



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Event Report on 15th edition - Samarth–2025”

1. Event Background

The **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR)** is observed globally on **13th October every year** to promote a culture of risk awareness and disaster resilience. It was first designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989 to highlight how communities and nations can reduce their exposure to disasters and strengthen preparedness.

The Day provides an opportunity for governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to acknowledge progress made in reducing disaster risks and to encourage further investment in resilience.

In 2015, with the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, the focus of IDDRR was realigned to assess and promote progress against the global targets set in the framework, such as reducing disaster mortality, minimizing economic losses, protecting critical infrastructure, and enhancing international cooperation.

Each year, IDDRR is observed with a specific theme linked to one of the seven targets of the Sendai Framework, ensuring a focused global campaign. The observance also helps in mainstreaming disaster risk reduction into sustainable development, climate change adaptation, and humanitarian action.

Globally, IDDRR serves as a platform to:

- Highlight the importance of disaster risk governance.
- Promote best practices and innovations in DRR.
- Encourage partnerships among governments, civil society, and communities.
- Raise awareness about the role of individuals in building disaster-resilient societies.

For India, and particularly disaster-prone regions like Himachal Pradesh, IDDRR plays a crucial role in mobilizing communities, strengthening institutions, and promoting safe construction practices, climate adaptation, and local resilience-building measures.

The theme of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR) 2025 is **“Fund Resilience, Not Disasters.”** Despite escalating risks, investment in disaster risk reduction (DRR) remains disproportionately low in both national budgets and international aid. This year’s theme underscores the urgent need for a decisive shift—prioritizing proactive resilience investments today to avoid the much higher economic, social, and human costs of disasters tomorrow.

All the relevant activities have been coordinated by SDMA at the State level and DDMA in their respective districts with active support from the concerned line- departments.

'SAMARTH-2025'

As a mark of solidarity with global efforts to observe the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR), the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) organizes its Annual Mass Awareness Campaign on Disaster Risk Reduction—‘Samarth’. Launched in 2011, this statewide campaign is implemented at the state, district, and community levels, with a wide range of events and activities conducted every year during October.

To strengthen public awareness, a variety of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials are developed and disseminated among diverse target groups, enhancing their knowledge and understanding of disaster risk reduction (DRR). In addition, HPSDMA undertakes extensive awareness drives through print and electronic media, social media platforms, radio, television, and alternative media channels. The campaign also features diverse activities such as inter-school quizzes, photography competitions, thematic workshops, and community-based events, ensuring engagement at multiple levels.

For the successful realization of the objectives of 'SAMARTH-2025', it is essential that every citizen of Himachal Pradesh, along with all District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMA), line departments, media houses, academic and research institutions, corporate houses, government and non-government organizations (GOs, NGOs), and community-based organizations (CBOs), participate actively and contribute meaningfully. Their collective involvement is crucial in making Himachal Pradesh a disaster-resilient state.

THEME FOR THE 2025: “Fund Resilience, Not Disasters” – Statewide Campaign on Safe Construction & Resilient Community.

The theme for the year 2025, “*Fund Resilience, Not Disasters,*” emphasizes the need to prioritize investments and policy actions that strengthen resilience rather than focusing solely on post-disaster response.

In Himachal Pradesh, the State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) initiated the “**Samarth**” campaign in 2011 to commemorate this global event. Over the years, it has evolved into a statewide public movement, uniting government departments, institutions, and communities under the shared goal of preparedness and resilience-building.

The **15th edition – “Samarth–2025”**, was observed from 1st to 31st October 2025 through a series of activities across all districts, focusing on disaster preparedness, safe construction practices, and community resilience. Through education, training, awareness drives, and public participation, the campaign continues to strengthen the vision of building a Safe and Resilient Himachal Pradesh.

2. Events & Activities during IDDRR – “SAMARTH - 2025”

Sr. No.	Activity	Location	Responsible Department	Date				
A. Main Function at Shimla								
1	Main Function (Gaiety Theatre) - Screening of Documentary / Awareness Videos - Felicitations of Winners (Safe Construction Models, Competitions) - Felicitations of exemplary service during Monsoon Disaster	Gaiety Theatre (Town Hall), Shimla	DMC	14th October 2025, 10:30 AM onwards				
2	Awards & Honours - Best Individual / organizations in DM - Overall Best Performing District in various State Schemes - Top 3 Entries from School/College Safe Construction Models							
3	Launching of PERC, HimKavach App and DMIS							
B. Exhibition at The Ridge – Shimla (14th – 17th Oct, 2025)								
4	Landslide Mitigation	The Ridge, Shimla	IIT Mandi	14–17 Oct 2025				
5	Safe Construction Practices		IIT Mandi / NIT Hamirpur / CBRI Roorkee / Tata TISCON					
6	Digital Platforms & Software Technology		MNCs					
7	SDRF Equipment Display		SDRF					
8	NDRF Equipment Display		NDRF					
9	Firefighting Equipment		Fire Services					
10	First Aid & CPR		Health Department					
11	Best Entries from Schools (Safe Construction Models)		Education Dept.					
12	Weather Station & Mobile Apps		IMD – Shimla					
13	IEC Awareness Drive & Material Distribution		DMC					
14	Climate Change		DEST					
15	CCDRR Exhibition		Bal Raksha Bharat					
16	Drone Technologies		Idea Forge					
D. District-Level Activities								
17	District Workshop on DRR (Monsoon Lessons, HRVA, DDMP, SAR Felicitations)		District HQs		DDMAs	October 2025		
18	Conduct of Mock Drills				DDMAs	October 2025		
19	DIAG Meeting – DRR & Schemes	DDMAs		October 2025				

	Implementation				
20	Popularization of School Safety App		DDMAs	October 2025	
21	Training & Capacity Building on Safe Construction (ULBs)	All ULBs	TCP / UD Dept.	October 2025	
22	Nukkar Natak (Street Performances, 2 per Subdivision)	All Subdivisions	IPR	October 2025	
23	School Competitions & Drills - Mock Drills - Slogan Writing - Quiz - Poster/Painting - Essay Writing - 100% School DMPs via School Safety App	All Schools	Higher & Elementary Education Depts.	October 2025	
24	Gram Sabha Awareness Programs (2nd Oct) – Safe Construction, Panchayat/ULB Workshops	All Panchayats & ULBs	RDD&PR / UD	2nd Oct 2025	
E. School & IEC Initiatives					
25	IEC in Schools - Lectures in Morning Assembly - Mock Drills - Competitions - Safe Construction Model Competitions (Block → District → State)	All Institutes	Education Dept.	Sept–Oct 2025	
26	Printing & Distribution of IEC Material - Guidelines - Family Emergency Plan - Samarth–2025 Booklet (Hindi) - Hazard-Specific IECs	Statewide (DDMAs)	DM Cell	October 2025	
27	Mass Campaign – Newspapers / Radios / DD News / TV (Hindi & English) - Advertisements, Messages, Jingles	State Level	IPR	October 2025	

3. Gram Sabha Agenda

During the *SAMARTH–2025* campaign, a suggested agenda was shared with the Panchayati Raj Department for the Gram Sabha meeting scheduled on 2nd October 2025, to facilitate coordinated efforts in promoting disaster resilience and effective disaster management practices at the grassroots level.

