

# DATE: 04 JULY 2023 INTRODUCTION

The idea of 'School Safety' has been defined as the creation of safe environments for children starting from their homes to their schools and back. This includes safety from large-scale 'natural' hazards of geological/climatic origin, human-made risks, pandemics, violence as well as more frequent and smaller-scale fires, transportation and other emergencies, and environmental threats that can adversely affect the lives of children. The concept has evolved over the last couple of decades as the threat to the physical well-being of children has become more visible both globally and in the country.

Complying to the National Guidelines on School Safety (2016), a District level level advisory committee was formed vide proceedings DCEKM/7754/2020-D1 <u>No. dated</u> 02.12.2020. To monitor the implementation of the school safety activities, in the District

# **MEETING REPORT**

The school safety review meeting & Training regarding USCHOOL APP was conducted on July 04, 2023 at 10.30 AM at Collectorate Spark Hall. Sri NSK Umesh IAS, District Collector Ernakulam, convened the meeting. Smt Usha Bindumol, Deputy Collector(Disaster Management), The Education Department, including the Deputy Director of Education, District Education Officers, Assistant Education Officers, Officials from higher secondary education and the assistant director of VHSC participated in the meeting.

Anjaly Parameswaran,Hazard Analyst DEOC Ernakulam , had delivered a talk regarding the importance of school safety projects and the preparation and updating of school safety plans. The Uschool app launched in schools under the leadership of the State Disaster Management Authority was presented at the meeting. The app is developed to prepare school disaster preparedness plans. The app will have comprehensive information about each school's hazard risk, resources, disaster preparedness committee information, etc.The work of the disaster management committee in schools will also be streamlined

It has been decided to conduct training programmes in each educational sub-division for better effectiveness of school safety projects in the districts.

### Discussions

- ➤ Review of Tri-monthly report submitted by DDE
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- ➤ Updating of School Safety Committee- 12 member
- To ensure the safety of school vehicles, the Department of Motor Vehicles should make inspections stricter.
- Steps should also be taken to ensure the fitness of school buildings.
- $\succ$  Fire audits should be conducted in schools.
- Apart from government schools, CBSE and ICSE should also take measures to ensure security in private schools. A meeting of head teachers should be held to ensure safety.
- Each school has also been directed to give an immediate report on dangerous trees.
- Review of School Disaster Management plan
- ➤ Fitness certificate
- Regular training school safety and disaster preparedness
- According to the disaster management plan, organize special training for each team.

# CONCLUSION

The School safety review meeting addressed the topics such as Introduction on USCHOOL APP for preparing and updating of School safety plan, Fire auditing in schools, formation of district level committee and advisory committee. The meeting ended by 12.00 PM.

# PHOTOS OF THE PROGRAMS



