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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Climate change is defined as: “a change of climate which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods.” It affects social and environmental determinants of health like – clean air, safe drinking water, sufficient food, and secure shelter.

Climate change may negatively affect human health in several ways, but the most commonly experienced are increased frequency and intensity of heat waves leading to a rise in heat-related illnesses and deaths, increased precipitation, floods, droughts, and desertification costing lives directly. High temperature is known to increase the level of ‘ground level ozone’ and other ‘climate-altering pollutants’ other than carbon dioxide, which further exacerbates cardio-respiratory and allergic diseases and certain cancers. Besides these, there is an increase in the transmission and spread of infectious diseases, changes in the distribution of water-borne, food-borne, and vector-borne diseases, and effects on the risk of disasters and malnutrition.

The *United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)* came into force on 21st March 1994. Since then many steps have been initiated to reduce the effect of climate change at the global level including the “Rio Convention 1992”, “Kyoto protocol 1997”, the “Male’ Declaration 1998”, “Convention of Parties”, the “Cancun Agreement 2010”, “Durban Platform 2011”, and the “Nationally Determined Contributions” (NDCs) at the Conference of Parties 21”.

India is a signatory to the “Male’ Declaration” highlighting the need for the strengthening of the health sector and achieving climate resilience. According to the “Male’ Declaration”, it is desired that healthcare facilities should be prepared to address human needs in face of climate change-induced vagaries and adopt climate-resilient practices, particularly to encourage that these can withstand any climatic event and that essential services such as water, sanitation, waste management, and electricity are functional during such events. To achieve climate resilience, the health department has to undertake measures to initiate the greening of the health sector by adopting environment-friendly technologies and using energy-efficient services.

In this regard, initiatives undertaken by the Government of India include the identification of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) as the nodal ministry, the formulation of the National Environmental Policy 2006, and the formulation of the Prime Minister’s Council on Climate Change for matters related to Climate Change. MoEF&CC has developed National Action Plan on Climate Change with eight missions. Later on, four new missions (including Health Mission) were identified. The Health Mission aims to reduce climate-sensitive illnesses through integration with other missions under National Action Plan for Climate Change (NAPCC) as well as through programmes run by various ministries. As a follow-up

action, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) constituted a National Expert Group on Climate Change & Health (NEGCCCH) to prepare National Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health (NAPCCCH) and recommend strategies for indicators, mitigation, capacity building, etc. for the health sector to respond to the climate emergency.

National Centre for Diseases Control (NCDC) is identified as the 'technical nodal agency' by MoHFW for the National Mission on Health. The Centre for Environmental and Occupational Health, Climate Change & Health (CEOH&CCH), NCDC, is implementing the National Programme of Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH), as a part of which the State Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCCH) has been prepared by Jammu & Kashmir state. SAPCCCH is a long-term vision and planning document prepared by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Jammu, applicable up till 2027. Based on this document, district-specific action plans will also be prepared. The SAPCCCH highlights the current and future vulnerabilities to climate change in the state, the disease burden and the initiatives to be undertaken by the state to reduce the disease burden and develop a climate-responsive and sustainable healthcare ecosystem in the state

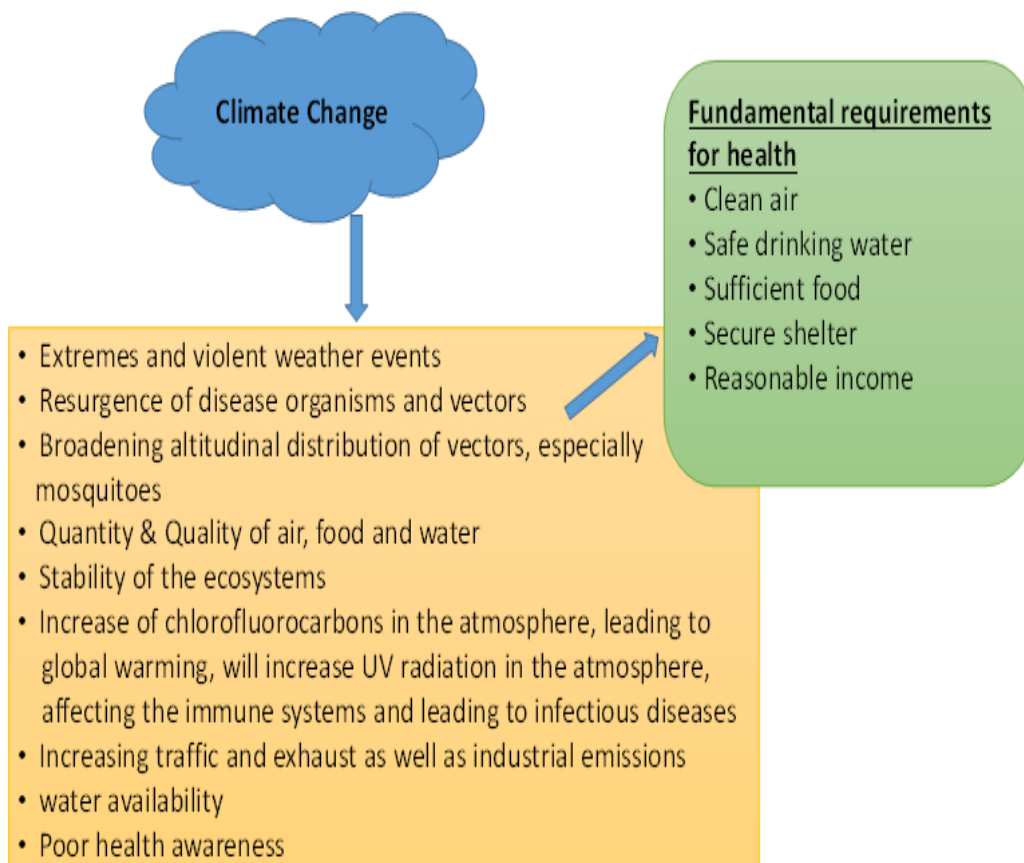


Figure : Illustrating linkages between climate change and human health

Jammu & Kashmir - Geography and Demographics

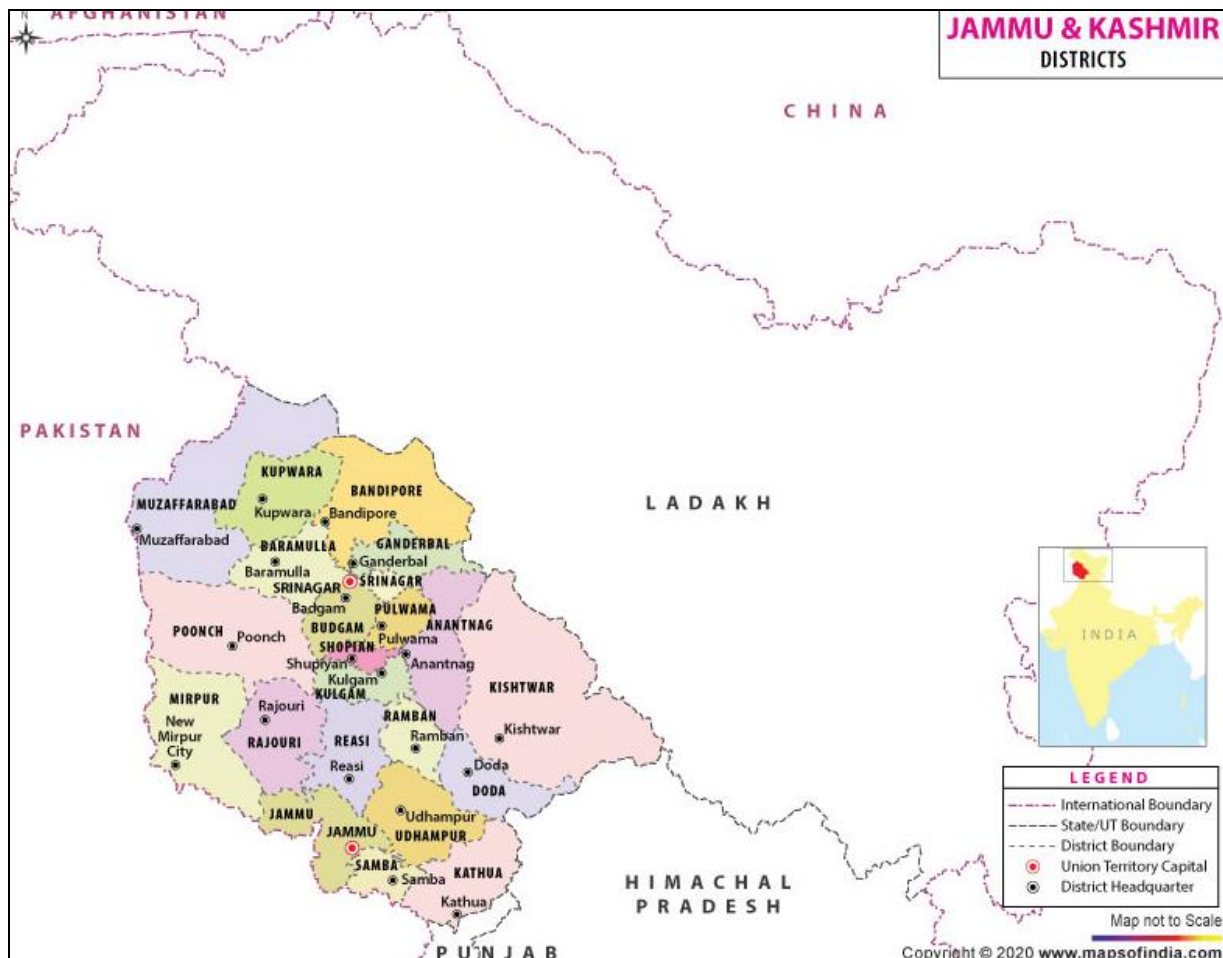
Jammu region's topography, geography, and demography are highly diverse. Jammu lies between the 'outer hills' region bounding the Valley of Kashmir in the south, and the hilly tract extending to the plains of Punjab. The river Ravi flows in the east of this region and the river Jhelum in the west. The Chenab issues forth from the mountains into the plains near the town of Akhnoor and flows through the Jammu district before entering the plains of Punjab (now in Pakistan),

The 'outer hills' region consists of Udhampur, Ramnagar, and Rampur. The rugged hills give way in the north and north-east to the outer hills of the Shjwaliks, 1,200 m to 3,600 m above sea level. There is a continuous rise in elevation to what is conveniently called the 'middle hills' or the middle Himalayas. Small narrow valleys give way to deep gorges and picturesque valleys largely formed due to denudation wrought by the fast-flowing rivers over thousands of geological years. In this region lie the districts of Batare, Bhadarwah, Kishtwar, Doda, and Ramban.

Jammu city, the winter capital of the state, stands on one of the spurs of a rugged hill overlooking the plains and the river Tawi. The city is about 300 m above sea level and about 4 Km wide. According to the 1981 Census, the city had a population of 2,06,135 which in 1991 became whose pointed spires can be seen from afar. Other towns in this plain, and to the east of the Chenab are Basoli, Ramkot, Ramnagar, and Samba, and to the west of the Chenab, Akhnur, and Bhimber.

The Jammu district covers an area of 26,089.4 sq Km. The area abounds with beautiful natural scenery. As the altitude rises towards the 'middle mountains' area of Batote, Bhadarwah, Kishtwar, Padar, and Banihal, the summer rainfall averages 45 inches (113 cm). Riasi and Poonch get more than 60 inches (150 cm) of rainfall annually. The 'outer plains' areas of Ramnagar, Ramkot, Samba, Basoli, Akhnoor, and Bhimber experience the extremes of tropical heat. The average annual rainfall in the Jammu district is 45 inches (113 cm). The summer season lasts from April to June, followed by the rainy season from July to September. The intensity of the heat in summer is comparable to that of the plains of the rest of India. Winter lasts from October to March.

The detailed map of the state along with population statistics of the districts is presented below-



Name of District	Headquarters	Area (km ²)	Population 2011 Census	Population 2022 estimated
Udhampur	Udhampur	4,550	555,357	663,762
Samba	Samba	904	318,611	381,402
Reasi	Reasi	1,719	314,714	376,342
Ramban	Ramban	1,329	283,313	339,321
Rajouri	Rajouri	2,630	619,266	768,328
Poonch	Poonch	1,674	476,820	570,295
Kishtwar	Kishtwar	7,737	231,037	275,912
Kathua	Kathua	2,651	615,711	737,256
Jammu	Jammu	3,097	1,526,406	1,829,830
Doda	Doda	2,306	409,576	442,589
Total		26,293	5,350,811	63,85,037

CHAPTER 2

CLIMATE VULNERABILITY

Jammu and Kashmir nestles in the fragile Himalayan Ecosystem and is exposed to natural fluctuations in climate and human-induced changes due to large-scale urbanization. Biodiversity loss and water stress owing to climate change are the greatest challenges for the state for a few decades. Climate change poses a serious threat to species diversity, habitats, forests, wildlife, fisheries, and water resources in the region. The numerous wetlands in J&K support 20% of the known range of biodiversity in the region and are adversely affected. As per the INCCA assessment, the number of rainy days in the Himalayan region in the 2030s may increase by 5-10 days on average, with an increase of more than 15 days in the eastern part of the Jammu and Kashmir region. The intensity of rain fall is likely to increase by 1-2 mm/ day. This is likely to impact some of the horticultural crops; though rangelands and livestock are likely to benefit. The rate of recession of glaciers is reportedly varying which is being attributed to winter precipitation climate warming and anthropogenic elements. Temperature, precipitation, and cold wave are most likely to significantly impact the agriculture sector and enhance its vulnerability. The deficit in food production is growing in recent times in Jammu & Kashmir. With the reduction in rainfall, rain-fed agriculture will suffer the most.

Weather and climate variability have a profound influence on human health. The impact of climate change on human health is likely to be multifaceted involving the increased incidence of vector, water, and food-borne diseases, malnutrition and undernourishment, injuries and death caused by extreme hydrogeological events, and thermal stress. Temperature, precipitation, and humidity have a strong influence on the reproduction, survival, and biting rates of the mosquitoes that determine malaria and dengue fever, and temperature effects on the life-cycle of the infectious agents themselves. The same meteorological factors also influence the transmission of water and food-borne diseases such as cholera and other forms of diarrhoeal diseases. The vulnerability due to the incidence of diseases or hazards will however depend upon the level of exposure, sensitivity, and the coping capacity of the populace. Short-term impacts of climate change are likely to magnify the existing socio-economic threats due to rapid urbanization, population growth, poverty, health infrastructure, contamination of air and water, unplanned urbanization, and issues of solid and liquid waste management resulting in high morbidity and mortality. Long-term climate change impacts will exacerbate the existing stress while undermining growth and development.

