

Honourable Speaker Sir,

With your permission, I present the budget estimates for the year 2025-2026.

“न गिराया किसी को कभी, न खुद को उछाला,
कटा जिंदगी का सफ़र धीरे-धीरे।
जहां आप पहुँचे छलांग लगा-लगा कर,
मैं भी पहुँचा वहीं मगर धीरे-धीरे।”

1. This is the third budget of our Government. This budget focuses on the efforts being made by the Government to bring the State's economy back on track. In this budget, the emphasis has been placed on the overall development of all sections and making their lives easier.

2. Speaker Sir, after assuming the charge of affairs on December 11, 2022, the Congress Government faced challenges like fragile fiscal position, the flourishing mining mafia, and reckless expenditure made by the negligence of the previous Government. Several Government buildings were constructed and other capital works were started without budgetary provisions, and unnecessary institutions were opened. As a result, liabilities worth crores of rupees piled up for payment to civil contractors across the State. Many of these buildings worth more than ₹1,000 crore were constructed without any justifiable consideration and remain unused to this day. For their construction, funds allocated under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Externally Aided Projects were misused that lead to multiple challenges that the current Government now faces.

3. The time ahead is of serious crisis and transition: Global trade wars, tariff wars, declining economies, changing values, emerging new geopolitical and strategic challenges and their adverse effects on the economy are evident. Neither the country nor the State is untouched from the adversity of these challenges. The signs of a slowdown in the national economy

and markets are visible. I find it necessary to express my concerns about the country's economic condition also Industrial growth is slowing down, trade has been impacted, employment opportunities are diminishing, and domestic demand is declining due to reduced private consumption. Retail investors have suffered losses amounting to lakh-crores due to the fall in the Indian share market caused by the massive sell-off by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs). The RBI is also grappling with policy challenges due to inflation and a weakened rupee, which has further impacted inflation. While some may view this as a temporary phase, I consider it a long-term challenge.

4. Amid all these challenges, our State has been impacted harder. On one hand, we are not receiving what is due to us, such as PDNA, share in BBMB projects. Approximately ₹9,000 crore of funds belonging to the State Government and Government employees under NPS shares is to be retrieved from the Center (NSDL). The GST compensation has already ended and on the other hand, the tapering of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) is witnessing year-on-year decline.

5. By replacing VAT with GST and even after providing GST compensation, the State Government has incurred a total revenue loss of ₹9,478 crore till 2023-2024. The same has happened in the case of RDG and in my view, RDG is not a grant but a type of post-devolution compensation for those States that are fundamentally revenue-deficit entities and were not established based on economic autonomy or self-reliance but to fulfill the aspirations of the people in these areas. Himachal Pradesh and other hill States are therefore recognized as Special Category States.

6. Due to the abolition of the Planning Commission and the continuous imposition of various conditions by the Government of India on every scheme and financial assistance over the past 10 years, we have been consistently neglected from an economic perspective. The Honourable Leader of the Opposition in the House is fully aware that due to the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission, the

RDG has declined rapidly during a period of five years from 2021-2022 to 2025-2026.

7. Based on the recommendations of the Fourteenth Finance Commission, we received ₹40,624 crore as RDG (Revenue Deficit Grant) for the five years from 2015-16 to 2019-20, which means that every year during these five years, we received approximately ₹8,000 Crore as RDG. In comparison to the Fourteenth Finance Commission, under the Fifteenth Finance Commission, the RDG recommended to the State decreased from ₹40,624 crore to ₹37,199 crore, taking inflation into account, this amounts to approximately ₹30,000 crore today. The House would also be surprised to learn that in the Fifteenth Finance Commission, due to some reasons that are absolutely irrational, the RDG was reduced continuously each year from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

8. In 2021-22, this grant was ₹10,949 crore, which reduced to ₹9,377 crore in 2022-23, in 2023-24, it further declined to ₹8,058 crore. In this financial year, i.e., 2024-2025, the RDG has dropped to ₹6,258 crore and in the upcoming year 2025-26, it is merely ₹3,257 crore. You can easily understand how much the decline of RDG from 10 thousand 949 crore to 3 thousand 257 crore rupees will impact the State's economy.

9. In my view, the year 2025-2026 will be the most challenging year for our State's economy in the past several decades. But my Government is committed to facing this challenge together with the people of the state, the employee community, and this August House we will firmly present our stance before the Government of India to ensure that the State is not subjected to any injustice.

10. Honorable Speaker Sir, during the monsoon of 2023, the State faced immense devastation, which was one of the biggest calamities in the State's history, destroying thousands of homes and causing the loss of precious lives. Using our resources, we provided a disaster relief package of ₹4,500 crore. We thank the Central Government for sending the Central PDNA team, which, in collaboration with the State's officials, assessed

the situation, and a PDNA report amounting to ₹9,042 crore was sent to the Centre in November 2023. Even after the PDNA standards were notified in August 2024, the State Government maintained communication with the Centre regarding the financial assistance demand from November 2024 to February 2025. However, no financial aid has been received yet. We hope the Central Government will release this amount soon in the interest of the State.

11. Our Government, despite all challenges has resolved to make Himachal Pradesh self-reliant. Wherever necessary, long-standing systems were reformed. Some of these changes faced significant resistance and the opposition also made sarcastic remarks. Ignoring all of this, our Government remained steadfast on the path of fulfilling its commitment to the State's development and continued the journey of systemic transformation. The work done by the Government during natural disasters over the past two years is a direct example of this. We will neither allow development works in Himachal Pradesh to come to a halt nor let them slowdown in any way. In fact, due to our efforts, there has been an extraordinary acceleration in the execution of development projects. We have not only simplified the tender process but have also consistently undertaken evaluations to ensure timely execution of major projects on the ground. The positive outcomes of the decisions taken in the last two years have now started to become evident.

12. The previous Governments did not pay special attention to Resource Mobilization, which increased the State's dependence on debt. However, the current Government has taken special steps in this direction, and the results of our efforts started to appear in the first financial year (2023-24) itself. The State's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate, which was 6.89% in the year 2022-23, increased to 7.03% in the year 2023-24. The share of the State's own revenue in the total revenue increased from 35.37% in the year 2022-23 to 37.92% in the year 2023-24. Similarly, the rate of the State's own revenue in total and total expenditure, which was 24.99% in the year 2022-23, increased to 27.54% in the year 2023-24. It is noteworthy that compared to the year 2022-23, there has been a satisfactory

increase in the income from various heads in the year 2023-24. There was an increase of 27.98% in VAT on sales and trade, 21.48% in State Excise, 16.74% in electricity, 15.85% in Non-Ferrous Mining and Metallurgical Industries, 15.78% in Taxes on Vehicles, and 10.44% in Stamps and Registration Fees. Additionally, the current Government has also rationalized the subsidy provided for electricity usage. Under this initiative, prosperous individuals are voluntarily giving up the subsidy. This measure is expected to have a long-term impact on the Government's resources. Speaker sir, it gives me great pleasure to inform this August House, that in the financial year 2023-2024, there has been an increase of ₹867 crore in State Excise Duty and VAT. Furthermore, as per the revised estimates for 2024-2025, an additional increase of around ₹300 crore is expected. This growth has only been possible due to the changes made by our Government in the Excise Policy. This marks a significant step towards the self-reliance of the state.

13. Our Government has also made efforts to increase revenue through the levy of cess. As a result, ₹145 crore was generated from the cess imposed on liquor during the year 2023-24. Additionally, excluding the cess on liquor, an additional income of ₹126 crore is estimated from various cesses during the period from 2024-25 to 2025-26.

14. We all need to make more efforts together to increase Resource Mobilization. I urge all members of this August House, both from the ruling and opposition parties, to give me their valuable suggestions.

15. Speaker Sir, today, for the first time, I want to inform the people of the State about the reality of the loans being taken by the State and their repayment through this August House because it seems essential to discuss this matter. Sir, Governments come and go, but I must say that the State Government is obligated to maintain its fiscal deficit within a certain limit, which, as per the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, is 3.5% and 3% for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26, respectively. The State Government cannot borrow funds unless it is authorized to do so by the Government of India

under Article 293(3) of the Indian Constitution. For 2024-25, the State's general borrowing is limited by the Government of India to 3% of the State's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and has been capped at ₹6,551 crore. Similarly, the Government of India will calculate the net borrowing limit for the financial year 2025-26 and notify the State Government at the appropriate time. In any year where the borrowing limit is over-utilized, the excess is deducted by the central Government from the next year's limit. Here, I also want to clarify that the State Government cannot take any loan from any source without the permission of the Central Government. Therefore, the State Government has no option to exceed the prescribed debt limit. When the current Government came to power, it inherited a debt of ₹76,185 crore from the previous Government as of March 31, 2023. The repayment of this debt, along with its interest, has been a responsibility of the current Government. ₹12,266 crore was spent on interest payments, and ₹8,087 crore got used for debt repayment of the loans taken by the previous Government. As a result, only ₹8,693 crore out of the ₹29,046 crore loan remained available for developmental activities. Clearly, 70% of the loans taken by the current Government were utilized to repay the principal and interest of the old loans.

16. Speaker Sir, I now present the data on development at the national and State levels.:-

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| National
Economy | ➤ During 2024-25, the Indian economy is projected to grow at a rate of 6.4%. The agriculture and allied sector is estimated to achieve a growth rate of 3.8%. According to advance estimates for the financial year 2024-25, the country's per capita income is expected to be ₹2,00,162. |
| State
Economy | ➤ Speaker Sir, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is a key indicator for measuring the State's economic growth. During the financial year 2024-25, the State's economy is projected to grow at a rate of 6.7%. The per capita income of the State during 2024-25 is estimated to increase by 9.6% compared to the previous year, reaching ₹2,57,212, which is ₹57,050 higher than the country's per capita |

income. The State's Gross Domestic Product for 2024-25 is expected to be ₹2,32,185 crore.

17. My Government is determined to make Himachal Pradesh a **Natural** and **Green** State. I would like to draw the attention of all members of this August House toward these two words: **Natural** and **Green**.

18. The word **Natural** highlights the natural beauty of our State on one hand, while on the other, it reflects my Government's perspective toward development and environment. Be it the agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, forestry, industry or transport departments, our consistent effort is to ensure that our vision for development and its principles are Natural. We aim to reduce the use of chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollution-causing substances. We also want to fully contribute to the fight against climate change.

19. I often say that Himachal Pradesh is the **Lungs of North India**. We protect our forests, maintain the balance of ecology and the environment. These are, in a way, our Ecological Services, which we offer to the nation in the form of soil, water, clean air, and a favorable climate. If I consider the contribution of Himachal Pradesh's Ecological Services to the nation's environment, an estimate suggests it amounts to approximately ₹90,000 crore annually. The Government is soon initiating a technical and scientific evaluation of this. It is unfortunate that so far, there has been no compensation for our opportunity cost. Therefore, my Government is making efforts to strongly present Himachal Pradesh's invaluable contribution before the Government of India and the 16th Finance Commission.

20. As we proceed to discuss agriculture, horticulture and other departments, the efforts made in the Natural/Organic direction will become even clearer to you.

21. Now, I want to briefly talk about **Green Himachal**. In the first budget presented to this August House on March 17, 2023, I had Stated that our Government will take effective steps

to develop the State as a Green Energy State by March 31, 2026. I am pleased to say that we will achieve this goal.

