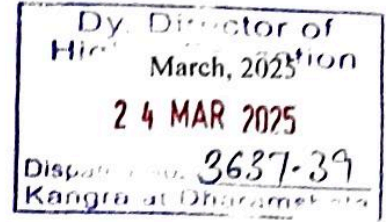


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Office of the Deputy Director of Higher Education,
Kangra at Dharamshala.
Dated: Dharamshala-176215 the



To

All the Principals/ Headmasters
Govt. Sr. Sec. / High Schools.
District Kangra (H.P.).

Subject: - Regarding Marking of the 120th Anniversary of the 1905 Great Kangra Earthquake as Disaster Awareness Day on 4th April 2025.

Memo.

This is w. r. t the letter No. KNG-DDMA/Mock Drill-218 Dated 19th March, 2025 (copy attached) received from O/o the Deputy Commissioner Kangra at Dharamshala on the subject cited above.

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In this connection, you are hereby directed to ensure compliance with the instructions and actively participate in the mock drill to promote a culture of Safety and preparedness.

****Reporting Requirements: ****

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- **Photographs:**** clear photographs of the mock drill activities should be included in the report.

Coordination and support:

For any queries or assistance regarding the conduct of the mock drill, contact the District Emergency Operation Centre (DEOC), Dharamshala, at ****0177-2880320**** OR Training Coordinator Mr. Kuldeep Singh @ 9805006902.

KINDLY TREAT THIS AS URGENT

Deputy Director of Higher Education
Kangra at Dharamshala

Endst. No. Even- Dated Dharamshala-176215 March, 2025

Copy to: -

- The Worthy Deputy Commissioner Kangra at Dharamshal for information please.
- The N.O. IT (Internal) to upload the same on Departmental Website.
- Guard file.

Deputy Director of Higher Education
Kangra at Dharamshala

Dated: 19th March 2025

To

1. All Heads of Departments, Kangra District.
2. All Educational Institutions, Kangra District.
3. All Health Institutions, Kangra District.
4. All Panchayats, Kangra District.

Subject: Regarding Marking of the 120th Anniversary of the 1905 Great Kangra Earthquake as Disaster Awareness Day on 4th April 2025.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the letter No. Rev (DMC)-(F)-11-45/2024-Kangra EQ, dated 4th March 2025 (copy attached), the Government of Himachal Pradesh has announced the observance of the 120th Anniversary of the 1905 Great Kangra Earthquake as Disaster Awareness Day on 4th April 2025. In accordance with the directives issued by the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), all departments and institutions are required to conduct an Evacuation Mock Drill (Drop, Cover, and Hold) on the aforementioned date. This initiative aims to enhance disaster preparedness, raise awareness, and build resilience among stakeholders.

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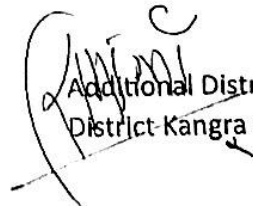
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Yours faithfully,


Additional District Magistrate
District Kangra at D/Shala

Endst. No: As above

Copy forwarded for information to :-

- The Director cum Special Secretary (Rev-DM) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh.

Additional District Magistrate
District Kangra D/Shala.

Rev (DMC) (F)-11-45/2024- Kangra EQ
Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Revenue (DM Cell)

From

**Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the
Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-2.**

To

1. The Secretary (SAD) to the ,
Government of Himachal Pradesh.
 2. The Vice Chancellor,
H.P. University - Shimla / CSK Agriculture University Palampur / Dr. YS Parmar
University of Horticulture & Forestry, Nauni / HP Technical University, Hamirpur.
 3. The All Heads of the Departments,
Himachal Pradesh.
 4. The All Deputy Commissioner cum Chairman (DDMAs)
Himachal Pradesh.
- Dated Shimla - 2 the,

4th March, 2025

**Subject: Regarding Marking of the 120th Anniversary of the 1905 Great Kangra
Earthquake as Disaster Awareness Day on April 4, 2025.**

Sir,

The Kangra Earthquake of April 4, 1905, struck the Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh, India, with an estimated magnitude 8.0. The earthquake occurred at a shallow depth along a gently dipping thrust fault, likely on the Main Himalayan Thrust detachment. It remains the deadliest disaster ever recorded in the Western Himalayas, claiming over 20,000 lives and resulting in the loss of 53,000 domestic animals. The devastation was immense, with nearly 100,000 buildings reduced to rubble, and the towns of Kangra, McLeodganj, and Dharamshala suffering near-total destruction.