The health sector is highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Changes in local climatic conditions majorly influence health issues in the state. Following are the climatic variability affecting the health sector:

Climate & Temperature

The climate of Jammu varies greatly owing to its rugged topography. The southern part of the state has a typical monsoon tropical climate. In summer, the southern part is very hot, and the maximum temperature

reaches above 45°C. January is the coldest month when minimum temperatures go down to the freezing point, while in July and August, very heavy and erratic rainfall occurs. The climatic conditions vary as the region has topographic variation.

Kashmir Valley region is situated between Pir Panjal and the western end of the great Himalayan ranges, which stop monsoon winds from southeast and south, and cold winds coming from central Asia. As such the climate of the sheltered Valley of Kashmir has peculiarities and exhibits exceptions to the peripheral region. The Kashmir valley comprises Anantnag, Badgam, Bandipora, Kulgam, Shopian, Pulwama, Srinagar, Ganderbal, Baramulla, and Kupwara districts. The valley experiences a temperate climate. Summers are pleasant but winters are very cold and there is snowfall.

Rainfall

The state receives rainfall from the middle of March to mid-May in the valley. Lofty mountains like Pir Panjal, Zaskar, and Karakoram check winds from the surrounding regions. The monsoon winds in summer cause rain in the outer plains and outer hills. But the winds can cross the Pir Panjal range only when they are strong. In winter winds from the Mediterranean cause snow and rain in the valleys of Kashmir. Snow falls on the mountains surrounding the valley. The climate found in the zone of the mid-mountains and valleys is of a particular type. The topography of the region is considered to determine the degree of coolness, the form of precipitation, and the summer temperature. Winter from November to March is cold. During these months, strong winds bring snow and rain from the Mediterranean depressions/low. In higher mountains around the valley of Kashmir, winter is very cold with moderate and heavy snowfall. Summers from mid-March to June are mild and of very short duration with rains. Weather in the valley region is generally pleasant from April to June. In the monsoon season, there is an occurrence of rainfall when the monsoon winds are strong. High rainfall would increase the chances of weather events like flash floods further aggravating the spread of water borne diseases.

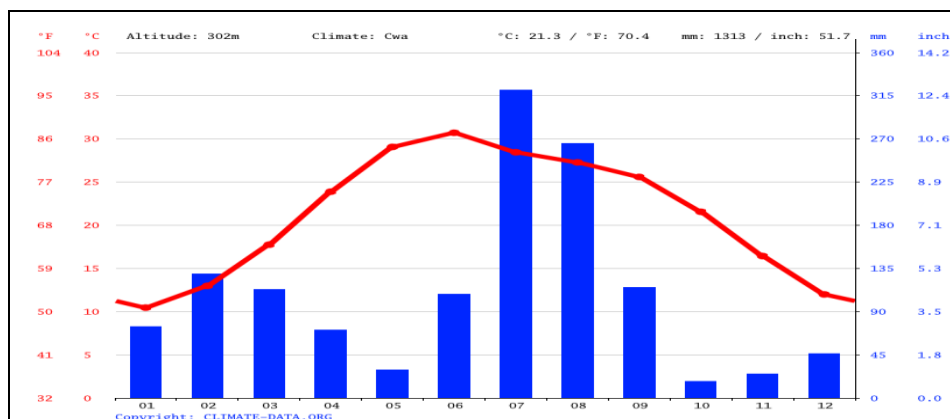


Figure 1 Graph depicting month wise average temperature of Jammu

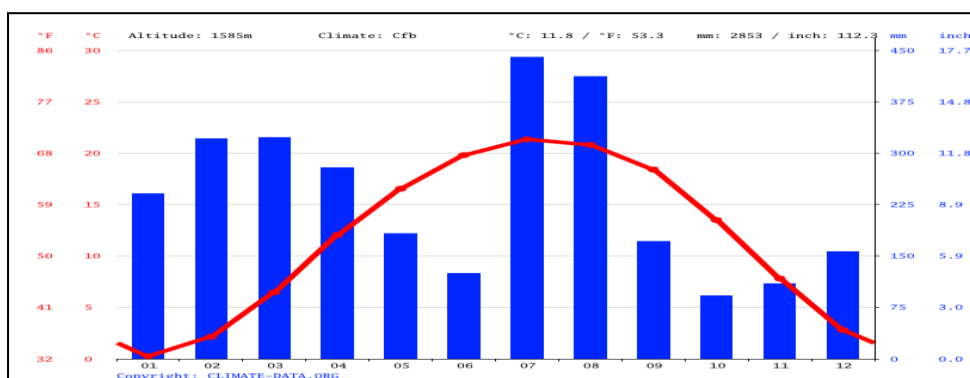


Figure 2 Graph depicting month wise average temperature of Kashmir

Gradual and widespread climate changes with major impacts have occurred repeatedly in Jammu and Kashmir in the recent past. Although climate changes can occur for many reasons, it is conceivable that human activities are forcing an increase in the probability of large, abrupt events. Such changes in climate conditions might have natural causes or could be triggered by humans. Interactions of global climate change, air pollution, and extreme weather conditions have visible repercussions on the ecosystem manifested through multiple sectors including health. From symptoms of normal flu to stomach problems, climate change has manifested its impacts on human and livestock health. Human adaptability in many cases has failed to shape itself according to the drastic changes in climatic parameters due to the lack of livelihood facilities. Climate change in Jammu and Kashmir has enhanced morbidity and mortality due to direct exposure to climatic adversities or indirectly through increased cases of vector attacks, scarcity of nutritious supplements, and degrading water quality. Interstate migration in search of livelihood has increased the infiltration of diseases in the state. The State government of J&K is on a drive to ensure better health through institutional upgradation, infrastructural improvement, and ensuring easy access to health care facilities for all.

District-wise profile of government health institutions in Jammu & Kashmir-

S. No	Name of District	Number of Medical college (Govt/ Pvt)	Number of district/ sub-district hospital	Number of CHC hospital	Number of PHCs
1	Jammu	1	1	11	32
2	Doda	1		3	13
3	Kishtwar		1	1	7
4	Kathua	1		5	24
5	Ramban		1	3	9
6	Reasi		1	2	12

7	Samba		1	3	11
8	Poonch		1	3	17
9	Udhampur	1		2	22
10	Rajouri	1		7	21
11	Anantnag	1		5	26
12	Bandipura		1	3	8
13	Baramulla	1		8	31
14	Budgam		1	9	40
15	Ganderbal		1	1	15
16	Kulgam		1	3	19
17	Kupwara	1		7	33
18	Pulwama		1	3	20
19	Shopian		1	1	6
20	Srinagar	1	1	1	7
	TOTAL	9	13	81	373

CHAPTER 3

CLIMATE SENSITIVE DISEASES IN J & K

Human health has always been influenced by weather and climate. Changes in climate and climate variability, particularly changes in weather extremes, affect the environment that provides us with clean air, food, water, shelter, and security. Climate change together with other natural and human-made health stressors threaten human health and well-being in numerous ways. In the summer months, between May to August, there is a surge in water borne outbreaks which include acute diarrhoeal diseases (ADD), cases of jaundice (which on laboratory confirmation get confirmed as Hepatitis A, Hepatitis E), cholera, and enteric fever.

During the winter months i.e. December to April, there is an increase in Acute respiratory infections (ARIs), Influenza-like illnesses (ILI) (Influenza A H1N1), especially in patients with co-morbid conditions like diabetes, hypertension, malignancies, and patients on anti-malignancy drugs. Kashmir division, being situated at a higher altitude is protected against vector-borne diseases (malaria, dengue, chikungunya) as the vector responsible for these diseases does not survive at lower temperatures as the peak temperature does not cross above 37 degree Celsius during summer months. Kashmir being a tourist place gets imported cases of malaria and dengue. In the near future, due to climate change, the vector is moving to higher altitudes, with increased possibilities of these diseases. Regarding heat-related illnesses, the Kashmir division does not face these illnesses during the summer months. But during winter months, as the temperature goes below zero degrees to minus 5 -10 degrees in some districts like Kupwara, and Baramulla, these districts experience cases of frost bites and apprehension of avalanches/snow storms.

Following are the major climate-sensitive diseases prevalent in J&K:

- Acute Respiratory Illnesses attributed to Air Pollution
- Vector Borne Diseases
- Water Borne Diseases

Acute Respiratory Infection/ Influenza-like illness and Influenza

Acute respiratory infections (ARIs) are classified as upper respiratory tract infections (URIs) or lower respiratory tract infections (LRIs). ARIs are not confined to the respiratory tract and have systemic effects because of the possible extension of infection or microbial toxins, inflammation, and reduced lung function. The district-wise ARI cases registered in the state between 2017 and 2019 include-

S.No	District	Acute Respiratory Infection/Influenza Like Illness		
		2017	2018	2019

1	Doda	3933	4341	4462
2	Jammu	38053	47468	66624
3	Kishtwar	107	4667	6245
4	Kathua	30585	30377	28341
5	Poonch	11364	20039	26499
6	Reasi	4071	3526	7713
7	Ramban	12013	15122	13577
8	Rajouri	28342	22068	20985
9	Samba	34571	38577	33947
10	Udhampur	17767	19030	19250

Vector Borne Diseases

In the state, vector-borne Diseases (VBDs) were restricted to the spread of malaria and dengue for the past two decades, but now, these diseases have widened their geographical reach and in the last six years chikungunya, leishmaniasis, and Japanese encephalitis have been reported in the state. These VBDs are a threat to thousands of people in the state as they cause huge mortality and morbidity in extreme cases.

Table 1 DISTRICT WISE DETAIL OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES IN J&K 2017

SN	Name of the District	Year:-2017 (Number of cases)					
		Malaria	Dengue	Chikungunya	Kala Azar	JE	Filaria
1	Jammu	39	88	0	0	0	0
2	Samba	5	33	0	0	0	0
3	Kathua	33	47	0	0		0
4	Udhampur	8	11	0	0	0	0
5	Reasi	8	2	0	0	0	0
6	Rajouri	85	8	0	0	0	0
7	Poonch	21	3	0	0	0	0
8	Doda	2	8	0	0	0	0
9	Kishtwar	0	2	0	0	0	0
10	Ramban	2	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2 DISTRICT WISE DETAIL OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES IN J&K 2018

SN	Name of the District	Year:-2018 (Number of cases)
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		Malaria	Dengue	Chikungunya	Kala Azar	JE	Filaria
1	Jammu	31	123	1	0	2	0
2	Samba	0	19	0	0	0	0
3	Kathua	23	38	0	0		0
4	Udhampur	15	6	0	0	0	0
5	Reasi	2	4	0	0	1	0
6	Rajouri	42	2	0	0	0	0
7	Poonch	23	4	0	0	0	0
8	Doda	0	1	0	4	0	0
9	Kisthwar	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Ramban	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 3 DISTRICT WISE DETAIL OF VECTOR BORNE DISEASES IN J&K 2019

SN	Name of the District	Year:-2019 (Number of cases)					
		Malaria	Dengue	Chikungunya	Kala Azar	JE	Filaria
1	Jammu	11	150	0	0	0	0
2	Samba	2	127	0	0	0	0
3	Kathua	23	97	0	0		0
4	Udhampur	7	7	0	0	0	0
5	Reasi	5	1	0	0	0	0
6	Rajouri	22	24	0	0	0	0
7	Poonch	17	3	0	0	0	0
8	Doda	0	1	0	4	0	0
9	Kisthwar	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Ramban	0	0	0	0	0	0

Water Borne Diseases

Waterborne diseases such as typhoid, hepatitis, dysentery, and others are caused by micro-organisms such as *Vibrio vulnificus* and *Vibrio cholera*, *E.Coli*, *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella*, *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia*, *Yersinia*, *Legionella* are some climate-dependant infectious diseases. The increase in temperature is seen to be associated with increased survival and abundance of microorganisms. The decreased precipitation and drought results in decreased availability of safe-water reuse of wastewater, contamination of water sources, and transmission from vertebrate to human or human to human, etc. Flooding causes contamination of water sources as well as disruption of the sewage disposal system, further contributors are population

displacement, overcrowding, poor sanitation and hygiene, subsequent faeco- oral contamination, and the spread of pathogens, etc. The details of water-borne cases registered in the state are presented below-

S No	District	ADD			Bacillary Dysentery			Enteric Fever		
		2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019	2017	2018	2019
1	Doda	2758	3096	30653	75	107	197	0	853	1479
2	Jammu	24899	34332	39287	1257	2280	2338	411	3121	3461
3	Kishtwar	9	1508	1594	0	84	83	0	502	640
4	Kathua	19003	19789	18706	3676	3294	2738	0	1090	1118
5	Poonch	14843	23620	28752	118	180	317	34	1619	1540
6	Reasi	2830	445	114	92	0	0	53	2119	1155
7	Ramban	12784	3946	2089	1950	875	375	146	2004	1448
8	Rajouri	20883	17586	16634	42	11	13	31	276	334
9	Samba	15342	21168	20177	1064	1664	1315	374	1059	1961
10	Udhampur	21356	18102	15549	5233	3856	2662	596	2384	1630

CHAPTER 4

NPCCHH: VISION, GOAL, & OBJECTIVES

Vision

Strengthening of healthcare services for all the citizens of the state especially vulnerable groups like children, women, elderly, tribal, and marginalized populations against climate-sensitive illnesses.

Goal

To reduce morbidity, mortality, injuries, and health vulnerability due to climate variability and extreme weather.

Objective

To strengthen health care services against the adverse impact of climate change on health.

Specific Objectives

Objective 1

To create awareness amongst the general population (vulnerable community), healthcare providers, and policy makers regarding the impacts of climate change on human health.

Objective 2:

To strengthen the capacity of the healthcare system to reduce illnesses/ diseases due to variability in climate.

Objective 3:

To strengthen health preparedness and response by performing situational analysis at state/ district/ below district levels.

