

## Heat Wave Preparedness – 2025

### UP SDMA

<b>Action Points</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
1. The state of preparation and updating of HAPs in respect of your state for the heatwave season 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uttar Pradesh State Heat Action Plan 2026 has been updated and prepared for the heatwave season 2026.</li></ul>
2. The total number of districts and cities for which HAPs has been prepared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>District Heat Action Plan has been prepared for all 75 districts.</li><li>City Heat Action Plan has been prepared for 3 major cities viz Agra, Jhansi, and Lucknow.</li><li>City Heat Action Plan for Prayagraj and Kanpur is under preparation</li><li>City Heat Action Plan for 11 Cities i.e Aligarh, Bareilly, Firozabad, Gorakhpur, Meerut, Moradabad, Saharanpur, Shahjahanpur, Mathura, Banda, Gautam buddha Nagar are under Preparation.</li></ul>
3. Contacts details (Name, Designation, Email ID, Mobile Number) of Nodal Heat Officer of State.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Name- Dr. Hrishikesh Bhaskar Yasod</li><li>Designation- Relief Commissioner and Additional Chief Executive Officer (ACEO)</li><li>Email ID- <a href="mailto:Rahat@nic.in">Rahat@nic.in</a> <a href="mailto:upsdma@gmail.com">upsdma@gmail.com</a></li><li>Mobile Number- 9454441070</li></ul>
4. Notification for declaring Heatwave as “State specific local disaster”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>State has notified Heat Wave as State Disaster under Letter No. - 303 dated 11<sup>th</sup> November in the year 2016.</li></ul>
5. Summary of preparedness measures for heatwave season 2025.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Summary of preparedness measures is attached.</li></ul>

## Gearing up the State for Heat Wave in 2025

1. Uttar Pradesh recognized the severity of heatwaves as early as 2016 and notified it as a State Disaster eligible for relief assistance. Ever since, Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (UP SDMA) has taken proactive steps to address the consequences of extreme heat events. As part of its commitment to population safety, UP SDMA has developed and disseminated the Uttar Pradesh Heat Action Plan 2026 to State departments and District Disaster Management Authorities (DDMAs). State and District level officials have been intimated for effective implementation of Heat Action Plan 2026.
2. All 75 districts in Uttar Pradesh have prepared their respective District Heat Action Plans. These plans are tailored to each district's specific challenges and available resources, ensuring a coordinated and effective grassroots response to heatwave events.
3. City Heat Action Plan have been prepared for three districts of Agra, Jhansi and Lucknow. City Heat Action Plan has been launched by Honorable Chief Minister on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.
4. The State has improved its resilience to heatwaves by integrating state and district-level strategies, protecting vulnerable populations and minimizing the negative impacts on public health, infrastructure and the environment. The collective efforts reflect the State's dedication to proactive disaster management and well-being of its people.

### Capacity Building

5. UPSDMA has prioritized the development of skills and readiness of govt. officials to manage heat waves effectively.
6. A state level inter-departmental Workshop was conducted on 11 March 2025; The Workshop aimed to improve preparedness in accordance with Uttar Pradesh State Heat Action Plan-2025. Senior officials from various line departments participated, which promoted inter-disciplinary collaboration and shared understanding.
7. **State Inter-Department Workshop, District Level and City Level Workshop has been conducted. The Heat Wave Capacity Building and Sensitization Schedule for 2025 conducted is as under:-**

Workshop	Date
State Inter-Department Workshop	11th March 2025
District-Level Stakeholder Meeting	17-18th March 2025
Honorable CMs Heat Preparedness Review Meeting	19 March 2025
Jhansi City Heat Action Plan Workshop	19 March 2025
Agra City Heat Action Plan Workshop	20 March 2025
Fire Safety and Risk Management	21 March 2025
Lucknow City Heat Action Plan Workshop	25 March 2025
State Level NGOs Workshop	25 March 2025

8. Aligned with Prime Minister's Ten Point Agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (Agenda No. 03), which emphasizes the central role of women's leadership in disaster risk management, UPSDMA, in collaboration with DDMAs, has organized a training programme Role of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) - Women in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) at the divisional level during 2024-25. Over 7500 women's self-help group leaders, as well as state and

district officials, are being trained in this initiative, Heat waves amongst other disasters are being emphasized.

### Preparation of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Material

9. **Posters.** Posters effectively convey crucial information, educating the public on heatwave risks and preventive measures. To enhance community awareness, the UP SDMA has designed informative 6 types of colored sticking posters related to Do's and Don'ts about Heatwave and will be distributed in all Divisions, Districts, CDO office, BDO office, Tehsils and Gram Panchayats of Uttar Pradesh during the ensuing heat wave.
10. **Sun Boards.** Sun boards, measuring 2x3 feet, displaying 'Do's and Don'ts' related to various disasters, including heatwaves, have been installed in all 57,702 Gram Panchayats Offices of the State. These boards serve as constant reminders and educational tools for communities to stay informed and prepared.
11. **Video.** A concise animated video highlighting the 'Do's and Don'ts' for managing heatwaves has been prepared by UP SDMA. These engaging videos are accessible through the links: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQs0lvQZxxA> and <https://youtu.be/riWsRYv313M> provide an easily accessible and informative resource for the public to understand and act upon heatwave preventive measures.
12. **Radio Jingles.** A radio jingle will be aired during the peak period from 1 May, 2025 for 60 days by all the radio channels in 9 slots every day.



### Reporting, Recoding and Evaluating District-Level Activities

13. UP SDMA has implemented a robust system to improve the reporting, recording, and evaluation of District Authorities' activities. This systematic approach ensures that heatwave management strategies are implemented across districts in a transparent, accountable, and effective manner. UPSDMA has implemented a ranking system that evaluates districts based on a variety of criteria. These criteria include the creation and implementation of heat action plans, capacity-building training initiatives, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities, best practice adoption, and media sensitization.

### Conclusion

14. UP SDMA demonstrates a sincere commitment steeped in innovation to deal with the challenges posed by heatwaves throughout the State. UP SDMA has established a solid foundation for heatwave management through a multifaceted approach that includes community engagement, capacity building, awareness campaigns, and strategic collaborations. The implementation of comprehensive systems for reporting, recording, and evaluating district-level activities demonstrates UP SDMA's commitment to transparency, accountability, and continuous improvement.
15. Collaborative efforts with District Authorities, innovative best practices, and robust IEC activities all help to increase the impact of UP SDMA initiatives. The combination of technology, media sensitization, and community-based approaches contributes to a



comprehensive and resilient heatwave management plan. A comprehensive and inclusive approach to heatwave management establishes a standard for proactive disaster preparation and response.