22. Let me clarify the **concept** of the **Green Energy State** with two or three points. Look, if we use almost 90% Renewable/Green Energy sources for the State's total energy consumption, which is approximately 14,000 million units, we can truly call ourselves a Green State. This will directly benefit the industrial and agricultural production in the State. We are progressing rapidly in this direction. Gradually, our energy consumption needs is now primarily based on Hydro and Solar sources. The growth in solar energy during this Government's tenure is unparalleled something never seen before. A detailed discussion on this will follow later.

23. The second important aspect of being a **Green State** pertains to the transport sector. I would like to inform this August House that **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**, which adversely affect the climate, account for approximately 16–20% from the transport sector. If we aim to move toward a **Natural** and **Green Himachal**, it is essential to focus on e-Vehicles and their enabling infrastructure in the transport sector.

24. Step by step, we are promoting **e-buses** in **HRTC's fleet**. As I had promised in the House, charging stations and infrastructure will be built on the identified national highways, this has already been constructed and is still in progress. The use of e-vehicles in Government Departments has also started. Special subsidies will be provided for taxis to encourage the use of e-vehicles in the State. I will discuss this further in the budget speech.

25. Speaker Sir, strengthening the rural economy is our priority. The Government is working to improve the standard of living by integrating rural livelihoods with local resources. I would like to mention the steps taken by the Government in this direction:-

- For the first time in the State, a Minimum Support Price (MSP) has been announced for milk, natural wheat, and maize to promote natural farming.

- Farmers and horticulturists are being benefitted through measures such as encouraging the cultivation of apples, mangoes, and other fruits, promoting protected cultivation of high-value flowers, and implementing Weather Based Crop Insurance schemes.
- Our Government is striving to elevate the rural economy of Himachal Pradesh to new heights.

26. To ensure women's participation in the development of the rural economy, an e-commerce website, “himira.co.in,” has been launched for the sale of products prepared by self-help groups. Along with other products, naturally prepared maize flour is available on this platform under the brand name “Him Bhog.” A total of 1,58,785 farmers practicing natural farming have been certified. In the coming time, our Government will make more efforts to bring markets to the doorsteps of rural entrepreneurs more effectively.

27. Speaker Sir, our Government is running numerous welfare schemes for the well-being of all sections of society. Currently, there are 8 pension schemes operating in the field of social security within the State. Under the '**Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana,**' financial assistance is being provided to women. The '**Swarn Jayanti Ashray Yojana**' offers financial support for house construction to eligible homeless individuals from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes. Under my Government's flagship scheme, '**Mukhyamantri Sukh Ashray Yojana,**' the first group of 22 Children of the State from Shimla district was taken on a 13-day educational tour to various parts of the country. Subsequently, a total of 77 children from the districts of Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi, and Sirmaur were also taken on educational tours to different parts of the country. Continuing this initiative, children from other districts will also be taken on educational tours in the upcoming financial year. Additionally, the '**Mukhyamantri Sukh-Ashray Kosh**' has been established to support their higher education and skill development, which can also receive voluntary contributions and CSR funds. In addition to above, during the financial year 2024-25, approximately over 4,000 children under this scheme, were

provided festival allowance and grants for major Indian festivals, social security, clothing allowance, nutritional grant, miscellaneous grant, higher education and skill development, and startup grant, with a total expenditure of ₹14 Crore 77 Lakh 2 Thousand. Additionally, in the districts of Bilaspur and Hamirpur, land was allotted to 2 Children of the State, along with funds for construction.

28. Speaker Sir, as I have mentioned earlier, I envision Himachal Pradesh as a **Natural, Green State and the Lungs of North India** and if I connect this with tourism, tourists from across the country and abroad come here to experience the clean environment and nature. Consequently, our Government is taking several significant steps to promote tourism in the State. This budget proposes the development of facilities such as wellness centers, ice skating rinks, and a rafting center. Additionally, an **Interest Subvention Scheme** is being introduced to encourage the homestays. Along with the plans to build helipads in various parts of the State, the expansion of Kangra Airport is also among our priorities. This will enable the landing of larger aircrafts here, providing tourists with easy and fast transportation facilities and thereby increasing the number of tourists. Furthermore, the Government is working on developing religious tourism, tea tourism, and unexplored areas of the State from a tourism perspective. We are confident that all these efforts will lead to an unprecedented increase in the number of tourists, create more employment opportunities, and strengthen the State's economy.

Animal Husbandry **29.** Sir, our Government is implementing ambitious schemes in the animal husbandry sector. Apart from veterinary services, breeding, disease-resistant vaccinations, extension facilities etc., several new steps are proposed to be taken for the development of this sector in the year 2025-2026.

30. The Government will operationalize the Artificial Insemination Training Institute being built at Dadlaghat in Solan district at a cost of ₹4.5 crore.

31. A comprehensive and effective action plan will be implemented for the welfare of sheep and goat rearers. The

migratory routes of nomadic sheep and goat rearers will be mapped and tracked using GPS technology.

32. Through the Wool Federation, a 450 square meter store is being constructed at the Wool Grading-cum-Marketing Center in Banuri, Palampur for the proper maintenance of wool. Additionally, a provision of ₹50 lakh will be made as a revolving fund for uninterrupted procurement of sheep wool in the State.

33. For the strengthening of the registered milk societies in the State, I announce an increase in the Freight Subsidy from ₹1.5 per liter to ₹3 per liter.

34. The milk procurement in MILKFED will be completely digitalized. All the information needed by farmers will be made available on mobile phones with the help of technology. For this purpose, an ERP system will be implemented in MILKFED. Additionally, all animals will also be brought onto an integrated digital platform under the Life Cycle Approach.

35. For Dairy Development in financial year 2025-2026 approximately ₹10.73 crore will be spent on Kangra, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, and Solan districts. The main activities under this project include the establishment of a new central testing laboratory at the Milk Processing Plant in Dagwar, Kangra training of milk producers and technical personnel and the digitization of milk collection units.

36. To improve dairy activities in the State, four new plants with a capacity of ₹20 thousand LPD will be set up at Nahan, Nalagarh, Mohal and Rohru, and two Milk Chilling Centers (MCC) will be started in Una and Hamirpur.

37. For the upcoming financial year, I announce an increase in the minimum support price for cow milk from ₹45 to ₹51 per liter and for buffalo milk from ₹55 to ₹61 per liter. Additionally, if any farmer or any society delivers milk themselves to the Notified Collection Centre located more than 2 kilometers away, they will be provided a transport subsidy at the

rate of ₹2 per liter. In this manner, farmers will receive an additional ₹8 per liter for the milk sold.

A total of ₹673 crore is proposed to be spent in the field of animal husbandry.

Agriculture 38. Speaker Sir, approximately two third of the State's population is directly or indirectly linked to the agriculture. For better management, eight ongoing schemes have been integrated as the **Mukhya Mantri Krishi Samwardhan Yojana** and the **Mukhya Mantri Krishi Utpadan Sanrakshan Yojana** . It is proposed to spend ₹35 crore under the aforementioned schemes during 2025-2026.

39. The State Government will introduce the “**Agriculture Loan Interest Subvention Scheme**” in the interest of farmers, who are the key pillar of rural economy. Under this scheme, for farmers whose land is on the verge of being auctioned, the Government will introduce a One-Time Settlement Policy through banks to repay an agricultural loan of ₹3 lakh taken by them. Under this policy, 50% of the interest on the principal amount will be borne by the Government. A total expenditure of ₹50 crore will be incurred under this scheme.

40. The Government's target is to bring one lakh new farmers under natural farming during 2025-2026. All farmers practicing natural farming will be linked to the Him Parivar Register and additional farmers will be registered on “Certified Evaluation Tool For Agriculture Resource Analysis” (CETARA) portal for certification.

41. My Government has provided the highest Minimum Support Price in India for maize grown through natural farming in the State. I announce that for the fiscal year 2025-2026, the minimum support price for maize grown through natural farming will be increased from ₹30 to ₹40 per kilogram, and for wheat, it will be increased from ₹40 to ₹60 per kilogram. Farmers who bring their produce to a Notified Collection Centre located more than 2 kilometers away will be provided a Freight Subsidy at the rate of ₹2 per kilogram. Farmers will also be connected to e-Commerce Platforms, NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation) for better prices through better marketing.

42. With 78% of the world's turmeric production, India is the largest producer, consumer and exporter of turmeric. The turmeric grown in India is renowned for its high curcumin content. Therefore, the region has a golden opportunity to advance in the production of **Natural Turmeric**. In this context, I make the following two announcements:-

- A Spice Park will be established in Hamirpur District. This will add value to the spices grown in the region and give them a new identity in the market.
- I announce that from the upcoming fiscal year, the Minimum Support Price for raw turmeric grown through natural farming will be given at ₹90 per kilogram.

43. During 2025-2026, all Government Farms under the Agriculture Department will be brought under Natural Farming, and the following steps will be taken to further benefit farmers from these farms:—

- 15-20% of the area will be used for cultivating traditional crops (such as Turmeric, Ginger, Taro, Jackfruit and Yam) and five new model farms will be developed for different types of crops.
- Potato seed production will be restarted at eight Potato Development Stations from the Kharif season of 2025, under the SoP developed by ICAR-CPRI.

44. For years, Potatoes have been an important crop in the State's agricultural sector. Potatoes make up 20% of the total vegetable production in the State. Therefore, to promote Potato farming, our Government is going to establish a Potato Processing Plant with a capacity of 500KG per hour at a cost of approximately ₹20 crore in Una district. This plant will assist the farmers producing approximately 54,200 metric tons of Potatoes from both crop seasons in over 3,400 hectares during the year in the region.

45. To improve the storage of wheat and maize, high-tech Silos will be established in the State.

46. Speaker Sir, the Government is committed to the upliftment of the farmers of the State, and the "**Himachal Pradesh Fasal Vividhikaran Samvardhan Pariyojana**" is a significant effort in this direction. In the upcoming financial year, the Government will spend ₹154 crore under this project. The following significant tasks are proposed under the project:-

- Irrigation schemes will be constructed in 100 villages and transferred to local committees.
- Approximately ₹10 crore will be spent to support agricultural mechanization
- 1,500 training camps will be organized for beneficiary farmers in the project area and approximately 4,000 demonstrations on vegetable cultivation will be conducted.
- 2,400 demonstrations will be held on food grain productivity for the promotion of millets.
- In carrying forward the "**Mukhya Mantri Khet Sanrakshan Yojana**" farmers will now be provided assistance for solar fencing, wire mesh, and barbed wire fencing to protect their crops from wild animals.

Horticulture 47. Speaker sir, horticulture in Himachal Pradesh is not only a source of livelihood for farmers/growers but also serves as a key pillar for rural development, employment generation and economic stability. Our Government has introduced use of Universal Cartons and also defrayed a liability of about ₹153 crore on account of MIS. I make the following announcements in this sector for the year 2025-2026:-

- Topographic survey will be conducted in 257 clusters covering 4 thousand hectares of land.
- With an objective to facilitate the orchardists in Marketing, Processing etc. of their produce, a Centre of Excellence will be established in the State.
- 114 ongoing Lift Irrigation Schemes will be completed during 2025-2026.
- An expenditure of ₹100 crore is proposed to be incurred under HPSHIVA during 2025-2026.

48. Previous Governments did not prioritize digital technology in the Horticulture Sector, which hindered the digital revolution in this field. Hence, the current Government will create digital agritech services with a provision of ₹5 crore to strengthen the horticulture sector. This will include enhancing horticulture practices, improving productivity, utilizing digital platforms for marketing and supporting agricultural income through technology and digital tools.

