

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Additional Secretary to Government

To

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The Vice-Chancellor, OUTR, Bhubaneswar/  
The Director, Technical Education and Training, Odisha, Cuttack/  
The Director, Skill Development-cum-Employment, Odisha, Bhubaneswar /  
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The Principal, GCE, Keonjhar/ GCE, Kalahandi/ P MEC, Berhampur/  
The Principal, CIME, Bhubaneswar/ IMIT, Cuttack/  
The Principals of all Government Polytechnics & ITIs.

Sub: **Precautionary measures to tackle heat wave situation during Summer, 2026.**

Madam/Sir,

In view of the impending heatwave conditions in the State during Summer, 2026, it is imperative to take necessary measures at all organizations, particularly at the institutional level, to safeguard the health and well-being of students during this period.


In this regard, the following measures are suggested to be undertaken for effective management of the heatwave situation in all technical institutions;

- I. **Drinking Water Facilities:** Adequate provision of safe and cool drinking water may be ensured at multiple locations within the campus. Water points should be regularly monitored and maintained. ORS & glucose sachets are to be made available for students and staff of the institution.
- II. **Rest and Shade Arrangements:** Proper shaded/resting areas may be arranged for students and staff to avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.
- III. **Regulation of Academic Activities:** Outdoor classes, sports and other physical activities may be avoided during peak heat hour.

- IV. **Medical and Emergency Preparedness:** Basic first-aid facilities should be readily available. Institutions may keep contact with nearby health centres for emergency situations.
- V. **Classroom Conditions:** Ensure proper ventilation and functioning of fans/cooling arrangements in classrooms, laboratories, hostels and offices.
- VI. **Awareness and Sensitisation:** (a) Students and staff may be sensitized regarding heat wave symptoms (such as dehydration, dizziness, heat stroke) and preventive measures, with awareness on heat wave effects and mitigation disseminated through notices/announcements. (b) Dos and Don'ts during the summer may be displayed at prominent places within the campus to educate students accordingly.
- VII. **Capacity Building and Preparedness of Staff:** Staff/employees may be adequately sensitized and trained to respond to and manage heat-related illnesses.
- VIII. Any other interventions as needed.

This may be accorded **TOP PRIORITY**.

Yours faithfully,

  
Additional Secretary to Government



**Government of Odisha  
Office of Special Relief Commissioner**

No. 589 /R&DM(DM)  
RDM-RLF-HTWV-0001-2026

Date: 10/02/2026

From

Rajesh Prabhakar Patil, IAS  
Special Relief Commissioner

To

All Collectors/ Municipal Commissioners

Sub: **Preparedness and precautionary measures to mitigate Heat Wave situation during Summer, 2026.**

Madam/ Sir,

In view of the rising atmospheric temperature and the approaching summer season, it is imperative to initiate timely, proactive, and coordinated measures to prevent heatwave-related illnesses, distress, and casualties. Accordingly, the instructions issued in previous years for the management of heat wave conditions and associated water scarcity are hereby reiterated for strict compliance by all concerned.

**1. Public Awareness and IEC Activities**

Public awareness is critical for preventing heat wave-related morbidity and mortality. Immediate steps shall be taken to launch intensive awareness campaigns on:

- Risks associated with heat waves,
- Identification of vulnerable groups,
- Essential Do's and Don'ts,
- Protective measures for human beings and livestock, and
- First-aid measures for heat-related illness.

Civil Society Organisations shall be actively involved in these campaigns. On receipt of heat wave warnings, local media and other communication channels shall be effectively utilized to alert the public.

**2. Drinking Water Management**

As water scarcity often accompanies heat wave conditions, District Administrations shall:

- Identify water-scarce pockets (village/hamlet/ward-wise) in advance,
- Prepare an action plan for an uninterrupted drinking water supply, including tanker supply wherever necessary, and

- Ensure prompt redressal of complaints related to water scarcity.

Preventive maintenance of tube wells and piped water supply systems shall be undertaken on priority. The Water Resources Department shall regulate and release canal water from reservoirs as per local requirements.

### **3. Establishment of Drinking Water Kiosks**

"Paniya Jala Seva Kendras" (Drinking Water Kiosks) shall be opened by Urban Local Bodies and Gram Panchayats at marketplaces, bus stands and other public congregation points.

- Only potable water shall be supplied.
- Proper sanitation must be ensured, including daily replacement of water and use of long-handle dispensers.
- Reputed Civil Society Organisations may be engaged for this purpose.
- Agencies working solely for publicity or discontinuing services midway shall be avoided and dealt with strictly.