Objective 4:

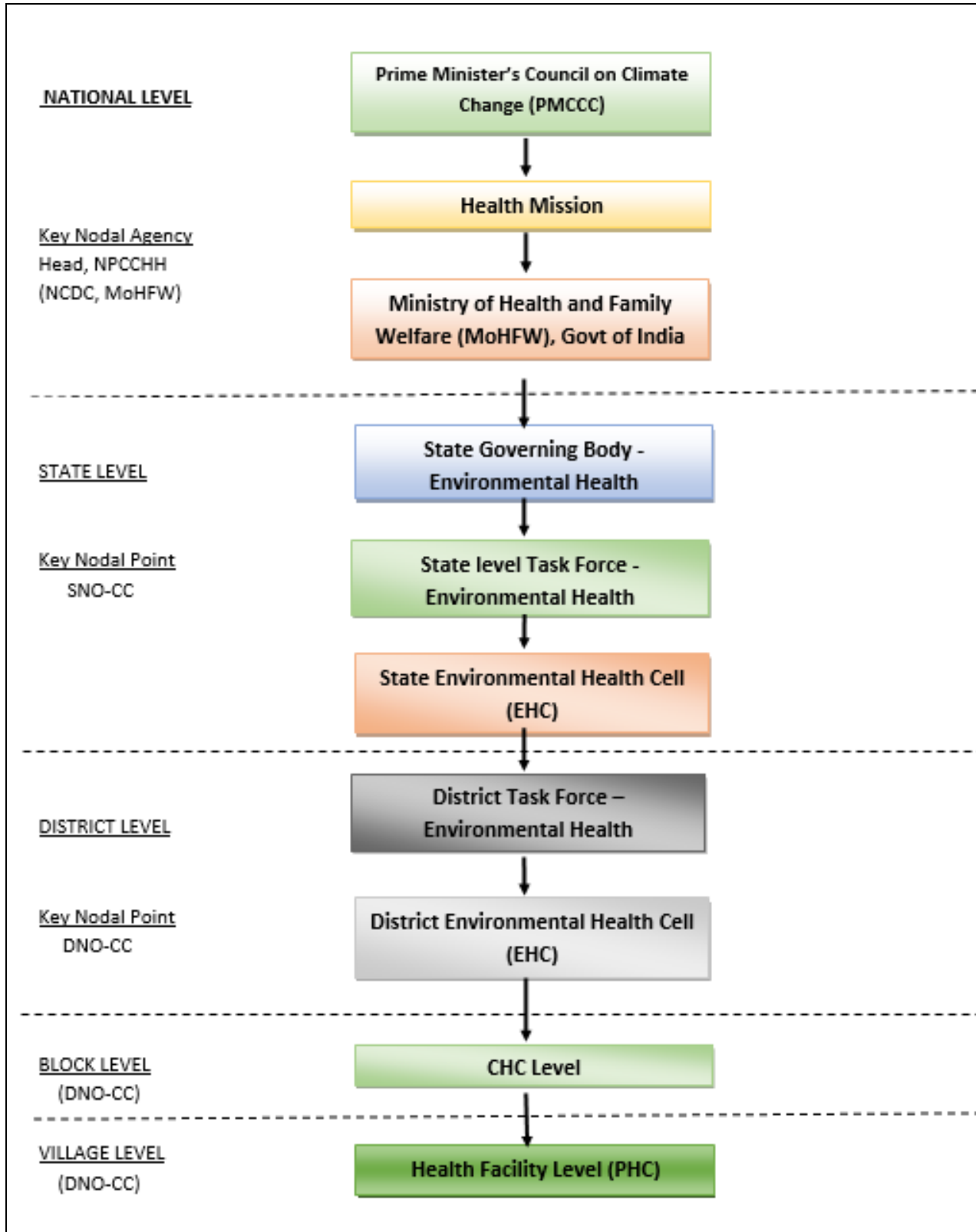
To develop partnerships and create synchrony/ synergy with other missions and ensure that health is adequately represented in the climate change agenda in the state in coordination with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Objective 5:

To strengthen state research capacity to fill the evidence gap on climate change impact on human health.

Chapter 5

NPCCHH: ORGANISATIONAL FRAMEWORK



UT Level - Governing Body

The UT level governing body for policy-level decision shall be working under the Chairmanship of Administrative Secretary (H&ME). The other members may be as follows: Vide Govt Order No. 710-JK(H&ME) of 2021 dated: 15-01-2021

Administrative Secretary (H&ME)	Chairman
Mission Director National Health Mission	<i>Vice Chairman</i>
Director Health Services Jammu & Kashmir	Member Secretary
Director General, Family Welfare, MCH & Immunization	Member
Principal, GMC Jammu/Srinagar	Member

A. State/UT Level Task Force

The State/UT Level Task Force has been constituted. This task force shall be working under the Chairmanship of Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department. It shall be directly overseeing the implementation of the State/UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH). It shall be working through the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) of the state, which will be the implementing agency for SAPCCHH.

Vide Govt Order No. 387-JK(GAD) of 2022 dated: 04-04-2022

Administrative Secretary (H&ME) Department	Chairman
Administrative Secretary, Agricultural Department	Member
Chairperson, J&K Pollution Control Board	Member
Administrative Secretary, Jal Shakti Department	Member
Administrative Secretary, Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation and Construction Department	Member
Mission Director, National Health Mission	Member
Senior Scientist from meteorological Centre, J&K	Member
Representative of J&K Ground Water Division not below the rank of Superintending Engineer.	Member
9Ut Surveillance Office, Health services Jammu/Kashmir	Member
Environmental Engineer Scientist be nominated from Department of Forest Ecology & Wildlife Conservation	Member
Public Health Expert from State/UT Health Department Nominated by National Health Mission	Member

B. District Level Environmental Health Cell

Deputy Commissioner	Chairman
Chief Medical Officer	Member Secretary
Deputy Chief Medical Officer	Member
District Health Officer	Member
District Vector Borne Disease Officer/ Expert (to be nominated Deputy Commissioner)	Member
District Coordinator (to be nominated by Deputy Commissioner)	Member

Community Health Centre Level Environmental Health Cell

Medical Superintendent (CHC Hospital)	Chairman
Health Education Officer / Health Educator	Member Secretary
Block Development Officer	Member

D. Health Facility level Environmental Health Cell

- 1. At the health facility, the responsibility for implementation shall lie with the Medical Officer (In- charge) the facility.**
- 2. The existing machinery of NHM shall be Utilized for the related activities.**
- 3. The Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) shall review and monitor implementation at the health facility level**
- 4. The ANM, ASHA, and Anganwadi workers shall assist in activities related to the implementation of the acti plan at the local level**

Roles and Responsibilities of the State/ UT Environmental Health Cell:

- Preparation and implementation of State Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health
- Conduct Vulnerability assessment and risk mapping for commonly occurring climate-sensitive illnesses in the sta UT.
- Assessment of needs for health care professionals (like training, capacity building) and organise training, workshop and meetings.
- Maintain State and District level data on physical, financial, and epidemiological profiles for climate-sensitive illnesses.
- Ensure convergence with NHM activities and other related programs in the state / district
- Monitor programme, review meetings, and field observations.
- Timely issue of warnings/ alerts to health professionals and related stakeholders as well as the general public through a campaign or using mass media (electronic or printed),
- Social mobilization against preventive measures through the involvement of women's self-help groups, community leaders, NGOs, etc.
- Advocacy and public awareness through media (street plays, folk methods, wall paintings, hoardings, etc.)
- Conduction of operational research and evaluation studies for the climate change and its impact on human health.

PART-II



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CHAPTER 6

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN FOR ACUTE RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES ATTRIBUTED TO AIR POLLUTION

Air pollution is a major environmental risk to health. The formation, transport, and dispersion of many air pollutants is determined partly by climate and weather factors such as temperature, humidity, wind, storms, droughts, precipitation, and partly by human activities known to produce various air pollutants. It is thus logical to assume that climate change will influence the dynamics of air pollution. By reducing air pollution levels, states can reduce the burden of disease from stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, and both chronic and acute respiratory diseases, including asthma.

Two Major Types of Air Pollution:

1. Ambient (Outdoor) Air Pollution
2. Household (Indoor) Air Pollution

Ambient (Outdoor) Air Pollution is a broader term used to describe air pollution in an outdoor environment.

Household (Indoor) Air Pollution is pollution from the in-efficient combustion of solid fuels (wood, charcoal, crop waste, cow dung) and kerosene oil.

Ambient (outdoor air pollution) in both cities and rural areas was estimated to cause 3.7 million premature deaths worldwide in 2012. Air pollution also affects health by causing acid rain, eutrophication due to nitrogen oxides, emission in the air from power plants, cars, trucks, and other sources; haze; toxic effects on wildlife; ozone depletion; crop and forest damage, etc. Over 4 million people die prematurely from illnesses attributable to household air pollution from cooking with solid fuels. 3.8 million premature deaths annually are caused by non-communicable diseases including stroke, ischemic heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and lung cancer are attributed to exposure to household air pollution.

Prominent causes of Ambient Air Pollution in J&K:

1. Pollution by Automobiles
2. Industrial Emission
3. Solid fuel burning
4. Smoke from bush fires

Prominent causes of Household Air Pollution in J&K:

1. Use of biomass, kerosene as fuel for cooking
2. Burning of waste, cow dung, coal
3. High temperature & humidity
4. Inadequate ventilation, toxic products & use of dhoop/agarbatties.

Air Quality Index:

Air Quality Index is a tool for effective communication of air quality status to people in terms, which are easy to understand. It transforms complex air quality data of various pollutants into a single number (index value), nomenclature, and colour.

Air Quality Index (AQI) Category	
Good	0-50
Satisfactory	51-100
ModeratelyPoor	101-200
Poor	200-300
VeryPoor	300-400
Severe	401-500

AQI Monitoring Stations Within State:

1. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) – No real-time ambient air Quality Monitoring station (CAA QMS) has been established in Jammu & Srinagar city.
2. By State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) - 3 in number. National Ambient air quality monitoring stations (NAMP) are functional in Jammu city since 2008-09. The monitored data is available on CPCB website. Besides, 13 new NAMP stations, sanctioned by CPCB/MOEFCC, GOI in 2018, have been made functional in 2021. (Annexure attached)
3. System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR) – One weather Monitor has been established/installed at the JKPC building. It is monitoring weather parameters i.e. temperature, wind speed, wind direction, and relative humidity.

SN	District	AcuteRespiratoryInfection/InfluenzaLikeIllness		
		2017	2018	2019
1	Doda	3933	4341	4462
2	Jammu	38053	47468	66624
3	Kishtwar	107	4667	6245
4	Kathua	30585	30377	28341
5	Poonch	11364	20039	26499
6	Reasi	4071	3526	7713
7	Ramban	12013	15122	13577
8	Rajouri	28342	22068	20985

9	Samba	34571	38577	33947
10	Udhampur	17767	19030	19250

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN

AWARENESS GENERATION

Advertisement and promotion through IEC:

- i. Street plays in low-income communities
- ii. Hoards, billboards, and other modes of advertisement
 - i. Carry out mass media campaigns
 - ii. Promote a culture of risk prevention, mitigation, and better risk management
- iii. Promote attitude and behaviour change in the awareness campaigns linking air pollution and climate change.
- iv. Engage local and regional media (community radio, TV)

Public Health Advisories

Health advisories are issued to alert the population of the potentially harmful impact of air pollution. Advisories are issued at the central level and will be forwarded to all the districts through the state for public dissemination. The district is to ensure timely dissemination of health advisories and if required, translate in locally acceptable language.

IEC DISSEMINATION PLAN FOR 5 YEARS 22-27

S. NO.	IEC CONTENT	PRIORITY DISTRICTS	DISSEMINATION PLAN FOR 5 YEARS	TIMELINE	BUDGET (IN LAKHS) FOR 5 YEARS				
					22 to 23	23 to 24	24 to 25	25 to 26	26 to 27
1.	Posters	Entire State	2 Posters for healthcare facilities in all districts	July to September	3.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
2.	Audio		Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.)	August to October					
3.	Videos								
4.	GIF's								
5.	Public Health Advisories				1 in all the Healthcare facilities	September to October			

Capacity Building

- i. Formulate and implement national training and capacity-building programmes.

- ii. Ensure the availability of qualified and experienced trainers

TRAINING PLAN AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

Training Programme	Trainer	Participants	Training Content
Medical Officers (3 days)	DNO	MO (DH,CHC, PHC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air pollution-health impact, prevention measures Surveillance case identification, reporting, and analysis with AQI Health facility preparedness
Community Health Care Workers (HWC) (2 days)	MO	Community Health Workers (MPHW, ASHA)	
Panchayati Raj Institutions (1 day)	MO, MLHP	Panchayati Raj Institutions, communities	

TABLE 2: SCHEDULE PLAN FOR TRAINING FOR 5 YEARS 22-27

S. No	Training programme	Timeline	Target	Priority Districts	Budget (in lakhs) for 5 years				
					15 % increase each year				
					22 to 23	23 to 24	24 to 25	25 to 26	26 to 27
01	DNO	August	100%	Entire Jammu & Kashmir	20.0	20.0	10.0	10.00	10.0
20	MO	September-October	100%						
03	Community Health Workers	October-November	100%						
04	Panchayati Raj Institutions	November	100%						

*There is no separate Training budget for heat-related illness. A cumulative budget for capacity building and training has been proposed for all climate-sensitive issues.

Sensitization/knowledge building workshops will be planned for seeking updates on various air pollution-related health issues between district officials, medical officers, and academic institutions working on climate change impact.

SURVEILLANCE

The objective of ARI surveillance is to identify the trend of air pollution-related illness in the context of outdoor air quality for an area and share the reported findings with all the relevant authorities including public health authorities to minimise the impact of air pollution by undertaking the timely intervention.

Activities undertaken and further proposed related to data collection and analysis, strengthening of surveillance related to air pollution.

ARI Surveillance Data w.e.f. 1st January 2022 to 30th April 2022 from three identified Sentinel Hospitals.

- Govt. Medical College, Jammu Hospital, which includes ARI Surveillance Data from GMC Emergency (Medicine Department), SMGS Hospital (Paediatrics Department) & Chest Diseases Hospital, Jammu.
- Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu

Roles and responsibilities:

State Climate Change & Human Health Cell:

1. To coordinate with the state level task force meetings to develop a HAP on air pollution and health as part of the State Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH)
2. To undertake situational analysis of health impacts in the context of air pollution in the State
3. Identification and capacity building of human resources like DNO-CC, Nodal officer-ARI surveillance and others
4. IEC development, translation, and dissemination planning
5. Development and dissemination of health advisories
6. Surveillance establishment in the context of air pollution
7. Hospital preparedness related to air pollution diseases
8. Timely issue of warnings to hotspot areas, health professionals, and vulnerable and general population
9. Overall periodic reviews, supervision, Monitoring and evaluation of the identified activities being carried out at all levels – State, Districts, Blocks, and Villages/wards

District Climate Change & Human Health Cell:

1. To coordinate with the district level task force meetings to develop a HAP on air pollution and health as part of the District Action Plan on Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH)
2. To undertake situational analysis of health impacts in the context of air pollution in the district
3. Identification and capacity building of human resources like Nodal officer-ARI surveillance, Medical Officers, Communities health officers, health care workers, and other departments like PRI, WCD etc.
4. IEC development, translation, and dissemination planning
5. Development and dissemination of health advisories
6. Surveillance and reporting in the context of air pollution to the state level
7. Hospital preparedness related to air pollution diseases
8. Timely issue of warnings to hotspot areas, health professionals and vulnerable and general population
9. Overall periodic reviews, supervision, Monitoring and evaluation of the identified activities being carried out at all levels districts, blocks, and villages/wards.