49. Speaker Sir, under the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme in the State, more than 60,000 farmers are being benefited and provided with economic security. Three more fruit crops, namely Lychee, Pomegranate and Guava have now been included in this scheme. Now, under this scheme, 36 blocks for Apples, 56 for Mangoes, 29 for Plums, 16 for Peaches, 58 for Lemons, 21 for Pomegranates, 38 for Lychees and 22 for Guavas will be covered. This step will significantly contribute to the development of the agricultural sector and also demonstrate the Government's commitment to the welfare of farmers.

50. In the State, Sub tropical horticulture will be promoted under the High Density Plantation of sub tropical fruits. Along with this, 48 irrigation schemes will be implemented, benefiting approximately 5,000 farmer families. An expenditure of ₹200 crore is proposed to be incurred.

51. Speaker Sir, in the State, over 20 thousand Fishermen, Fish farmers and other businessman earn their livelihood through Fish farming. To enhance the income of the brothers and sisters working in this field, I make the following announcements:-

Fisheries

- At present, the State Government charges a royalty of 15% from fishermen and fish farmers obtaining fish from reservoirs. I announce the reduction of this royalty rate to 7.5%. This will benefit them by approximately ₹75 lakh.
- To strengthen rural economy, under the Mukhya Mantri Matasaya Palan Yojana, 20 hectares of new fish ponds will be constructed in the private sector with 80% subsidy.

- 120 new trout units will be established.
- A Trout Fish Brood Bank will be set up in Patlikuhl.
- For the fishermen of State, three-wheelers and motorcycles will be distributed for fish transportation.
- To replace old boats with new ones, fishermen will be provided a subsidy ranging from 40% to 60% based on their eligibility.

52. Additionally, the construction of 10 Biofloc Culture Units, 3 Trout Hatcheries, 4 Fish Feed Mills, 2 Ice Plants, 5 Biofloc Fish Ponds and 2 Ornamental Fish Farming Units will be undertaken.

Forest

53. Speaker Sir, various programs have been redefined for the expansion of forest areas with the aim of realizing the dream of development of rural economy and '**Green Himachal.**' A target of 5,000 hectares for afforestation has been set for 2025-2026, with priority being given to plants bearing wild fruits and other fruit-bearing trees. Our Government has taken this initiative, which will not only enrich biodiversity but also help prevent monkeys and other animals from entering human habitations.

54. In order to promote community participation in forest management and forest area expansion, I announce the implementation of the "**Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana**". In this scheme, Yuva Mandals, Mahila Mandals, and Self Help Groups will be encouraged to plant trees, fruit-bearing and other useful plants on barren land and ensure their protection. They will be given plantation areas ranging from one hectare to five hectares for management. The average plantation area is estimated to be more than two hectares. Considering an area of 2 hectares, these groups will be provided with financial assistance of ₹2.4 lakhs in the first year for planting fruit-bearing trees and related works. Thereafter, for five years, if the survival percentage is 50% or more, an annual amount of ₹1 lakh will be given in the second, third, fourth, and fifth years. If the survival percentage is less than 50%, proportionate incentive and

conservation funds will be provided. In this way, each group can receive ₹6.4 lakhs in total. This will undoubtedly improve the rural economy. All these forest areas will be geo-tagged, and online monitoring will be carried out. **An expenditure of ₹100 crores has been proposed for this scheme.**

55. A new Adoption scheme is being introduced under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), in which trees will be planted on barren land. This effort will not only increase the forests in the State but also ensure livelihood for the local communities.

56. Under the three projects supported by the World Bank, KFW and JICA, it is proposed to spend approximately ₹200 crore during the next year.

57. Himachal Pradesh is facing serious challenges such as the spread of invasive species like Lantana and Parthenium Grass, forest fires caused by dry deodar needles and agricultural residues, biodiversity loss, water scarcity, habitat and traditional livelihood degradation, climate change, and disaster risks. Disasters like landslides are destabilizing the livelihoods of local communities. My Government proposes to turn these problems into opportunities by converting waste into products like Biochar, Bio-Energy, Bio-Fertilizers, Bio-Pesticides, Green Energy, and Carbon Credits. This will not only reduce carbon emissions but also strengthen the rural economy and ensure sustainable livelihoods.

58. Himachal Pradesh is an ideal destination for eco-tourism due to its natural beauty, dense forests, snow-covered mountains, biodiversity, and rich cultural heritage. Eco-Tourism also makes a significant contribution to improving the economic situation of local communities. This is providing new employment opportunities for people. In this direction, our Government is taking the following steps:—

- The Government revised the Eco-Tourism policy in the year 2024. This policy will accelerate Eco-Tourism activities.

- In 2024, operators were selected for 7 Eco-Tourism sites. In the next phase, 78 new Eco-Tourism sites will be allocated.
- Eco-Tourism Societies have been formed in various circles of the Forest Department to regulate and operate these activities.
- Through various Eco-Tourism activities, approximately ₹200 crore of additional revenue will be generated over the next 5 years.

59. Cases of forest clearance processes in the State have been expedited at an unprecedented pace. In the last two years, approval has been granted for 208 cases under the FCA. This initiative has enabled the commencement of long-stalled projects. Similarly, under the Forest Rights Act, approval has been provided for 560 cases. This is the result of the systemic reforms undertaken by my Government.

**Tourism and
Civil Aviation**

60. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh is not only a beautiful destination but also a land of gods. There are immense possibilities for tourism here. Religious Tourism, Adventure Tourism and Health Tourism are the main pillars of tourism development in the State. In this direction, our Government is going to take several important decisions to promote tourism.

61. Speaker Sir, the previously announced efforts to bring all regions of this State, especially Kangra district, on the international Tourist Map are being swiftly implemented. The land acquisition process for the expansion of the Gaggal airport in Kangra has been initiated and it will be completed within the stipulated timeframe. Once the land acquisition is complete, the construction work will commence. Approximately ₹3 thousand crore are proposed to be spent on this during 2025-2026. The matter regarding the proposed airport in Balh, Mandi, will be taken up with the Airport Authority of India for further action.

62. Speaker Sir, I am pleased to inform this house that the total cost for developing the New Tourism Destinations, to be implemented in two phases by my Government, is approximately

₹2,400 crore. In the first phase, the following works will be carried out in 2025-2026:

- Wellness centers in Manali, Kullu, Naggar, and Nadaun.
- Ice skating rinks in Dharamshala, Shimla, and Mandi.
- Beautification of Palampur and Nagrota Bagwan.
- Tourism facilities in premises of Baba Balaknath Temple complex.
- To promote adventure tourism, the establishment of a rafting center in Nadaun, along with the introduction of water sports and other adventure sports in the reservoirs of the State.

63. Home Stay Units have played a significant role in attracting tourists to Himachal. These units are not only an alternative to expensive hotels but also encourage tourists to stay longer in rural areas. To strengthen the rural economy, I announce the launch of a new scheme, "**Chief Minister Tourism Start-Up Scheme**" to provide employment to the youth of the State and strengthen the rural economy. Under this scheme, Himachali youths in non-tribal areas of the State will be given an interest subvention of 4% on loans for constructing Home Stay Units and Hotels, while in tribal areas, an interest subvention of 5% will be provided. Additionally, food vans with a 30% subsidy will be provided to the youth of the State to operate on national highways and District headquarters. An expenditure of ₹50 crore will be incurred.

64. In Himachal Pradesh, tourism development will now focus on rural areas as most urban regions have nearly reached their infrastructural development limits. Under a new scheme, private investors will be invited to establish 200 hotels ranging from 3-star, 4-star, 5-star, and up to 7-star. High-End Health and Wellness Centres, Senior Citizen Townships, High-Value Tourism Experience Centres, and world-class tourist attractions will be prioritized in these projects. For setting up these hotels and resorts, all necessary permissions will be granted within a month upon submitting complete online applications.

65. With an aim to promote religious tourism in the State, for the beautification of Mata Shri Chintpurni Temple, work will commence as soon as the Detailed Project Report worth ₹58 crore is approved. Similarly, ₹100 crore will be spent on Mata Shri Jwalamukhi Temple, ₹100 crore on Mata Shri Naina Devi Temple and an expenditure of ₹200 crore will be done for the construction of an international-level Convention Centre at Tapovan in Dharamshala. Mata Shri Brijeshwari Temple Kangra, Shri Chaurasi Temple Bharmour and Shri Trilokinath Temple Lahaul will be included in the 2nd phase.

66. Mandi, known as Chhoti Kashi, the Shivdham project therein will be completed by my Government on a priority basis and dedicated to the public. For this, an expenditure of ₹100 crore is estimated by the Government during the upcoming financial year.

67. Speaker Sir, in line with my Government's goal of making Kangra district a **Tourism Destination**, for the development of areas near Pong Dam, the DPR of Nagrota Suriyan, Khabbal, and the Wellness Centre Dehra have been submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, for in-principle approval. Additionally, for challenge-based destination development in the State, Kaza, Rakchham, and Chitkul will be developed as tourism destinations. Chanshal will also be develop as tourist place.

68. Honourable Speaker Sir, as you know, our Government is constructing a **Zoological Park** in Bankhandi, Kangra, and now we are going to establish a state-of-the-art “**Planetarium**” along with it. This will not only attract local residents towards self-employment and tourists but also increase interest and awareness in astronomy and space science. Moreover, it will become a major attraction and center for educational development for children. Additionally, it will help in developing the Bankhandi area as a major tourist destination.

69. With the aim of promoting health tourism, the Government will open four new five-star **Natural Care Wellness Centres** in the State. These centres will provide a unique experience of yoga, meditation, herbal treatments, and

traditional medicine in a serene natural environment. Additionally, the food and other consumables provided here will be purely natural. The objective of this initiative is to establish the State as a major health tourism destination and promote eco-friendly practices.

70. The Government will construct and operate heliports in Rakkar, Palampur, Sultanpur, Jaskot, and Sharbo (Kinnaur) in 2025-2026. Additionally, formalities like Obstacle Limitation Surfaces Survey and DPR for Alu Ground Manali, Dharkyari (Nahan), Bilaspur, Basal (Solan), and Jankaur (Una) will be completed during 2025-2026.

71. Sir, the internationally renowned Kangra tea has received a GI Tag, which is a matter of pride for the State. Tea tourism can play a significant role in strengthening the State's economy, with immense potential for employment generation. We will amend the current laws to promote Tea Tourism by developing tea plantations as Eco-Tourism destinations, similar to Sikkim, Assam, and West Bengal. All necessary permissions will be provided to investors without any hurdles. This will not only expand and preserve tea plantations but will also bring global recognition to Himachal's Tea.

72. Speaker Sir, the State Government is committed to the development of the rural economy and strengthening Panchayati Raj. Moving towards systemic transformation, we are taking strong steps to improve the rural economy, enhance livelihoods, and realize the vision of a self-reliant, clean and prosperous Himachal. Continuing this endeavor, I hereby announce the following initiatives for the year 2025-2026:—

**Rural
Development and
Panchayati Raj**

- To make the administrative system in the State more effective and efficient, we will reorganize the blocks. This step will ensure better utilization of resources, improve administrative efficiency and make Government services easily accessible to the general public.
- Capacity building is extremely important to strengthen our rural institutions. In this regard, nine Extension Training Centres will be established under the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD). These centers

will provide high-level training to panchayat representatives, rural development workers, and officers/officials, enabling them to serve the people more effectively.

