



# Himachal Pradesh

**Home Guards, Civil Defence, Fire Services & SDRF**



## Role introduction

- Home Guards & Fire Services - Designated first responders ( 2024)
- Civil Defence - Community response during “Golden Hour”
- State Disaster Response Force - Specialized disaster response force



# Designated Response Centers (decentralised approach)

- 169 DRCs, 03 SDRF RCs across the diverse and difficult terrain
- Quick response leveraging area familiarity till specialised search & rescue
- Basic essential S & R equipment stored as per requirement for area



# Initiatives



- Government mandate to establish Fire Station at Distt HQ, Sub Fire Station at Sub Division level and a Fire Post at Tehsil level
  - Improved coverage
  - Significantly reduces response time
- Fire NOCs issued online only through single window system
  - Convenience
  - Transparency
  - Efficiency
- Mandatory Pre-construction fire safety approval for building plans
  - Embedding preventive safeguards into infrastructure development

# Initiatives contd...



## HP Fire Safety Code 2026 -

- Reduce compliance burden by process transparency
- Updating standards to mitigate emerging vulnerabilities
- Introducing Unified Fire-Safety Infrastructure
- Standardize regulations to eliminate inconveniences
- Rules that address region-specific citizen challenges
- Simplified norms aligned with the National Building Code



# Initiatives contd...



- Creation of State Disaster Response Reserve Store on lines of NDRR
- Centralized real-time inventory tracking system being developed
  - Automated alerts for stock and maintenance
  - Ensures quick availability of critical resources
- Dedicated Canine Squad
  - Enhances SDRF capability in locating victims in complex disaster scenarios
  - Rapid Victim Detection
  - Improved Survival Rates

# Initiatives contd...



- Regular FAMEXs - SDRF - High altitude rescue & special mountain rescue training module



- Establishment of Center for Disaster Preparedness and Resilience at Haroli, Una



# Initiatives contd...



- Gender inclusive response
  - Women being trained and encouraged in leadership for S&R ops
  - Women being introduced as Fire Fighters



- Training infrastructure upgradation - Rescue towers, obstacle courses at BTCs





# Disaster Response Resource multiplication

- 11000 (+3000 under training) CDVs empowered as golden hour response agency
- Department is training partner for
  - AAPDA MITRAS
  - Youth volunteers trained under State Scheme (TYVDM)
- Community training for disaster preparedness and response
  - 4,764 Awareness programs
  - 8,153 Mock Drills
  - 7,84,568 Participants

} Last 05 years



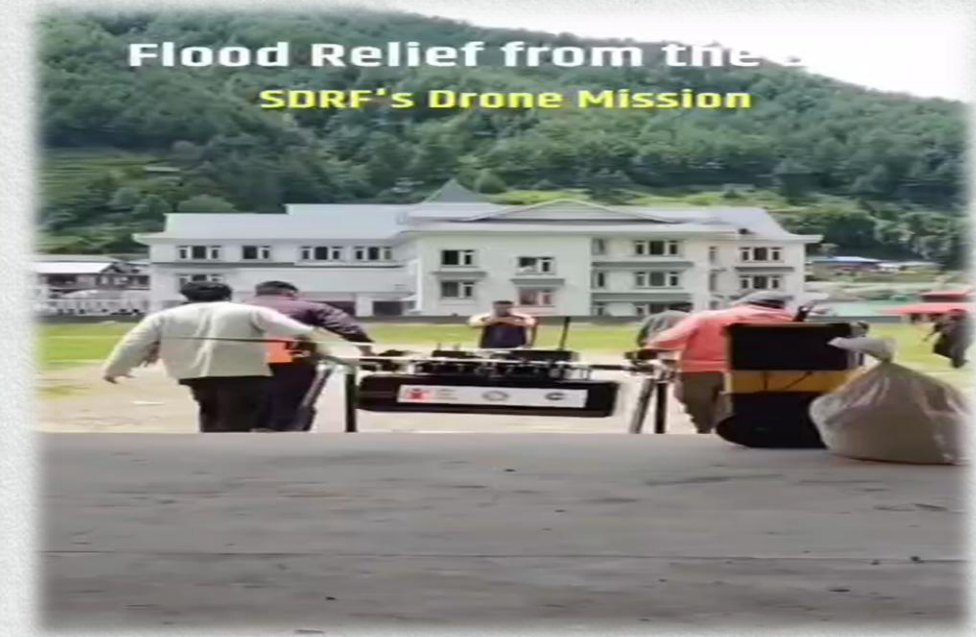


## New Equipment :

- Wet and Dry Diving suits
- Logistics Drones
- Life Detectors
- Air lifting Bags
- Alpine Stretchers

## Training

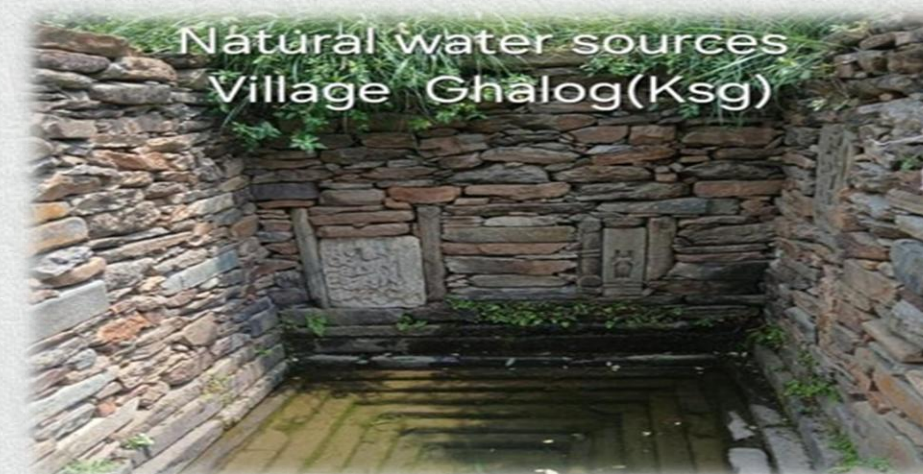
- Hostile Environment Training for drivers
- Medic/ First Aid course at Medic Training Center, SSB, Shimla





# Going Beyond Call of Duty-Climatic Disaster Resilience

- Rejuvenation of traditional water resources / watersheds
  - Fire mitigation
  - Drought management
- Waste segregation and recycling
- Tree plantation - 6000 saplings planted to reduce environmental impact





# Motivation and Welfare

- Yoga sessions - integral to training
- Financial literacy campaigns
- Meditation ( partnership with AoL)
- Stress /life style management  
(Miracle of Mind - Isha foundation)
- Maternity leave for female Home Guards
- Risk coverage
  - Death /disability cover through salary packages under MoU
- Family pension and disability pension





**Thank You**