Block level CHC/PHC:

1. Implementation of the identified activities on air pollution and health as per DAPCCHH
2. Capacity Building of Medical officers, Nursing officers, Pharmacists, Communities health officers, health care workers and other departments like PRI, WCD, etc.
3. IEC Dissemination for increasing awareness generation to public and officials
4. Health advisories dissemination and implementation
5. Hospital preparedness for public health emergencies related to air pollution
6. Supervision and monitoring of Surveillance activities if any sentinel hospitals are involved in the block area

Medical officer at the Primary Health Centre/ Urban Healthcare Centre level:

The medical officer is responsible for implementing Comprehensive Primary Healthcare Services through a network of Health and Wellness Centres that are envisaged in the Ayushman Bharat to provide promotive, preventive, and curative services etc. near the community through active participation of the whole team through the following actions:

1. Creating awareness at the healthcare facilities and at the community level
2. Capacity building, developing village level health adaptation plan related to air pollution
3. Management of outdoor cases of health problems, emergency services, and their referrals for cases in the context of air pollution

Community Health workers at the Village Level/ Ward Level-

- Village Health Sanitation Nutrition Committee in Rural areas
- MAS (Mahila Arogya Samiti) in Urban wards

Community level public awareness generation on health effects of air pollution, and ways to protect and prevent health problems.

ARI Surveillance Activity at State Level

City-wise list of Sentinel hospitals selected for ARI surveillance activity:

Name of Hospita	Public or Private	Type of Hospital (Medical College, District Hosp, Rural Hosp, Pediatric Hosp, Respiratory Disease Hospital)	Name of Nodal (reporting) Officer of hospital	Contact Details of Nodal Officer of hospital (Mobile No)	Email ID
Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar	Public	District	Dr.Parveen Yougraj	9419190493	medical superintendentgnhj@rediffmail.com
Govt. Hospital Sarwal	Public	District	Dr. Vishal Raina (Medical Superintendent)	9419285140	govthospitalsarwaljammu@ggr.ediffmail.com
Govt. Medical College, Jammu (including Chest Disease and Pediatrics)	Public	Medical College	Dr. Richa Mahajan (Medical Superintendent)	7889556738	dr.richamahajan27@gmail.com

CHAPTER 7

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN FOR HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

In India, a heat wave is considered if the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least 40°C or more for plains, 37°C or more for coastal stations, and at least 30°C or more for hilly regions. The following criteria are used to declare a heat wave:

a. Based on Departure from Normal

- Heat Wave: Departure from normal is 4.5°C to 6.4°C
- Severe Heat Wave: Departure from normal is >6.4°C

b. Based on Actual Maximum Temperature (for plains only)

- Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature $\geq 45^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Severe Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature $\geq 47^{\circ}\text{C}$

To declare a heat wave, the above criteria should be met in at least two stations in a Meteorological sub-division for at least two consecutive days, a heat wave will be declared on the second day.

In Jammu city, the maximum temperature in 2022 for two consecutive days i.e. 14th & 15th May was 46°C. Thereby indicating the prevalence of heat-related concerns in the state, which are likely to increase.

National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) prepared Guidelines for Preparation of Action Plan- prevention and management of Heat wave-2017, wherein the roles and responsibilities of various agencies were identified. Emergency Medical Relief (EMR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare prepared detailed guidelines on the prevention and management of heat-related illnesses in 2015 wherein pathophysiology, risk factors, clinical manifestations, management, prevention and public health action plan for managing heat-related illnesses have been detailed.

Heat Wave Pattern in J&K is being discussed with the relevant state stakeholders including State Pollution Control Board and will be released along with a strategy post the meeting of the Governing Body and the State Task Force.

Table 4 Roles and responsibilities of health department, medical colleges & hospitals, health centres and link workers

Department	Season	Roles and responsibilities
Health Department	During Pre-Heat Season (Annually from January through March)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a list of high-risk areas (heat-wise) of districts/ blocks/ cities • Update surveillance protocol and programs, including tracking daily heat-related data • Develop/revise and translate IEC in the local language • Make a communication plan for the dissemination of heat-related alerts or educational materials • Check inventories of medical supplies in health centers • Identify cooling centers and barriers to accessing cooling centers • Capacity building of healthcare personnel to detect and treat heat-related illnesses • Community involvement for workers' and trainers' education • Issue health advisory to healthcare personnel based on IMD seasonal prediction or warning • Reassess 'Occupational Health Standards' for various types of Occupation. • Ensure Inter-sectoral convergence and coordination for improving the architecture, design, energy-efficient cooling, and heating facility, and increase in plantation i.e. Climate Resilient Green Building Design.
	During Heat Season (Annually from March through July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure real-time surveillance and monitoring system in case of an extreme event. • Prepare rapid response team • Distribute "Dos and Don'ts" to the community • Effectively send a "Don't Panic!" message to the community • Ensure access to Medical Mobile Van in the Red Zone • Ensure additional medical vans are available • Ensure strict implementation of legislative/regulatory actions as per Occupational Health Standards. • Coordination with the meteorological department for analyzing cases and death data with meteorological variables like maximum temperature and relative humidity
	During Post-Heat Season (Annually from July through September)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the annual evaluation of heat action plan • Review the revised heat action plan
Medical College and Hospitals	During Pre-Heat Season (Annually from January through March)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt heat-focused examination materials • Get additional hospitals and ambulances ready • Update surveillance protocols and programs, including tracking daily heat-related data • Establish more clinician education • Continue to train medical officers and paramedics

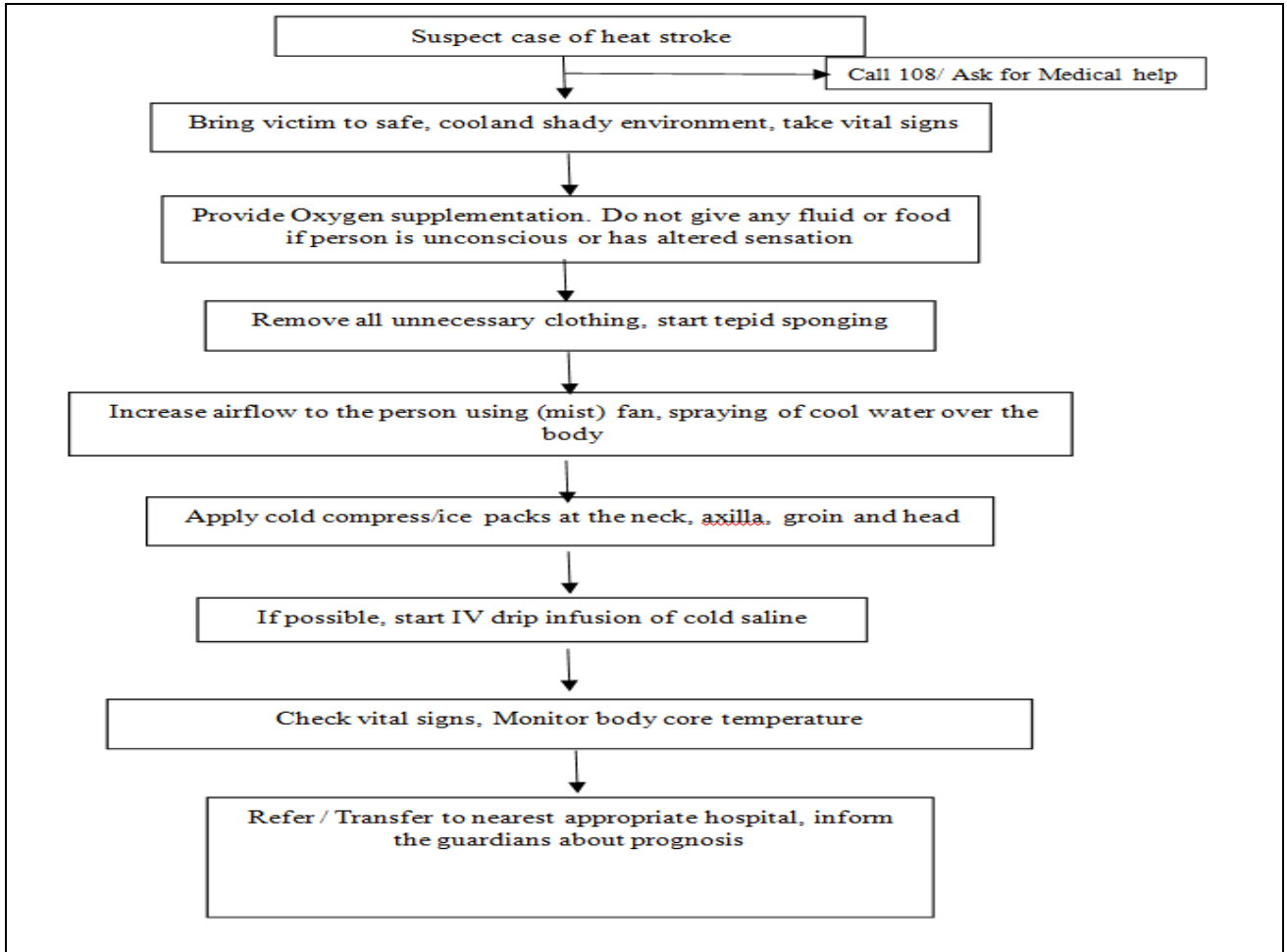
Department	Season	Roles and responsibilities
	During Heat Season (Annually from March through July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt heat-illness-related treatment and prevention protocols • Equip hospitals with additional materials • Deploy all medical staff on duty • Keep the emergency ward ready • Keep stock of small reusable ice packs to apply to PULSE areas • Report heat stroke patients to DSU daily • Expedite recording of cause of death due to heat-related illnesses
For health centres and link workers	During Pre-Heat Season (Annually from January through March)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribute pamphlets and other materials to the community • Sensitize link workers and community leaders • Develop and execute a school health program • Dissemination of materials in slum communities • Coordinate outreach efforts with other community groups, non-profits, and higher education
	During Heat Season (Annually from March through July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recheck management stock • Modify worker hours to avoid the heat during the day • Visit at-risk populations for monitoring and prevention • Communicate information on tertiary care and 108 service
	During Post-Heat Season (Annually from July through September)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in the annual evaluation of heat action plan • Review the revised heat action plan

Table 5 Activities further proposed in J&K to generate awareness, access weather data, and capacity building related to heat-related illness.

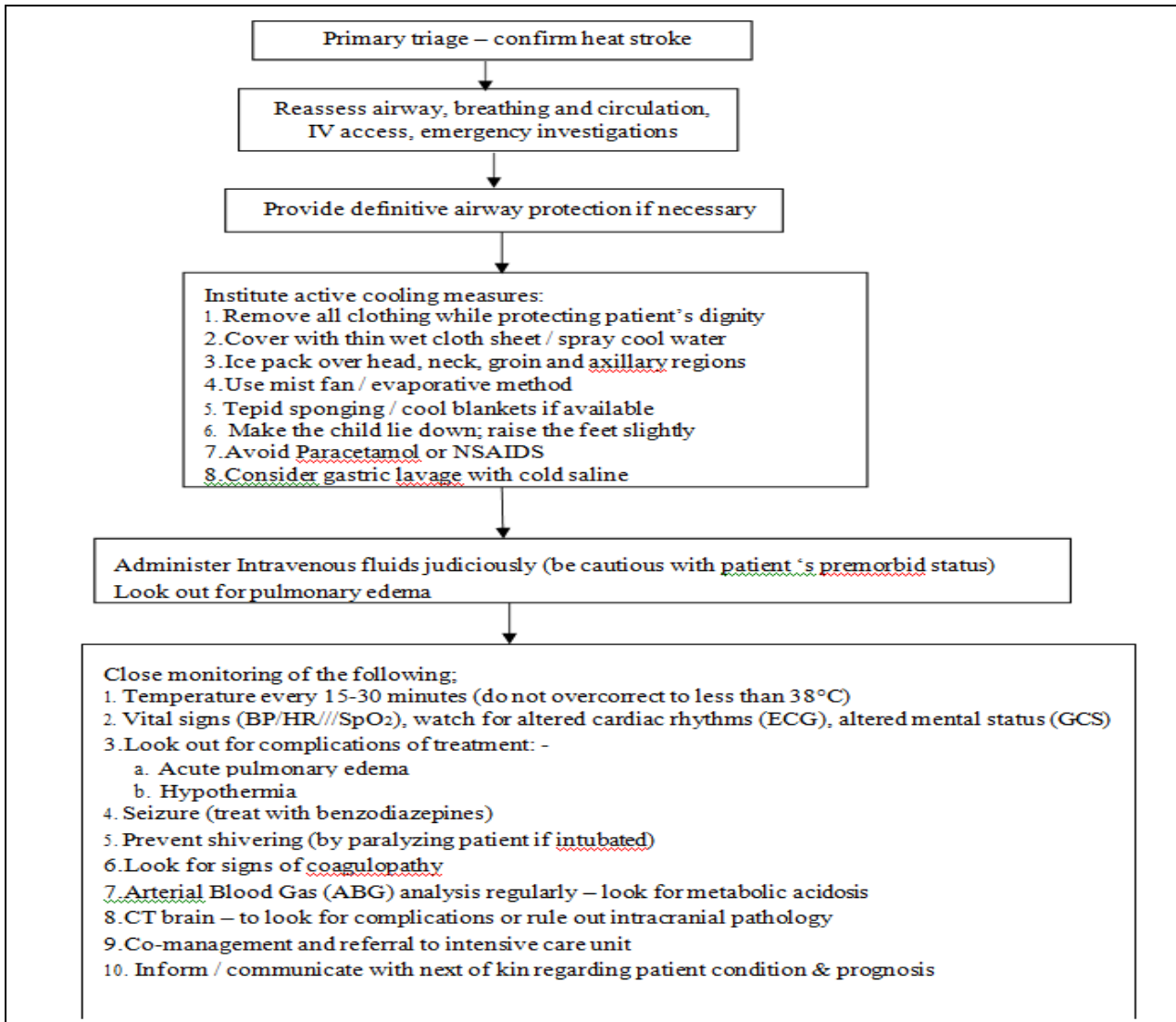
SNo	Key Activities		Details	
1.	Increasing public awareness on heat vulnerability	Assess and prioritize heat-vulnerable communities		
		Disseminated information on the health effects of heat	Distribute informational pamphlets	IEC campaigns including advisory of heat wave have been published in Newspapers & Aired in Electronic Media
			Launch a “heat line” call centre	
			Develop heat health early action response strategies	
		Involve link workers in heat health campaigns		

SNo	Key Activities		Details
		Disseminate public service announcements and health warnings	Issued by Directorate of Health services Jammu & District Headquarters.
		Form partnerships and heat health preparedness networks	
2.	Improving access to Weather data And heat warnings	Increase communication channels between the Met Center, Municipal corporation and the health department.	Working on it
Work with MC and state government to install displays for temperature and weather forecasts.			
Revise the current heat wave advisory thresholds		State Pollution Control Board is sensitized about it	
3.	Building capacity in the health care infrastructure	Conduct heat vulnerability reduction trainings to Increase awareness and diagnosis of heat illnesses	Trainings to District Nodal Officers-CC as ToT's was completed & subsequent training to Primary Medical Officers have also been completed at District Headquarters.
Provide a train-the-trainers session for primary medical officers			
Create a training program or multiday workshop for health care providers, ward leaders, and paramedics			
Conduct training programs for link workers			
Increase heat stress outreach and education for women in maternity wards			
Create and implement heat health guidelines			
Adopt heat-focused examination procedures at local hospitals and Urban Health Centers.			