- To promote local artisans and entrepreneurs, new Him-Ira Shops, Himachali Haats and Wayside Amenities will be established. This initiative will provide a permanent platform for traditional handicrafts, handlooms and agricultural products, thereby generating new employment opportunities and strengthening the rural economy. Under the Wayside Amenities Scheme, Self-Help Groups (SHGs) will be motivated so that they get more opportunities. In the first phase, the scheme will be implemented along State highways, national highways and expressways. This will include the development of rest areas, food courts, retail outlets for SHG products and essential amenities for travelers. This initiative will not only promote rural entrepreneurship and improve road safety by providing safe rest stops for travelers, but it will also be a visionary plan that benefits both local communities and travelers.
- To make Self-Help Groups (SHGs) self-reliant, mobile food vans will be provided. These vans will not only serve food but also act as a platform to sell products prepared by these groups.
- Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) financially is our priority. For this, special efforts will be made to increase the income of these institutions through better lease management of their assets, and water schemes will be handed over to the panchayats for their maintenance and operation so that they can enhance their income. This will reduce their dependency on Government grants and strengthen the rural economy.
- A Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) will be implemented for plantation activities under MGNREGA in collaboration with forest department, ensuring that plantation schemes are effective and well-planned. This initiative will not only enhance the State's green cover but also provide a sustainable solution for fodder availability for livestock.

73. I had increased the wages of MGNREGA workers by ₹60 in last year's budget, which was unprecedented and can be considered the highest among comparable States. I hereby announce that a comprehensive plan will be implemented from the next financial year for the upliftment of MGNREGA workers and to provide them with appropriate facilities. In addition, I am increasing the MGNREGA wage by ₹20, making it ₹320.

74. Under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), 4,000 eligible candidates will be provided skill training during the year 2025-2026. Out of these, 70 percent will be ensured employment opportunities.

75. An amount of ₹452 Crore will be spent on development works in Panchayats under the 15th Finance Commission and ₹467 crore will be utilized under the State Finance Commission.

76. I am happy to announce increase in the honorarium of representatives of the Panchayati Raj Institutions as under:

- With an increase of ₹1,000 per month, Chairman, Zila Parishad will get ₹25,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹1,000 per month, Vice Chairman, Zila Parishad will get ₹13,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹500 per month, Member, Zila Parishad will get ₹8,300 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹600 per month, Chairman, Panchayat Samiti will get ₹12,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹600 per month, Vice Chairman, Panchayat Samiti will get ₹9,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹300 per month, Member, Panchayat Samiti will get ₹7,500 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹300 per month, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat will get ₹7,500 per month honorarium.

- With an increase of ₹300 per month, Up- Pradhan, Gram Panchayat will get ₹5,100 per month honorarium.
- Member, Gram Panchayat will now get ₹1050 per sitting of the Gram Panchayat with an increase of ₹300 per sitting.

**Labour &
Employment**

77. Speaker Sir, our Government has set a target to organize 50 campus interviews for the year 2025-2026 through the Labour and Employment Department to provide employment opportunities to the youth. Additionally, under the **Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Start-Up Scheme**, the Government has provided a subsidy of ₹2.91 crore to eligible applicants for purchasing e-taxis. The Government will continue to provide subsidies under this scheme in the financial year 2025-2026 as per the demand for e-taxis from various Government departments and bodies. Developing this scheme further and keeping in mind the goal of "**Natural and Green Himachal**" I hereby make the following announcements:

- Three thousand Diesel/Petrol based taxi vehicles will be converted into electric taxi (e- vehicles) in phased manner. To encourage the State's taxi and auto rickshaw owners, the Government will provide up to a 40% subsidy for converting these vehicles into e-Vehicles/e-rickshaw.
- To provide employment opportunities to the unemployed youth of the State, the Government will allocate new permits for 1,000 bus routes to the private sector. For the purchase of buses or tempo travelers on these routes, the Government will provide up to a 40% subsidy for e-Vehicles and up to a 30% subsidy/ Viability Gap Funding for vehicles running on Diesel/Petrol. For this an expenditure of ₹66 crore is proposed.

78. The Government, with the aim of promoting e-vehicles in the State, will initiate the process of replacing all conventional fuel-based vehicles with e-vehicles in all Government offices of District Hamirpur during the first phase in 2025-2026.

79. The State Government, to reduce disaster risks, enhance crop protection, ensure nutritious food security, and empower rural communities, will identify 100 climate-sensitive villages in backward areas and develop them through Climate-Smart Agriculture and Renewable Energy Microgrids through water conservation. This initiative will be undertaken under the Climate Resilient Villages (CRV) Programme.

80. The Government, in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology, and Environment (HIMCOSTE) and the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan Himachal Pradesh, will establish Dome Theaters in four Government institutions in Chamba district and two Government institutions in Shimla district. This will expand access to Science and Astronomy education.

81. To reduce plastic pollution and promote the principles of a circular economy, the State Government will launch the "Plastic Neutral Himachal" campaign. This campaign will establish facilities for the Deposit Refund System, Buy Back Scheme, and Advanced Recycling, and encourage biodegradable alternatives to achieve the goal of plastic elimination by 2030. State-level collection centers will be established in the State and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) will be implemented.

82. In collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board, the Government will launch a Biodiversity Guardianship Program to encourage youth participation in biodiversity conservation and protection. Under this program, the Government will designate local youth as "Biodiversity Guardians" for the protection and monitoring of important ecosystems. The department will provide incentives to such youth through scholarships, training, and skill development opportunities under the Access Benefit Share Fund.

83. In the past two years, our Government has changed the conventional approach that had been continuing in the field of education since the formation of Himachal Pradesh. Instead of opening and upgrading new educational institutions, we have prioritized providing quality education. You all know that in the

past few years, many educational institutions were not opened based on clear thinking or realistic assessment, which led to thousands of educational institutions being established within a radius of two to three-kilometer of another institution of the same level. Having more than one Government educational institution within such a short distance not only led to underutilization of teachers and other resources but also resulted in the number of children in these institutions reaching minimal levels. As a result, 412 primary schools and 106 middle schools were closed due to zero enrolment. We accepted this challenge and rationalized educational institutions, activating school clusters while understanding the fundamental needs of the education sector. Last year, I mentioned the development of Institutions of Excellence. Such educational institutions have been identified in the State, and teachers and other resources are being provided to them in a phased manner. This initiative has seen improvements in children's education. This process of systematic change will continue and higher educational institutions will also be rationalized.

84. There has been a continuous decline in the birth rate in the State since 2001, and our birth rate has dropped significantly below the replacement level. As a result, there has been a considerable decrease in the number of school-going children. For instance, in 2003, the number of children enrolled in the first grade was 1,47,045, which reduced to 97,427 in 2023-24. The birth-related data provided by the Health Department also indicates that the number of children per family is continuously decreasing. Therefore, the rationalization of educational institutions is the need of the hour.

85. We are considering establishing integrated and composite schools by rationalizing schools in remote and tribal areas of the State, providing free hostel or transportation facility to children. Positive efforts will be made in this direction in the next year.

86. Due to the far-reaching decisions taken by the Government, self-confidence among children at the primary level has increased. The Government has given all schools the option

to choose uniforms in consultation with parents, and I am pleased to inform you that 7,663 schools in the State have chosen their preferred uniforms for their children.

87. Himachal is the first State in the country to send meritorious students from Government schools in villages, as well as children who have achieved excellence in sports and cultural fields, on educational tours abroad.

88. From the year 2025-2026, digital attendance for students and teachers will be implemented in all Government schools of the State.

89. Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools are being established in 19 locations in the State. ₹31 crore has been allocated for their construction. I hereby announce the development of the following currently operating Government Senior Secondary Schools in the first phase as “**Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools**”:

- Gagret, Amb, Haroli, Bangana, Barsar, Sujanpur, Dharamshala, Jawali, Indora, Sarkaghat, Hamirpur, Bhoranj, Bara, Nadaun, Ghumarwin, Dehra, Jaisinghpur, Shahpur, Bhatiyat, Fatehpur, Palampur, Arki, Siraj, Dhaliara, Shillai, Reckong Peo (Kinnaur), Keylong, Theog, Nagrota, Kullu and Jogindernagar. Additionally, in each assembly constituency, schools with at least 750 students from pre-nursery to class 12 will also be developed as per the standards of day boarding schools.

90. For better management in the field of education, the education directorates will be restructured. A separate directorate will be created for school education, and another directorate will be formed to address matters related to colleges and higher education.

91. I announce the allocation of ₹3 crore for the repair of the hostel at the Sainik School located in Sujanpur.

92. To promote girls' education in the State, 4 hostels will be constructed in Una and Kangra for college students. Additionally, hostels will be built in Hamirpur and Sujanpur for schoolgirls.

93. H.P. State Higher Education Council will study various provisions of the National Education Policy-2020 and prepare a phased implementation plan for their execution in the State.

A total of ₹9,849 crore has been proposed for the education sector.

**Technical
Education**

94. In our continuous pursuit of excellence and our commitment to developing a culture of innovation, I am pleased to announce the establishment of a dedicated Innovation Fund of ₹2 crore for initiating cutting-edge ideas and initiatives in the field of technical education.

95. Speaker Sir, in the upcoming financial year, M.Tech Electrical Engineering (Electrical Vehicle Technology) classes will be started at the Government Hydro Engineering College, Bandla.

96. The establishment of the Digital University of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Skill, and Vocational Studies at Ghumarwin, District Bilaspur, will be carried out on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode and on Self Financing basis. It will promote a digitally skilled and entrepreneurial workforce. This university will serve as a hub of innovation and will equip our youth with the necessary skills for a Competitive Global Environment.

**Roads and
Bridges**

97. Speaker Sir, in a hilly State like Himachal Pradesh, where there is a significant absence of a sufficient network of railways and water transport, the importance of a strong road infrastructure is imperative. Therefore, our Government will continue to give the highest priority to this important sector.

98. My Government will execute the construction work of the following roads and bridges with a cost of ₹345 crore :—

- Navgaon-Beri
- Sujanpur-Tihra-Sandhol

- Haval-Hadsar-Dehri-Panalath-Dhar Jarot-Nagrota Surian-Bariyal-Dehra-Jawali and Bridge over Gaj Khad
- Bakhrot-Karsog-Sanarli-Sainj
- Tikker Jarol-Ghan-Nankhari-Khamadi
- Kufri-Chail

99. Additionally, under NABARD, approval has been granted for projects worth ₹498 crore 62 lakh for 50 roads and bridges.

100. My Government has effectively implemented the e-tender system for procurement in all works. The duration for the publication of tenders has been reduced from 14 days to 7 days, and the total time to award works, which previously averaged 37 days, has now been reduced to 12 days. This will accelerate the process of work allocation and execution.

101. A provision of ₹100 crore has been made under the “**Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojna**” for the year 2025-2026.

102. Speaker Sir, moving forward in the direction of good governance, my Government is set to undertake significant initiatives to digitize the Revenue Department during the upcoming financial year 2025-2026. In this direction, I make the following announcements:—

Revenue

- The Government will digitize all revenue courts in the State in a phased manner and implement an e-revenue system. This will not only help citizens file revenue cases digitally but also assist revenue officials in conducting court proceedings on a digital platform.
- The Revenue Department will prepare revenue records for selected urban areas based on actual ground conditions using the latest aerial survey technology. This will aid in better urban planning.
- To provide Tatima (land parcel) maps through a digital platform, the “**Bhunaksha**” application will be used, eliminating the need for people to visit offices to obtain their maps.

103. The Government will launch an online mutation software to digitize the mutation process, establishing a paperless system. This will improve public service delivery and reduce unnecessary delays in verifying mutations.

