

BSAI Workshop on Emergency Preparedness & Safety Audits – A Brief Report

Birla Public School, Kishangarh, successfully hosted the **BSAI Workshop on “Emergency Preparedness & Safety Audits”** from **25th to 27th September 2026**, bringing together school leaders and administrators from leading residential schools across India, including **Pinegrove School, Dharampur, Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls’ Public School, Jodhpur, Taurian World School, Ranchi, Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls’ School, Jaipur, Birla Balika Vidyapeeth, Pilani, The Mann School, Delhi, SSVM, Coimbatore, The Sanskar Valley School, Bhopal, and Birla Public School, Kishangarh.**

The workshop aimed to strengthen institutional preparedness, enhance safety protocols, and promote best practices in risk management and school safety.

Day-1

Inaugural Session: The programme commenced on the evening of **25th September** with registration, high tea, and an interactive networking session among the participants. The inaugural ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the lamp by representatives of the participating schools, followed by a welcome address by Mr. Sourabh Kumar Guha, Principal, Birla Public School, Kishangarh.

Session-1: The opening session, **“Foundations of School & Boarding House Safety,”** was conducted by Mr. A.P. Sharma, who emphasized on emergency preparedness as a critical operational function in schools. The session highlighted essential components of a safe school and boarding environment, leadership responsibilities in safety management, and the need for a proactive safety culture across educational institutions.

Day-2

The second day began with a group photograph and a guided tour of the host school campus.

Session 2: “Emergency Response Team (ERT) Structure”, was led by Maj. Rahul Wankhade, who stressed upon the importance of rapid response mechanisms during emergencies. Through practical examples and case studies, he explained the structure of an effective ‘Emergency Response Team’, emergency planning, and the development of clear communication protocols for timely and coordinated action.

Session 3: “Training, Drills and Safety Awareness Programmes,” focused on fire safety drills, evacuation procedures, and boarding house emergency preparedness. Participants gained valuable insights into conducting realistic drills and building a culture of preparedness among students and staff.

Session 4: “Safety Audits, Inspections and Gap Identification,” – Mr. Manoj Pareek, former Bursar of Mayo College, elaborated on systematic safety audits, identification of vulnerabilities, risk mitigation measures, and the formulation of corrective action plans for continuous improvement.

The day concluded with an excursion to **Pushkar**, providing participants an opportunity for informal interaction and cultural enrichment. A musical evening and dinner further strengthened camaraderie among delegates.

Day-3

Session-5: On **27th September**, Mr. Rahul Tak, an electrical safety auditor, conducted an insightful session on electrical safety inspections, hazard identification, and preventive measures for educational institutions. Subsequently, Mr. Dhirendra Singh addressed the participants on statutory safety requirements and compliance obligations prescribed by various regulatory authorities. Through practical examples, he highlighted the importance of adherence to safety norms and continuous monitoring.

Valedictory Session: The workshop concluded with a feedback session, valedictory address, certificate distribution, and presentation of mementoes and goody bags to all participants.

The workshop proved to be a highly enriching and professionally rewarding experience. It provided an excellent platform for sharing best practices, strengthening safety awareness, and fostering collaboration among boarding schools committed to creating safer and more resilient learning environments.