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# NATIONAL SUMMIT ON SAFE SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP

## Version 2.0

**Crisis-Resilient Schools: Mastering Emergency Response to Bomb Threats, Fire Hazards & Multi-Hazard Threats**

March 31, 2026 (Tuesday)

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM (Followed by Networking Lunch)

PHD House, New Delhi

## About PHDCCI

Established in 1905, the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) is one of India's oldest and most respected apex industry bodies. As the "Voice of Industry & Trade", it represents over 1,50,000 companies across large, medium, and small sectors. PHDCCI has been working at the grassroots level for more than 120 years to accelerate India's economic and social progress. It is a forward-looking, proactive, and dynamic PAN-India organization that partners with government and industry to promote harmony, progress, and integrated development. PHDCCI plays an active role in educational policy advocacy, health & safety reforms, youth empowerment, and sustainable growth initiatives. Through strong national and international collaborations, it builds ecosystems that support innovation, safety, resilience, and inclusive development.

The highly successful National Summit on Safe Schools Leadership held on 10th December 2025 at PHD House drew widespread appreciation for its practical focus, MCD participation, and School Excellence Awards, setting a strong foundation for continued action on school safety.

## Core Objectives

- Share proven Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for fire evacuation, bomb-threat response, and integrated multi-hazard drills.
- Provide DFS & MCD compliance roadmaps and checklists for 2026 fire NOC & electrical safety audits.
- Equip school leaders with practical strategies for crisis communication, parent management, and post-incident mental health support.
- Strengthen direct collaboration between principals, DFS, MCD, and Delhi Police (Bomb Squad & Cyber Cell).
- Recognize outstanding schools through Crisis-Resilient School Awards 2026.
- Promote inclusion of safety education in school curricula, building on the 2025 summit's focus on holistic safety modules.

## Why This Summit Is Important?

Recent incidents have made school crisis preparedness a national imperative:

- Multiple bomb-threat waves in early 2026 disrupted schools across Delhi-NCR, exposing critical gaps in evacuation, communication, and coordination.
- Frequent fire incidents due to electrical faults, winter heaters, and summer AC overload remain a persistent risk.
- DFS and Directorate of Education are now enforcing strict multi-hazard emergency plans, fire NOC renewals, and compliance deadlines before the new academic session.
- Parents, school managements, and regulators are demanding verifiable, practiced, and documented safety protocols.
- NEP 2020 and recent DoE guidelines emphasize holistic safety, including mental health support after emergencies.

This summit delivers immediately usable tools, DFS/MCD-approved checklists, real case learnings, and direct regulator interaction—exactly what school leaders need before April 2026. It is designed for all schools, including Delhi Government schools, private institutions, CBSE/ICSE-affiliated, and state board schools, to foster a unified approach to safety that transcends institutional boundaries.

## Key Focus Areas

Building on the comprehensive agenda from the 2025 summit, this edition integrates elements like cyber safety, mental health, infrastructure checks, and community engagement with a sharpened emphasis on crisis response. The curriculum has been strengthened to include practical, age-appropriate modules applicable to all school types—government, private, urban, and rural—for broader implementation:

1. Fire Safety & Electrical Risk Management – Latest DFS guidelines, heater/AC safety, fire-load reduction, and infrastructure audits (integrating 2025's school infrastructure safety protocols like fire exits and CCTV).
2. Bomb Threat & Suspicious Object Response – Real protocols from 2026 incidents, email/SMS threat handling, and coordination with authorities.
3. Integrated Multi-Hazard Drills – Combining fire, bomb-threat, earthquake, lockdown, and other disasters in one effective drill (expanding on 2025's disaster preparedness and evacuation drills).
4. Crisis Communication & Parent Engagement – WhatsApp trees, media handling, panic prevention, and joint safety responsibilities (drawing from 2025's community & parent engagement strategies).
5. Post-Crisis Mental Health & Debriefing – Supporting students and staff after traumatic events, including bullying/stress management and emotional safety tools (incorporating 2025's mental health and emotional safety focus).
6. MCD-DFS Compliance & NOC Clearance – Step-by-step guide to meet 2026 deadlines, applicable to all schools regardless of affiliation.
7. Affordable Safety Technology & Cyber Integration – Panic buttons, CCTV analytics, evacuation tracking tools, and safe internet use/privacy (blending 2025's cyber & digital safety with modern tech solutions).
8. Legal & Social Safety Awareness – POCSO, child rights, gender sensitivity, and alignment with NEP 2020 for curriculum integration (from 2025's legal awareness and curriculum planning).

## Expected Outcomes

- Practical Crisis Management Toolkit (PHDCCI-DFS endorsed) – ready for immediate school adoption, including customizable modules for government and private schools.
- 2026 Compliance Checklist – with clear timelines for MCD/DFS submissions, tailored for diverse school environments.
- Crisis-Resilient School Awards 2026 – recognition in Fire Safety, Threat Response, Overall Preparedness, and new categories like Mental Health Integration and Community Collaboration (evolving from 2025's School Excellence Awards).
- Certificate of Participation – DFS-endorsed (valuable for school accreditation & DoE records).
- Principals' Safety Network – exclusive WhatsApp group for real-time coordination & updates, open to leaders from all school sectors.
- Facilitate dialogue between government, educators, and regulatory bodies

## Target Audience

This summit is inclusive and designed for a diverse range of participants to ensure widespread adoption:

- School Principals, Directors, & Trustees (from Delhi Government schools, private schools, and those affected in 2026).
- Teachers, Academic Coordinators, Counsellors, and Psychologists.
- MCD Education Department & Zonal Officers.
- Senior Officers from Delhi Fire Services (DFS).
- Delhi Police – Bomb Disposal Squad & Cyber Crime Cell.
- CBSE/ICSE/State Board safety coordinators.
- NGOs, Foundations, EdTech, Safety Technology, and Infrastructure Providers.
- Curriculum Planners, Education Consultants, and Disaster Response Agencies.

# Agenda (10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

| TIME | SESSION TITLE |
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| 10:00 – 10:45 AM | **Keynote:** Lessons from 2026 Threats – Building Crisis-Resilient Schools Topics: Fire safety as leadership responsibility; parental/regulatory expectations; NEP 2020 alignment; current risk trends; integration of 2025 holistic safety elements like mental wellness and curriculum design. |
| 10:45 – 11:45 AM | **Technical Session I:** Fire & Bomb-Threat Response – DFS-Approved Protocols Topics: DFS fire prevention standards; electrical/operational hazard mitigation; infrastructure upgrades (detectors, signage, exits); age-appropriate drills; real-life examples; incorporating 2025's health/hygiene and road safety protocols for multi-hazard readiness. |
| 11:45 – 12:00 PM | **Tea/Coffee Break & Networking** |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | **Technical Session II:** MCD-DFS-Principal Partnership for 2026 Compliance Topics: Empowering teachers/students as safety ambassadors; parent/community partnerships; post-drill mental health support; recognition via School Fire Safety Excellence Awards 2026; blending 2025's cyber safety, bullying prevention, and legal awareness for a robust, inclusive curriculum.<br><br>**Networking Lunch: 1:00 PM onwards** |

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