104. To tackle disasters, a structured and community-driven “**Panchayat Emergency Response Center**” will be established in each of 3,645 panchayats. These centers will work in coordination with inter-district agency groups, coordination centers, and local authorities to ensure proper resource utilization and disaster preparedness well in time.

105. The Government has created the Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Project for the next five years, at an approximate cost of ₹892 crore with the assistance of AFD. This ambitious project will play a crucial role in addressing disasters and reducing their impact. The main points of this project are as follows:

- Development of Early Warning System for Multi Hazards such as Landslides, Flash Floods, Cloud Bursts, GLOF, etc., and a GIS-based Decision Support System.
- Establishment of State Disaster Response Force campuses.
- Promotion of Bio-Engineering measures to prevent landslides and stabilize slopes.
- Disaster Risk Reduction Coordination Centres will be established at sub-division and tehsil levels.
- Strengthening of HP State Disaster Management Authority, District Disaster Management Authorities, State Emergency Operation Cell, and District Emergency Operation Cells.
- Development of climate/weather forecasts for agriculture and horticulture.
- Promotion of activities to reduce the threats of forest fires.
- Studies related to climate change and adaptation.
- Promotion of earthquake-resistant techniques.
- Development of information technology for Disaster Risk Reduction.

- Establishment of the Himalayan Disaster Risk Reduction Centre at Palampur.

106. Speaker Sir, providing social security to the residents of the State is one of my Government's top priorities. Our Government believes in working according to the concept of a welfare State. To strengthen this area further, I make the following announcements:—

Social
Welfare

- Currently, eight pension schemes are operating in the field of social security in the State, with an expenditure of ₹1,410 crore during the current financial year, benefiting 8,24,928 individuals. During 2025-2026, 37,000 new beneficiaries will be included in the social pension scheme and for this an additional expenditure of approximately ₹67 crore will be made.
- Except for Government employees/pensioners and income-tax-paying persons with disabilities, all specially-abled individuals (Persons With Disabilities) with a benchmark disability of 40 percent or more will be provided with the Social Security Pension Scheme (SSP). This step by the Government will not only ensure economic security for persons with disabilities but also empower them to live a life of dignity.
- To ensure transparency and effectiveness in the distribution of the Social Security Pension (SSP), an end-to-end integrated online portal/platform will be launched in the upcoming financial year. Through this platform, documents such as Him Parivar Register copies, revenue records, income certificates etc., will be linked online. Additionally, it will facilitate obtaining NOCs from the Rural Development Department, Urban Development Department and Himachal Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (HPBOCW).

107. Under the "**Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana**" launched by the Government, eligible women between the ages of 18 and 59 are provided ₹1,500 per month. My Government is committed to ensure benefits of the State resources to those sections which have remained deprived

of them so. In the upcoming financial year, the scheme will be implemented in phases, and eligible daughters who turn 21 years old between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, will receive ₹1,500 per month under this scheme. Additionally, women who work in others' homes to support their families will also start benefiting from this scheme starting June 1, 2025. Their eligible daughters will also be entitled to ₹1,500 per month. In the future, all women approved by the panchayat will gradually be included in the scheme. The daughters of the widows will also be eligible for getting benefit of this scheme. Further, if the daughters of the widows are willing to pursue professional courses, entire expenditure on account of tuition and hostel fees will be borne by the Government. If the girl child stays in PG accommodation, an assistance of ₹3000 per month will be provided for 10 months in a year. An expenditure of ₹200 crore is expected to be incurred under this scheme during the upcoming financial year.

108. I announce taking over of the **Institution for Children with Special Abilities (ICSA) Dhalli** by the Government, along with its staff, as was done to the ICSA Sundernagar. This step is aimed at providing enhanced facilities for specially abled children.

109. Under the Swarn Jayanti Aashray Yojana (SJAY), financial assistance of ₹1.5 lakh is provided to homeless eligible individuals from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes for the construction of new houses. Considering construction costs and inflation, the Government will converge with other schemes to provide additional resources under this initiative.

110. To eliminate the practice of untouchability in society, the Government will increase the incentive money for inter-caste marriages from ₹50,000 to ₹2 lakh.

111. Under the sub-scheme "**Viklang Vyaktiyon Ke Vivah Ke Liye Protsahan**" the incentive amount for marriages involving individuals with more than 70% disability will also be increased from ₹50,000 to ₹2 lakh.

112. Under the "**Mukhyamantri Vidhwa Evam Ekal Nari Awas Yojana**", the Government aims to include new beneficiaries in the upcoming financial year, with a budget allocation of ₹5 crore for this purpose.

113. The Government is currently operating 9 old-age homes under the "**Vridhjanon Ke Liye Ekikrit Yojana**". Expanding this initiative, additional old-age homes/senior citizen residences will be established in other parts of the State during 2025-2026 with the participation of the private sector.

114. I announce the increase in the prescribed annual family income limit from the current ₹35,000 to ₹50,000 to provide financial assistance at low interest rates for self-employment and various small enterprises through the Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation.

115. Currently, the Government is operating two Integrated De-addiction Centers in Kullu district and one each in Hamirpur, Una and Kangra. Considering the growing problem of drug addiction and trafficking in the State, there is a need for more such centers. Hence, it is proposed to establish three additional De-addiction-cum-Rehabilitation Centers in the State during the financial year 2025-2026.

116. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to improving the social and economic empowerment of women, their health and nutrition, as well as the physical, mental, intellectual and nutritional well-being of children.

**Women &
Child
Development**

117. Speaker Sir, I am pleased to State that the Sex Ratio at Birth in the State has shown continuous improvement, increasing from 947 in 2023 to 964 in 2024. This is the result of the persistent efforts and successful implementation of various schemes by the Government in this area. Sir, I announce the "**Indira Gandhi Sukh Suraksha Yojana**" for two girls born in BPL families. This scheme will further strengthen the "**Beti Hai Anmol Yojana**" wherein ₹25,000 will be deposited with an insurance company at the time of the girl's birth. Additionally, the girl's parents will be provided with life insurance benefits

worth ₹2 lakh per parent. The maturity amount of the insurance will be payable to the girl when she turns 18 or, at her discretion, by the age of 27.

118. Speaker Sir, with the objective of fulfilling the residential needs of working women, a total of 13 working womens' hostels will be constructed in the year 2025-2026 at a cost of ₹132 crore. These hostels will be established in Solan, Neeri, Daruhi, Palampur, Luthan, Baddi, Gagret, Nagrota Bagwan, Chanour Industrial Area, and the Medical Device Park in Solan.

119. Speaker Sir, our Government's priority is to bring qualitative improvement in children's education. With this vision, the Government is striving to strengthen the foundation of education for children. In this regard, I announce that from 1st April 2025, all 18,925 Anganwadi centers will be designated as "**Anganwadi Sah Preschool**". These Anganwadi centers will be co-located with nearby schools wherever possible. In these schools, children aged three to six years will be taught through play-based learning. This education will be provided by Anganwadi workers based on the pre-primary curriculum developed by SCERT Solan or the foundational national curriculum developed by the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD), New Delhi.

120. Honourable Speaker Sir, despite the significant enhancement of medical facilities in the State, there has been a decline in health standards among young children. To understand the causes, the Government recently organized a comprehensive workshop during which the nation's leading experts presented their comments and recommendations. The workshop revealed that there is a lack of awareness among young women about proper breastfeeding and complementary feeding techniques for young children. Furthermore, better coordination between the Health Department and the Directorate of Women and Child Development is essential to shape these recommendations effectively. Additionally, there is a need to revamp the longstanding supplementary nutrition programme in the State.

Therefore, I announce a new scheme, the "**Indira Gandhi Matri Shishu Sankalp Yojana**" to strengthen this program further.

121. Under this scheme, supplementary nutrition will be distributed among beneficiaries in every Anganwadi, ensuring its nutritional value is enhanced based on expert recommendations. Additionally, it will be ensured that, wherever possible, the procurement of supplementary nutrition is decentralized. An additional ₹65 crore will be spent annually on this initiative. Furthermore, a Coordination Committee will be established to align the ongoing programs of the Health, Jal Shakti, Rural Development and Education Departments, creating an integrated program. At the field level, better coordination between ASHA workers and Anganwadi workers will be ensured and the data collected by them will be made more useful through mutual communication. A special campaign will also be launched, focusing on the prevention of malnutrition, anemia, pneumonia, diarrhea and other waterborne diseases, alongside increasing awareness, outreach and training for all stakeholders.

122. The Government will fully support the WINGS project (World-leading Innovative Study Programme), which is being conducted on a pilot basis in Una district in collaboration with NITI Aayog, to help build a healthier future for our women and children.

A total of ₹2,533 crore is proposed for social security, women, children, and the welfare of other backward classes.

123. Speaker Sir, the AYUSH department plays a crucial Ayush role in the health sector. AYUSH is not just a system of medicine but also a way of natural living. Hence, our Government is undertaking several initiatives to ensure that the general public can benefit from this facility.

124. Our Government will commence the construction of a 50 bed integrated AYUSH hospital in Kangra district during the upcoming financial year.

125. On a pilot basis, Wellness Panchakarma services will be introduced for tourists and the general public at AYUSH hospitals in Paprola and Shimla.

126. I initiate the "**Acharya Charak Yojana**" under which all Government AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in Himachal Pradesh will provide patients with free diagnostic tests and essential medicines. This scheme will include 20 types of free diagnostic tests and over 150 AYUSH medicines listed as essential drugs, available at no cost. It aims to deliver high-quality traditional medical services to the citizens of the State and contribute to building a healthier society.

**Police/Law and
Order and Fire
Services**

127. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to strengthening law and order. Through the provisions of the HP Anti-Drug Act, the focus will shift from punitive measures to rehabilitation for individuals struggling with substance abuse, enabling their reintegration into the mainstream society. Strict action will be taken against those involved in drug abuse and trafficking.

128. Speaker Sir, I announce the formation of a Special Task Force (STF) in 2025-2026. Through this initiative, the State Government will work to put an end to activities related to drug trafficking.

129. Speaker Sir, "**Himachal Pradesh Prevention of Continuing Unlawful Activity and Control of Organized Crime Act, 2025**" will be introduced, providing special provisions to prevent, control and address illegal activities carried out by organized crime syndicates or gangs.

130. To enhance tourist safety, ensure the effective development of police personnel and strengthen modern criminal investigations, police stations/desks will be established at world-famous tourist destinations and integrated with the respective police stations.

131. Speaker Sir, under the next phase of the modernization and expansion project for the fire services department, with an

expenditure of ₹21 crore, I make the following announcements:—

- Fire stations will be established in Rajgarh (District Sirmaur) and Kandaghat (District Solan).
- 8 new fire engines will be procured for Nadaun, Indora, Rajgarh, and Kandaghat. Moreover, 60 fire engines that are 20 to 22 years old will be replaced with new vehicles in a phased manner.
- **16 Quick Response Vehicles**, 2 buses for training and public awareness, and various types of firefighting equipment will be procured.

132. During 2025-2026, departmental buildings will be constructed for the sub-fire stations at Kaza and Kumarsain, as well as for the fire posts at Jogindernagar, Fatehpur, and Ani.

133. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to promoting industries in the State. In the year 2024-25, an amount of ₹234 crore was approved for construction of the **Bulk Drug Park**. To ensure the smooth continuation of this project in the coming year, budgetary provisions will be made as required in addition to the grant from the central Government.

