

**St. Cecilia's Public School**  
**Preparedness and Alertness can reduce damage -**  
**Earthquake Mock Drill on 05.04.2023**



Children are the most vulnerable in any disaster. With increasing complexities of human life and its geo political environment, incidence of disasters, both natural and manmade are steadily increasing all over the world. To educate and train the students for an unforeseen emergency such as fire or any natural calamity such as Earthquake. St. Cecilia's Public School conducted a mock evacuation drill on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 for the students at the beginning of the new academic session. The students were sensitized beforehand about the exit plan to be followed and the standard operating procedures to be undertaken for the evacuation drill. Immediately after the sound of the hooter, the students were instructed to vacate their classes and evacuate the school building under the supervision of the teachers. The students were also trained to remain calm and adhere to all the necessary guidelines. They were also taught to be compassionate and helpful towards their juniors as well as their fellow mates if any real emergency occurs.

Guided by the teachers, the students collected in the school ground that was allotted as the safe zone. Following all the safety measures, the school building was successfully vacated well within a span of 4½ minutes. Head count of the students was taken by the class teachers.

Respected Madam Principal addressed the students and reiterated the Do's and Don'ts in case of an emergency. Finally all the students were dispersed in an orderly manner to their classrooms.

The mock Drill was organized to check the preparedness of the school to face any emergency and to make students and staff aware about the rescue operation and its procedure. The drill helped in training all to meet the challenges in adverse situations, to face and handle emergency conditions in real life.