



**Office of the Deputy Commissioner Una, Himachal Pradesh
Disaster Management Cell, Una-H.P.**

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No. 1720-1729 /DRO/Relief-DDMA

Date 20-03-2025

URGENT

From

**The Chairman, DDMA-cum-
Deputy Commissioner, Una (H.P).**

To

1. The Deputy Director, Higher Education, Una, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The Deputy Director, Elementary Education, Una, Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: Regarding Conducting the State level Evacuation Drill/ IEC Activities on Disaster Awareness Day (4th April): Marking the Anniversary of the Kangra Earthquake of 1905 in Himachal Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to enclose herewith a photocopy of letter No.Rev. (DMC)(F) 11-45/2024-Kangra-EQ dated; 04-03-2025 received from the Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh, regarding the subject cited above. As we are well aware that Kangra Earthquake of 4th April 1905 occurred in the Kangra region of Himachal Pradesh. The magnitude was 7.8 -7.9 earthquake accounts for the largest death till ever recorded during a disaster in Western Himalayas. It killed more than 20,000 people and 53,000 domestic animals also perished. As many as 1,00,000 building were reported to have been demolished by the earthquake. The Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA) had decided to conduct Shakeout Drill ("Drop, Cover & Hold and Evacuation Drill) and other activities to mark this occasion and to prepare the young generation to face such disasters in the future. In this regard this year also the State level Evacuation Mock Drill shall be conducted on 04th April 2025 at 11.00 AM in all the Government Offices, Schools, Colleges, Institutes and Universities in the State.

You are directed to issue necessary directions to all the Government as well as Private educational institutes to ensure the conduct of Evacuation Mock Drill in your respective Schools/ Colleges/ Institutions on 04th April 2025 at 11.00 AM positively.

- Shake Out/ Mock Drill (Drop, Cover & Hold) and Evacuation Drill.
- Lectures/ Awareness Generation on DO's & DON'Ts before/ during/ after earthquake by the Principal/Head of Institution.
- Conduct the Student Engagement activities like: Slogan Writing, Declamation, Painting, Quiz, Lecture, Oath etc. on the occasion of



"Disaster Awareness Day" or between 1st to 10th April, 2025 under your jurisdiction.

It may kindly be ensured that the Mock Drill is conducted as per guidelines laid down by the HPSDMA titled as "**Earthquake and fire mock drills in School and Education Institutions**" to ensure safety of students and participants. A copy of the guidelines is available in HPSDMA website and can be accessed at <https://hpsdma.nic.in/admnis/admin/showimg.aspx?ID=162> before the conduct of mock drill, to ensure safety of all.

You are further directed to send a report (format enclosed) along with photographs and the digital content of the conducted activities to this office or through email at ddmauna@gmail.com latest by 11-04-2025. For any further query please contact above-mentioned contact numbers or email address, as and when required.

This is for your information & further necessary action ibid.

Yours faithfully,



[Signature]
(Jatin Lal, IAS) Chairman DDMA-cum-
Deputy Commissioner, Una (H.P.)
**Chairman DDMA -cum-
Deputy Commissioner, Una
District Una (H.P)**

Endst. No. & Date: As above

A Copy is forwarded to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary (Revenue) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh w.r.t. their office letter No. Rev. (DMC)(F) 11-45/2024-Kangra-EQ dated; 04-03-2025 for favor of information please.
2. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Una/ Amb/ Bangana/ Haroli and Gagret, District Una for favour of information please.
3. The District Public Relations Officer, Una for wide publicity through print, electronic and social media platforms.



[Signature]
**Chairman DDMA-cum-
Deputy Commissioner, Una (H.P.)
Chairman DDMA
Deputy Commissioner, Una
District Una (H.P)**

Drill Report – To be filled by the School/ Institution

Please Email the report (including digital Photographs) to ddmauna@gmail.com

Name of the
School/Institution:

Current Contact Details

Tel No:

Email Id:

Address:

Contact Person:

Number of students who participated in the drill:

Number of teachers who participated in the drill:

Time at which the drill was conducted:

Steps taken to execute the drill:

Was a head count done after evacuation to safe assembly areas? (y/n):

Were any other activities done during the drill? (Search & Rescue, First Aid etc.):

Was debriefing done after the drill?:

Number of photographs being sent to the Email:

Mention 3 things which can be improved in the next drill:

Remarks:



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. (Una)

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.

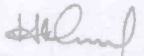
To mark this tragic event and enhance disaster preparedness, the Himachal Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (HPSDMA), in its first meeting on December 7, 2011, decided to conduct an annual Shake Out Drill (Drop, Cover & Hold and Evacuation Drill) in all government and private educational institutions. 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

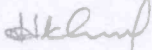

Balwan Chand, HPAS
Additional Secretary (Rev-DM) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

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, DDMAs 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



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 - <u>April 1-5, 2025</u> Mock Drill – <u>April 4, 2025 - 11:00AM</u>
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).

IMPORTANT

Order No. EDN-4 (G-1) Disaster Management - 1024
O/o DDEE Una 24/03/25

Forwarded in original to All the B.E.O.'s / Incharges of GMS
All the P.T. School in Distt. Una for information and
with the direction to ensure the conduct of Evacuation
Mock Drill in your office / respective schools on 4th
April, 2025 at 11.00 AM. You are also directed to send
a report (format enclosed) along with photographs
to this office through email at ddee-una.hp@nic.in / ddeeuahp@gmail.com latest by 7.04.2025.

A.H.K.
Deputy Director of Elementary
Education Una Distt. Una (H.P.)