Industry

134. In 2024-2025, despite adverse conditions caused by heavy rains, in-principle approval was granted for 149 industrial proposals, amounting to an investment of ₹3,084 crore and creating employment opportunities for 15,000 people. During 2025-2026, the State's industrial policy will undergo significant reforms, minimizing formalities for investors and ensuring all necessary clearances within two months. The Government will act solely as an enabler to foster a friendly environment for investors. To attract investment in sectors like green energy, solar energy, dairy production and electric vehicles, Investor Outreach Programmes will be organized in the upcoming financial year.

135. Our Government is committed to strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). As part of this effort, under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance

(RAMP) Scheme, a program worth ₹1,642 crore has been initiated. In its first phase, a plan worth ₹109 crore is currently under implementation.

136. My Government deeply appreciates the contributions of all industries, industrialists, and small, medium and large entrepreneurs to the State's development journey. The Government recognizes that a prosperous Himachal can only be built on the strength of the State's industrial growth. I understand that industries and entrepreneurs face various challenges during investments, some of which are merely procedural and can be resolved quickly. Therefore, there is a need for an Institutionalised Dialogue Mechanism where all stakeholders can regularly meet on a single platform to review the situation and simplify business processes. I announce the formation of a high-level board, which will consider all aspects related to the State's industrial sector, hold regular meetings, and resolve all issues effectively.

137. My Government in the last two years has organised “**Him Utsav**” at Delhi Haat in the winter months with remarkable success. It has introduced Himachal products to the high paying clientele of Delhi. The results are encouraging with mature return to rural artisans. I declare that Him Utsav will be an annual feature.

138. Last year, the subsidy provided to industries at the rate of ₹1 per unit was withdrawn. To provide relief to the industries operating at a supply voltage of 66 KV or higher, I now announce a subsidy of 40 paise per unit. This subsidy will be given twice in a year through DBT in the months of October and March.

**Tribal
Development**

139. The Himachal Pradesh Government is fully aware of and sensitive to the issues faced by tribal areas and their people. Due to the concerted efforts of the State Government, tribal regions in Himachal Pradesh have witnessed unprecedented development. Today, these areas exhibit greater prosperity and development compared to other parts of the State. The average per capita income in the tribal regions is higher than in other

Districts. These regions are not only economically advanced but also lead in social parameters. For example, the sex ratio at birth in these areas is better than in other parts of the State. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the tribal people of the State for these remarkable achievements.

140. To create self-employment opportunities in solar energy, the Government will provide a 5% interest subsidy for establishing solar projects ranging from 250 kW to 1 MW in tribal areas and other identified locations such as Bara Bhangal, Dodra Kwar, Kupvi, Tissa, and more, through the private sector. In non-tribal areas, solar projects ranging from 250 kilowatts to 1 megawatt will receive a 4% interest subsidy, while projects larger than 1 megawatt will be eligible for a 3% interest subsidy.

141. The implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 will be prioritized, under which the restructuring of various mandatory committees will be carried out. Along with this, training will be provided to various stakeholders to expedite the processes covered under this Act.

142. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to simplifying the administrative working system and ensuring that the benefits of Government services reach the general public. For the convenience of the citizens, an average of 6,000 transactions are conducted daily through the online portal. During the current financial year, more than 14 lakh 67 thousand transactions have been completed as of November 2024. To make this portal more effective, Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be put in use.

**Digital
Technology and
Governance**

143. For the first time in Himachal, the "**Him Parivar Project**" is an initiative by our Government aimed at creating an integrated database of all citizens in the State. Under this project, 19 lakh 28 thousand 200 hundred and 70 families and 76 lakh 31 thousand 6 hundred and 82 members have been issued Him Parivar IDs so far. During 2025-2026, the Him Parivar ID will be integrated into the databases of various departmental schemes, enabling the identification of beneficiaries and ensuring that no eligible beneficiary is deprived of the benefits of any scheme. Additionally, a State Single Sign-On (SSO) System called "Him

Access" has been launched, which integrates over 30 citizen-centric services to enhance service delivery and user experience. This project will simplify and make the benefit distribution system more efficient, reduce the need for repeated document submissions, and ensure prompt benefits reach eligible individuals. This system will also provide accurate data for future policy making.

144. To promote investment and industrial development in the State, the work on the Software Technology Parks (STPI) being established in Mehli, Shimla, and Chaitdu, Kangra, will be completed. This will create employment opportunities for approximately 500 to 650 youth.

145. Speaker Sir, the use of emerging technologies not only helps improve the lives of the general public but also holds immense potential for creating new employment opportunities in this field. In this direction, the Government has decided to promote drone technology in the State with the aim of achieving the "**Green Himachal Vision**" by 2027. During the upcoming financial year, the Government plans to introduce drone taxi services for the convenience of the people, which will especially prove beneficial for delivering various types of goods, agricultural products, medicines etc., to the areas of the State. Additionally, under this policy, modernization in the fields of agriculture and horticulture will also be possible through drone technology intervention. For this purpose, drone stations will be established in the districts of Hamirpur, Mandi, and Kangra.

Housing

146. Speaker Sir, during 2025-2026, HIMUDA will develop residential colonies in Basal (Bilaspur) and Bindravan (Palampur) at a cost of ₹120 crore. Additionally, approximately 82 flats and 137 residential plots will be developed in Rampur Phase-3, Rajwari (Mandi), and Dharampur (Solan).

147. I announce the construction of a large commercial complex by HIMUDA at Vikasnagar, Shimla, during 2025-2026, at an estimated cost of ₹250 crore. This commercial complex will be divided into two parts, one portion will be utilized for

Government offices, while the other will be designated for commercial use.

148. Speaker Sir, I announce the construction of the following sports infrastructure during 2025-2026 to promote sports:

**Youth Services
and Sports**

- 100 bed sports hostel in Luhnu, Bilaspur.
- 50-bed sports hostel in Kharidi, District Hamirpur.
- Advanced sports infrastructure at the Rajiv Gandhi Multipurpose Stadium at Kutasani, District Shimla.
- An indoor stadium in Solan and stadium in Reckong Peo, Haroli and Jaisinghpur.
- Provision of Synthetic Track and Field in Hamirpur and Sujanpur.

149. Speaker Sir, road transport is the primary mode of transportation in the State. Our Government is committed to providing bus services even in remote areas. In the direction of offering clean and green transport services, the Government is in the process of replacing diesel buses with e-buses. In addition to the ongoing procurement of e-buses, 500 more e-buses will be purchased during 2025-2026. Furthermore, to meet the requirements of charging infrastructure, the corporation has developed charging e-stations, and the process of setting up more at various locations is underway.

Transport

150. The Transport Corporation has introduced an online pass facility in Shimla for the convenience of the public. Additionally, software is being developed to extend this facility to other areas of the State, which will be completed soon.

151. The Government has approved an urban transport project for Shimla to address traffic issues and reduce the carbon footprint. The project involves constructing a 14.79 kilometer long ropeway at a cost of ₹1546 crore 40 lakh. The construction work will commence as soon as a memorandum of understanding is signed with the New Development Bank and the project is planned to be completed within 4 years, after which it will be dedicated to the public.

152. One of the reasons for the increasing traffic issues in Shimla city is the rise in private vehicles. Considering this, our Government plans to introduce luxury vehicles on selected routes on a pilot basis, focusing on Youth, Businesspersons, Tourists, High-End Passengers etc. For this initiative, a provision of ₹5 crore has been made under Viability Gap Funding.

153. Speaker Sir, the Government is expediting rail expansion projects in the State. Work on the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur and Baddi-Chandigarh rail lines is in full swing. Through you, I would like to inform this August House that the total cost of the Bhanupalli-Bilaspur rail line is approximately ₹10,000 crore, of which the cost of land acquisition exceeds ₹1,200 crore. It may surprise you to know that for land acquisition, the Government of India has provided only ₹52 crore, while the remaining amount of approximately ₹1,150 crore is being borne by the State Government. So far, the State Government has contributed a total amount of ₹848 crore.

154. The 30.28 kilometer long Chandigarh-Baddi rail line's land acquisition and construction costs are being shared, with Himachal Pradesh bearing 50% of the total expenditure. Out of the total cost of ₹1,600 crore, the cost of land acquisition is more than ₹600 crore. The State Government has already provided ₹348 crore for this rail line.

155. Hence, for the construction of Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri and Chandigarh-Baddi rail lines, the State Government has already provided approximately ₹1,200 crore, out of which ₹392 crore have been contributed by the present Congress Government in the past two years.

156. Speaker Sir, during the financial year 2025-26, I hereby announce the following measures in the field of transportation:—

- The first Automatic Driving Test Track will be established in Haroli, Una district.
- Development of jetties and promotion of cruise tourism, water sports activities and water transport services will be undertaken.

- EV charging stations will be made operational at 80 petrol pumps and 41 locations on the Green Corridor will have charging stations set up under the PPP mode.

157. Speaker Sir, to provide better civic services such as roads, pathways, street lights, sewage, sanitation, parks, and parking facilities in the merged areas of newly formed/upgraded urban local bodies, the State Government will release a total development grant of ₹10 crore and 75 lakh during 2025-2026. Out of this, ₹1 crore each will be allocated to the Municipal Corporations of Hamirpur, Una, and Baddi, ₹25 lakh each to the Municipal Councils of Nadaun, Baijnath-Paprola, and Sunni, and ₹50 lakh each to the newly formed 14 Nagar Panchayats (Kotla, Bangana, Banikhet, Khundian, Nagrota Surian, Jhanduta, Baldwara, Kunihar, Dharampur, Sandhole, Swarghat, Bhoranj, Shillai and Barsar). I also assure the public that in the rural areas included in the newly formed urban bodies, a property tax exemption is provided for three years, and water rates will remain the same as they were earlier.

**Urban
Development**

158. The Government is currently offering around 44 services through urban local bodies, which will be systematically brought on the UPYOG platform through the State Project Monitoring Unit (SPMU).

159. Honourable Speaker Sir, my Government has significantly expanded urbanization as it is critical for the overall development of the State. At the national level, efforts are being made to decongest Tier-I cities and focus on the development of Tier-II and Tier-III cities. In this context, our Government will review existing development plans and consider the establishment of "**Business District Zones**" in key urban and tourist areas.

160. The Government is expanding by relaxing the "**Mukhya Mantri Laghu Dukandar Kalyan Yojana**" for small fruit and vegetable vendors, tea stall owners, barbers, paan shops, cobblers, chaat shop owners and vendors, small dhaba owners and other small retail shopkeepers in urban areas of the State. Under this scheme, distressed small shopkeepers with an

annual turnover of less than ₹10 lakh will be provided with a one-time settlement (OTS) facility of up to ₹1 lakh through banks and the interest on the loan will be borne by the Government. This scheme will enable vendors to expand their business activities. It will not only improve the financial condition of these vendors but also play a crucial role in empowering small traders of the State and strengthening the economy. For this scheme, the Government proposes a provision of ₹100 crore.

161. I am happy to announce an increase in the honorarium of Urban Local Bodies representatives as per following:—

- With an increase of ₹1,000 per month, Mayor, Municipal Corporation will get ₹25,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹1,000 per month, Deputy Mayor, Municipal Corporation will get ₹19,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹1,000 per month, Councillor, Municipal Corporation will get ₹9,400 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹600 per month, President, Nagar Parishad will get ₹10,800 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹500 per month, Vice President, Nagar Parishad will get ₹8,900 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹300 per month, Councillor, Nagar Parishad will get ₹4,500 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹600 per month, Pradhan, Nagar Panchayat will get ₹9,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹400 per month, Up-Pradhan, Nagar Panchayat will get ₹7,000 per month honorarium.
- With an increase of ₹300 per month, Member, Nagar Panchayat will get ₹4,500 per month honorarium.