ग्राम सभा हेतु आपदा प्रबंधन विषयक एजेंडा

भूमिका:

वर्तमान परिप्रेक्ष्य में आपदा प्रबंधन सतत विकास की एक प्रमुख प्राथमिकता बन चुका है। स्थानीय स्तर पर आपदाओं के लिए पूर्व तैयारी करना एवं आपदा जोखिमों को कम करना मुख्यतः पंचायती राज संस्थाओं, समुदाय-आधारित संगठनों तथा ग्रामीण समुदाय की सामूहिक जिम्मेदारी है। इस दिशा में आवश्यक है कि पंचायत स्तर पर आपदा प्रबंधन से संबंधित समझ और क्षमता का विकास

किया जाए। पंचायती राज संस्थाओं के प्रतिनिधि स्थानीय प्राधिकारी के रूप में अपने दायित्वों को पहचानें और इस महत्वपूर्ण विषय पर जन-जागरूकता को बढ़ावा दें।

आपदा प्रबंधन विषय पर सभी प्रधानों और उप-प्रधानों का प्रशिक्षण भी अत्यंत आवश्यक है। राज्य कार्यकारी समिति (SEC) द्वारा निर्णय लिया गया है कि ग्राम पंचायत स्तर तक लोगों को आपदा प्रबंधन के प्रति जागरूक किया जाए।

आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम, 2005 : धारा 41 (अध्याय 6 – स्थानीय प्राधिकारी)

स्थानीय प्राधिकारी, जिला आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (DDMA) के निर्देशों के अधीन रहते हुए निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए उत्तरदायी होंगे –

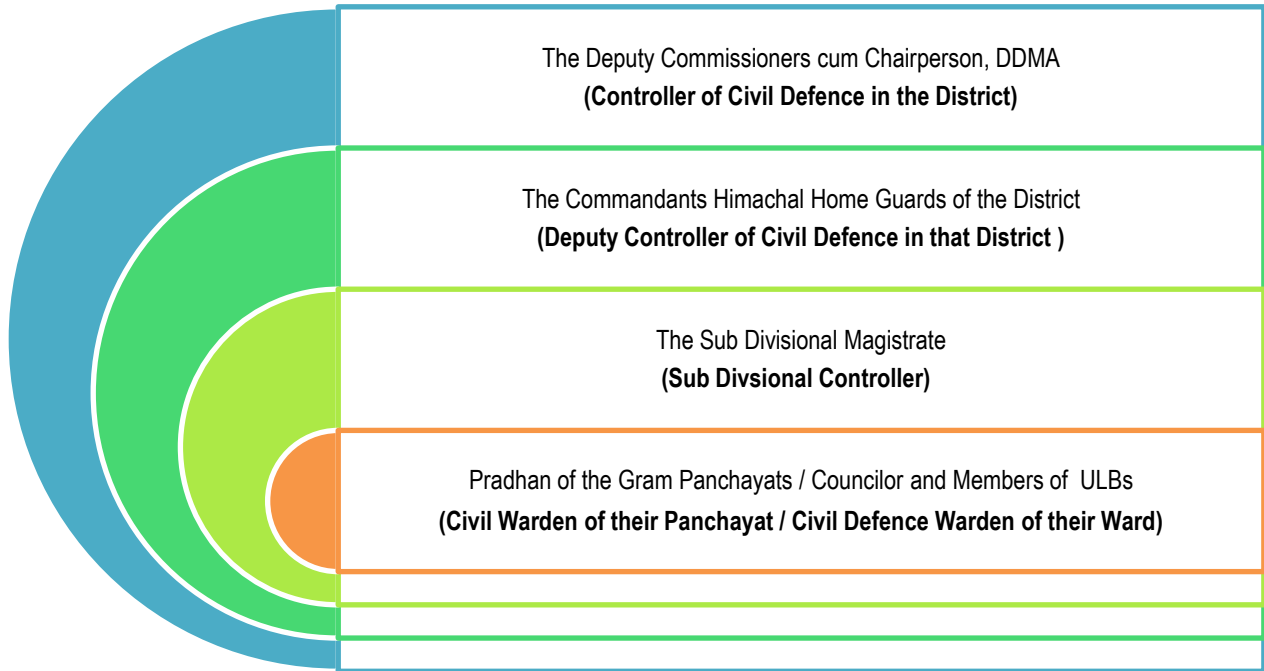
1. यह सुनिश्चित करना कि उसके अधिकारी एवं कर्मचारी आपदा प्रबंधन हेतु प्रशिक्षित हों।
2. आपदा प्रबंधन से संबंधित संसाधनों का इस प्रकार अनुरक्षण करना कि वे आपदा की स्थिति में सदैव उपलब्ध रहें।
3. अपने अधीन सभी निर्माण परियोजनाओं को राष्ट्रीय, राज्य और जिला प्राधिकरण द्वारा निर्धारित आपदा निवारण एवं शमन मानकों के अनुरूप सुनिश्चित करना।
4. प्रभावित क्षेत्र में राज्य एवं जिला योजना के अनुरूप राहत, पुनर्वास और पुनर्निर्माण की गतिविधियाँ करना।
5. ऐसे अन्य उपाय करना जो आपदा प्रबंधन हेतु आवश्यक हों।

ग्राम सभा में चर्चा हेतु मुद्दे

- ग्राम सभा क्षेत्र में संभावित आपदाओं और उनके प्रभाव को कम करने हेतु आवश्यक उपायों व कार्ययोजना पर चर्चा।
- आपदा प्रबंधन अधिनियम, 2005 की धारा 41 के अंतर्गत पंचायत को सौंपे गए दायित्वों पर विचार।
- PRI सदस्यों की भूमिका—आपदा से पूर्व, आपदा के दौरान एवं आपदा के बाद की पुनर्वास प्रक्रिया में—पर विशेष बहस।
- सिविल डिफेन्स एक्ट, 1968 (संशोधन अधिनियम, 2009 व अधिसूचना 2010) के अनुसार पंचायत प्रधान को Civil Defense Warden के रूप में प्रदत्त भूमिका पर चर्चा।
- हिमाचल प्रदेश में सिविल डिफेन्स संरचना का अवलोकन:
 - उपायुक्त एवं अध्यक्ष, DDMA – जिला नागरिक सुरक्षा नियंत्रक।
 - कमांडेंट, होम गार्ड – जिला नागरिक सुरक्षा उप-नियंत्रक।
 - उप-मंडल मजिस्ट्रेट – उप-मंडल में नागरिक सुरक्षा कॉर्प्स के नामांकन हेतु उप-नियंत्रक।
 - पंचायत प्रधान – ग्राम पंचायत स्तर पर नागरिक सुरक्षा वार्डन।

स्थानीय स्तर पर क्षमता निर्माण

- हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (HPSDMA) द्वारा पंचायत स्तर पर 10–15 युवा स्वयंसेवकों का कार्यबल तैयार करने की योजना।
- यह संरचना सिविल डिफेन्स जैसी होगी, जिसके तहत स्वयंसेवकों को आपदा प्रबंधन में प्रशिक्षित किया जाएगा।
- प्रशिक्षित स्वयंसेवक पंचायत प्रधान के अधीन कार्य करेंगे, जिससे पंचायत स्तर पर आपदा तैयारी एवं प्रतिक्रिया क्षमता सुदृढ़ होगी।
- ग्राम पंचायतें अपने क्षेत्र में 18–35 वर्ष आयु वर्ग के युवाओं की सूची तैयार करें और प्रशिक्षण हेतु नामांकित करें।



