

Proceedings of the Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Sh. D.C. Rana, Director cum Ex Officio Special Secretary (Revenue DM) to Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 29th July, 2024, 2:30 PM at NIC VC Conference Hall, Armsdale Building, HP Secretariat, Shimla regarding "Safe Construction Practices" and Planning State Wide Campaign thereof.

The List of Participants is at Annexure - A

2. At the outset of the meeting, Dr. S.S. Randhawa, Principal Scientific Officer of DMC – HPSDMA, formally welcomed the Chairman, Sh. D.C. Rana, Director cum Ex Officio Special Secretary (Revenue DM) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and the officers from various stakeholder departments who were present in person and through virtual mode from all districts of Himachal Pradesh, along with the members of SIAG and DIAG.

3. Thereafter, Sh. D.C. Rana briefed about the today's meeting and also apprised them about the actions to be taken as a follow up of the meeting, chaired by the Chief Secretary of the Government of Himachal Pradesh, which was held on May 21, 2024, focusing on "Safe Construction Practices, the Need for Regulation, and an Effective Techno-Legal Regime in Himachal Pradesh." and after detailed discussions with stakeholders with regard to implement effective measures ensuring safe construction practices across the state and in the meeting dated 21st May 2024 it was directed that in order to educate masses about safe construction practices, the DMC may carry out focused IEC campaign involving stakeholder Departments and organizations such as DDMA's, IPR, DD News AIR, Departments of UD, RD, TCP, Technical Education, IIT, NIT, IAG Networks of SDMA and DDMA's during celebration of IDDR / Samarth in October, 2024.

4. Further, Director (DM) informed that the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) has been actively involved in organising activities during "International Day of Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR)" since 2011 under the banner of "SAMARTH" and this year too, the HPSDMA is proposing to carry out similar activities. This year it would be the 14th edition of "SAMARTH," and will be organized state wide from October 1st to October 15th, 2024.

5. Following the brief overview and based on the discussions with stakeholders, following actionable points and recommendations were made for immediate implementation:

Sr. No.	Direction / Decision	Action By
1.	The Department of Information and Public Relations (IPR) will submit a comprehensive proposal for a one-month mass campaign in October 2024, focusing on safe construction practices at state level in consultation with the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), and at the district level in consultation with District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA's). This campaign will comprise of wide range of communication strategies, including traditional street plays (<i>Nukadd Natak</i>), visual vans,	IPR Department

	<p>and local folk performances (kala jatha) to directly engage communities. Adequate training and capacity building of Kala Jathas will be ensured before launch of the campaign. They will also be provided IEC material by HP SDMA/DDMAs for wider dissemination.</p> <p>These Kala Jathas may also play documentaries on safe construction practices to be supplied by the HP SDMA. IPR may also provide necessary assistance to HP SDMA in preparing short films/documentaries.</p> <p>HP SDMA will also leverage print media through newspapers, auditory broadcasts via All India Radio, FM community radios, and jingles. Visual media will play a crucial role, with LED displays, videos, and extensive coverage on DD News and local news channels.</p> <p>Additionally, printed materials and IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) resources will be distributed to supplement the campaign's objectives. This multifaceted approach will aim to educate and raise awareness amongst the different sections of the society on safe construction practices to be adopted to develop a safe and disaster resilient environment.</p>	<p>IPR Department</p> <p>DMC</p> <p>DMC</p>
2.	<p>The Rural Development Department, will utilise the services of their workforce of over 300 engineers and 1500 technical assistants across the state at the panchayat level in this campaign, and they will sensitise and create awareness at the Panchayat level during the Gram Sabha meeting which will held on 2nd October 2024. The services of the Aapda Mitras, District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs), and its own technical personnel will also be utilised by RDD in this campaign.</p> <p>The agenda for the meeting will be provided by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) to ensure a coordinated effort in promoting disaster resilience and effective management practices at the grassroots level.</p>	<p>RDD</p> <p>DMC</p>
3.	The available IEC materials on safe construction practices will be	DMC

	<p>provided by CBRI Roorkee and NIT Hamirpur to HPSDMA. IEC material will be printed in adequate quality and sent to all stakeholders.</p> <p>The Information, Public Relations, and Broadcasting (IPR) department will then professionally help design and disseminate this content to the community to generate widespread awareness.</p>	IPR Department
4.	The Technical Education Department will identify Cement Company Help Centres existing within the state and collaborate with them to generate widespread awareness about safe construction practices. This initiative will include engaging Polytechnical Colleges in the campaign, leveraging their resources and expertise to reach a broader audience.	Department of Technical Education, HP
5.	The TCP & UD Department was directed to target Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and organize workshops across all ULBs in the state. These workshops will involve public representatives, engineers, architects, masons, and the general public, aiming to enhance their awareness in urban planning and development practices. In this initiative, the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) will conduct a workshop for concerned officers of the TCP & UD Department in September 2024 inviting experts from different institutions in and outside the state. The preparatory workshop will be organised with the objective to sensitize the officers from TCP and UD department about the campaign on promoting safe and resilient urban development practices throughout the state. At ULB level these workshops shall be organised by the TCP Department.	HPSDMA / TCP / UD
6.	SIAG and DIAG members will also actively participate in this campaign and organizing awareness programs in consultation with District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) at the community level either by organising the events online or offline. These programs will aim to educate the community on various aspects of disaster preparedness and resilience. Additionally, an awareness campaign will be launched to apprise the residents about available home insurance products, highlighting their benefits and importance in disaster mitigation. Following each event, SIAG and DIAG members will submit detailed activity reports to the respective DDMA / SDMA to document their outreach efforts and	SIAG / DIAG

