BUILDING A DISASTER-RESILIENT FUTURE : Awareness Programme on International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026

The Department of Humanities and Sciences, PVKK Institute of Technology (Autonomous), Anantapuramu, organised an awareness programme on the occasion of **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026** on **13th October 2026** at Gandhi Bhavan Seminar Hall. The programme was conducted with the objective of creating awareness among I B.Tech students about disaster preparedness, risk reduction, fire safety, and appropriate emergency response measures.

The initiative was organised in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Anantapur (JNTUA), the National Service Scheme (NSS), the Indian Red Cross Society, and State Disaster Response and Fire Services, Andhra Pradesh. The programme highlighted the importance of collective responsibility, preparedness, and community participation in minimising disaster-related risks and protecting human lives and property.

Learning Through Creativity and Awareness

The programme featured three major activities: a drawing competition, a Disaster Risk Reduction Awareness Programme, and a Fire Safety Awareness Session with a Mock Drill.

The drawing competition provided an opportunity for I B.Tech students to express their understanding of disaster preparedness, environmental protection, fire prevention, and community safety through creative artwork. It encouraged students to communicate important safety messages while developing creativity and social responsibility.

The disaster risk reduction awareness session focused on identifying potential hazards, understanding vulnerabilities, following official warnings, and adopting preventive measures during emergencies. Students were sensitised to the importance of emergency exits, evacuation routes, safe assembly points, emergency contact details, and maintaining essential emergency supplies.

Fire Safety Awareness and Mock Drill: Practical Preparedness

One of the significant highlights of the programme was the Fire Safety Awareness Session and Mock Drill conducted with the support of emergency response personnel. Students were introduced to essential fire prevention practices, electrical safety precautions, emergency evacuation procedures, and the importance of responding calmly and responsibly during fire-related emergencies.

The practical demonstrations and safety-related activities provided valuable exposure to emergency preparedness and highlighted the importance of teamwork, alertness, discipline, and timely action in protecting lives during unforeseen situations.



Strengthening Community Responsibility

The collaboration with JNTUA, NSS, the Indian Red Cross Society, and State Disaster Response and Fire Services reinforced the importance of institutional cooperation and professional guidance in disaster management. The programme encouraged students to become responsible citizens who can contribute to safety awareness and preparedness within their institutions, families, and communities.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by **Dr. A. Pavani, Professor of English**, who expressed sincere gratitude to the dignitaries, collaborating organisations, faculty members, and students for their valuable contributions.

Outcomes and Impact

The awareness initiative strengthened students' understanding of disaster prevention, emergency preparedness, and fire safety. It encouraged creative expression, responsible decision-making, teamwork, and a proactive approach towards safety. The programme also emphasised that disaster risk reduction is a shared responsibility and that even simple preventive measures can significantly reduce risks and avoidable loss of life and property.

Towards a Safer and More Resilient Tomorrow

Through this initiative, the Department of Humanities and Sciences reaffirmed its commitment to promoting safety consciousness, social responsibility, and experiential learning among students. The programme served as a meaningful reminder that preparedness is the foundation of resilience and that every individual has an important role in building a safer society.

"Build Resilient Communities for a Safer Tomorrow!"