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Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

Dated Shimla -171001 the April, 2022

From:- The Director of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh

To All the Deputy Directors of Higher Education/ Inspection ,
In Himachal Pradesh.

Subject:- Regarding Implementation of "School Safety Project"

Memo,

As you are aware that "School Safety" has been defined as the creation of safe environments for children starting from their homes to their schools and back which includes safety from large scale natural hazards , human made risks and environmental threats that can adversely affect the lives of children .Various kinds of guidelines have been received from the National Disaster Management Authority , Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Govt. of India New Delhi, Principal Secretary Education to the Government of Himachal Pradesh and other stakeholders regarding the safety of students, which have been circulated to you time and again from this office.

In this connection it has been noticed that still some of the educational institutions are not following and implementing these guidelines in letter and spirit .You are therefore , directed to Constitute /notify the "District Level Incident Response" Team and **undertake the following actions to ensure the successful implementation of School Safety Project-**

1. All schools to prepare and share their School Disaster Management Plan every year in the month of April and update and revise them for each academic year.
2. All schools will share their Quarterly Reports to DDHE concerned by 25th of March, June, September and December for corresponding Quarter and DDHE will further submit the consolidated quarterly report on last working day of each quarter to DHE.
3. To promote learning and practical skills related to the Disaster Management , a qualifying exam/ house test or any other assessment methods may be initiated in schools. It may be planned in the quarterly meetings of the Principals/ headmasters.
4. All schools are to conduct Four Mock Drills in each academic year. Mock drills are to be organized on 4th April (Disaster Awareness Generation Day), 13th October (International day of Disaster Risk Reduction) and other two dates may be decided by the schools on their own as per convenience and local conditions.
5. The SMC may be mobilized and engaged to take up Non-structural mitigation measures in school under the supervision of SSA engineers and construction agencies . Non -structural mitigation in schools may be ensured by trained engineers of SSA.

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6. The progress of implementation of school safety project will be monitored on monthly basis by the DDHE/DDHE inspection concerned. It will be ensured to monitor minimum 10 Percent of the total schools by each DDHE in respective District and 5 Percent by the officers / inspection teams of the Directorate of Higher Education during each academic year henceforth specially for the activities related to School Safety.

7. The DDHE s will submit a combined proposal addressing vulnerabilities of schools to various types of hazards in their Districts, in consultation with the local SMC , local bodies, Public representatives, SSA engineers and DDMA concerned as and when required on the basis of local circumstances.

8. The Principals/ Headmasters will also submit proposals regarding Retrofitting of schools in consultation with the SSA engineers and School Management Committee to this directorate through DDHE concerned .

9. All the heads of the educational institutions will ensure the proper installation of Fire Extinguishing Equipments in perfect running condition in school premises .Each individual working on the institution must be trained to handle / operate these equipments as and when required in case of emergency if any.

10. In the post Covid-19 scenario, , the DM plans of all schools will need to be updated accordingly. Additional Hand Washing facilities and sanitization facilities be created and Physical Distancing in classrooms and school complex will have to be ensured.

The detailed report of all above activities undertaken along with the photographs & Videos should be submitted regularly to this office at the end of each quarter along with Quarterly Report.


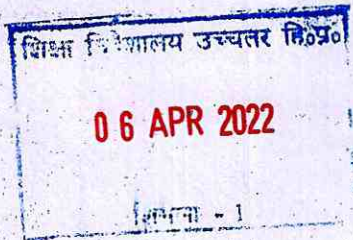


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Copy for information to:-

1. The Principal Secretary (Rev-DM) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-2
2. The Principal Secretary Education to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh Shimla-2.
3. All Principals/ Headmasters in G.S.S.Schools/ G.H.Schools / Private Schools in H.P.
4. The Incharge IT Cell, Directorate of Higher Education to upload the letter in website.



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