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Report on the Disaster Management Workshop for Group III Balvikas Girls

Chennai 6th February 2011

By the grace of Bhagavan, a workshop on Disaster Management for Group III Balvikas Girls of Chennai Metro South, West and North districts was conducted at Sri Sathya Sai Nivas, Perambur on 6th February 2011.

The day's session commenced at 8:45 am with Veda chanting, Bhajans and Welcome address. The Mahilas Youth Wing- Disaster Management group of Chennai Metro North conducted this workshop. A total of 122 participants attended the workshop from various districts of Chennai Metro North, South and West.

The session started with an introduction on Disaster Management followed by Presentations on Cyclones, Earth Quake, Floods and Tsunami. It was accompanied by Videos and pictures which made the session interesting for Children. The Speakers introduced the participants to the various Disasters and the rescue measures in a very subtle way without instilling fear in them. The session was made interesting by interaction, stories and practical demonstrations. It was a pleasure to see the children so enthusiastically participating.

After a short tea break, the session resumed with a video on Kitchen Fire Handling. Subsequently, the participants were given ropes and were taught Reef Knot, Single sheath bend and double sheath bend. The Disaster Management girls took great interest in ensuring that all the participants were doing the knots correctly. They went row by row to check on the accuracy of the knots.

This was followed by a practical demonstration on the Emergency Methods of Rescue. They covered various methods such as Rescue of Disaster victims (conscious, semi conscious and unconscious), use of stretchers (make shift stretchers, blankets and towels), back lifting, toe dragging and various methods according to the availability of number of rescuers. Every demonstration drew loud applause from the participants who were struck with total awe and admiration for the team. The day's programme concluded with Maha Mangala Aarathi to Bhagavan at 12:45 pm. This was followed by lunch and Prasadam distribution.

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