Management workflow of Suspected Heat Stroke victims at PHC level before Referral to Higher Centre

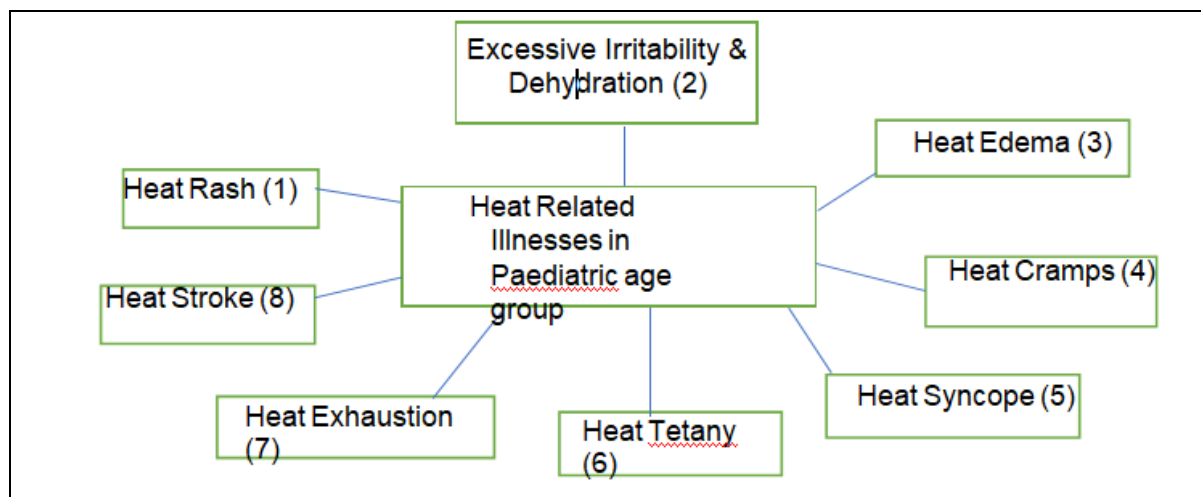


Management Workflow in Emergency Department for Management of Heat Stroke Patient at tertiary level



Heat related illnesses in Paediatric age group

Heat-related illnesses (HRI) in paediatric age group encompass a spectrum of disorders from heat rash, heat syncope, and heat exhaustion to a life-threatening emergency such as heat stroke.



The treatment and preventive measure for HRI in paediatric age group are as follows:

1. Heat Rash/ Milia Rubra /Prickly Heat

- Treatment:
 - i. Place in cool environment
 - ii. Remove excess clothing
 - iii. Avoid application of lotions
- Prevention
 - i. Use loose fitting clothing & remove excess cloth
 - ii. Avoid direct sunlight
 - iii. Avoid excessive heat
 - iv. Frequent breast feeding/fluids

2. Excessive irritability & dehydration

- Treatment
 - i. Place in cool environment
 - ii. Remove excess clothing
 - iii. Frequent breast feeding/fluids

3. Heat Edema (more common in adults): swelling of feet/ankle/hands

- Treatment
 - i. Remove from hot environment & place in cool environment
 - ii. Elevate the affected extremity

4. Heat Cramps: common in young athletes

- Painful, involuntary, spontaneous contraction of muscle group of legs/calf/groin
- Treatment
 - i. Remove from hot environment
 - ii. Rehydration (frequent oral fluids), if persist then intravenous fluid may help

5. Heat Syncope

- It is seen with prolonged standing in hot environments that causes vasodilatation and a fall in blood pressure due to venous pooling in the legs (which causes a decrease in venous return to the heart causing a fall in cardiac output) resulting in fainting or feeling light headed.
- Remove the child from hot environment
- Oral rehydration with salt containing fluids (ORS/Lassi/Nimbupani/Rice water/ Dal water/ Coconut water/Sattu etc)

6. Heat Tetany

- It can be differentiated from heat cramps by the fact that there is very little pain or cramps in the muscle.
- Treatment

- i. Remove the child from hot environment
- ii. Calm the child to decrease hyperventilation
- iii. Intravenous calcium after admission

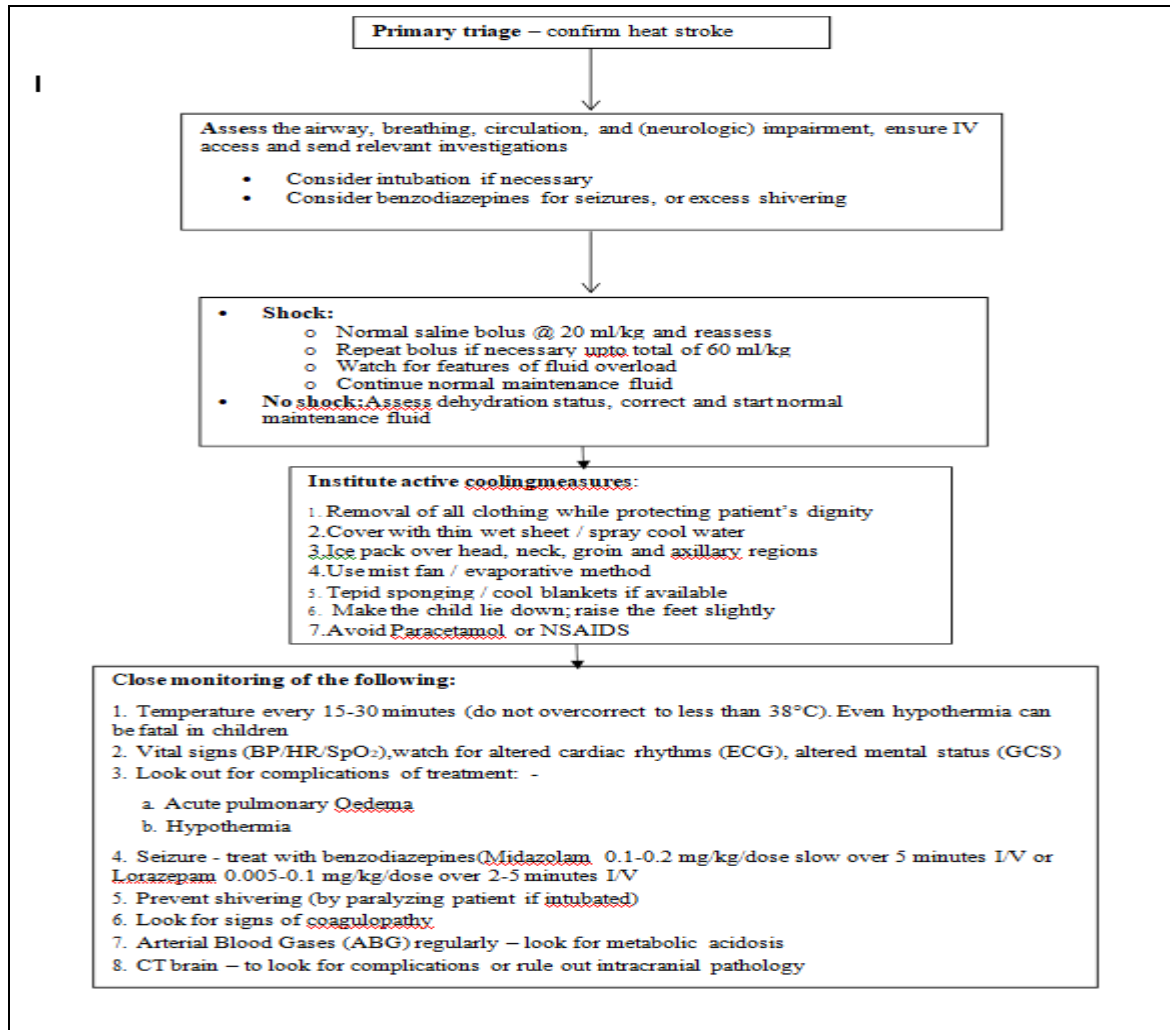
7. Heat Exhaustion

- After prolonged heat exposure, the body temperature rises upto 104 oF and leads to dehydration, tachycardia, vomiting, fatigue and headache with normal mental status (sometimes mild confusion may present).
- It requires admission and specialist care
- Treatment
 - i. Remove child from hot environment
 - ii. Oral rehydration with salt containing fluid
 - iii. Look for dyselectrolytemia
 - iv. Intensive care monitoring and intravenous rehydration
 - v. Rule out sepsis

8. Heat Stroke

- Prolonged exposure to heat leads to core body temperature rising to ≥ 40 oF
- Patient presents with stupor/coma/drowsiness/confusion/delirium/ hallucination/seizures/ataxia
- Anhidrosis
- Coagulopathy
- Multi-organ dysfunction
- Treatment
 - i. Admission
 - ii. Check airway, breathing, circulation
 - iii. Give oxygen, intravenous fluid connection
 - iv. Do random blood sugar (RBS), arterial blood gas (ABG), electrolytes (Na/K/Ca), liver function test (LFT), renal function test (RFT), coagulation profile, neuroimaging to rule out CNS bleed, etc.
- Danger signs
 - Refusal to feed
 - Excessive irritability
 - Decreased urine output
 - Dry oral mucosa & absence of tear/sunken eyes
 - Lethargy/altered sensorium
 - Seizures
 - Bleeding from any site seek immediate medical help if danger signs are present

Clinical Workflow in Emergency Department for Management of Heat Stroke in children



First Aid Instructions on Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke in Children

The symptoms may develop after being in high temperatures (such as heat waves) or after hard work or sports during hot weather

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion	Symptoms of Heatstroke
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased thirst • Weakness and extreme tiredness • Fainting • Muscle cramps • Nausea and vomiting • Irritability • Headache • Increased sweating • Cool, clammy skin <p>Body temperature rises, but less than 105°F (40.5°C)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe headache • Weakness, dizziness • Acts or talks confused • Fast breathing and rapid heartbeat • Hard to wake up or can't wake up • Seizures • Flushed, hot, dry skin <p>Body temperature rises to 105°F (40.5°C) or higher</p>

Prevention:

- Lookout for weather warnings issued by India Meteorological Department
- Teach kids to always drink plenty of liquids before and during any physical activity in hot, sunny

weather even if they aren't thirsty

- Make sure kids wear light-coloured, loose clothing in warm weather
- Remind kids to look for shaded areas and rest often, while outside
- Avoid activities during peak summer hour i.e., 12:00 noon to 03:00pm
- Don't let kids participate in heavy activity outdoors during the hottest hours of the day
- Teach kids to come indoors immediately whenever they feel overheated
- Never leave a child alone, non-accompanied, inside a parked closed vehicle (look before you lock)

If the child has symptoms of heatstroke Call for Ambulance 102/108 and take to the nearest hospital.

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN ON HEAT RELATED ILLNESS

I. Awareness Generation

Under the programme, awareness generation amongst all the relevant stakeholders including the common population, vulnerable communities, healthcare providers, and policymakers around the impacts of heat-related illnesses along with the ways to address the same is imperative. Thereby, under the programme, Jammu and Kashmir will conduct the following key activities-

a. Advertisement and promotion through IEC:

- Street plays
- Hoardings, billboards, and other advertisement modes
- Issue periodic Heat Wave advisory

IEC dissemination plan

S. No	IEC Content	Priority Districts	Dissemination Plan	Timeline	Budget (in lakhs) for 5 years with maximum 15% increasing each year*				
					22 to 23	23 to 24	24 to 25	25 to 26	26 to 27
1.	Posters	Entire J & K	1 Poster for each healthcare facility in all the districts	March to May	3.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
2.	Audio		Social Media	March to May					
3.	Videos		(Facebook, Instagram etc.)						
4.	GIF's								
5.	Public Health Advisories		Health advisories to all the healthcare facilities	March to May					

II. CAPACITY BUILDING

To strengthen the capacity of the healthcare system to adapt/address illnesses/ diseases due to the impacts of heat, state and district-level meetings will be planned with the Task Force on Heat Action Plan before the summer season to ensure awareness and preparedness for responding to the heat wave scenario.

Training

- Formulate and implement national training and capacity-building programmes.
- Ensure the availability of qualified and experienced trainers
- Expanded training of doctors and associate staff
- Increased training of NGOs and Asha workers

A. Training Calendar for various health impacts of heat is as follows

Training Programme	Trainer	Participants	Training Content
<i>Medical Officers (3 Days)</i>	DNO	MO (DH,CHC,PHC)	Heat-related illness
<i>Community Health Care Workers (HWC) (2 Days)</i>	MO	Community Health Workers (MPHW ASHA)	
<i>Panchayati Raj Institutions (1 Day)</i>	MO, MLHP	Panchayati Raj Institutions, community	

B : SCHEDULE PLAN FOR TRAINING FOR 5 YEARS 22-27

S. No	Training programme	Timeline	Target	Priority Districts	Budget (in lakhs) for 5 years 15 % increasing each year				
					22 to 23	23 To 24	24 to 25	25 to 26	26 to 27
01	DNO	March	100%	Entire Jammu & Kashmir	20.0	20.0	10.0	10.00	10.0
20	MO	March	100%						
03	Community Health Workers	April-May	100%						
04	Panchayati Raj Institutions	April-May	100%						

*There is no separate Training budget for heat-related illness. A cumulative budget for capacity building and training has been proposed for all climate-sensitive issues.