पंचायत आपदा प्रबंधन हेतु संदेश

✓ कृपया संलग्न संदेश को ग्राम सभा में पढ़कर सुनाएँ।

अधिक जानकारी के लिए जिला आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (DDMA) से संपर्क करें या टोल-फ्री नंबर 1077 व 1070 पर संपर्क करें।

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण (IDDR) दिवस – “समर्थ 2025”

हर वर्ष 13 अक्टूबर को विश्वभर में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय आपदा जोखिम न्यूनीकरण (IDDR) दिवस मनाया जाता है। इस दिवस का उद्देश्य है – लोगों को आपदाओं के प्रति जागरूक करना और जान-माल के नुकसान को कम करना।

हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य आपदा प्रबंधन प्राधिकरण (HPSDMA) वर्ष 2011 से इस दिवस को “समर्थ” के रूप में मना रहा है, जिसमें विभिन्न माध्यमों से जन-जागरूकता अभियान चलाए जाते हैं।

“हिमाचल ने यह ठाना है, आपदा को हराना है।
प्रयास न जाए कोई व्यर्थ, बनेंगे सक्षम, बनेंगे समर्थ॥”

आपदा संवेदनशीलता

हिमाचल प्रदेश आपदाओं की दृष्टि से अत्यंत संवेदनशील राज्य है। आपदाएँ हर व्यक्ति और जीवन के हर पहलू को प्रभावित करती हैं। अतः आपदा से होने वाले नुकसान को कम करने हेतु सामूहिक प्रयास आवश्यक हैं।

ग्राम सभा में चर्चा हेतु मुद्दे

- भूस्खलन शमन गतिविधियाँ।
- सुरक्षित निर्माण प्रथाओं व पारंपरिक निर्माण को बढ़ावा।
- भवन निर्माण हेतु असुरक्षित पहाड़ी कटान व उसके प्रभाव।

- मलबे के सुरक्षित निपटान की आवश्यकता।
- वर्षा जल निकासी प्रणाली का विकास।
- प्राकृतिक जल निकासी क्षेत्रों (नाले/नदियाँ) में निर्माण पर रोक।
- जल निकासी चैनलों के अवरोधन (Encroachment) को हटाने पर बल।

आपदा जोखिम कम करने के उपाय

- अपने आस-पास के खतरों को पहचानें और उनके प्रभाव को कम करने का प्रयास करें।
- भवनों का निर्माण इस प्रकार करें कि वे भूकंप एवं आपदा-रोधी हों।
- पुराने घरों/भवनों की मजबूती की जाँच करवाकर आवश्यकतानुसार सुदृढ़ीकरण करें।
- घर में **आपातकालीन किट** (सूखा भोजन, दवाएँ, टॉर्च, रेडियो, पीने का पानी आदि) हमेशा तैयार रखें।
- प्राथमिक उपचार, खोज एवं बचाव का प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करें (संपर्क: DDMA, टोल-फ्री 1070)।
- आपदा संबंधी जानकारी व सुरक्षा उपायों से परिचित रहें।
- पूर्व चेतावनी (Early Warning) के प्रति सजग रहें और समय पर कदम उठाएँ।
- अग्निशमन यंत्रों का प्रयोग सीखें।
- अफवाहों से बचें और सही जानकारी केवल **रेडियो/टीवी** से प्राप्त करें।
- परिवार की **आपातकालीन योजना (Family Emergency Plan)** तैयार करें।

हमेशा याद रखें:

“सुरक्षा जीवन का अर्थ है,
बिना सुरक्षा सब व्यर्थ है।”

4. State Level Safe Construction Model Competition

The State-Level Competition on Safe Construction Models was organized by the Disaster Management Cell, Department of Revenue, Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), HP Secretariat, Shimla. The competition was part of the month-long disaster awareness campaign “SAMARTH – 2025”, being conducted from **1st October to 31st**

October 2025.

Various events and activities are being conducted across the State under this flagship campaign. Competitions on safe construction model building were first conducted at the block level, followed by the district level, and the winners from the district level advanced to compete at the state level.



Participants were evaluated based on the following parameters: Structural Safety & Stability, Design

Innovation & Creativity, Technical Accuracy & Detailing, Relevance to Local Context & Hazards, Sustainability & Eco-Friendliness, Clarity of Concept & Explanation, Feasibility & Practical Application and Overall Presentation & Neatness.

Based on these evaluation criteria, the following participants have been recommended for awards at the State-Level function on 14th October, 2025, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd positions in the respective categories:

Category	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
High School	GHS Anhech, Solan	GSSS Prithipur, Una	GHS Jeora, Bilaspur
Senior Secondary	GSSS Pabiana, Sirmaur	GSSS (Boys), Mandi	La Montessori School, Kullu
College Level	GDC Basa Chachiot – Gohar, Mandi	Govt. ITI Solan	GDC – Bilaspur

5. State-Level Function on International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDR)

Date: 14th October 2025

Venue: The Ridge & Gaiety Theatre, Shimla



Arrival of the Chief Guest Sh. Anirudh Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Himachal Pradesh



Inauguration of the 4 Days Exhibition by Sh. Anirudh Singh, Hon'ble Minister, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) organized a four-day Exhibition on Equipment, Technologies, and Products related to Disaster Preparedness and Response as part of its flagship mass awareness campaign “Samarth-2025” from 14th to 17th October 2025 at Padam Dev Complex, The Ridge, Shimla. The exhibition was inaugurated by Sh. Anirudh Singh, Hon’ble Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Himachal Pradesh, in the presence of senior officers from the State Government, district administration, and representatives from technical and academic institutions. The event served as a platform for showcasing innovations, technologies, and best practices aimed at strengthening disaster resilience in the hill state.

A wide range of government departments, academic institutions, private companies, and non-governmental organizations participated in the exhibition. The Department of Fire Services conducted hands-on sessions on the use of fire-fighting equipment and emergency response measures, while the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) demonstrated advanced search and rescue techniques, including rope and knot-tying methods. The Health Department and Home Guards offered live demonstrations and training on first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Technical institutions such as IIT Mandi, NIT Hamirpur, CBRI Roorkee, and MRH Associates (TATA) showcased safe construction technologies suitable for disaster-prone hilly terrains. The Department of Environment, Science & Technology (DEST) presented exhibits highlighting the impacts of climate change on disaster management and mitigation strategies. The Horticulture Wing of HPPWD, Shimla, demonstrated nature-based solutions for slope stabilization and eco-friendly



disaster risk reduction (DRR) methods. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) showcased weather forecasting tools, mobile applications, and early warning systems that improve disaster preparedness at the community level.

In addition to government departments, several reputed companies and organizations contributed to the exhibition's success. Idea Forge demonstrated drones capable of carrying loads of 10–15 kg for emergency logistics, while Tata Steel presented models and techniques promoting safe construction practices. Honda India Power Products Ltd. showcased its range of emergency power solutions, and ESRI India along with IGIS Ltd. displayed geospatial technologies essential for real-time disaster mapping and response planning. VVF India exhibited health and hygiene products relevant to emergency situations, and SRP Corporation introduced advanced tools for rescue operations. The Red Cross Society conducted live demonstrations of CPR techniques, and Amax India Group presented specialized search and rescue (SAR) equipment. Organizations such as Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children) and Doers highlighted their contributions to child-centric DRR and community-based disaster preparedness initiatives respectively.

The exhibition successfully created a collaborative platform for knowledge sharing, cross-sectoral learning, and community awareness. It emphasized the integration of science, technology, and local wisdom to strengthen disaster risk reduction and response capacities in Himachal Pradesh.