### **4. Day Shelters for Vulnerable Persons**

Urban shelters, community buildings and other suitable public buildings shall be utilized as day shelters for homeless and needy persons during peak heat hours.

- Separate arrangements for men and women shall be made wherever feasible.
- Safe drinking water and ORS packets shall be provided.

Detailed instructions in this regard shall be issued by the Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department and the Housing & Urban Development Department.

### **5. Measures for Livestock Protection**

Arrangements shall be made for the construction or repair of shallow vats and watering points for roaming livestock. The Fisheries & Animal Resources Development Department shall undertake necessary IEC activities to prevent heat-related distress among animals.

### **6. Measures in Educational Institutions**

Schools, Colleges and other Academic and Technical Institutions shall ensure:

- Uninterrupted availability of safe drinking water,
- Immediate repair of non-functional tube wells,
- Adequate stocks of ORS for students and staff, and
- Sensitisation of parents to ensure children carry water bottles.

Institutions shall also conduct awareness sessions on heat wave precautions. Necessary instructions shall be issued by the School & Mass Education, Higher Education, and Skill Development & Technical Education Departments.



## **7. Health Sector Preparedness**

- Potable drinking water must be ensured at all Anganwadi Centres.
- Adequate ORS stocks shall be available with ASHAs and Anganwadi Workers.
- Dispensaries, PHCs, CHCs and Hospitals shall maintain sufficient stocks of life-saving medicines, saline and ORS.
- Separate wards or earmarked beds shall be arranged for heat stroke patients.
- ESI Dispensaries shall also extend treatment facilities to the general public.

## **8. Public Transport Arrangements**

All public transport vehicles shall carry adequate potable water and ORS packets for passengers and staff. During severe heat wave conditions:

- Timings of non-air-conditioned services may be rescheduled to avoid peak heat hours, and
- Passenger convenience, particularly for long-distance travel, shall be duly considered

The Commerce & Transport Department shall issue necessary instructions in this regard.

## **9. Labour Welfare Measures**

Working hours at construction sites and other outdoor works shall be rescheduled during heatwave periods.

- No work shall be undertaken during peak heat hours.
- Employers must ensure the provision of drinking water, ORS and rest sheds at worksites.

The Labour & ESI Department shall issue appropriate directions accordingly.

## **10. Power Supply and Cool Roof Initiatives**

The Energy Department shall ensure an uninterrupted power supply during the summer months.

- In case load-shedding becomes unavoidable, advance notification must be provided to consumers.
- Awareness on cool roof technology, including white painting of rooftops to reduce indoor temperatures, shall be promoted.

## **11. Monitoring and Control Rooms**

District-level Control Rooms shall function round the clock during the heat wave period.

- IMD heat wave warnings must be monitored regularly.
- Coordination with IMD Control Room and State EOC shall be maintained as required.

## **12. Role of Local Representatives**

Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions shall be sensitized to monitor heat wave mitigation measures in their respective areas. Collectors may depute senior officers to inspect preparedness in medical institutions, schools, colleges, Anganwadi Centres and other vulnerable locations.

### 13. Reporting of Casualties

All efforts shall be made to ensure that no human casualty occurs due to heat wave. However, in the event of any reported casualty or media report:

- An immediate enquiry shall be conducted,
- Factual details shall be promptly reported to this office, and
- In suspected sunstroke deaths, a joint enquiry by the Revenue Officer and Medical Officer shall be completed within 48 hours.

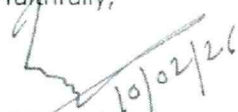
The enquiry report, countersigned by the Collector, shall be submitted to this office. Upon confirmation of death due to sunstroke, cases shall be processed expeditiously in DAMPS for sanction and disbursement of ex-gratia assistance.

### 14. Review and Coordination

Meetings of the District Level Committee on Natural Calamities / District Disaster Management Authority shall be convened at the earliest to review preparedness and to implement further measures as advised.


All Departments and District Administrations are to treat this matter with utmost priority and ensure strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

  
Special Relief Commissioner

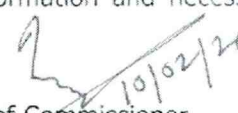
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Special Relief Commissioner

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Copy forwarded to All Revenue Divisional Commissioners/ Director, IMD, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ Managing Director, OSDMA, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.

  
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