A total of ₹656 crore is proposed in the field of urban development.

162. Speaker Sir, under various projects, our Government is providing clean drinking water facilities to the people of the State. During the current financial year, in the cold regions of the State, work will be initiated on 20 Water Supply Schemes in Lahaul Spiti district at a cost of ₹27 crore under the Antifreeze and Winter Water Supply Schemes, and 6 Water Supply Schemes in Kinnaur district at a cost of ₹72 crore. The construction work of 4 Water Supply Schemes in Nadaun, Bhoranj, Amlehad, and Haroli and one Sewerage Scheme for Baddi will also be undertaken in this year.

163. An estimated cost of ₹298.87 crore is being utilized for providing drinking water supply to 17 towns, namely Mandi, Theog, Rajgarh, Chamba, Hamirpur, Sunni, Rampur, Dalhousie, Amb, Bhuntar, Nahan, Jawali, Baijnath, Arki, Nirmand, Palampur, and Jogindernagar. Among these, work is in progress in 11 towns, while the remaining towns will be covered during the financial year 2025-2026. Additionally, in 2025-2026, drinking water supply schemes will be initiated in 9 other towns, namely Bhuntar, Nahan, Jawali, Arki, Nirmand, Jogindernagar, Shahpur, Bhattiyat, and Karsog, at a total cost of ₹167 crore.

164. Under the 24x7 drinking water supply system for urban and rural areas, the Government has identified one area in each district (a total of 12). Among these, under various projects, work is in progress in 5 areas, namely GWSS Rampur (Ward No. 6 and 7), GWSS Chamba (Ward No. 10), LWSS Nalagarh (Ward No. 7), LWSS Ghumarwin (Ward No. 2 and 5) and LWSS Nadaun. Work in the remaining areas will commence shortly.

165. The Jal Shakti Department supplies water to 58 local urban bodies in the State. Among these, upgradation and improvement works are underway in 23 towns. Work on the projects for 9 towns will commence in the financial year 2025-2026. Additionally, upgradation proposals for 4 towns (Nerwa, Chirgaon, Kandaghat and Tahliwal) are being prepared.

166. Under the **Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Upgradation Project**, funded by the NDB, our Government will ensure improved water supply to 20,663 households in rural

areas across 8 districts at a cost of ₹745 crore. All these projects will be completed by the end of the financial year 2025-2026.

167. Under the **Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Upgradation and Livelihood Project**, at a cost of over ₹1,062 crore, 79,282 Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) are being installed in 2,471 settlements across 10 districts. Of this, 43% of the work has been completed and the remaining work will be completed soon.

168. In order to improve the quality of water supply in Himachal Pradesh, I announce the “**Mukhyamantri Swachh Jal Shodhan Yojana.**” The scheme will use the latest technologies such as Ozonation, UV filtration, RO and nano filtration to purify the water and make it available to people of Himachal. Domestic and commercial water supply schemes will also be upgraded to ensure high-quality water reaches the people. This scheme will enhance the availability of clean and safe drinking water in the State and help in the prevention of waterborne diseases. A provision of ₹80 crore has been made for this scheme.

169. Taking the next step towards the goal of providing clean drinking water to the people, our Government will establish Drinking Water Treatment Plants in Jawalamukhi, Jaswan, Pragpur and Dehra of Kangra district, during the upcoming financial year, at a cost of ₹43 crore.

170. In 10 districts of the State (excluding Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti), sensor-based Real-Time Monitoring Systems (Internet of Things) are being installed in 291 selected schemes. These systems will enable regular monitoring of the quality and quantity of drinking water.

171. To ensure the quality of drinking water, our Government will establish one water testing laboratory at the State level and 14 laboratories at the district level, accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for bacteriological parameters will be established. Additionally, it is proposed to install solar panels

through HIMURJA for the use of Green Energy in various water supply, irrigation and sewerage schemes.

172. In 6 towns of the State (Bhota, Santokhgarh, Talai, Baijnath-Paprola, Nerchowk, and Banjar), where sewerage facilities are not available, work on sewerage schemes is in progress. Sewerage schemes for 5 towns (Nerwa, Chopal, Rajgarh, Shahpur, and Bilaspur) will be initiated in the financial year 2025-2026. Additionally, proposals are being prepared for the remaining 9 towns that are currently deprived of this facility.

173. Currently, the Government has approved 41 sewerage schemes under various programs in rural areas, out of which work on sewerage schemes in 14 towns of Kangra, Mandi, Chamba, and Kinnaur districts will commence in the financial year 2025-2026.

174. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to providing better medical facilities to every citizen of the State. We are committed to offer modern specialized services in medical institutions and medical colleges across the State. Sir, I had previously announced in the first budget that one health institution in each assembly constituency would be developed as an "**Aadarsh Swasthya Sansthan.**" As a result of systemic changes initiated by our Government, the past two years have yielded positive outcomes in the health sector. Moving forward, during the financial year 2025-2026, the Government will provide the following facilities in these institutions:

**Health and
Family Welfare**

- Dialysis services are being provided in 20 institutions and remaining 49 institutions will be provided with 49 units at an estimated cost of ₹45 crore.
- During the upcoming financial year, Blood Storage Units will be established in 11 institutions, namely Ghandal, Chawari, Bhoranj, Nadaun, Tayara, Jaisinghpur, Padhar, Dharmpur, Junga, Haroli, and Amb.
- To provide care for sick newborns, 17 **Newborn Stabilization Units** will be set up in Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, and Una districts.

175. Our Government, aiming to provide facilities equipped with advanced medical technology at the level of AIIMS Delhi, at a cost of ₹45.50 crore, the process of establishing Robotic Surgery facilities at AIMSS, Chamiana, Shimla, and Tanda Medical College, Kangra, will soon be completed. PET (Positron Emission Tomography) Scan facilities will be made available in IGMC Shimla within the next three months, at a cost of ₹20.73 crore. Additionally, advanced MRI machines, along with the necessary infrastructure, will be installed at IGMC Shimla, AIMSS Chamiana, Shimla, Govt. Medical College Hamirpur, and Govt. Medical College Ner Chowk, at an estimated cost of ₹100 crore.

176. Speaker Sir, I would also like to inform everyone through this August House, that very soon, high-quality equipment will be made available in all the "**Medical Colleges**" and "**Aadarsh Swasthya Sansthans**" of the State to provide world-class treatment. For this, resources amounting to ₹1,700 crore are being tied-up through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

177. Cath. Labs will be established at Medical College, Hamirpur and Government Medical College, Mandi for running diagnostics and providing treatment to the heart patients.

178. As part of our efforts to strengthen healthcare services in the State, 10 new Health and Wellness Centres will be established. These centers will be set up in collaboration with the private sector.

179. In the State's Medical colleges and AIMSS Chamiana, I announce an increase in the stipend for PG Students who are Senior Residents/Tutor Specialists. The current stipend for the first, second, and third years of study, which is ₹60,000, ₹62,000, and ₹65,000 respectively, will now be increased to ₹1 lakh. Additionally, the stipend for DNB-Super Specialists and Sr. Residents-Super Specialists (D.M./M.Ch.), currently ₹60,000, ₹62,000, and ₹65,000, will be raised to ₹1.30 lakh.

180. To further strengthen healthcare services and enhance patient care in the State will appoint approximately 1,000 "Rogi Mitras" under the "**Rogi Mitra Yojana**" across various health institutions of the State. These Rogi Mitras will be given a monthly honorarium of ₹15,000, for which the State Government will incur an expenditure of ₹18 crore.

181. I am extremely pleased to announce that the monthly honorarium for outsourced Operation Theater Assistants in the State will be increased by ₹7,180 from ₹17,820 to ₹25,000, and for Radiographers, with an increase of ₹11,900 it will be raised from ₹13,100 to ₹25,000.

182. With the launch a new App called "**Sugam Swasthya**", our Government will ensure healthcare services are accessible at people's doorsteps and to eliminate long queues at hospitals. Through this app, every resident of the State will be able to book online appointments from home for treatment at 6 medical college hospitals, including AIMSS Chamiana and Kamla Nehru Hospital, 9 district hospitals, and 36 sub-district hospitals.

183. Speaker Sir, as you may recall, I had announced in the 2023-2024 budget speech that the Government would provide free insulin pumps for pregnant women and children suffering from Type-1 diabetes. Taking another step in the same direction, I now announce that from the upcoming financial year, this facility will also be made available to boys and girls up to the age of 27 years.

184. During the upcoming financial year, under the Palliative Care (National Palliative Health) program, the Himachal Government will implement palliative care services in a phased manner for approximately 12,000 patients suffering from serious illnesses across the State. Additionally, all "Aadarsh Swasthya Sansthans" will be developed as Palliative Care centers. As part of this initiative, healthcare workers will visit patients' homes to provide treatment and also train family members in caregiving practices.

185. A scheme named “**Mukhyamantri Vriddhjan Dekhbhal Yojana**” will be introduced to facilitate healthcare services for senior citizens. Under this scheme, health and paramedical staff will visit the homes of individuals aged 70 years or above through mobile health vans to conduct health check-ups. This will ensure that their healthcare needs are addressed on a priority basis. This initiative reflects the Government's sensitivity towards elderly people.

186. To address the issue of malnutrition among children, a pilot study will be conducted in Hamirpur district in coordination with IIT Mumbai. The study will focus on improvised breastfeeding techniques and complementary feeding for children aged over 6 months.

187. Due to challenging geographical and climatic conditions in remote and tribal areas, to ensure smooth availability of healthcare services, an additional 290 ASHA workers will be recruited.

188. To simplify the planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of health department policies and programs in the State, a "**State Health Systems Resource Centre (SHSRC)**" will be established. This center will promote research in the health sector, build the capacity of health workers and foster partnerships with non-Governmental organizations, academic institutions and community organizations.

189. To enhance the healthcare of newborns in the State, Command Centres will be established at Kamla Nehru Hospital, Shimla and Medical College, Nerchowk, Mandi. Additionally, all other Sick Newborn Care Units in the State will be connected to these Command Centres via tele-consultation. This initiative will make the care of sick newborns more effective and efficient.

190. To further strengthen ambulance services in the State, 25 Advanced Life Support ambulances will be procured.

191. We are all deeply concerned about the increasing cases of drug abuse in the State. My Government has worked

diligently on both the supply and demand aspects of this issue. I firmly believe that we should view our children not as criminals but as victims. It is imperative to focus more on the rehabilitation of such children. In this regard, I hereby make the following announcements:

- To prevent drug abuse, the Government will establish a "Drug Dependence Prevention, De-addiction, and Rehabilitation Board" under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister.
- Furthermore, the Government will develop an Action Plan for drug abuse prevention and rehabilitation in consultation with PGIMER Chandigarh and AIIMS New Delhi.
- A key component of the Action Plan will be a Statewide awareness and community mobilization campaign. This campaign will involve all stakeholders, including panchayats, religious and cultural organizations, youth clubs, NCC, NSS, teachers, women's groups and NGOs. Local champions such as athletes, influencers, youth icons, and others will also participate in this initiative. Additionally, platforms such as community radio, local press, electronic media, social media and public events will be utilized to enhance the reach and impact of the campaign.
- A Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation nodal center will be established at Medical College, Tanda. Additionally, these centers will be expanded across the State in a phased manner.
- A Drug De-addiction and Rehabilitation center will be made operational in Sirmaur district.
- The number of de-addiction beds in regional, district and medical colleges/hospitals will be increased as required.
- To address the lack of expertise in de-addiction care, training will be provided to doctors, nurses, CHOs, and other healthcare providers.
- Special efforts will be made to fill the positions of Psychiatrists, Clinical Psychologists and Psychiatric Social Workers. Additionally, steps will be taken to increase the number of PG seats in psychiatry.