Roles and responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of the state staff to implement the action plan for heat-related illnesses is defined below-

Particular	Responsibilities
SNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate early warnings to the district level • Finalization of IEC material and dissemination plan • Liaison with IMD for weather alerts and its dissemination • Liaison with other departments for combined IEC campaigns, coordinated response and information sharing of health indicators for targeted action • Organize the IEC campaigns at the state level on the observance of important environment-health days • Organize training sessions for the district level and the surveillance nodal officers • Facilitate training of medical officers in clinical aspects of the heat-health impact • Ensure daily surveillance reporting from the district level • Ensure submission and analysis of heat-related death at the state and district level • Monitor daily health data with temperature and humidity levels to monitor trends and hotspots in the state • Review health facility preparedness and ambulance services to manage HRI • Identify health facilities at different levels that can have heat illness wards with necessary treatment/cooling facilities • Keep existing Rapid Response Teams under IDSP prepared to manage HRI if needed for an emergency response to extreme heat • Review implementation of the IEC and surveillance activities at all levels • Evaluate and update relevant sections of SAPCCHH with support from State Task Force • Create organizational support and strengthen the Environmental Health cell to implement NPCCHH's vision, goals, and objectives • Organize sensitization workshops for other stakeholders and line departments • Organize seminars and conferences to share knowledge and action under NPCCHH. • Collaborate with academic institute/s for support in updating SAPCCHH, Surveillance activity monitoring, training of health care professionals, vulnerability assessment, and applied research • Submit a report of activities on heat health under NPCCHH • Advocate for the reduction in source of greenhouse gas emissions
DNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate early warning to block and health facility level

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure IEC dissemination to the community level and facilitate community-level IEC activities • Liaison with IMD to receive daily observed temperature and relative humidity information • Liaison with other departments for combined IEC campaigns, coordinated response and information sharing of health indicators for targeted action • Conduct training for block health officers, and medical officers, with relevant training manuals • Conduct sensitization of vulnerable groups: police officers, outdoor workers, women, children etc. • Organize IEC campaigns at the district level on the observance of important environment-health days • Ensure daily reporting from health facilities and compile the data • Analyze daily health data with temperature and humidity levels to monitor trends and hotspots in the district • Support timely suspected heatstroke death analysis and its reporting • Submit analyzed weekly report to SNO, NPCCHH, Hq, and other departments for necessary action • Coordinate with other agencies for response • Update DAPCCHH with support from District Task Force • Submit a report of activities on heat health under NPCCHH • Advocate for the reduction in source of greenhouse gas emissions
Block Health Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community-level IEC activities • Ensure training of medical officers • Organize PRI sensitization workshops and training for vulnerable groups • Implement heat mitigation efforts
City Health Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support in the development and implementation of the city-specific heat-health action plan
Medical Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct health facility-based IEC activities • Support community-level IEC activities • Ensure necessary health facility preparedness in early diagnosis and management of cases
Panchayati Raj Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community-level IEC activities

CHAPTER 8

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN FOR VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES

Vector-borne diseases (VBD) are climate sensitive as the development of vectors is affected by environmental factors such as temperature, rainfall, and relative humidity (RH). At lower temperatures, the rate of development is slow while at higher temperatures, the life cycle of vectors gets completed in a shorter time. Rainfall helps in the creation of breeding grounds for mosquitoes, while the RH helps in the survival and longevity of vectors.

Malaria

Malaria is a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes. Malaria is preventable and curable. Non-immune travelers from malaria-free areas are very vulnerable to disease.

Dengue

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral infection. The infection causes flu-like illness and occasionally develops into a potentially lethal complication called dengue hemorrhagic fever (DHF) and dengue shock syndrome (DSS).

Chikungunya

Chikungunya is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. It causes fever and severe joint pain. Other symptoms include muscle pain, headache, nausea, fatigue, and rash. The increased construction activity in the suburbs, growing population densities, and inadequate sanitation is creating fertile ground for mosquito breeding. The *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito which spreads dengue, chikungunya, yellow fever, and other diseases is a highly domesticated urban mosquito that prefers to live in the human habitat.

S. No.	Indicator	Physical Target	Targets to be achieved							
			2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (Upto April)
1	Annual Blood Examination Rate (ABER) i.e. percentage of persons screened annually for Malaria (Amongst fever cases)	>10%	8.02	8.52	8.07	6.85	6.62	4.87	5.04	1.93
2	Annual Parasite Incidence (API) i.e. Malaria cases	<1	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
3	Sentinel Surveillance Hospital Made functional for Dengue & Chikungunya	-	10 Nos	10 Nos	10 Nos	10 Nos	10 Nos	10 Nos	10 Nos	10 Nos
4	No. of districts with MF rate less than 1% out of total endemic districts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Role of Health Sector (State Nodal Officer and Task Force)

1. Programme Officer for National Programs for Control of Vector-Borne diseases (NVBDCP) must consider climate variability as an important factor for the assessment of morbidity and mortality statistics and develop/ adapt health micro-plan based on recent VBD diseases trend
2. Map vulnerabilities: population at risk, geo-climatic conditions, seasonal variation, change in population demography, migration (in & out), available resources, healthcare infrastructure, laboratories, etc.
3. Strengthen/ Develop active and passive surveillance and establish sentinel sites for vector-borne diseases.
4. Capacity building and increasing awareness for individuals, communities, and health care workers through the involvement of various media as well as campaigns and training workshops.
5. Develop or translate IEC on the effects of climate change on VBDs in the local language, and make a communication plan for dissemination of health-related alerts/ education materials.
6. Ensure adequate logistic support, including equipment and other treatment modalities and supplies for case management at all levels of health care and also under an 'Emergency response Plan' in case of any disaster or an outbreak
7. Vaccination of animals and animal handlers for vaccine-preventable diseases.
8. 'Environmental Health Impact Assessment' of new development projects
9. Early warning system for vector-borne diseases.
10. Enforce legislation and regulations of vector-borne diseases

Coordination with other sectors for reducing Zoonotic diseases

(As per the suggested sectors in the NVBDCP)

- Inter-sectoral collaboration for vector control
- Providing equipment and other related logistics for control of vectors
- Elimination and reduction of vector breeding sites.

- Encourage research on new safe and effective control measures

Intervention by a veterinary task force

- Prevention and control of animal diseases and zoonoses
- Vaccination of animals & control on the population of stray animals
- Safe destruction of carcasses and other materials of animal origin
- The care of 'food animals', including collection, feeding, sheltering, slaughtering, etc.

Intervention by Community & Individual

- Eliminate/ control small & manmade vector breeding sites
- Make barriers for human dwellings to keep stray animals away from human dwellings by fencing the residential areas especially if in approximation to forests etc.
- House protection by using screening windows, doors and fencing the garden, etc.
- Use self-protection measures like protective clothing etc,

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IEC Campaign

- The districts are aimed to create awareness through Information Education and Communication Activities (IEC) through the development of locally and culturally acceptable messages in posters, audio, video, organising public health events, and issuing advisories related to vector-borne disease.
- The content for the IEC for vector-borne disease will be provided by the State NPCCHH division. The state will translate the content into the regional language if required and the role of the districts is to utilize these materials and disseminate at all levels.
- Advertisement and promotion through IEC: street plays, hoardings, billboards, and other advertisement modes

IEC type	Material	Timeline	Mechanism
Posters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters on VBD and climate change (English, Marathi) • Adopt posters made by state NVBDC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre monsoon and Post monsoon 	Collaborate with NVBDCP
Wall painting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall painting malaria endemic Districts 	Seasonal	Government schools, offices and Gram panchayat buildings
Hoarding		Seasonal	To be planned with hotspot Municipalities and District

Audio-Visual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Audio Jingles 	Pre-monsoon and Post monsoon	Radio Channels
Digital display	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available GIF Above mentioned video messages 	Seasonal	Display in health facilities Public digital display boards in major cities
Social medial	All the above material + Relevant activity updates	Seasonal	Facebook and Twitter handle of state NPCCHH, NHM WhatsApp groups (State DNO, Health facility group)

Observance of important environment-health days

Observance of the following days may be recommended for awareness on climate change and vector-borne diseases-

Day	Activities on VBD in THE context of climate change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Malaria Day (April 25) World Mosquito Day (August 20) World Environmental Health Day (September 26) 	IEC Campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted awareness sessions: urban slums, schools, women, children Street plays and local cultural activities, Rallies Clinical management training for Dengue Dengue awareness week

Capacity Building:

- Refresher training of the Medical professionals:
- Expanded training of doctors and associate staff
 - Increased training of NGOs and Asha workers

NPCCHH TRAINING PLAN AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL

<i>Training Programme</i>	<i>Trainer</i>	<i>Participants</i>	<i>Training Content</i>
<i>Medical Officers (3 Days)</i>	<i>DNO</i>	<i>MO (DH, CHC, PHC)</i>	<i>Vector-borne related illnesses</i>
<i>Community Health Care Workers (HWC) (2 Days)</i>	<i>MO</i>	<i>Community Health Workers (MPHW, ASHA)</i>	
<i>Panchayati Raj Institutions (1 Day)</i>	<i>MO, MLHP</i>	<i>Panchayati Raj Institutions, communities</i>	

Sensitization/knowledge-building workshops should be planned for seeking updates on various air pollution-related health issues between district officials, medical officers, and academic institutions working on climate change impact.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To address the current as well as future exposure of the state to vector-borne diseases due to changes in temperature and rainfall patterns, the following roles and responsibilities have been identified to be conducted by the departments at the state, district, block, and healthcare facility level-

<i>NVBDCP</i>	<i>Overall guidance at policy formulation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide the state governments in the resurgence and containment of any VBD
<i>State Nodal Officer, Climate Change</i>	<i>To support the state govt. control of VBL particularly in climate sensitive states</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Oversee vector control measures</i> • <i>Oversee health sector preparedness</i> • <i>Oversee VBD surveillance, and control in post-disaster situations in community and relief camps</i> • <i>Train DNO, DMO</i> • <i>Sensitization workshops to increase awareness on climate change and its impact on VBD</i>
<i>India Meteorological Department</i>	<i>To provide meteorologic data as and when required</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To help the state govt. in building collaboration with any research institute, analysis of relationship between climatic factors, and a particular VBD to forewarn the impending outbreaks</i>
<i>NGO at the state and district level for reach to community</i>	<i>Health education community level</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conduct workshops for IEC activities for different levels of staff in the identified areas in consultation with the state govt.</i>
<i>State Programme Officer</i>	<i>Overall planning at execution of surveillance and intervention measures to control VBDs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Supervise and guide the DNOs in control of VBDs</i>
<i>State Entomologist</i>	<i>To provide guidance vector control</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Generate data on fortnightly fluctuations in the density of vector species to guide the</i>

state government in choosing the appropriate time of IRS activities. To generate data on susceptibility status of disease vectors for using appropriate insecticide for IRS/larvicide for vector control

Chief Officer/District Officer/Disease Surveillance officer **Medic Malar** *Execution of task assign by the SPO* • *Supervise and guide surveillance and intervention measures for the control of VBDs in the district.*

CHAPTER 9

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN FOR EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Adverse impacts of climate change increase disaster risk. The rising emissions and climate variability is projected to result in more frequent and intensive disasters with the most severe consequences on the infrastructure, food security, and livelihoods of natural resource-dependent vulnerable communities. Since both disaster risk (including climate-associated disaster risk) and climate-related vulnerabilities are likely to undermine economic sustainability and development, it is therefore planned that disaster risk management strategies and climate change adaptation planning be integrated with the state's development strategy. J&K is a multi-hazard-prone region exposed to disasters like earthquakes, floods, landslides, avalanches, high-velocity winds, and snow storms, besides manmade disasters including road accidents and fires, etc. Such incidents frequently occur, thereby disturbing the ecological balance in addition to leading to loss of human life as well as socio-economic damages.

Jammu & Kashmir has recorded raised morbidity and mortality due to the effect of extreme weather conditions vide frequent and severe episodes of heat waves, floods, droughts, and fires as a direct impact of climate variability and affecting the population at large. The hazard profile of the state is indicated:

Earthquakes: Cities Jammu and Srinagar lie in seismic zone IV and V. The geological structure of the state makes it vulnerable to earthquakes. A Main Boundary Fault Thrust (MBFT) underlies the Pir Panjal region and runs NW-SE through the Manwal-Udhampur Reasi and further northwest, marking a weak zone susceptible to natural disturbances. The Zaskar mountain ranges are underlain by Zaskar geological Thrust, and Kashmir Valley lies between the Pir Panjal and Zaskar Thrust planes. These thrust planes are the largest strike-slip faults responsible for the occurrence of earthquakes and disasters in the region. Most parts of the Kashmir Valley (11% of the area of the state) covering the districts of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Baramulla, Kupwara, Bandipora, Budgam, Anantnag, Pulwama Doda, Ramban, and Kishtwar come under Seismic Zone V, home to almost 50% of the population of the state. Whereas, the rest of the state region including the whole of Ladakh region and Jammu Division (89% of the total state area) comes under the Seismic Zone IV.

Flood, Flash flood, and Cloud burst: Cloud bursts and flash floods are common disasters in the state which have caused loss of life and property in various regions. Glacial melting due to warming causes flash floods. About 16% of glaciers have been lost in the Suru basin. Flash floods cause tremendous losses in the catchment of the rivers Jhelum, Chenab, and Tawi. The hilly area in the state is prone to cloud bursts. Similarly, the low-lying areas of the Kashmir Valley, especially Sonawari, Awanti pora, and Srinagar, along with parts of Jammu are prone to floods. Upper catchments of all the tributaries of the Jhelum, Indus, Chenab, and Tawi rivers are also prone to flash floods.

Landslides: Large and small landslides occur every year in all three regions in the state. They are complex disaster phenomena caused by heavy rainfall, snowfall, earthquakes, and mining, etc. Soil creep and down-slope movements of rock masses occur to cause landslips and landslides. A famous landslide area exists between Batote and Banihal on National Highway. Areas along major highways, particularly Ramban, Panthial, Banihal, Doda, Kishtwar, Gulmarg, Dawar, Gurez, Tangdhar, Rajouri, etc. are prone to landslides.

Snow avalanches are common in elevations of more than 3,500 m with 30o to 35o hill slopes. North-facing slopes have avalanche falls in winter and the south-facing slopes in summer. Higher reaches of Kashmir including Anantnag, Kulgam, Gurez, Kargil, Leh, Doda, Ramban, Kishtwar, Banihal, etc. face avalanches.

Drought: Most parts of the Jammu division including Doda, Udhampur, Kathua, Jammu, etc. are drought prone and are subjected to similar climate-related disasters.

Wind Storm: Occasional wind storms destroy crops, horticulture, and rooftops of houses.

Others: Several parts of the state face hazards like thunderstorms, cloud bursts, hailstorms, forest fires, dam bursts, heavy snowing, human epidemics, and livestock epidemics, etc. from time to time; a few of which occasionally convert into situations like a disaster.

Climate change can result in more hot days, resulting in more periods of drought, dust storms, or 'heavy rains (precipitation), and even flooding. Human health gets directly affected due to injuries, hypothermia, hyperthermia, drowning, and indirectly through population dislocation, crowding, poor living conditions, faeco-oral transmission of gastro-intestinal pathogens causing water and food borne illnesses, respiratory illness, and other infectious diseases (e.g., leptospirosis, vector-borne disease, cholera, and also mental illnesses). The causes of different diseases prevalent during disasters in the state include-

1. Population displacement
2. Availability of safe water & sanitation facilities
3. The degree of crowding
4. Underling health status of the population
5. Availability of the healthcare services

In the state, four Priority Districts for diseases prevalent during disasters have been identified. These include Ramban, Reasi, Rajouri, and Poonch (according to the prevalence in the past years)

Adaptation Plan

AWARENESS GENERATION:

- a) Under the programme, awareness generation efforts will be taken to reach out to all the relevant stakeholders including the common population, vulnerable communities, healthcare providers, and policymakers around the impacts of disaster events.
- b) The districts are aimed to create awareness through Information, Education, and Communication Activities (IEC) through the development of locally and culturally more acceptable messages in posters, audio, video, organising public health events, and issuing advisories related to disaster management. The content for the IEC for disaster management will be provided by the NPCCHH division. The role of the districts is to utilize these materials, translate the required material, and disseminate them at all levels.
- c) Sensitization of the health professionals/ communities on emerging climate-sensitive health impacts and diseases.

