

No. EDN-HE(3)F(9)41/2026
Directorate of Higher Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1

Dated: Shimla-171001 the August, 2026

To

All the Principals,
Govt. Degree /Skt./GIA/Pvt. College/
GCTE Dharamshala, SCERT Solan, in HP.

Subject: - State-wide Multi-Department Enforcement Drive under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 on 11.08.2026 – regarding enforcement in and around Educational Institutions.

Find enclosed herewith a copy of the letter No. ADGP/HP CID/STF/-46492-96, dated 06-08-2026 received from the Inspector General of Police, Intelligence, State CID, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-9, on the subject cited above.

In this context, it is intimated that the State-wide Multi-Department Enforcement Drive under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003, scheduled to be conducted on 11.08.2026 across all districts and blocks of Himachal Pradesh. The enforcement drive will focus on ensuring compliance with the provisions of Section 4 of COTPA, 2003 relating to prohibition of smoking in public places and Section 6 relating to prohibition of sale of tobacco products to persons below 21 years of age and within 100 yards of educational institutions, with special emphasis on educational institutions and their surrounding areas.

In view of the above, you are directed to extend full cooperation to the State CID, STF, District Police and District/Block-level Flying Squads of National Health Mission. The college authorities may also facilitate inspection of the college campus and the area falling within a radius of 100 yards of the educational institution and provide all necessary cooperation to the enforcement teams for ensuring strict compliance with the provisions of COTPA, 2003.

Encl: As above.


Joint Director Higher Education (C)
Himachal Pradesh

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to: -

1. The Inspector General of Police, Intelligence, State CID, H.P Shimla-9 w.r.t. letter referred to the above.
2. Dr. Renu Rana, OSD (C) Nodal Officer of Drug Abuse DHE, HP, Shimla-1.
3. The Technical Officer I.T. Cell (Int.) D.H.E. Shimla HP to upload the same on Departmental website.
4. Guard File.


Joint Director Higher Education (C)
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No. ADGP/HP CID/STF/46492-96
Office of the Addl. Director General of Police,
State CID, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171009.

To

1. The Director of School Education, Himachal Pradesh
2. The Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh
3. The State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, Himachal Pradesh
4. The Director, Medical Education & Research, Himachal Pradesh
5. The Director, Technical Education, Vocational & Industrial Training,
Sundernagar, Himachal Pradesh

Dated : Shimla-171009, the 21.08 2026.

Subject: **State-wide Multi-Department Enforcement Drive under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 on 11.08.2026 regarding enforcement in and around Educational Institutions.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the 7th State Level NCORD Committee Meeting was held under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh, on 11.05.2026 at the HP Secretariat, Shimla. During the meeting, the Hon'ble Chief Minister directed that Phase-II of the Anti-Chitta Drive be conducted across the State with the active participation of all line Departments and District Administrations. The progress of the drive is being closely monitored at the highest level, and the Hon'ble Chief Minister is personally reviewing the implementation of the decisions taken during the meeting.

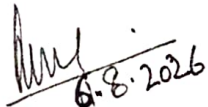
2. In pursuance of the above directions, Phase-II of the Anti-Chitta Drive is being implemented in two parts. Part-I is scheduled to conclude on 08.07.2026, while Part-2 shall be conducted from 13.07.2026 to 20.08.2026.

3. The Phase-II (Part-2) of the State-wide Anti-Chitta Drive, a State-wide multi-department enforcement drive under the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 shall be conducted on 11th August, 2026 across all districts and blocks of Himachal Pradesh. The drive will focus on enforcement of Section 4 (prohibition of smoking in public places) and Section 6 (prohibition of sale of tobacco products to

persons below 21 years of age and within 100 yards of educational institutions), with special emphasis on educational institutions and their surrounding areas.

4. It is, therefore, requested that necessary directions may kindly be issued to all Government, Government-aided, and Private educational institutions under your administrative control to actively participate in and coordinate with the enforcement drive by joining the State CID, STF, District Police, and District/Block-level Flying Squads of National Health Mission. The institutions may be directed to facilitate inspections of their campuses and the area within a radius of 100 yards thereof, with a view to ensuring strict compliance with the provisions of the ***Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 and other relevant Laws.***

Yours Sincerely


Inspector General of Police, Intelligence,
State CID, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.

Dated:

Endst. No: As Above.

Copy is forwarded to:-

1. The Mission Director NHM, Himachal Pradesh for information.
2. All Superintendents of Police, Police Districts, Himachal Pradesh, for information and necessary action.


Inspector General of Police, Intelligence,
State CID, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.