## Report-Training Program on School Safety and Disaster Management (September 24–27, 2024)

The four-day Training on School Safety and Disaster Management, held from September 24th to 27th, 2024, for Junior Engineers under the Samagra Siksha Abhiyan (Civil Wing), was organized by the Department of Civil Engineering, Jaypee University of Information Technology (JUIT) in collaboration with DIET Shimla. The training aimed to equip field engineers with the essential knowledge and skills needed to handle school safety and disaster preparedness in the challenging and hazard-prone regions of Shimla.

The 4-day program was designed to supplement the theoretical design and construction measures aided with the practical demonstrations that could render a better understanding of disaster management techniques. A total of 16 participants including 11 Junior Engineers from DIET Shimla and 5 M.Tech students from CED, JUIT joined the programme. The programme witnessed specialized lectures on structural, geotechnical and remote sensing aspects and related techniques of hazard mitigation by Dr. Tanmay Gupta, Dr. Niraj Singh Parihar and Mr. Akash Bharadwaj from Civil Engineering department, JUIT. The technical sessions included the visual and theoretical explanations of emerging technologies in the civil engineering field for betterment of disaster preparation and to counter the negative impact of hazard mitigation. A hands-on laboratory training was also provided for destructive and nondestructive assessment of quality of construction and the hilly sub-stratum. Discussions were held on various mitigation techniques for disaster management, particularly focusing on geotechnical and structural engineering. Experts emphasized the need for adequate soil testing, foundation strengthening, and the use of advanced materials to ensure stability in disaster-prone areas. The technical sessions were followed by the training sessions on fire safety and post-disaster medical aid provided by the Fire Department and Medical Officers of JUIT respectively.

At the end of the program, Prof. Dr. Ashish Kumar, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at JUIT, distributed tokens of gratitude to the coordinators and participants. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to DIET Shimla for their active collaboration, which played a critical role in the success of the event. Dr. Kumar emphasized the need for continuous learning, particularly in disaster-prone areas like Himachal Pradesh, where disasters such as landslides, earthquakes, and floods pose serious risks. He highlighted that training programs like these are essential to build the capacity of engineers to better safeguard schools and communities. Properly designed infrastructure ensures a safer built environment, reducing the overall vulnerability of schools and other public buildings. The program concluded with Mrs. Shalika Sharma from DIET Shimla delivering the vote of thanks. She recognized the collaborative efforts of the organizers Dr. Tanmay Gupta and Dr. Niraj Singh Parihar and their team and praised the dedication of the Junior Engineers.. Mrs. Sharma expressed her hope for continued cooperation between JUIT and DIET Shimla, aiming for a future where school safety and disaster preparedness are given top priority. With a renewed commitment to

applying the lessons learned during the training, the participants left with the knowledge and tools necessary to create safer, more disaster-resilient infrastructure in the Himalayan region.

















## Program Schedule for In-Service Training on School Safety and Security for Junior Engineers Hosted by: Civil Engineering department JUIT, Waknaghat and DIET Shimla(Jointly)

**Venue:** Civil Engineering Department JUIT, Waknaghat **Date:** 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Date/Time	Day 1 (24/09/2024)	Day 2 (25/09/2024)	Day 3 (26/09/2024)	Day 4 (27/09/2024)
10:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Registration & Inauguration	REPORTING		
10:30 AM to 11:45 AM	Overview of Disaster Management In Himachal Pradesh	Geotechnical Engineering and Hazard Mitigation for Buildings	Landslide Risk Management and Slope Stability	Application of GIS and Remote Sensing in Disaster Management
11:45 AM to 12:00 PM	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK
12:00 PM to 1:15 PM	Earthquake- resistant Design and Construction Practices	Importance of Soil Analysis in Construction	Post-Disaster Building Inspections: Methodology & Practices	Practical Demonstration: Medical Safety and CPR Session
1:15 PM to 2:15 PM	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK
2:15 PM to 3:30 PM	Practical Demonstration: Concrete and Materials Lab	Practical Demonstration: Geotechnical Engineering Lab	Practical Demonstration: Ground Investigation and Ground Improvement Techniques	Practical Demonstration: Fire Safety Measures
3:30 PM to 3:45 PM	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK
3:45 PM to 5.00 PM	Practical Demonstration: Structural Engineering Lab	Practical Demonstration: Geotechnical Engineering Lab	Practical Demonstration: Non-Destructive Testing	Valedictory Session, Post- training feedback

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