



Stories of Resilience Contest

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BACKGROUND

“There is only one thing more painful than learning from experience and that is not learning from experience”- a wise man once stated. For ages, communities in Himachal Pradesh have been witnessing the impacts of natural as well as human-induced hazards like landslides, fires, avalanches, floods, stampedes, cloudbursts, earthquakes, etc. As a matter of fact, most of these events which turned into a disaster are still fresh in the minds of people. However, there is hardly any documentation of such events where communities and/or individuals demonstrated the spirit of resilience after the event. Considering the need to promote a culture of documenting the disastrous events, community’s response and the lessons learnt for preparedness in future, the HPSDMA is organizing a competition for the documentation of Stories of Resilience.

If you are aware of any story from Himachal Pradesh which highlights the strength of the community in adverse situations, especially during or after a disaster, then you are encouraged to participate in ‘Stories of Resilience Contest’. The entries in the contest must be related to events occurred in Himachal Pradesh in which the local community demonstrated apt response and/or sustainable recovery. The stories should highlight one or more of the following hazards-

- *Earthquake, Landslide, Domestic Fire, Forest Fire, Industrial Accident, Flood, Cloudburst, Road Accidents, Drought, Avalanche, etc.*

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST?

Participating institutions/individuals should submit their entries as email attachment (in MS Word or PDF format) at- sdma-hp@nic.in by **8 October, 2018 (5 PM)** clearly stating ‘**Entry- Stories of Resilience Contest**’ in the subject line. Stories should be typed/hand-written either in Hindi or English language and should not contain less than 4 and more than 10 pages. Entries to the ‘Stories of Resilience Contest’ must contain the following details:

- Title of the Story
- Description (type of hazardous event, location, time and date, loss of lives and damage to property, response carried out by the community and other stakeholders, lessons learnt and actions taken by the community)
- Photographs, Videos or News Clippings from the event
- A Letter of Reference from a public representative like Chairperson of Panchayat Samiti, Gram Pradhan, etc. or a Govt. Official like SDM, Tehsildar, etc.

- Name, Address, Mobile Number, Email Address
- Signature of the Contestant at the bottom of the Story

Every entry to the 'Stories of Resilience' contest will be judged on the following parameters:

- Narrative clarity (Should be written in a simple way, mentioning the time, date, place, impact caused by the event, instant and long-term actions taken by community, etc.)
- Evidence-backed (Photographs, videos, news clippings, etc. should be submitted along with a letter of reference from a public representative like Chairperson of Panchayat Samiti, Gram Pradhan, etc. or a Govt. Official like SDM, Tehsildar, etc.)
- Potential to be developed as a case study (Should contain facts and figures which make the story worthy of further study)

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST?

Any individual residing in Himachal Pradesh can participate in the contest. One person can submit a maximum of 3 entries to the contest.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date for the Submission of the Entries: 8 October, 2018
- Announcement of Contest Winners: 10 October, 2018
- Felicitation of the Winners: 13 October, 2018 (*Samarth 2018)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Top three entries will be felicitated on 13 October, 2018 during the Concluding Ceremony of Samarth 2018 at Shimla. Certificate of Participation will be awarded to all contestants.
- Recipients of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd prize will be invited to attend the Concluding Ceremony of Samarth 2018 on 13 October, 2018 at Shimla. They will be provided the Return Bus Tickets to & from Shimla and accommodation from 12 to 13 October, 2018.

NOTE: The shortlisted Stories of Resilience will be published as a compendium and will be launched on 13th of October, 2018.

QUERY/HELP

In case of any further query regarding the contest, please contact Mr. Vivek Sharma, DM Specialist, HPSDMA at- 8851063017 / 8629880160 or Mr. Navneet Yadav at- 9816678898 / 8219115406. Alternatively, you can email us at: sdma-hp@nic.in stating '**Query- Stories of Resilience Contest**' in the subject line.