To mark this tragic event and enhance disaster preparedness, the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), in its first meeting on December 7, 2011, decided to conduct an annual Shake Out Drill (Drop, Cover & Hold and Evacuation Drill) in all government and private educational institutions. This initiative aims to educate and prepare the younger generation for future disasters. In addition, preparedness is needed at all level of governance and public at large.

In this regard, I am directed to enclose herewith a concept note outlining various activities proposed for all offices, educational & health institutions, and Gram Sabha meetings to strengthen disaster preparedness and resilience within the state. Therefore, it is requested to issue necessary directions to all the concerned officials accordingly. For any queries or assistance, please contact the DM Cell - HPSDMA at 0177-2880320.

This is for your information and necessary action at your end, please.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As Above

Balwan Chand, HPAS
Additional Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimla - 2 4th March, 2025

Endst. No. As above

Copy forwarded to:

1. All the Administrative Secretaries to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for information please.
2. The Director, Department of Information & Public Relations for wide publicity, please.
3. All the Coordinators, DDMA's of Himachal Pradesh for necessary action and to submit the district activity report by 15th April, 2025 to HPSDMA.

Additional Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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Concept Note

April 4th, 2025
Disaster Awareness Day

The Kangra Earthquake of April 4, 1905, struck the Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh, India, with a magnitude estimated between 7.8 and 7.9. The earthquake occurred at a shallow depth of 6 km along a gently dipping thrust fault, likely on the Main Himalayan Thrust detachment. It remains the deadliest disaster ever recorded in the Western Himalayas, claiming over 20,000 lives and resulting in the loss of 53,000 domestic animals. The devastation was immense, with nearly 100,000 buildings reduced to rubble, and the towns of Kangra, McLeodganj, and Dharamshala suffering near-total destruction.

Additionally, the earthquake severely damaged the hillside aqueduct network, disrupting water supply in the affected areas. The estimated cost of recovery was 2.9 million rupees in 1905.

To commemorate this tragic event and enhance preparedness, the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), in its first meeting on December 7, 2011, decided to conduct an annual ShakeOut Drill (Drop, Cover & Hold and Evacuation Drill) in all government and private educational institutions. This initiative aims to educate and prepare the younger generation for future disasters. Furthermore, as per letter no. Rev (DMC) (F) 11-45/2016-CB&T dated August 26, 2019, all Heads of Departments and District Authorities were instructed to observe "4/4" (4th April) as **Disaster Awareness Day** by organizing various sensitization programs and awareness activities.

HPSDMA has been actively engaged in disaster management and awareness initiatives for a long time. In continuation of these efforts, various programs have been conducted in collaboration with District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs) and other stakeholders. These initiatives include an orientation program for school principals and administrators on the Kangra Earthquake, dissemination of earthquake safety guidelines (Do's and Don'ts) among students, ShakeOut Drill (Drop, Cover, and Hold), evacuation drills, and workshops on disaster preparedness.

The primary objective of these activities is to enhance the capacity of institutions / organisations in responding to earthquakes and other disasters. By equipping students, teachers, and school staff and officials with the necessary knowledge and skills, these initiatives aim to instill a culture of disaster preparedness and resilience. The orientation programs to ensure that key decision-makers within institutions / organisations understand the seismic risks specific to the region and can implement necessary safety measures. Meanwhile, practical drills such as ShakeOut and evacuation exercises help reinforce response protocols, enabling students and staff to react effectively in case of an actual emergency.

Through these systematic efforts, HPSDMA continues to strengthen disaster resilience at the grassroots level, ensuring that schools—one of the most vulnerable yet critical community spaces—are well-prepared to mitigate risks and respond efficiently to seismic hazards.

As April 4th marks an important occasion for raising awareness and sensitizing communities on disaster preparedness, a series of activities are proposed under the **state-wide Disaster Awareness Campaign-2025**. These activities will be conducted at the state, district, and community levels throughout April 2025 to enhance disaster preparedness and resilience.

Proposed Activities:

Sr. No.	Activity	Proposed Date
1	Evacuation Drills - HP Secretariat, all the State & Central Government Offices, Institutes & Establishments	April 4, 2025 -11:00 AM
2	Gram Sabha Meeting with a dedicated agenda on earthquake-resistant construction practices and preparedness measures.	April, 2025
3	Student Engagement Activities & Mock Drills - Health Institutes, all Schools & Educational Institutes by Department of Health, Department of Elementary Education & Higher Education, HP University, HP Technical University.	Student Engagement Activities - April 1-5, 2025 Mock Drill - April 4, 2025 - 11:00AM
4	Citizen Solidarity March on 4th April in all District HQs.	April 4, 2025 Early Morning

Funding for Activities

The necessary funds for conducting the aforementioned activities may be utilized from the Preparedness and Capacity Building Funds allocated to the District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs).