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Proceedings of the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Director (DT&G), Department of Digital Technologies and Governance, Himachal Pradesh on 09th December, 2025, at 03:00 PM at IT Bhawan, regarding avenue of Drone usage in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

The following attended the meeting:

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| 1. | Sh. Rajeev Sharma | Additional Director (IT), DDT&G |
| 2. | Dr. Rajesh Guleri | Deputy Mission Director, NHM |
| 3. | Sh. Narender Kumar | Deputy Director (IT), DDT&G |
| 4. | Sh. L.R. Sharma | State IEC Officer, NHM |

At the outset, Chairman welcome all the participants present in the meeting. The Deputy Director (IT) briefed about the key initiatives and activities being undertaken by the Department of Digital Technologies & Governance. The gist of the meeting and the decisions taken are summarized below:

1. During the meeting, the Director (DT&G) informed that the Health/NHM Department is a potential user of Drone technologies. In the past, several trials and Proof-of-Concept (PoC) exercises were conducted for aerial delivery of medicines, transportation of blood/ sputum's samples, and vaccine distribution across various districts including Mandi, Kangra, Chamba, Kullu, Bilaspur, and Solan.
2. The Deputy Director (IT) apprised that the Department of Digital Technologies & Governance has recently procured two drones—a Disaster (Cargo) Drone and a Surveillance Drone. It was further highlighted that during disaster situations, the Health Department plays a frontline role and can effectively utilize the Disaster Drone for transporting essential supplies with heavy payload. It was also discussed that the surveillance drone can be used for IEC as per the use case demonstrated in Bilaspur.
3. It was decided during the meeting that Health/ NHM Department may utilise these Drones for their use as and when required, free of cost. Further the Department of Digital Technologies and Governance is also ready to provide DGCA certified Drone Pilot Training free of cost to nominated officer/official of Health/ NHM Department to drive/fly these Drones in the DGCA Training Sessions and Cargo



Drone Demonstration at Garuda Aerospace (OPS), Chennai. However, the cost of to and fro journey and the boarding/lodging will be borne by the Health/ NHM Department. The drone can be provided to Health Department as and when required by them for undertaking any activity and after completion of the activity, the same will be returned to DDTG for use by other departments.

4. For operationalizing drone services in the Health/NHM Department, the following two modalities were discussed:

Option 1:


The Health/NHM Department may hire a DGCA-certified Drone Pilot for operating the Drones to enhance service delivery. The Department of Digital Technologies & Governance will share the criteria for hiring such pilots. The expenditure for bearing the salary for such Drone pilot can be borne through the funds provided in PIP.

Option 2:

The Department of Digital Technologies & Governance may hire a DGCA-certified Drone Pilot, while the remuneration for the Drone Pilot will be borne by the Health/NHM Department through the PIP funds.

It was decided that NHM shall revert back with either of the two above discussed options and after due internal approvals, the future course of action will be taken on these lines.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


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Department of Digital Technologies & Governance,
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