



DISASTER MANAGEMENT CELL REPORT 2020-21

- 1) On 5th November, 2020, an awareness program was conducted online for the college students on the occasion of 'World Tsunami Awareness Day'. An article was forwarded on the whatsapp groups of the college. In the virtual program more than 100 students joined to spread awareness about tsunami and other natural disasters. Students learnt the appropriate steps to prepare for a natural calamity. The disaster management teams were prepared the following day in which all the council members, staff and NSS volunteers were included. The teams were as follows:

First Aid Team

Search and Rescue Team

Fire safety team

First Aid Team

Evacuation Team

Unfortunately no drills could be organized due to COVID-19.

- 2) The students participated in a webinar on 'Inclusive Disaster Risk-Reduction in Himachal Pradesh' was organized by UNDP and Shimla Municipal Corporation on 26th December, 2020 from 2pm to 4pm. The key speaker was Ms. Parul Sharma, Country Program Manager, and India. On the same day, a training workshop was organized in Shimla on 'Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Change Adaptation in Special Education'.
- 3) Geo-Hazard Society (GHS), a non-profit organization which has been working for the disaster preparedness for the specially-abled children, was requested by the Disaster Management Cell MC Shimla to facilitate a one day workshop in which teachers were trained to teach the specially-abled children. The main objective of one day workshop was to identify the gaps in disaster preparedness for the specially-abled children and to create a group of trainers within the city who can take disaster safety measures for the differently-abled children in Himachal Pradesh. Shimla is prone to multi-hazards with earthquake landslides, rock fall,



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cloudburst, road accidents, etc. and falls in seismic Zone IV (as per the Seismic Zoning map of India) which is the high-risk zone and the district is likely to be affected by earthquakes with intensity up to VIII. While Covid-19 put some restrictions on the activities that could have been conducted, the college marched forward to spread awareness and build preparedness for natural disasters.

- 4) The Disaster Management Cell of the college organized an online session for the entire college on Awareness for Covid 19 Pandemic Safety. The president of the cell gave a brief presentation on safety precaution during Covid and also explained the ways to prevent the spread of Covid. The presentation was very informative and engaging.