

Disaster preparedness training for students



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The [National](#) Disaster Response Force (NDRF) in collaboration with District disaster management authority assisted by local [NGO](#) Pherangadao [as](#) a part of their school outreach programme to educate children about disaster preparedness and mitigation organized a [community](#) awareness programme at Presidency Jr. College premises on Tuesday. A 15-member-team from 01 Battalion NDRF ([National](#) Disaster Response Force) [Patgaon](#) (Kamrup) imparting [training](#) on disaster management awareness preparedness and demonstration of its tools and equipments for the school students.

Topics on MFR (Medical first responder) CSSR (Collapsed structure search & rescue), school safety [training](#), urban search & rescue, earthquake, flood, land slide and [community](#) responders, road accidents were covered during the five day [training](#) programme. There will be an interaction session with team. The objective of such campaign is to build capacities. Students were shown how to save lives and make low cost life-saving equipment like boats made with materials available locally. A mock drill of effective handling of injured person in accidents was also staged.

Talking to Assam Times a commander of the team Yadav said "Our 01 Bn. NDRF is assigned basically to cover Darrang, Sonitpur, Baksa, [Udalguri](#) districts in any emergency situations that include man-made and natural disasters. We jump into action in half an hour and travel through the shortest route possible, when necessity arises standby teams are called for help. We jointly work with troops of District and State Disaster Management and local fire-fighters." Students were also showcased footages and rescue operations by NDRF troops in Nepal earthquake, Uttarakhand cloud-[burst](#), Orissa cyclone etc; The programme was also attended by Saptati Endow Assistant commissioner in charge [SDO](#)(civil) of [Bhergaon](#) . She also delivered few words on the occasion.

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