Welcome of Chief Guest at State Level Function at Gaiety Theatre by Sh. D.C. Rana (IAS) Director – cum – Special Secretary (Rev. DM) to the GoHP



Opening Remarks by Sh. D.C. Rana, Director-cum-Special Secretary (Rev. DM) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh

Sh. D.C. Rana, Director-cum-Special Secretary (Revenue-Disaster Management) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, welcomed the Hon'ble Minister, distinguished guests, officers from various departments, representatives from institutions, and participants from across the state to the state-level function of SAMARTH-2025, organized by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) on the occasion of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR).



In his opening remarks, he highlighted that **13th October** is observed globally as the *International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction*, established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1989 with the objective of promoting a culture of disaster awareness, preparedness, and resilience. The 2025 global theme, “**Fund Resilience, Not Disasters,**” emphasizes the importance of investing in resilience-building initiatives rather than reacting to disasters after they occur.

He stated that Himachal Pradesh, owing to its fragile topography and climatic variability, remains highly prone to natural hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, flash floods, avalanches, and forest fires. The increasing frequency and intensity of these events, particularly during

monsoon seasons, pose significant challenges to the state's sustainable development and community safety.

Sh. Rana informed that the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) has, over the years, undertaken a series of innovative and community-oriented initiatives to strengthen the disaster management framework of the state. The annual SAMARTH Campaign, launched in 2011, has now grown into a statewide movement that connects government departments, academic institutions, local bodies, and communities towards the shared goal of disaster preparedness and resilience-building.

He further highlighted several key initiatives being launched today by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) and the Department of Revenue (Disaster Management) to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience across the state. Under the **Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS)**, 4,070 youth volunteers from NCC, NSS, NYKS, and Bharat Scouts & Guides are being trained in disaster response and community preparedness to build a dedicated cadre of trained youth responders across nine districts. To enhance local-level coordination and response, **Panchayat Emergency Response Centres (PERCs)** are being established in all 3,645 panchayats of Himachal Pradesh, functioning as community-managed units for early warning dissemination, emergency response, and coordination during disasters. In collaboration with **CBRI Roorkee**, HPSDMA has developed **Kawach-I and Kawach-II**, simplified safe construction manuals for rural areas, and launched the '**Him Kawach**' mobile application to digitally disseminate these guidelines among homeowners, engineers, and masons. Furthermore, the **Himachal Pradesh Disaster Management Information System (HPDMIS)** has been introduced as a state-level digital platform for real-time disaster data collection, verification, and reporting across departments, enabling evidence-based decision-making and faster response. These initiatives, launched today, collectively reaffirm the state's commitment to building a safer and more resilient Himachal Pradesh through technology integration, capacity building, and community participation.

He also mentioned the upcoming Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Project, being implemented with AFD assistance with an outlay of ₹892 crore, which will strengthen critical infrastructure, early warning systems, and institutional capacity. In addition, a World Bank-supported project – READY-HP (Resilient Action for Development and Disaster Recovery) worth ₹2,600 crore will further enhance the state's resilience and recovery capabilities.

Sh. Rana emphasized that disaster risk reduction is not a one-time activity but a continuous process that requires the integration of science, technology, governance, and community participation. The *Samarth Campaign*, he noted, serves as a platform to connect citizens, institutions, and government departments in a collective effort to build a safer Himachal Pradesh.

He expressed gratitude to all collaborating departments — including NDMA, SDRF, NDRF, Home Guards & Civil Defence, Fire Services, Health, Education, PRIs, Urban Local Bodies, Red Cross, and IPR Department — for their active involvement in promoting awareness, conducting drills, and strengthening preparedness at all levels.

In conclusion, Sh. Rana reiterated HPSDMA’s commitment to building a resilient and disaster-ready Himachal Pradesh through sustained capacity building, policy reforms, innovation, and community engagement. He called upon all stakeholders to work in unity to make resilience the foundation of every developmental initiative in the state.

Nukkad Natak by the Cultural Group of the Information and Public Relations Department

A captivating *Nukkad Natak* (street play) was presented by the cultural group of the Information and Public Relations Department, Himachal Pradesh. The performance carried a strong message on the importance of living in harmony with nature and promoting sustainable coexistence. Through engaging dialogues, music, and expressions, the artists effectively conveyed the significance of preserving the environment, adopting eco-friendly practices, and fostering collective responsibility towards a safer and more resilient planet. The performance was well received by the audience and served as an inspiring reminder of the need to align human activities with nature’s balance. List of the street play performed throughout the state is enclosed as *Annexure – A*.



Award of Appreciation

A. State Level Safe Construction Model Building Competition

Category	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
High School	GHS Anhech, Solan	GSSS Prithipur, Una	GHS Jeora, Bilaspur
Senior Secondary	GSSS Pabiana, Sirmaur	GSSS (Boys), Mandi	La Montessori School, Kullu
College Level	GDC Basa Chachiot – Gohar, Mandi	Govt. ITI Solan	GDC Bilaspur



B. In recognition of outstanding contributions during recent disaster situations in Himachal Pradesh, several institutions, officials, personnel, and volunteers were honored with the HPSDMA **“Award of Appreciation.”** These awards celebrate exemplary efforts in response, relief, coordination, and public service during emergencies. **(Annexure – B)**

C. Launch of New Initiatives by HPSDMA

(i) Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS)

Under this initiative, the Yuva Aapda Mitra Scheme (YAMS) will be implemented in nine districts—Chamba, Hamirpur, Kangra, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul & Spiti, Shimla, Solan, and Una. The scheme is being executed in collaboration with NCC, NSS, NYKS, and Bharat Scouts & Guides (BS&G) to train 4,070 youth volunteers in disaster management and emergency response through a seven-day residential training program. All trained volunteers will receive Emergency Responder Kits (ERKs) and insurance coverage (life and medical) for three years. ERK distribution and certificates were presented to trained NCC cadets during the event.



(ii) Strengthening of Disaster Risk Reduction at the Local Level – Panchayat Emergency Response Centre (PERC)



The PERC initiative aims to strengthen local disaster management and response capacity at the panchayat level. Each panchayat will form local response teams responsible for:

- Risk assessment and resource mapping
- Immediate response and relief coordination
- Awareness and preparedness drills

PERCs will work in close coordination with district administration, health, police, and other line departments, ensuring timely and effective

local response. Each panchayat will also be provided with a Panchayat Emergency Kit to support operations during emergencies.

The Scheme for Strengthening of Disaster Risk Reduction and Coordination at the Local Level (Panchayat Emergency Response Centre – PERC) was formally launched during the function by providing Search and Rescue (SAR) equipment to 10 Panchayats of District Shimla. The Panchayats that received the equipment include **Cheog, Basantpur, Mashobra, Totu,**



Narkanda, Thadi, Shoghi, Anandpur, Dhak Gaon, and Jiskoon. This launch marks the beginning of a state-wide initiative aimed at empowering Panchayats to strengthen local-level preparedness, enhance coordination, and ensure an effective and timely response during disasters.

(iii) Launch of Mobile Application – “Him Kawach”

To enhance the accessibility and implementation of Safe Construction Guidelines, HPSDMA has developed a mobile application titled “Him Kawach.” This app provides easy access to construction guidelines for homeowners, engineers, and technical professionals and assists in adopting safe building practices at every stage of construction.

The initiative aims to promote resilient and disaster-safe housing across the state.

