

# Technology should benefit people, says Mukut Mithi

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**Puducherry, Feb 21:** Lieutenant Governor Mukut Mithi on Wednesday said that efforts should be taken to convert technological advancements into applications for the benefit of mankind.

In his inaugural address at a workshop on 'Integration of technology with community-based disaster preparedness' organised by the Puducherry Multipurpose Social Service Society here, he said it was evident that recent advancements had increased the potential for application of communication in the realms of science and technology, particularly in developing countries.

"Effective disaster preparedness requires the capacity to detect hazards, monitor information and to convert the information into credible, accurate, unambiguous alerts and warnings," Mithi said.

As stated in various UN initiatives, the need of the hour was to strategically work towards disaster preparedness involving local communities with emphasis on preventive strateg-



**Lieutenant Governor Mukut Mithi addressing the gathering at a workshop on 'Integration of technology with community-based disaster preparedness' in Puducherry on Wednesday - Express**

ies in order to reduce potential loss in society, economy and environment, he said.

The advent of new technologies over the last two decades provided an opportunity to apply those technologies in disaster management.

"Communication technology can help in establishing networks which link emergency operation centres, bro-

adcasting systems and frontline communities," the Lieutenant Governor said.

Reduction of risks primarily rested on the people and the physical manifestations of the hazards, he said, adding that the significant aspect in the application of those technologies was their compatibility with society and economy.

"This calls for integration of

advanced technologies to make disaster preparedness programmes successful," he added.

He also made a special mention about the efforts of the M S Swaminathan Research Foundation in the field. Rev Dr Anthony Anandaryar, Arch Bishop of Puducherry-Cuddalore, and others spoke.