

RED CROSS FIRST-AID TRAINING ORGANIZED AT MIET



19th April, 2008. Model Institute of Engineering & Technology (MIET) today organized a "First Aid Training Programme", by the Red Cross Society at its Kot Bhalwal campus. More than 40 Red Cross student volunteers from all branches of MIET participated in the programme, which is internationally-recognized and the first of its kind in the State of J&K. The programme was organized under the auspices of "PRAYASS" – The NSS Extension & Outreach Committee of the institution, in association with the Youth Red Cross Society, Jammu and Saint John Ambulance Service, New Delhi. Principal, MIET Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Prof. S.K Sharma inaugurated the programme and emphasized the necessity for students to participate in programmes which are socially relevant and designed to help serve the society. He congratulated the student and faculty volunteers in opting to be trained in basic first-aid and be able to help others in the time of crisis, if the need arose. He also expressed gratitude to the team from Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Service for conducting the programme at MIET. Prof. Ankur Gupta Joint Director, MIET appreciated the committee members for organizing a socially-relevant programme. He stressed that engineering graduates need to develop other life skills too, apart from the technical skills that they acquire. Mr. Mahesh Gupta Co-coordinator, Youth Red Cross Society, Jammu provided the history and details of functioning of the Red Cross Society and motivated the students to participate with vigour and enthusiasm in such

programmes. Prof. B.B Mehmi, Incharge of the NSS committee at MIET, presented the vote of thanks.

First aid training was conducted by Sh.Kalyan Singh, Asstt. Commissioner, St.John Ambulance Bridge, New Delhi and a Red Cross certified trainer for the commonwealth countries. During the training first-aid techniques for various kinds of injuries for accident or fire victims were demonstrated to the students. Also techniques for removing the injured to the hospital without compromising their safety were also discussed. Dr. Shalini Pandita from S.M.G.S Hospital, Jammu was also a part of the team that provided the training. The team shall conduct a proficiency test of volunteers on the concluding day of training programme, with the successful candidates being provided with an internationally-recognized certificate. The programme is a part of sustained initiatives at MIET for the overall personality development of the students and to make them aware of their social responsibilities.