	measure their impact on the community.	
7.	Bal Raksha Bharat & Volunteer from DIAG Kangra Mr. Harjeet Bhullar (EduCARE India) are requested to prepare a comprehensive concept note on Model Village on Disaster Resilience Village and the same will be shared with the HPSDMA.	Sh. Naveen Shukla , BRB & Sh. Harjeet Bhullar(EduCARE India)
8.	<p>Involving Education Department, a competition will be organised for preparing safe construction models at the Block level in three different categories i.e. High School Level, Senior Secondary School Level, and College Level. The SDM will be the chairperson and BDO will be Member Secretary of the block-level committee for identifying the best models. (Activity to be completed by 15th September)</p> <p>The top safe construction model selected from each category at the block level will then compete at the district level, where the DC will chair and PO DRDA will be the Member Secretary of the selection committee. The district will nominate the best models in all three categories to the state level. (This activity will be completed by 30th September.)</p> <p>Technical Members from PWD, local Polytechnic/ Engg. Colleges may be associated in these committees.</p> <p>A committee, chaired by the Additional Secretary (Rev.DM) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, will select the best construction model in each category at State level. These winning models will be awarded at a state-level function and will be showcased at the state-level exhibition on IDDRR – 2024.</p>	DDMA / HPSDMA
9.	<p>The HPSDMA may honour and recognise the exceptional work done by an individual or an organisation in the field of disaster management to encourage them and celebrate exceptional efforts in building resilience and enhancing disaster management practices across all sectors. The following categories will be considered for honouring: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An individual who has done exceptional or exemplary work in the field of disaster management in the district with and concerned 	HPSDMA / DDMA / All the Departments

	<p>DDMA will recommend his/her nomination.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. HPSDMA Scheme-wise Best Performing District, for implementing the various schemes. 3. Best NGO in the field of Disaster Management. 4. Best Department Disaster Management Plan (DDMP) 5. Best School Disaster Management Plan. (SDMP) and those schools who have conducted the maximum number of mock drills during the year. 	
10.	<p>It was decided to develop a mobile application using NIC platform in consultation with expert agency to promote safe construction practices which can serve as an invaluable resource for the general public for getting information on the constructions practices at different phases of constructing a house. During site selection, the app can emphasize the importance of considering physio-ecological parameters to ensure a suitable and safe location. As users progress to the foundation stage, the app can provide guidance on essential measures to make the house disaster-resilient, such as proper soil testing and reinforcement techniques. Moving forward, the app can offer detailed instructions for constructing columns, wall masonry and the strategic placement of doors and windows to enhance structural integrity. Finally, during the roofing stage, the app can supply comprehensive guidelines to ensure a safe and durable roof. By offering a complete guide for the entire construction process, the app will empower individuals with the knowledge to undertake any construction activity confidently and safely.</p>	ITS - HPSDMA

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

d
14

D.C. Rana, IAS
Director cum Ex Officio
Special Secretary (Revenue – DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Endst. No. Rev. (DMC) (F) 11-01/2022-SEC (Safe Construction) Dated: Shimla the August, 2024

Copy for the information & necessary action to:

1. CEO-cum-Secretary, HIMUDA
2. All the Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman (DDMAs), H.P.
3. The Directors,
Panchayati Raj / Rural Development / Urban Development / Town & Country Planning/
Information & Public Relations / Technical Education.
4. Engineer-in-Chief, HPPWD / Jal Shakti Vibhag Shimla – HP
5. The Director, IIT Mandi / NIT Hamirpur
6. The Director, CSIR – CBRI, Roorkee , Utrakhand
7. All Members of State IAG& District IAG, Himachal Pradesh.

03/8/24

Director cum Ex Officio
Special Secretary (Revenue – DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Annexure – I

List of Participants presented in person :

1. Dr. S.S. Randhawa, PSO , DMC – HPSDMA
2. Sh. Vinod Sharma, AC (F&A), DMC – HPSDMA
3. Sh. Harender Sharma , P.O. , Department of Town Country & Planning, HP
4. Sh. Devender Garg, Information Officer, Department I&PR, HP
5. Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Makhaik, AE(Dev.), Department of RD, HP
6. Sh. Rakesh Yadav, Project Manager, ADRA
7. Smt. Anuradha, Head of Program, DOERS
8. Dr. Krishan Chand, Training & Capacity Building Specialist, DMC – HPSDMA

List of Participants presented virtually:

1. All the Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman (DDMAs), H.P.
2. Experts from IIT Mandi / NIT Hamirpur
3. The Director, CSIR – CBRI, Roorkee , Ultrakhand
4. Officer from Technical Education
5. All Members of State IAG& District IAG, Himachal Pradesh.