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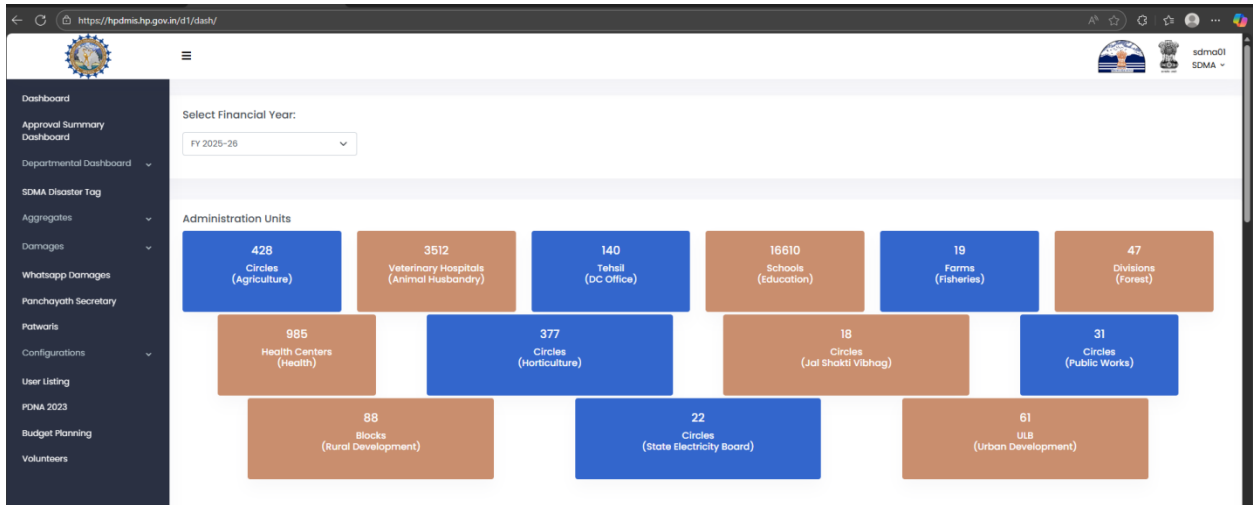
Him-Kavach is a guide for individual house builders willing to construct disaster resistant houses in Himachal Pradesh, a beautiful place in the lap of the Himalayas. This region is frequently visited by earthquakes, landslides, and floods that bring havoc to individual houses not designed to withstand such destructive forces. "Kavach" is a road map to guide people step by step in their effort towards making a sturdy and safe house for their family. It talks about how to select a safe site for construction and what to do and what not to do at different stages of construction to build a safe, durable, cost efficient and comfortable house that can grow to meet your...

(iv) Himachal Pradesh Disaster Management Information System (HPDMIS)

HPDMIS is a dedicated digital platform designed for real-time disaster data collection, verification, and reporting across departments. It integrates departmental inputs into a centralized dashboard to assist in post-disaster damage assessment and resource allocation.

Key Features:

- Unified platform for disaster-related data collection
- Real-time monitoring of post-disaster damage and resource deployment
- Available through both mobile and web applications
- Department-specific logins ensuring structured data entry from field to state level



Address by Chef Guest

The Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Himachal Pradesh, delivered the **Chief Guest Address**, commending HPSDMA's initiatives in strengthening disaster resilience through local participation, youth engagement, and technological innovation.



The Hon'ble Minister congratulated the Department of Revenue (Disaster Management) for the successful organization of *Samarth-2025*, marking the 15th edition of the annual statewide awareness campaign on disaster preparedness. He appreciated the tireless efforts of HPSDMA in building awareness and resilience among the people of Himachal Pradesh against recurring disasters.

The Hon'ble Minister highlighted that Himachal Pradesh, located in the western Himalayas, is a state with complex geographical and climatic conditions, making it highly vulnerable to a range of natural hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, flash floods, cloudbursts, and avalanches. Being a part of the seismically active young fold mountains, the state frequently faces challenges that test both the resilience of its people and the capacity of its institutions.

He emphasized that the annual observance of the *International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction (IDDRR)* through the *Samarth* campaign since 2011 has evolved into a comprehensive movement—reaching the state, district, and community levels. The 2025 theme, “*Fund Resilience, Not Disasters*,” he noted, reminds us that proactive investment in resilience and recovery-oriented policies is far more effective than reactive spending after disasters strike.

Referring to recent calamities, the Minister stated that the state continues to experience frequent disasters—particularly during monsoon seasons—resulting in substantial losses to lives, livelihoods, and infrastructure. While the 2023 monsoon caused an estimated loss of over ₹10,000 crore, this year's monsoon damages have already crossed ₹5,400 crore.

The Minister lauded the Government of Himachal Pradesh for taking several proactive initiatives to strengthen disaster management and community preparedness. Among these, the establishment of **3,645 Panchayat Emergency Response Centres (PERCs)** is a major step toward ensuring coordinated, community-driven emergency response at the grassroots level. He also mentioned the **₹892 crore Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Project**, supported by AFD, which will significantly contribute to improving early warning, mitigation, and preparedness measures across the state.

Further, he informed that the Government, with the support of the **World Bank**, is also launching the **READY-HP Project (Resilient Action for Development and Disaster Recovery)** worth ₹2,600 crore. This initiative will strengthen the state's core infrastructure, enhance livelihood resilience, and support recovery mechanisms against future disasters.

The Hon'ble Minister underlined that disaster management is not merely a government responsibility—it is a *collective social commitment*. He appreciated the annual public awareness campaign *Samarth*, which, since 2011, has successfully engaged schools, colleges, panchayats, government departments, and communities in activities such as competitions, training programs, safety demonstrations, and awareness rallies—promoting a culture of preparedness across all sections of society.

He urged citizens to adopt **safe construction practices, climate-resilient approaches, and community participation** in disaster preparedness. He also commended the role of

volunteers—particularly youth, women, and Aapda Mitras—in spreading awareness and fostering resilience at the grassroots.

The Hon’ble Minister concluded by stating that disaster preparedness is not just about avoiding losses but about *building a safer, stronger, and more resilient Himachal Pradesh*. He called upon all departments, institutions, NGOs, and citizens to work together to ensure that resilience becomes the foundation of the state’s sustainable development.

Finally, he extended his appreciation to the Revenue Department (Disaster Management), all District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs), and collaborating organizations for the successful organization of *Samarth–2025*, and encouraged everyone to continue their efforts in reducing disaster risks and protecting lives across the state.



