

Proceedings of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gopal Beri, Director, Health Services, Government of Himachal Pradesh, on dated 4th March, 2024 at HP Secretariat regarding “Scheme for Hospital Safety - *Safe Hospitals in Emergencies and Disasters*”.

List of participants is at Annexure A

At the outset, Joint Secretary (Revenue – DM), Sh. Sunil Verma welcomed the Chairperson Dr. Gopal Beri, Director Health Services, Government of Himachal Pradesh and the participants. Further, he briefed about the meeting agenda and informed the participants about the objective & significance of the “**Scheme for Hospital Safety - *Safe Hospitals in Emergencies and Disasters***”. Thereafter, Dr. Gopal Beri, Director Health Services, GoHP briefed the present scenario of the health services in the state with respect to disaster and emergency preparedness.

Further, Training & Capacity Building Coordinator, Sh. Nitin Sharma, delivered a comprehensive presentation on “**Scheme for Hospital Safety - *Safe Hospitals in Emergencies and Disasters***” and orientated the participants with the roles and responsibilities of health department with reference to the implementation of the scheme. In addition to this, emphasis was also laid upon the capacity building of the functionaries operating at different levels with sector-specific trainings that are necessary for enhancing the ability to deal with catastrophes.

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Thereafter, Sh. Sunil Verma, Joint Secretary (Revenue–DM) initiated an open discussion with the participants and addressed to their queries. In his concluding remarks, he requested the Department to take ownership of the scheme and develop a training calendar specific to their disaster management needs. This calendar should align with the level-wise training needs identified through a needs assessment conducted by the HPSDMA (Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority).

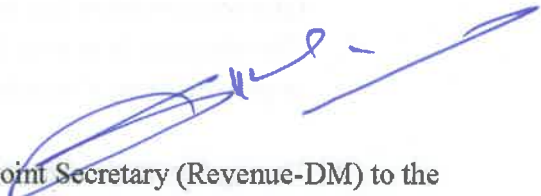
Based on the presentations and discussions, specific points and recommendations have been proposed for immediate action and further implementation.

Actionable Points:

1. The Department of Health Service in the Government of Himachal Pradesh (GoHP) will take responsibility for the scheme's implementation, extending it across the entire state. The objective is to establish a safer and disaster-resilient state through proactive measures in preparedness, Capacity Building mitigation, and preparedness..
2. During the initial phase, the Rapid Visual Screening process will be conducted for all medical colleges in the state and training institutions under the Health department. The goal is to complete this screening by September 2024, ensuring a comprehensive assessment of these facilities for enhanced disaster preparedness.

3. Secondly, focus will be given towards conducting Rapid Visual Screening for all Zonal and Referral Hospitals in the State, followed by the Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the subsequent phase and completed by March 2025. This phased approach aims to systematically assess and enhance disaster resilience across various healthcare facilities.
4. The Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) for all hospitals up to the Primary Health Center (CHC) level is set to be finalized by March 2026. The Department of Health Services along with HPSDMA will conduct tabletop exercises to facilitate the efficient completion of the task within the defined time frame.
5. All the Health Facilities in the State shall develop a Disaster Management Plan for each medical institution and there will be a commitment to keeping these plans up to date.
6. Regular mock drills will be ensured in all Medical Facilities with the support of HPSDMA and the respective District Disaster Management Authority (DDMAs).
7. Hospital Safety Training Programmes shall be conducted by the Health Training Institute with the support from HPSDMA at their facilities, Medical Colleges and Hospitals, extending up to the District Level. Training Needs for the Health officials shall be identified by the Department in alignment with the Training Needs Assessment document of HPSDMA and Training Programmes shall be designed accordingly.
8. The Health & Family Welfare Institute Parimahal and all Medical Colleges will play a crucial role in ensuring that health officials comprehend their roles and responsibilities at various levels within the department during emergencies. To address any training gaps or specific needs, the Health Department is required to submit training proposals to the HPSDMA promptly and in a time-bound manner.
9. An Implementation cum Monitoring Committee will be constituted, consisting of Joint Secretary level officers from both departments. This committee will convene regular meetings to oversee and accelerate the implementation of the scheme. Their role will be pivotal in ensuring efficient execution and monitoring of the program's progress.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks.



Joint Secretary (Revenue-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

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1. Director, Health Service, GoHP
2. All the Deputy Commissioners cum Chairman, DDMA's in Himachal Pradesh
3. The Principal, Health & Family Welfare Training Centre, Parimahal, H.P
4. Principals of Health Institutions / Colleges.
5. Chief Medical Officers of all the districts.
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Attendance Sheet

1. Ms. Priyanka Verma, IAS, MD – NHM
2. Sh. Sunil Verma, Joint Secretary (Revenue – DM)
3. Dr. D.D. Sharma, Joint Director, Health Services, HoHP
4. Dr. Devender Sharma, Deputy Director, Health Services, GoHP
5. Dr. Omesh Bharti, Principal, State Institute of Health & Family Welfare, Parimahal
6. Dr. R. Pathania, Health Services, GoHP
7. Dr. Manish Sood, Health Services, GoHP
8. Dr. Deepak Kainthla, Health Services, GoHP
9. Dr. Sita Thakur, Health Services, GoHP
10. Dr. Shomin Dhiman,
11. Dr. Krishan Chand, Training & Capacity Building Specialist, HPSDMA
12. Dr. Rohit Chauhan, RS & GIS Specialist, HPSDMA
13. Sh. Nitin Sharma, Training & Capacity Building Coordinator, HPSDMA

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14. All the Principals of Health Institutions in Himachal Pradesh.
15. Chief Medical Officers, All Districts in Himachal Pradesh.