescue breathing, bleeding control, FBAO (Foreign Body Airway Obstruction), Fire Extinguishing, Controlling of Dehydration, evacuation steps during any natural disaster.**

**Overall, the measures exhibited by the NDRF team was indeed laudable and very enriching for all the students and staff members as some of the most valuable tips for saving and rescuing oneself was conveyed to the students.**