The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by **Sh. Sunil Verma, Additional Secretary (Rev. DM)** to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

The **Samarth–2025 State-Level Event** successfully showcased Himachal Pradesh’s integrated and forward-looking approach to **Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Building**. Through innovative tools, community-based programs, and youth-led initiatives, the state reaffirmed its commitment to achieving the vision of a **“Safe, Prepared, and Resilient Himachal Pradesh.”**

Some Glimpse of the State Event





Annexure – A

Number of Sub Divisions and Tehsils/Sub Tehsils in Himachal Pradesh

Sr. No.	Name of District	Sub Divisions	Tehsils/Sub Tehsils	Name of Folk Cultural Group	Grade	No. of shows/programmes
1	Chamba	1. Chamba		Vandana Kala Manch, Mohalla Obri	A	04
		2. Chowari		Priya Musical Group Jadera	A	04
		3. Churah		Yuva Kisan Manch Tikkri	A	04
		4. Dalhousie		Santosh Jagriti Kala Manch Ludera	A	04
		5. Bharmour		Art and Cultural Group Sarahan	A	04
		6. Pangi				
		7. Salooni		Maa Saraswati Musical Group Lech	A	04
			1. Bhattiyat	Aryan Kala Manch Udaipur	A	02
			2. Sihunta	Aryan Kala Manch Udaipur	A	02
			3. Bhalai	Chamba Rang Darshan, Chamba	B	04
			4. Holi			
		2	Bilaspur	1. Bilaspur		Natraj Sanskriti Kala Manch Ghumarwain
2. Ghumarwin				Amar Jyoti Kala Manch, Ghumarwain	A	04
3. Jhandutta				Maa Vaishnu Sanskritik Kala Manch, Barthi	A	04
4. Shri Naina Devi Ji				Jan Chetna Kala Manch, Jhanduta	A	04
	Bharari			Patial Musical Group Dangaar, Ghumarwain	A	04

			Namhol	Mahasangam Theatre Group Bilaspur	A	04
			Kalol			
3	Hamirpur	1. Hamirpur		Jeevan Musical Group, Anu Kla (Kohlari)	A	04
		2. Barsar		Sahil Musical Group Kangoo, Nadaun	A	04
		3. Nadaun		Natraj Kala Manch, Nadaun	A	04
		4. Bhoranj		Swastik Art and Culture Centre, Dhabiri	A	04
		5. Sujanpur		Surbhi Kala Manch, Sujanpur	B	04
			1. Bamson at Tauni Devi	Triveni Kala Sangam, Hamirpur	A	04
			2. Dhatwal at Bijhari	Saraswati Kala Manch Bijhari	A	04
			3. Galore			
4	Kinnaur	Pooh		Vandana Kala Rang Manch, Tara Devi Shimla	A	02
		Kalpa		Vandana Kala Rang Manch, Tara Devi Shimla	A	02
		Nichar		Vandana Kala Rang Manch, Tara Devi Shimla	A	02
			Sangla			
			Nichar			
			Moorang			
5	Kangra	1. Kangra		Sanskritik Samajik Sanjha Manch, Dharamshala	B	04
		2. Dharamshala		Dhauladhar Sanskritik Yuva Manch, Darnu	A	02
				Trigarth Vasundra Rang Manch Yol Cant, Dharamshala	A	02

	3. Nurpur		Bhagsu Kala Manch Darnu	A	04
	4. Dehra		Dhauladhar Sanskritik Yuva Manch, Darnu	A	04
	5. Jaisinghpur		Shiv Sangeet Avm Sanskritik Kala Manch Jaisinghpur	B	04
	6. Palampur		Saraswati Swar Sangam Dharamshala	A	04
	7. Baijnath		Vanshika Sanskritik Yuva Manch, Upahu	A	04
	8. Jawali		Shiv Bhole Kala Manch, Bagga	B	04
	9. Jawalamukhi		Om Sanskritik Kala Manch, Jwalamukhi	A	04
	10. Fatehpur		Trigarth Vasundra Rang Manch Yol Cant, Dharamshala	A	04
	11. Shahpur		Rajol Kala Manch, Shahpur	B	04
	12. Nagrota Bagwan		Him Sanskritik Avm Lok Natya Kala Manch, Sakoh, Dharamshala	A	04
	13. Dheera		Changar Kala Manch Tihri	B	04
	14. Indora		Kangra Lok Kala Manch Sakoh	A	04
		Baroh			
		Khundian			
		Dadasiba			
		Jasawn			
		Rakkar			
		Thural			
		Multhan			
		Haripur			
		Nagrota Surian			
		Pragpur			
		Kotla			

			Gangath			
			Panchrukhi			
			Chadhiar			
			Alampur			
			Darini			
			Majheen			
			Bhawarna			
			Lagru			
			Sullah			
			Raja ka Talab			
			Thakurdwara			
			Rey			
			Sadwan			
			Harchakiyan			
6	Kullu	Kullu		Mannat Kala Manch Sultanpur	A	04
		Manali		Mannat Kala Manch Sultanpur	A	04
		Banjar		Geet Sangeet Kala Manch Dhar	A	04
		Anni		Sahara Kala Jatha, Banjar	A	04
		Nirmand		Sahara Kala Jatha, Banjar	A	04
			Bhuntar			
			Sainj			
7	Lahul & Spiti	Keylong		Geet Sangeet Kala Manch Dhar	A	04
		Kaza				
		Udaipur		Geet Sangeet Kala Manch Dhar	A	02
8	Mandi	Mandi Sadar		Samvad Yuva Mandal, Mandi	A	04
		Balh		Mandavya Kala Manch, Bhangrotu	A	04
		Sunder Nagar		Jalpa Kala Manch Lohara	A	04
		Sarkaghat		Himachal Sangeet Kala Kender Manch, Sarkaghat	A	04
		Dharampur		Baba Kamlahia Sanskritik Kala Manch,	A	04

				Dharampur		
		Joginder Nagar		Saraswati Musical Group Baroti	A	04
		Padhar		Shiv Gauri Kala Manch, Pulgharat	A	04
		Gohar		Shanghal Musical Group Gohar	A	04
		Thunag		Amar Yuvak Mandal, Bagsiad	A	04
		Karsog		Kamaksha Sanskritik Lok Kala Manch, Karsog	A	04
		Balichowki		Anushika Kala Manch, Nagwain	A	04
		Kotli		Aakar Theatre Society Society, Kotli	A	04
			Chaachiot	Hari Om Kala Manch Mandi, Balh	A	04
			Baldwara	Radhika Musical Group Khudla	B	04
			Nihri	Sarawati Kala Manch Alsindi, Bagsar	A	04
			Rewalsar	Sab Rang Kala Mandal, Sanyard	B	04
			Sandhol	Sarvoday Him Jagran Kala Manch Trambala	A	04
			Bagshad	Saraswati Kala Sanagam, Bagsar, Karsog	A	04
			Balichowki			
			Ladbharol			
9	Shimla	Shimla Urban		Him Aadhar Kala Manch, Naldehra	A	04
		Shimla Rural		Pooja Kala Manch, Shageen	A	04
		Rampur		Vandana Kala Rang Manch, Shageen, Tara Devi	A	04
		Rohru		Shiv Ranjni	A	04

				Sanskritik Dal, Balag		
		Chopal		Bhagwati Sanskritik Mandal, Chopal	A	04
		Dodra Kwar				
		Kumarsain		The Beginners, Nav Bahar, Shimla	B	04
		Jubbal		Swar Sadhna Kala Sanstha, Padhog, Shimla	A	04
		Theog		Trimurti Rang Manch, Matholi, Tara Devi	A	04
		Kupvi		Bhagwati Sanskritik Mandal, Chopal	A	02
		Kotkhai		Jaishwari Lok Naritya Kala Manch, Theog	A	04
		Sunni		Jai Dev Kurgan, Kala Manch, Mandhorghat	A	04
			Dhami	Shiv Cultural Troupe Halog Dhami	B	04
			Junga	Surdhani Kala Kendra Totu	B	04
			Tikkar (Nawar)	Himachal Kala Manch Sarog	A	04
			Chirgaon	Shiv Ranjni Sanskritik Dal, Balag	A	02
10	Sirmour	Nahan		Chesta Lok Nritya Kala Manch, Rajgarh	A	04
		Paonta Sahib		Aruhi Sanskritik Kala Manch, Pachhad	B	04
		Rajgarh		Saraswati Kala Manch, Rajgarh	A	04
		Sangrah		Sadhna Kala Manch, Rajgarh	A	04
		Shillai		Nitika Sursangam	A	04

