Inter-school quiz on Earthquake Tips

ALLAHABAD: National Information Centre of Earthquake Engineering (NICEE) at IIT Kanpur is conducting an inter-school quiz competition on Earthquake Tips, the preliminary round of which was held on Tuesday at Maharishi Patanjali Vidya Mandir, Tellyarjan here and the final round of which will be conducted on Jan 26 at Outreach Auditorium, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur.

A need has been felt for long to include school children, who are the future builders of the country, in the activity of furthering the cause of seismic safety towards ensuring and earthquake resistant built environment in the country, which is also the mandate of NICEE. There has been overwhelming response from the schools for registering for the quiz. The registering schools were given 50 copies of “Earthquake Tips” by Dr. CVR Murty, to be used for selecting a team of four participants from each school from Class VIII to Class XI. In the preliminary round of the quiz held on Tuesday seven schools of Allahabad, viz. MPVM, Crosthwaite Girls College, GIC, Kendriya Vidyalaya (New Canit), Army School, Jagat Taran Golden Jubilee School and Allahabad Public School and College participated. The winning team of Jagat Taran Golden Jubilee School was represented by Ms. Arunima Singh, Ms. Hemangi Das, Mr. Pradyot Srivastava. They have qualified for the final round.

The quiz had four rounds viz. Round Robin, Picture Round, Rapid Fire Round and lucky number Round. The questions were based on the publication “Earthquake Tips” by Dr. CVR Murty. The winning team scored 84 points.

In addition, the preliminary round will also be held in Kanpur, Lakhnow, and Gorakhpur. The winners of preliminary rounds will have a grueling contest for supremacy on January 26.

It is proposed to make this an annual event with the final round of quiz being held on January 26 every year to commemorate the devastating Bhuj Earthquake of 2001.