Observance of important environment-health days

Day	Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	<p>IEC Campaigns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audio-video spots broadcasting• Targeted awareness sessions: women, children, occupational groups• Mock drill, disaster response exercise• Sports events• Competition: poster, poem/essay, quiz <p>Health facility-level activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health facility-based patient awareness sessions• Conduct an assessment of disaster vulnerability/energy/ water conservation measures• Review of implementation of climate-resilient measures

Capacity Building

- a) Refreshers training of the health professionals on diagnosis and treatment of Scrub Typhus/ Snake Bites
- b) Meeting the compensation process for the family for the death of the person due to lightning

Training on disaster management is as follows:

TABLE 9.1: NPCCHH TRAINING PLAN AT DISTRICT LEVEL

Training Programme	Trainer	Participants	Training Content
Medical Officers (3 days)	DNO	MO (DH,CHC,PHC)	Disaster Management
Community Health Care Workers (HWC) (2 days)	MO	Community Health Workers (MPHW, ASHA)	
Panchayati Raj Institutions (1 day)	MO, MLHP	Panchayati Raj Institutions, communities	

STRENGTHENING HEALTH SECTOR PREPAREDNESS

i. Early warning: Dissemination of early warnings for the heat wave, cold waves, floods, cyclones, etc. to the health facility level and community level

ii. Surveillance

- a) Monitoring of the cases in collaborative efforts with IDSP/ Zoonotic Disease Department and State Disaster Management Authority
- b) Post-disaster health impact assessment

iii. Health Facility Preparedness

- Vulnerability assessment of health facility in the context of climate change-extreme weather events
- Identify structural changes/retrofitting measures at the facility level to equip the healthcare facility
- Formalize disaster management plan and committee
- Emergency procurement arrangements and functioning of essential health services (safe water, immunization, maternal-child care, etc.)
- Post-disaster damage assessment and referral plan in case of health facility damage
- Ensure routine monitoring and maintenance of support functions (water quality, waste management)
- Establish Sustainable Procurement Committee

Roles and Responsibilities

Particulars	Responsibilities
SNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate early warnings to the district level • Finalization of IEC material and dissemination Plan • Formalize intersectoral coordination for disaster planning, management, and response with SDMA/IMD and other response departments • Organize training of district-level officers

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate assessment and implementation of climate-resilient measures in health facilities • Review implementation of IEC, training, and surveillance activities at all levels • Evaluate and update relevant sections of SAPCCHH with support from State Task Force • Create organizational support and strengthen the Environmental Health cell to implement NPCCHH vision, goal, and objectives • Organize sensitization workshops for other stakeholders and line departments • Collaborate with academic institute/s for support in updating SAPCCHH, Surveillance activity monitoring, training of health care professionals, vulnerability assessment, and applied research • Submit reports of activities on EWE and health under NPCCHH
DNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate early warning to the block and health facility levels • Ensure IEC dissemination to the community level and facilitate community-level IEC activities • Organize training for block health officers and MO • Formalize intersectoral coordination for disaster planning, management, and response with SDMA/IMD and other response departments • Liaison with other departments for combined IEC campaigns, coordinated response and information sharing of health indicators for targeted action • Identification and communication of evacuation routes and relief camps • Support planning and management of health care services in relief camps • Provide necessary IEC on health and sanitation in relief camps • Training for block health officers, and medical officers, with relevant training manuals • Conduct sensitization of vulnerable groups, police officers, outdoor workers, women, children, etc. • Organize IEC campaigns at the district level on the observance of important environment-health days • Facilitate disaster vulnerability assessments in health facilities and maintain records of such assessments and health facility damage due to EWE • Update DAPCCHH with support from District Task Force • Submit reports of activities on EWE and health under NPCCHH
Block Health Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community-level IEC activities • Ensure training of medical officers • Organize PRI sensitization workshops and training for vulnerable groups • Facilitate disaster vulnerability assessments in health facilities and maintain records of such assessments and health facility damage due to EWE
Medical Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct health facility-based IEC activities • Support community-level IEC activities • Preparation of Disaster Management Plans and hospital safety plan • Assessment of health facilities in the context of climate change-extreme weather events • Identifying structural changes/retrofitting measures at the facility level to equip the healthcare facility • Ensuring routine monitoring and maintenance of support functions (Water quality, waste management) • Health facility preparedness for seasonal events

Panchayati Raj Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct community-level IEC activities• Community involvement in planning and demonstration of measures taken before, during, and after a EWE
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CHAPTER 10

HEALTH ADAPTATION PLAN FOR GREEN AND CLIMATE RESILIENT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

“Climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable health care facilities anticipate, respond to, cope with, recover from and adapt to climate-related shocks and stresses while minimizing negative impacts on the environment and leveraging opportunities to restore and improve it, to bring ongoing and sustained health care to their target population and protect the health and well-being of future generations. (WHO)”.

As the climate continues to change, risks to health systems and facilities – including hospitals, clinics, and community care centers – are increasing, reducing the ability of health professionals to protect people from a range of climate hazards. Healthcare facilities are the first and last line of defense against climate change impacts as they can be responsible for large emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs), and because they provide the needed services and care to people harmed by extreme weather and other long-term climate hazards.

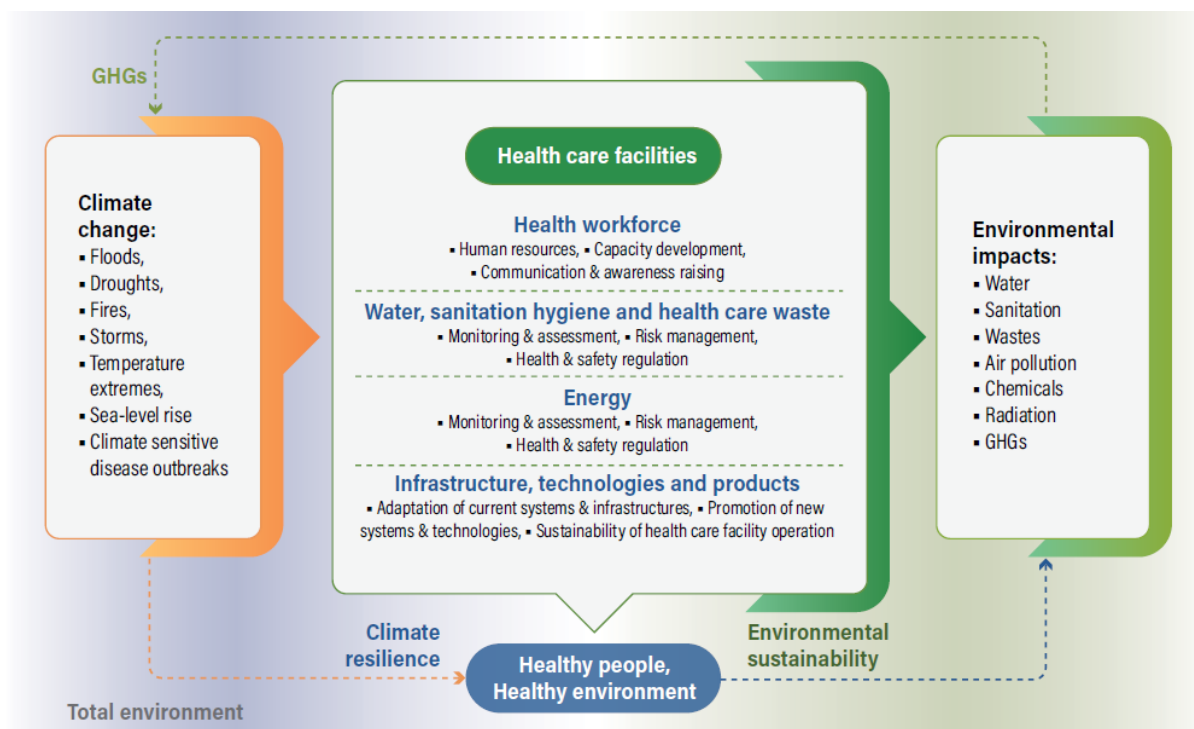


Figure 16; Framework for building climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable HCF.

Source: WHO Guidance for Climate-Resilient and Environmentally Sustainable Health Care Facilities

The first and last lines of defense against the causes of climate change’s detrimental effects on human healthcare facilities (HCF). They must reduce their emissions of the greenhouse gases (GHGs) that cause climate change to offer the required services and care to the people affected by extreme weather events and long-term climate dangers (adaptation) (mitigation). The ability

of health actors, institutions, and populations to anticipate crises, effectively respond to them, maintain key operations when a crisis arises, and, using the lessons learned, reorganize as necessary is referred to as healthcare system resilience. Building health facilities and systems that can endure climate change impacts is essential. Climate-smart health care should be used as an anchor approach to create more equal access to care, resulting in healthier, resilient communities.

Major factors in enhancing the HCF's ability to function with minimal detrimental effects on the environment and human health include resilience-building and supporting environmental sustainability. These elements have been outlined in line with the nation's international commitments to developing resilient infrastructure and healthcare facilities. To "significantly minimise catastrophic damage to essential infrastructure and interruption of fundamental services, among them health and educational facilities, particularly through increasing their resilience by 2030" is one of the seven worldwide aims of The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. SDG 9 (Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation) calls for the development of high-quality, dependable, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure as well as infrastructure upgrades and industry retrofitting to make them sustainable, with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmentally sound technologies and processes.

This includes the healthcare sector. The National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) focuses on five main goals, including the development of the health workforce's capacity and the adoption of environmentally friendly and climate-resilient infrastructure solutions, to address the health response to climate change. The following crucial elements have been recognised as part of the NPCCHH's Green & Resilient Infrastructure aim in order to be able to reduce the effects of climate change. Based on this, the state of Madhya Pradesh suggests an action plan to improve the current healthcare systems for the years 2022–2023. It is crucial to incorporate green design and concepts into the architecture of healthcare facilities because lighting, water heating, cooling, and ventilation account for 65% of the energy consumed in a healthcare institution.

The National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH) is engaging critically with strengthening the healthcare services and facilities to adapt to as well as mitigate the impacts of climate change. The key components recognized under the programme include –

1.Environmentally Sustainable (Green) Measures at Health Care Facilities

Energy Auditing
Installation of LED lighting at Health Care Facilities
Installation of Solar panels
Water Conservation Measures – Rain water Harvesting

2. Climate Resilient Infrastructure at Health Care Facilities including Retro Fitting of Existing Health Care Facilities

1. Environmentally Sustainable (Green) Measures at Health Care Facilities

a. Energy auditing

As per the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, Energy Audit is defined as "the verification, monitoring and analysis of use of energy including submission of technical report containing recommendations for improving energy efficiency with cost benefit analysis and an action plan to reduce energy consumption", which can be further evaluated with subsequent, annual energy audits to reach a goal of net-zero emissions. More information is available at <https://beeindia.gov.in/sites/default/files/1Ch3.pdf>

An energy audit identifies all energy end-uses within the building, estimates how much energy is used in each department, and determines the amount of energy used in relation to the desired values.

The guiding principles in this respect include:

- The HCFs would develop a plan for the energy audit to assess the level of energy consumption.
- The responsibility for the energy audit would be of the IPC committee of the facility. If the healthcare facility lacks qualified staff, then the energy audit would be conducted by the state health department as well.
- The energy audit would also consider load management, poor maintenance aspects, and extreme temperature to avoid fire-related accidents. Audit would be conducted in the facility biannually.
- Installing sub-meters in the facility premises would be useful in understanding how much energy is used across the healthcare facility

The work would be carried out in Collaboration with Chhattisgarh Renewal Energy Development Agency for solarization, water harvesting, energy-efficient equipment, and cool roof.

1. **Installing occupancy sensors:** Occupancy sensors light areas that are occupied by people, thereby reducing energy costs by reducing energy waste. The guiding principles in this respect include:
 - 1.1. The Occupancy sensor would be installed in those areas where people may not frequently be moving, such as doctor and administration offices, non-patient floors and hallways, office areas, toilets and washroom facilities, and storerooms in the HCFs.
2. **Energy-saving appliances:** ENERGY STAR-qualified office and imaging products consume 30 -75 percent less energy than standard equipment. The guiding principles in this respect include:
 - 2.1. The healthcare facility would have the policy to purchase BEE labelled/ ISI marked office equipment and appliances.

It would aim to use above three-star rating equipment such as computers, monitors, printers, scanners, external power adaptors, copiers, fax machines, digital duplicators, mailing machines, water coolers, room air conditioners, refrigerators, and lighting equipment.

a. Replace existing (non-LED) lighting with LED

Replacing the incandescent bulbs with LEDs leads to 75% less energy consumption. Each LED light saves approximately INR 700-1400 for a year.

The guiding principle in this respect would be:

- Healthcare facilities would have a policy on purchasing and using energy-efficient equipment and devices. The facilities would gradually phase out the incandescent bulbs with LEDs.

State and District Nodal Officers will coordinate with State/ District level Bureau of Energy Efficiency representatives to conduct energy audits and energy conservation

c. Installation of solar panels: Healthcare facilities both in urban and rural areas consume a lot of energy throughout the day as the electrical equipment used directly or indirectly to treat patients requires uninterrupted power.

The guiding principle in this area would be:

- The state would, in a phased manner, install PV solar panels in unused spaces like the roof of the facility. This would reduce grid-based electricity consumption and decrease the peak demand of a facility, which means the organization has lower operating costs, and hence these saved costs can be utilized for better patient care.

d. Water Conservation

In an HCF, sanitary fixtures consume 42 per cent of water while heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) consumes 23 per cent of water, thus, major water-consuming area needs to be focused on reducing water consumption.

Rainwater harvesting for healthcare facilities has the potential to save thousands of litres of water every year. This in turn can result in substantial cost savings in addition to adopting climate-smart practices.