				Kala Manch, Rajgarh		
		Pachhad		Chureshwar Lok Naritya Sanskritik Mandal, Rajgarh	A	04
		Kafota		Lok Sanskritik Kala Manch Rajgarh	A	04
			Renukaji	Arushi Gramin Sanstha, Rajgarh	A	04
			Dadahu			
			Nohradhar	Shirgul Sanskritik Dal Thena, Rajgarh	B	04
			Narag	Giriganga Sanskritik Dal, Rajgarh	A	04
			Haripurdhar	Dhalta Kala Manch, Rajgarh	A	04
			Pajohta	Hari Om Kala Manch Habban, Rajgarh	A	04
11	Solan	Arki		Pooja Kala Manch Baridhar, Arki	A	04
		Kandaghat		Saptak Kala Rang Manch, Kandaghat	A	04
		Nalagarh		Jhankaar Musical Group Kohari, Kandaghat	A	04
		Solan		Sunita Sanskritik Dal Solan	A	04
		Kasauli		Parvatiya Lok Manch Darva, Kasauli	A	04
		Baddi		Akshita Yuva Manch, Kandaghat	A	04
			Ramshehar	Shiv Shakti Kala Manch, Arki	A	04
			Darlaghat	Him Sanskritik Dal, Mamleeg	A	04
12	Una	Una		Purvi Kala Manch,	A	04

			JalgraTabba		
	Amb		R.K. Kala Manch, Chintpurni	A	04
	Bangana		Purvi Kala Manch, JalgraTabba	A	02
			R.K. Kala Manch, Chintpurni	A	02
	Haroli		Purvi Kala Manch, Jalgra Tabba	A	04
	Gagret		R.K. Kala Manch, Chintpurni	A	04
		Ghanari			

Annexure – B

List of Awardees Samarth - 2025

Bilaspur	
1	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Pawan Kumar (No. 5/1-02, PH), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
2	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Raj Kumar (No. 5/1-15, HG), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
3	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Baljeet Singh (No. 5/2-41, SL), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
4	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Baldev Raj (No. 5/5-52, HG), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
5	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Inder Dev (No. 5/2-46, HG), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
6	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Sanjeev Kumar (No. 5/5-45, HG), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
7	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Prem Lal (No. 5/4-11, HG), Home Guard 5th Bn Bilaspur , for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
Chamba	
8	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Khajana Ram, HPS, DySP SDRF Mandi for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
9	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Manoj Kumar, ASI, PS Chamba for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
10	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Rajeev Kumar, ASI, PS Dalhousie for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
11	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Sunil Singh (No. 469), HHC, Chamba Police for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
12	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Sunil Kumar (No. 439), Constable, Chamba Police for commendable Search and Rescue efforts during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
13	Award of Appreciation presented to the HPPWD – Chamba Team in recognition of their dedicated efforts towards restoration of the Chamba–Bharmour Road during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
14	Award of Appreciation presented to Er. Jeet Thakur, Superintending Engineer, PWD for his leadership and supervision in the Chamba–Bharmour Road restoration during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
15	Award of Appreciation presented to Er. Meet Sharma, Executive Engineer, PWD (NH) - Chamba for his dedicated field efforts in the Chamba–Bharmour Road restoration during Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
Hamirpur	
16	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Pradeep Kumar, SL No. 10/2-18 for his exemplary contribution during the search and rescue operations conducted during the Shri Manimahesh Yatra – 2025.
17	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, HG No. 10/2-16 for his exemplary contribution during the search and rescue operations conducted during the Shri Manimahesh Yatra

	- 2025.
Kangra	
18	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Harjeet Bhullar (Aapda Mitra) for mobilizing 15,000 volunteers, strengthening district preparedness, resilience, and implementing innovative disaster risk reduction solutions.
19	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Narender Kumar (Aapda Mitra) for exemplary service as Aapda Mitra volunteer during 2025 Indora floods, coordinating evacuations, rescuing 200 residents, ensuring zero casualties, and contributing to disaster preparedness and relief operations.
20	Award of Appreciation presented to Miss Nitika (Aapda Mitra) for leadership in 2025 Dheera landslides, assisting 41 families, mobilizing Aapda Mitra volunteers, conducting rapid assessments, and supporting disaster communications, search & rescue, and community preparedness efforts in Kangra.
Kinnaur	
21	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Umesh Larzoo, SDO (PWD NH) for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
22	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Hitesh Negi, Zila Parishad Member Kinnaur for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
23	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Som Bahadur, ROC Operator for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
24	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Jai Singh, Dozer Operator for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
25	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Hoshiyar Singh, JCB Operator for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
26	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Prabhu Dyal, Loader Operator for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
27	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Prakash Chand, Works Inspector for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
28	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Shashi Negi, L&T Operator for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
29	Award of Appreciation to Sh. Brij Mohan, L&T Operator for his tireless efforts at Nigulsari Block Point (NH 05) to restore road connectivity.
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Kullu	
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35	Award of Appreciation presented to the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Kullu for their exemplary coordination, timely action, and dedication in ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential commodities and mitigating public distress during the monsoon disaster period.
36	Award of Appreciation presented to Er. Girdhari Lal Thakur – Executive Engineer, Mechanical Division, PWD Kullu for his exceptional leadership, technical expertise, and hands-on supervision in restoring critical road connectivity in District Kullu during the recent floods, enabling rapid relief and access for over 50,000 residents.
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38	Award of Appreciation presented to Er. Ankit Bisht – SDO, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Kullu for his exemplary leadership and technical expertise in restoring the water supply network in Kullu town and adjoining areas during the August–September 2025 flash floods, ensuring uninterrupted potable water supply to thousands of residents under extremely challenging conditions.
39	Award of Appreciation presented to Er. Deekshant Sharma – SDO, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Manali for his exceptional leadership, technical proficiency, and tireless efforts in restoring the water supply network during the recent flash floods in Manali, ensuring uninterrupted access to potable water and preventing public health risks.
40	Award of Appreciation presented to Er. Bal Krishan – Assistant Engineer, HPSEBL, Operation Circle, Kullu for his outstanding efforts in restoring the 33KV Banjar–Thalout–Banjar line and other affected electrical lines during heavy rainfall and landslides, ensuring uninterrupted power supply despite road blockages and communication disruptions.
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42	Award of Appreciation presented to Home Guard & Civil Defence, 7thBn Kullu for exceptional coordination, prompt response, and dedicated efforts during the 2025 monsoon landslides in Inner Akhara Bazar, Kullu, ensuring successful rescue of all trapped residents.
43	Award of Appreciation presented to Fire Services, Kullu for prompt and professional response during the 2025 monsoon emergencies, providing critical support in rescue and relief operations.
44	Award of Appreciation presented to NDRF, Stationed at Kullu for their exemplary role in search and rescue operations during the monsoon disasters of 2025, demonstrating professionalism, courage, and dedication.
45	Award of Appreciation presented to ITBP, Kullu for their outstanding support in disaster response and rescue operations during the 2025 monsoon emergencies.
46	Award of Appreciation presented to SSB, Kullu for their dedicated efforts and timely intervention in rescue and relief operations during the monsoon disasters of 2025.
47	Award of Appreciation presented to HP SDRF Mandi Camp at 3rdIR Bn Pandoh for their exemplary dedication and prompt response during the 2025 monsoon landslides, including Inner Akhara Bazar, Kullu, successfully rescuing trapped residents, evacuating pregnant women, and recovering deceased victims across multiple incidents in Mandi District.
Mandi	

