



GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION JAMMU

Subject: Closure of All Government and Private Schools Across Jammu Division
Due to Inclement Weather Conditions

ORDER

In view of the continuous and heavy rainfall being experienced across various parts of Jammu Division, the region has witnessed multiple weather-induced disruptions which have significantly impacted day-to-day life and the safe functioning of educational institutions.

Reports received from various districts have highlighted:

- I. Severe waterlogging and accumulation of mud in school premises, making them unfit for physical classes.*
- II. Flooding in low-lying areas, restricting access to schools.*
- III. Heightened risk of landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones in hilly and mountainous regions, posing serious threats to the safety of students and staff.*
- IV. Damage to road infrastructure, including blocked and eroded roads, which has made travel unsafe.*

Additionally, numerous representations and requests are being received from civil society members, parents, and stakeholders across different districts, urging the administration to continue the closure of schools in the interest of student safety and security.

In light of the above circumstances, and keeping the safety and well-being of students, teachers, and school staff as the highest priority, it is hereby ordered that:

- I. All Government and Private Schools across Jammu Division shall remain closed up to 30th August 2025.*
- II. Heads of Institutions (HoIs) are advised to assess the feasibility of conducting online classes, especially for students of Classes 9 to 12, wherever suitable infrastructure and internet connectivity are available.*
- III. It is reiterated that all Chief Education Officers (CEOs) and HoIs shall ensure strict compliance with the Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for safe reopening of schools, as outlined in this office's circular instructions vide No. DSEJ/Genl/43727-51 dated 20-08-2025 (Copy Enclosed), before resuming physical classes.*

- IV. Parents and students are requested to stay informed through official school communication channels for updates regarding the resumption of academic activities.
- V. All School Authorities must ensure thorough cleaning, sanitation, and safety inspections of school buildings and premises prior to reopening.
- VI. CEOs and HOIs shall consult the local administration before opening the Schools.

The situation is being continuously monitored. Any further directions will be issued as per evolving weather and ground conditions. This order shall come into effect immediately and shall remain valid till 30th August 2025.

Sd/-
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Director School Education
Jammu

NO:DSEJ/GEN/ 44661-78

Dated:-28.08.2025

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1. Secretary to Government, School Education Department, Civil Secretariat, J&K, Srinagar for favour of information.
2. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu for favour of information.
3. Deputy Commissioners (All), Jammu Division for favour of information.
4. OSD to Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Higher Education, Health & Medical Education, and Social Welfare Department, J&K, Srinagar for favour of information of the Hon'ble Minister.
5. Joint Director, Information Department with the request to give wide publicity through print and electronic media.
6. Joint Directors (All), Jammu Division for information and necessary action.
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8. Chief Education Officers (All), Jammu Division for information and necessary action.
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Subject: Advisory (SOPs) for School Safety during Inclement Weather

To ensure the safety of students, staff & visitors during inclement weather conditions such as heavy rain, thunderstorms, lighting, hailstorms, floods and high winds, all Heads of Institutions are advised to strictly adhere to the following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure the safety and security of students and staff:

1. Vigilance & Safety of Students.

- Regular inspection of school premises should be conducted especially buildings, boundary walls, roofs, and electrical systems, to identify any potential hazards. Any hazard should be immediately addressed.
- Ensure students are not allowed to assemble in open grounds, under trees, or near electrical poles during storms, heavy rainfall or lightning.
- Updated contact details of parents/guardians for emergency communication be kept and they be informed by the HOI if need arise.

2. Steps to be adopted with schools near water bodies.

- Schools located near to rivers, streams, canals, or ponds must remain extra cautious during periods of heavy rain or flood warnings.
- Evacuation routes should be identified and communicated to staff and students in advance.
- No outdoor activities should be conducted in low-lying or flood-prone areas during inclement weather.
- Coordinate with local administration and Disaster management authorities for timely alerts and necessary action.

3. Responsibility & Accountability

- Heads of Institutions will be personally responsible for ensuring compliance with these safety protocols.
- Each school must constitute a Safety Committee to monitor preparedness, guide students, and report any incident immediately.
- Any lapse or negligence in implementing the above SOPs will be viewed seriously and the Heads of Institutions shall be held solely responsible.

4. Educating the students


Students should be fully guided & made aware regarding the steps to be taken during such situations:-

- Move to safer places.
- Students should be trained on weather specific safety drills (lighting, flood, thunderstorm) etc.

5. Daily Monitoring of Weather forecast.

- Heads of Institutions shall take all necessary steps in line with the daily weather forecast.

All Heads of Institutions are directed to implement the above SOPs in letter and spirit to avoid any untoward incident.


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