The guiding principles for water conservation in a HCF would be as follows:

- The healthcare facility would develop a strategy for the optimum usage of water.
- The HCFs would develop a plan for the conservation of water. e.g., water-efficient fixtures, dual flush mechanism, sensor-operated urinals, waterless urinals, rainwater harvesting
- The HCFs would have a plan for wastewater treatment. e.g., sewage treatment plant and effluent treatment plant at sites of generation of contaminated grey water, like pathology.
- The HCFs would develop a programme/plan for the conservation of water
- The HCFs would have a water management programme for the conservation of water by establishing a team, setting goals with timelines, conducting water audits, determining the cost of water, and preparing an action plan
- The HCFs would have an ongoing educational programme for the efficient usage and conservation of water for all the stakeholders (staff, patients and visitors)
- The HCFs would have the plan to train the staff on water savings techniques

- The HCFs would develop a wide variety of methods to communicate through IEC materials, new and/or revised operating guides, and manuals

2. Climate Resilient Infrastructure at Health Care Facilities including Retro Fitting of Existing Health Care Facilities

It is essential that HCF planning and designing should be responsive to the local climate and hazard profile¹ of the district. Strong focus should be given to designing all aspects of infrastructure and services as per relevant IS standards, building codes and local byelaws, and history of emergencies in the district to ensure patient safety and continuity of health service during emergencies. Few key interventions that would be undertaken to make the HCFs into green buildings would include:

New Buildings

- a. Climate risk assessment at the time of planning and designing the building
- b. Use of high-performance glass on windows, doors, and roofs to prevent the heat inside and allows sunlight and fresh air to enter the room
- c. Use double glazing glass on windows; it provides thermal and optical properties to the building and reduce the noise level
- d. Insulation of building from inside and outside in colder regions of the country
- e. Ensure the plinth level is above the high flood level as known locally or storm surge level (in costal districts) and make the building accessible with ramps and railing to create a barrier free environment²
- f. Installation of Rainwater Harvesting System
- g. Installation of alternative energy systems
- h. Installation of STP & ETP

Existing Infrastructure

- a. Introduction of electronic patient records in the facility to reduce the use of paper
- b. Availability of 10-30 per cent area for the herbal garden in the facility
- c. Floor and wall finishes are conducive for infection prevention control practices
- d. Including services for climate sensitive diseases
- e. Modifications in the critical care rooms to make them functional during disasters
- f. Installation of Rainwater Harvesting System
- g. Installation of alternative energy systems

¹For district hazard profile, please refer District Disaster Management Plan with the help of District Disaster Management Authority.

²<http://disabilityaffairs.gov.in/content/page/accessible-india-campaign.php>

h. Installation of STP & ETP

IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENT

The implementation of clean and green guidelines will be the responsibility of the Infection and Prevention Control (IPC) Committee at the healthcare facility (HCF) level coordinated by a state-level IPC committee as per the mandate of the Kayakalp guideline. This committee will include representatives from all relevant disciplines or departments in the facility headed by an elected chairperson who is the HCF administrator or a person who has direct access to the head of the Healthcare Facility. The IPC Committee meetings would take place monthly for infection prevention and control in the health facility (including building, services, site, and the access road) while the agenda for clean and green facilities could be discussed quarterly and or as often as required.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:

1. HEALTH SECTOR PREPAREDNESS FOR 5 YEARS 22-27

Objective	Activities	Priority districts	Identified health facilities for 5 years for	Timeline	Budget (in lakhs) for 5 years with 15 increasing each year					Target for 5 years 22 - 27				
					22 to 23	23 to 24	24 to 25	25 to 26	26 to 27	22 to 23	23 to 24	24 to 25	25 to 26	26 to 27
					Strengthening Healthcare System	Energy Audit	Entire State	5PHC, 1CHC, 1DH	February - April	50.0	50.0	60.0	70.0	80.0
Led Installation	5PHC, 1DH	April - May							10%	20%	50%	80%	100%	
Solar Panel Installation	PHC, 1CHC	May - August							5%	10%	40%	70%	100%	
Rainwater Harvesting	3 PHC	August - October							5%	10%	20%	50%	100%	
Retrofitted Health facilities	1DH	October - December							10%	20%	50%	80%	100%	

2. AWARENESS GENERATION

- Awareness and sensitization on Climate Change events on the Heat wave, flooding, air pollution events, and waste management.
- Sensitization workshop on Sustainable Procurement
- Awareness on energy efficient measures and water conservation measures

3. CAPACITY BUILDING

- Training of ToTs, DNO-CC, and Medical officers on guidelines and operational framework of Green and Climate resilient measures in Health Care Facilities.

Roles and responsibility

The table below highlights the roles and responsibilities of the associated staff to help support green climate and resilient infrastructure development to strengthen healthcare infrastructure.

Particulars	Responsibilities
SNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalization of IEC material and dissemination plan • Organize training sessions for the district-level officers and trainers • Identify health facilities for priority implementation based on disaster and health facility vulnerability • Identify relevant state-level nodal agencies and collaborate with them for assessment of health facilities for implementation of measures • Facilitate and monitor necessary assessments at the health facility level • Facilitate implementation of structural and functional measures at the health facility level • Monitor the implementation of the activities • Support districts to identify sources of funding • Advocate for a reduction in source of greenhouse gas emissions
DNO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct training for block health officers, and medical officers, with relevant training manuals • Support conduction for the following assessment at the health facility level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy audit - Water audit - Disaster-vulnerability assessment • Support the following functional measures at the health facility level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water committee - Sustainable procurement committee - Operational measures to make health facilities function during disasters or power cut • Coordinate with other agencies for the assessment and implementation of identified structural and functional measures • Update DAPCCHH with support from District Task Force
Block Health Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure training of medical officers • Organize PRI sensitization workshop

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with other agencies for the assessment and implementation of identified structural and functional measures
Medical Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct health facility assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy audit - Water audit - Disaster-vulnerability assessment • Lead following functional measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water committee - Sustainable procurement committee - Operational measures to make health facility functioning during disasters or power cut • Support community level IEC activities • Identify local funding opportunities: e.g. CSR initiative, NGO funding
Panchayati Raj Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support retrofitting and new health facilities with local funding source and community involvement

CHAPTER 11

SAPCCHH: BUDGET (PIP FOR THE YEAR 2022-23) J&K

New FMR	Particulars	Unit Cost (Rs)	Proposal for 2022-23		Approval for 2022-23	
			Quantity/Target	Budget (Rs. Lakhs)	GoI Remarks	Budget (Rs. In Lakhs)
3	Community Interventions			0.00		0.00
5	Infrastructure	500000	2	10.00	Approved	10.00
9	Training and Capacity Building					
9.2.4.9	Trainings of Medical Officers, Health Workers and Programme officers under NPCCHH					
	Any other (please specify)	100000	20	20.00	Approved	20.00
10	Reviews, Research, Surveys and Surveillance					
11	IEC/BCC			3.00		3.00

New FMR	Particulars	Unit Cost (Rs)	Proposal for 2022-23		Approval for 2022-23	
			Quantity/Target	Budget (Rs. Lakhs)	GoI Remarks	Budget (Rs. In Lakhs)
11.4.7	IEC on Climate Sensitive Diseases at Block , District and State level – Air pollution, Heat and other relevant Climate Sensitive diseases					
12	Printing					
12.4.7	Printing activities for NPCCHH					
16	Programme Management	85000	2	20.40	Approved	20.40

BUDGET

The table below presents an overview of the proposed activities and the respective budget to be implemented under the climate change and human health programme between 2022-2027 in J & K. The detailed activities and the corresponding budgetary amount are enlisted in the table below-

STRENGTHENING OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM

Adoption of Green Environment Friendly Measures in Health facilities	<i>Energy Audit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of healthcare facilities per district per year that have conducted energy audit. 	10.0	81.8	100.00	100.00	100.00	50	100	100	100	100
	<i>LED lighting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of healthcare facilities per year that installed solar panel 						50	100	100	100	100
	<i>Solar Panel:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of healthcare facilities per district per year that installed solar panel 						50	100	100	100	100
	<i>Rain water harvesting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> % of healthcare facilities per district per year that installed rain water harvesting system. 						50	100	100	100	100

THE ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DONE UNDER NPCCHH FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS AS UNDER:-

1. Constitution of UT level Governing Body for NPCCHH was done Vide Govt. Order No:-710-JK (HME) of 2021 Dated:-15-11-2021. (above Attached)
2. Constitution of State Task Force/Environmental Health cells for implementation of NPCCHH & action plan for climate change and human health (UTAPCCHH) was done vide Govt. Order No. 387-JK (GAD) of 2022 Dated: 04-04-2022
3. All the Chief Medical Officers of all the 10 district of Division Jammu have been directed for the preparation for District Action Plan as per template.
4. The Advisories & IEC's regarding Air Pollution & Heat have edited & prepared for which all the District Nodal Officers have been directed for its implementation at all the Health Institutions and the community level.
5. Awareness of Health care workers on hazards of Air Pollution on international day of clean air for blue skies has been done in all the districts of Division Jammu. International day of clean air & blue skies was celebrated across J&K on 7th September 2021. Similarly, World Health Day was celebrated on 7th April 2022 along with SwachataPakhwada w.e.f. 1st to 15th April 2022.
6. All the training modules have been disseminated in all the districts & time to time on line trainings has been conducted. The trainings at UT level & Divisional Level have been conducted for ToTs (District Health Officers as District Nodal Officers for NPCCHH) Trainings at District level for primary medical officers were completed in January 2022.
7. PIP for two years 2022-23 & 2023-24 has been proposed to NCDC-NPCCHH-MoHFW with requirement of two consultants for NPCCHH one each for Jammu & Kashmir Division.
8. Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI) surveillance was started in three sentinel Hospitals of Jammu city from August 2021 with regular reporting.

ANNEXURES:

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Health and Medical Education Department
Civil Secretariat- Jammu/Srinagar

Subject: Constitution of UT level Governing Body under National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH).

Government Order No: 7/0- JK (HME) of 2021
Dated: 15-11-2021

The National Programme on Climate Change and Human Health has been initiated with the objective to raise awareness & train health professionals on Climate Change and to prepare health system to be resilient to the impacts caused by changes in the climate by taking necessary measures.

A multi-pronged approach has been recommended for adoption to address the health-related aspects of climate change through the strategies listed in the National Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (NAPCCHH).

In order to effectively implement the recommendations listed under NAPCCHH at UT level, sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of the Jammu & Kashmir UT Level Governing Body as per the following composition:

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| 1. Administrative Secretary (H&ME) | Chairman |
| 2. Mission Director-National Health Mission | Vice-Chairman |
| 3. Principal, GMC Jammu/Srinagar | Member |
| 4. Director General, Family Welfare, MCH & Immu. | Member |
| 5. Director Health Services Jammu/Kashmir | Member Secretary |

Roles & Responsibilities:

- The committee shall take Policy level decisions for implementation of the State/UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH) in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.
- To roll out the State/UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH) in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir.

Further, Mission Director, National Health Mission, J&K shall establish an **Environmental Health Cell** and nominate a **Nodal officer**, as per the guidelines of National Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health.

By Order of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Sd/-
(Vivek Bharadwaj) IAS
Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary)
Health & Medical Education Department

No: HD/Plan/209/2021-06

Dated: 15-11-2021

Copy to the:

- Joint Secretary (J&K), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.
- Mission Director, NHM, J&K, Jammu
- Director General, Family Welfare & Immunization, J&K, Jammu
- Principal, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar/ Jammu
- Director, Health Services, Jammu/ Kashmir
- PS to the Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), H&ME Department.
- Govt. Order File (w2scs)/ Stock file.

Sd/-
(Aman Kumar Dogra)
Deputy Director (Planning)
Health & Medical Education Department

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir
General Administration Department
Civil Secretariat, J&K**

Subject:- Constitution of Committees/ Environmental Health Cells for implementation of National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH)/UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (UTAPCCHH).

**Government Order No:387-JK(GAD) of 2022
Dated:04-04-2022**

Sanction is hereby accorded to the constitution of Committees/Environmental Health Cells, comprising the following, for implementation of the National Programme for Climate Change and Human Health (NPCCHH)/Union territory Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (UTAPCCHH), in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir:-

A. UT Level Task Force:

1	Administrative Secretary, Health & Medical Education Department.	Chairman
2	Administrative Secretary, Agricultural Production Department	Member
3	Chairperson, J&K Pollution Control Board.	Member
4	Administrative Secretary, Jal Shakti Department	Member
5	Administrative Secretary, Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Department (DMRRR).	Member
6	Mission Director, National Health Mission	Member Secretary
7	Senior Scientist from Meteorological Centre, J&K.	Member
8	Representative of J&K Ground Water Division not below the rank of Superintending Engineer.	Member
9	UT Surveillance Office, Health Services Jammu/Kashmir	Member
10	Environmental Engineer Scientist be nominated from Department of Forest Ecology & wildlife Conservation.	Member
11	Public Health Expert from State/UT Health Department.(Nominated by National health Mission, J&K.	Member

Terms of References:

- To oversee implementation of the UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH).
- To monitor the National Health Mission, J&K which will be the implementing agency for UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH).
- To supervise the UT's Environmental Health Cell which will coordinate for execution of UT Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (SAPCCHH).

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- The ANM, ASHA and Anganwadi workers shall assist in activities related to implementation of action plan at local level.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Sd/-
(Manoj Kumar Dwivedi) IAS
Principal Secretary to the Government.**

No:GAD-ADM0IV/134/2021-09-GAD

Dated:04.04.2022

Copy to the:-

- Financial Commissioner (Additional Chief Secretary), Health & Medical Education Department.
- Principal Secretary to the Government, Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department.
- Principal Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, J&K.
- Chairperson, State Pollution Control Board, J&K.
- Joint Secretary (J&K) Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI.
- Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.
- Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department.
- Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Jal Shakti Department.
- Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Social Welfare Department.
- Secretary to the Government, Disaster Management Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (DMRRR).
- Mission Director, National Health Mission.
- Director Archives, Archaeology & Museums, J&K.
- Deputy Commissioners (All).
- Director, Meteorological Center, Srinagar.
- Chief Medical Officer (concerned).
- Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary, J&K.
- Private Secretary to Advisor (B) to the Lieutenant Governor.
- Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to the Government, GAD.
- Government Order/Stock file/Website, GAD.


(Mohit Raina)
Under Secretary to the Government.

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B. District Level Environmental Health Cell:-

1	Deputy Commissioner	Chairman
2	Chief Medical Officer	Member Secretary
3	Deputy Chief Medical Officer	Member
4	District Health Officer	Member
5	District Vector Borne Disease Officer/ Expert (to be nominated by Deputy Commissioner)	Member
6	District Coordinator (to be nominated by Deputy Commissioner)	Member

Roles and Responsibilities:-

- To prepare and implement District Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health.
- To conduct vulnerability assessment and risk mapping for commonly occurring climate sensitive illnesses in the district.
- To maintain and update district database of illnesses identified in the district.
- To assess needs for health care professionals and conduct sub-district/CHC level training/ workshop and meetings for capacity building.
- To ensure appointment of contractual staff and engage them in the assigned task of data management under the National Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health (NAPCCHH).
- To maintain district level data on physical, financial, epidemiological profile for these illnesses.

C. Community Health Centre Level Environmental Health Cell:-

1	Medical Superintendent (CHC Hospital)	Chairman
2	Health Education Officer / Health Educator	Member Secretary
3	Block Development Officer	Member

The Community Health Centre Level Environment Cell shall facilitate preparation and proper implementation of State Action Plan for Climate Change and Human Health.

D. Health Facility Level Environmental Health Cell:-

- At the health facility, the responsibility for implementation shall lie with the Medical Officer (In-charge) of the facility.
- The existing machinery of NHM shall be utilized for the related activities.
- The Rogi Kalyan Samiti (RKS) shall review and monitor implementation at the health facility level.

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As per Order No. SHS/NHM/J&K/NPCCHH/16286-92, dated: 06-12-2021, Mission Director, NHM have nominated Dr. Parvesh Kumar, SNO-CC J&K for the NPCCHH Program