48	Award of Appreciation presented to the Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Mandi for their exemplary coordination, tireless efforts, and prompt response during the 2025 monsoon disasters, ensuring distribution of over 2,000 ration kits, uninterrupted PDS supplies to 14,724 families, provision of 240 free LPG connections, and sustained food security for disaster-affected populations in Thunag, Jhanjehli, Dharampur, Balichowki, Kandha, and various relief camps, demonstrating exceptional commitment to public welfare and disaster management.
49	Award of Appreciation presented to the Department of Horticulture, Mandi for their exceptional dedication, proactive coordination, and tireless efforts during the recent natural calamities, ensuring immediate relief to 3,829 affected farmers, facilitating the safe transport of 34,178 MT of apple produce including third-grade fruit to MIS centres, restoring village roads and alternate routes for market access, establishing effective communication channels between farmers and authorities, and overseeing insurance and market support under hazardous conditions, thereby demonstrating outstanding commitment to farmer welfare and disaster management.
50	Award of Appreciation presented to NDRF 14th Battalion, RRC Slapper, Mandi for their exceptional search and rescue operations during the July 2025 monsoon disasters across Thunag, Gohar, Karsog, Dharampur, and Jail Road-Jangambag, where they evacuated 65 persons, provided medical aid to 97 individuals, rescued and fed livestock, cleared 28 km of blocked paths, distributed relief material, and coordinated efficiently with DEOC and local authorities under severe rainfall, landslides, and flooding, demonstrating outstanding dedication, professionalism, and commitment to disaster response and community safety.
51	Award of Appreciation presented to HPPWD, Mandi Zone for their exemplary efforts in rapidly restoring critical roads and highways during the 2025 monsoon, including Thunag, Gohar, Kandi-Katoula, and NH-03, ensuring uninterrupted relief, rescue operations, and access to essential services for affected communities.
52	Award of Appreciation presented to Jal Shakti Vibhag, Mandi Zone for their exceptional efforts in restoring 587 disrupted water supply schemes during the 2025 monsoon, ensuring continuity of essential water services and supporting the district's disaster recovery and community resilience.
53	Award of Appreciation presented to HPSEBL, Mandi Zone for their exemplary efforts in swiftly restoring electricity services during the 2025 monsoon, ensuring uninterrupted power supply, supporting disaster response, and enhancing community resilience across affected areas.
54	Award of Appreciation presented to HPP Mandi & VHF Communication Team, Mandi for their exemplary professionalism and dedication during the 2025 monsoon, maintaining law and order, ensuring uninterrupted VHF communication, coordinating rescue and relief operations, and enhancing disaster response efficiency and community resilience across affected areas.
55	Award of Appreciation presented to Himachal Home Guards, 6th Bn., Mandi for their exceptional dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts during the 2025 monsoon disasters in Mandi district, including critical relief operations in Seraj Valley, Jail Road Mandi, and Jangam Bagh Sundernagar, ensuring timely distribution of relief materials, search and rescue of affected individuals, and recovery of lives under extremely challenging conditions.
56	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Ramesh Kumar (HPAS), SDM Thunag for his exemplary leadership, resilience, and administrative acumen during the 30 June–1 July 2025 monsoon floods in Thunag Sub-Division, effectively coordinating multi-agency rescue, evacuation, and relief operations, ensuring timely aid, restoration of critical access routes, and safeguarding lives in extremely challenging conditions.
57	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Yogesh Kumar Thakur, SDO, HPPWD – Bagsiad,

	Thunag, Mandi for his exceptional initiative, technical expertise, and dedication during the July 2025 monsoon disasters, conducting on-foot inspections, restoring critical roads, enabling swift mobilization of response teams, ensuring timely relief distribution, and facilitating uninterrupted transport of apple produce, significantly mitigating human and economic losses.
58	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Rakesh Kumar, Volunteer, Mandi for his extraordinary bravery and selfless action during the flash floods on 29th July 2025 at Jail Road, Mandi, rescuing three persons trapped in a rapidly flooded house, operating under hazardous conditions, and demonstrating exceptional courage, presence of mind, and dedication to community safety.
59	Award of Appreciation presented to Sh. Geeta Ram, Volunteer, Mandi for his exemplary courage, presence of mind, and selfless service during the landslide incident at Village Bragata, Sundernagar on 16th September 2025, where he promptly alerted authorities, assisted in evacuation, provided logistical and moral support to rescue teams, and contributed directly to the successful rescue of two individuals while supporting affected families.
60	Award of Appreciation is presented to Sh. Balak Ram, Volunteer, Mandi , for his remarkable courage and unwavering dedication during the landslide incident at the Jangambag site. With the support of Poclain Poclain (earthmover), he played a key role in clearing debris, restored road connectivity, coordinated with local authorities, ensured safe movement of residents and vehicles,. His committed efforts also assisted in the recovery of seven deceased individuals, showing his courage and determination in difficult conditions.
Others	
61	Award of Appreciation presented to DDMA Kinnaur for Best Overall Performance in Implementing SDMA Programs & Schemes , demonstrating outstanding efficiency, dedication, and successful execution of disaster management initiatives in the district.
62	Award of Appreciation presented to DDMA Mandi for Second Best Overall Performance in Implementing SDMA Programs & Schemes , showcasing exemplary coordination, effective execution, and significant contribution to disaster preparedness and community resilience.
63	Award of Appreciation presented to 133 Infantry Battalion (Territorial Army) Ecological DOGRA, Army Camp Kufri, Shimla (HP) for outstanding disaster relief and ecological management in Himachal Pradesh, including mitigation of 43 forest fires saving 900 hectares, conducting 800 training workshops, and reaching over 2.4 lakh people.
64	Award of Appreciation is posthumously presented to Late Sh. Dinesh Kumar, Dozer Operator, NH Division HPPWD Theog , Resident of VPO Gurkotha, Tehsil Sadar, District Mandi (H.P.), for his dedicated service and sacrifice while performing his official duty during the clearance of a massive landslide on National Highway-05 at Shanand on 2nd August. His commitment in restoring vital highway connectivity during adverse conditions is deeply acknowledged & appreciated.
65	Award of Appreciation is presented to Er. Shailesh Rana, Assistant Engineer, Sub-Division No-II, HPPWD Chamba , for his exceptional courage and dedication during the Manimahesh Yatra 2025 . On 25th August 2025 , under his supervision, about 75 stranded pilgrims were safely rescued near Dugli Nallah (Gate) amid adverse weather conditions. The next day, while restoring road connectivity, he sustained serious spinal and head injuries after being hit by a boulder. Despite severe pain and lack of medical aid, he trekked nearly 13 km through damaged terrain to reach evacuation. His bravery, resilience, and devotion to duty exemplify outstanding service in disaster response.

66	<p>Award of Appreciation is posthumously presented to Late Shri Hem Raj, Driver, HPPWD, Sub-Division Balichowki, for his sincere and dedicated service. On 3rd August 2025, while clearing debris on the Baunchari–Kandha road blocked by heavy rainfall, he tragically lost his life when the departmental Tipper he was operating slipped off the road and fell into a deep valley. In service since 1st January 2002, Late Shri Hem Raj was known for his hard work and commitment.</p>