- The NITI Aayog will assist the Government in developing plans for addiction treatment facilities (ATFs) in districts where such facilities are not currently available.
- The Government, in collaboration with NITI Aayog, will launch a "**School Swathaya Karyakram**" in the State. Under this program, it will be ensured that doctors and paramedical staff of our Primary Health Centers (PHCs) conduct regular health check-ups for students in nearby schools and also organize Counseling-cum-Awareness Sessions to make students aware of health issues. For the effective implementation of this scheme, a committee will be formed at the sub-division level, headed by the respective sub-divisional officer.

192. Honourable Speaker Sir, we may not realize it, but in the era of the Internet, a significant portion of the population is deprived of proper and consistent sleep. If this problem is not diagnosed and treated in time, it can lead to various other illnesses. In this regard, to develop expertise in the critical and impactful disorder of **Obstructive Sleep Apnea**, the Government will provide training to selected faculty members of State medical colleges at PGIMER Chandigarh.

193. Like the major healthcare institutions in the country, the State's healthcare institutions are also struggling to manage the overwhelming influx of patients. State Government will initiate a programme which will engage NSS students from local educational institutions to provide voluntary services in a phased manner, ensuring better hospital management, a smoother experience for patients, and the development of compassion and a spirit of voluntary service among students and youth.

A total of ₹3,481 crore has been proposed for the health sector.

Power

194. The Government's goal is to make the State the country's first green State by 2026. In the Government sector, HPPCL aims to establish 500 MW of solar capacity projects by 2026-27. To achieve this goal, around 626 MW of solar projects are in various stages of development.

- A large 200 MW solar project will be established in Kangra, Damtal, with the goal of completion within a year. This project is expected to generate 320 million units of electricity annually, resulting in approximately ₹150 crore in revenue per year.
- Under the "Green Panchayat Scheme, 500-500 kW solar projects will be set up in 100 panchayats.

195. The Shongtong Hydro Electric Project (450 MW) has been pending for more than 15 years. The Government has accelerated the work. Now, the goal is to commission this project by December 2026. This project will generate approximately ₹1,000 crore of revenue annually.

196. Special attention is also being given to the progress of the Integrated Kashang Hydro Electric Project (130 MW), with the goal of completing the project by June 2026. This project will generate revenue of ₹350 crore annually.

197. Pump storage projects will accelerate the growth of the power sector. Initially, HPPCL has been allocated the Renukaji (1630 MW) and Thana-Plau (150 MW) projects. These projects will function as hydro batteries and enhance grid stability, thereby generating additional revenue.

198. Additionally, proposals have been received for the establishment of Pump Storage Projects (PSP) from BBMB (13,000 MW), SJVNL (2,500 MW), NTPC (2,400 MW), and private producers (2,000 MW). These proposals will be evaluated based on merit.

199. The State Government is striving to revitalize the power generation sector. To address the issues in this field and propose solutions, a cabinet sub-committee was formed, which has submitted its recommendations to the Government. Keeping these recommendations in mind, we will work towards rejuvenating the energy sector.

200. The State Government has extended an invitation to central Government and State enterprises for investment in the

energy sector. The Telangana Government has shown interest in investing in hydro projects in the State. Following mutual discussions, we will collaborate further with Telangana's generation company and commence work on identified projects through an MoU. In the coming year, we will also enhance private investment in the energy sector, advancing towards the goal of Green Himachal.

201. In the field of electricity transmission, the target for this year is to complete the work on the 220 kV substations in Kangru (Mandi district) and Tahliwal (Una district) at a total cost of ₹103 crore. Additionally, with an investment of ₹82 crore, the goal is to complete the work on two 132 kV substations in Dharmapur (Mandi district) and Barshaini (Kullu district) by 2025-26. This initiative by the Government will enhance transformation capacity by up to 426 MVA. During 2025-26, the Government will also complete 78 circuit kilometers of EHV transmission lines, including 76 circuit kilometers of the 132 kV Barshaini-Charor line (Kullu district) and 2 circuit kilometers of the 400 kV Kutehar-Lilo line (Chamba district). Moreover, the work on a 200 MVA 220/132 kV substation in Una district, with an estimated cost of ₹88.22 crore, will also commence.

202. To ensure quality power supply for consumers, necessary infrastructure will be developed in a phased manner. Starting with this initiative, six 33KVA/11KVA substations will be constructed in Kangra district in the upcoming financial year, located in Ganog (Nurpur), Karla Kotla (Dehra), Majheen (Jwalamukhi), Moki (Indora), Samloti (Nagrota Bagwan), and Ther (Jwalamukhi).

A total of ₹905 crore is proposed in the field of energy.

Language, Art
and Culture

203. Speaker Sir, In the financial year 2025-2026, to promote the traditional architecture and cuisines of the State, stalls will be set up for self-help groups/artisans under the Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission in the premises of Bantony Castle, Shimla, modeled after Delhi Haat.

204. The State Government has been providing annual grants to small temples in the State for incense sticks. During the upcoming financial year, the Government will double the current grant amount given to these State-supported temples.

205. There is an International Roerich Memorial Trust in Naggur, Kullu. It is a major tourist attraction and also a symbol of friendship between India and Russia. This entire area will be developed from a tourism perspective and a master plan will be prepared to seek funding from international organizations. I announce an annual grant of ₹15 lakh for the better management of this trust starting from the next financial year.

206. As in the previous year, our Government will ensure in 2025-26 that the 15% posts reserved for ex-servicemen in various departments are filled on a priority basis.

**Sainik
Welfare**

207. I announce the increase in the diet money provided by the State Government for children studying in Sainik Schools from ₹10 to ₹50.

208. In the field of higher education, the Government will fill a total of 1,000 posts across various categories in colleges and schools. Additionally, approximately 1,000 personnel from various categories will be regularized. During the year 2025-2026, our Government will work to improve AYUSH medical practices in the State by filling 200 posts for AYUSH Medical Officers, 3 for Homeopathic Medical Officers, 3 for Sowa-Rigpa Medical Officers, 2 for Unani Medical Officers, 52 for Ayurvedic Pharmacy Officers, 32 for Lab Technicians, 33 for Staff Nurses, 82 for ANMs, 42 for JOA (ITs). The recruitment process to fill 1,226 posts of police constables through direct recruitment is currently underway. Additionally, the process to recruit the remaining 1000 vacant posts will commence in the financial year 2025-2026. The B-1 examination for the promotion of police constables will be conducted for approximately 500 posts, and the related notification will be issued shortly. This examination has not been conducted since the year 2017. The Government will fill 113 posts of Home Guard, volunteer drivers in the Himachal Pradesh Home Guards

Recruitment

and Civil Defence Department in the upcoming financial year. To ensure the efficient and smooth functioning of Panchayati Raj institutions, the State Government will fill 853 posts of Panchayat Secretaries through direct recruitment, 219 posts of Technical Assistants and 65 posts of Junior Engineers, as well as 5 posts of Assistant Engineers through promotion, during the upcoming financial year. In the Jal Shakti Department, the approval has been granted for the recruitment of 4,500 para-workers, which include 2,500 multipurpose workers, 1,276 para pump operators, 500 para fitters, 92 para cooks, and 132 para helpers. The recruitment process for these positions is currently underway. **Our Government will provide employment to about 25 thousands people including above mentioned positions during 2025-2026.**

**MLAs'
Priorities**

209. As in every year, based on the suggestions received during the meetings with the Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly, I hereby make the following announcements:—

- Under the MLA Priority Schemes, all Honourable MLAs will now be able to include day-boarding schools from their respective assembly constituencies in their priorities. Moreover, if there is an old priority for which the DPR (Detailed Project Report) has not yet been prepared, the MLAs will also have the option to substitute it with a day-boarding school.
- I announce the increase in the current limit of ₹195 crore per assembly constituency under the MLA Priority Schemes to ₹200 crore.

**Employees
Welfare**

210. Speaker Sir, our Government believes that the employees of the State are the backbone of the administration. Pensioners, too, have contributed to the development of the State during their service period. However, when our Government came to power, the previous Government had left pending arrears of approximately ₹10,000 crore related to employees' salaries and pensions.

211. I hereby announce that in the first phase, the pending arrears of pensioners aged between 70 and 75 years will be paid starting from 15th May in this financial year. Similarly, the pending salary arrears of Class-IV, Class-III, Class-II, and Class-I officials/officers will be cleared in a phased manner. This will benefit over 1.75 lakh officials/officers. A total of ₹425 crore will be spent on salary and pension arrears.

212. Speaker Sir, I am glad to announce that the Dearness allowance at the rate of 3% will be released to the State Government employees from 15th May, 2025.

213. Despite difficult financial conditions, I make the following announcements:

- The daily wage workers will receive a daily wage of ₹425, with an increment of ₹25.
- Outsourced employees will now receive a minimum of ₹12,750 per month.
- Our Government firmly believes that with the cooperation of the employees, the financial condition of the State will improve soon.

214. The para-workers employed across various **Honorarium** departments of the State play a crucial role in the implementation of several developmental schemes. To increase their honorarium, I make the following announcements:

- Anganwadi workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹10,500, with an increment of ₹500.
- Mini Anganwadi workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹7,300, with an increment of ₹300.
- Anganwadi helpers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,800, with an increment of ₹300 per month.
- ASHA workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,800, with an increment of ₹300.
- The monthly honorarium of sewing instructors will be increased by ₹500.

- Mid-Day Meal workers will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,000, with an increment of ₹500.
- Water carriers (Education Department) will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,500, with an increment of ₹500.
- Jal Rakshaks will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹300, with an increment of ₹5,600.
- Multi-Purpose Workers of the Jal Shakti Department will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,500, with an increment of ₹500.
- Multi-Task Workers of the Public Works Department will receive an increment of ₹500.
- Para Fitters and Pump Operators will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,600, with an increment of ₹300.
- Panchayat Chokidaar will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹8,500 with an increment of ₹500.
- Revenue Chowkidar will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,300, with an increment of ₹500.
- Revenue Lambardars will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹4,500, with an increment of ₹300.
- The honorarium of SMC teachers will be increased by ₹500 per month.
- IT teachers will receive an increment of ₹500 per month.
- SPOs will also be granted an increment of ₹300 per month.

**Budget
Estimate**

215. Honourable Speaker, now I present the revised estimates for the year 2024-25. According to the revised estimates, the total revenue receipts for the year 2024-25 amount to ₹43 thousand 704 crore. The total revenue expenditure for 2024-25 is estimated to be ₹50 thousand 190 crore. Consequently, the revenue deficit for 2024-25 is projected to be ₹6 thousand 486 crore.

216. Honourable Speaker, I am presenting a budget of ₹58 thousand 514 crore for the year 2025-26.

217. In the year 2025-26, the revenue receipts are estimated to be ₹42 thousand 343 crore and the total revenue expenditure is projected to be ₹48 thousand 733 crore. Thus, the total revenue deficit is estimated to be ₹6 thousand 390 crore. The fiscal deficit

is projected to be ₹10 thousand 338 crore, which is 4.04 percent of the State's Gross Domestic Product.

218. As per the budget for 2025-26, out of every ₹100 spent, ₹25 will be allocated to salaries, ₹20 to pensions, ₹12 to interest payments, ₹10 to debt repayments, ₹9 to grants for autonomous institutions, while the remaining ₹24 will be spent on other activities, including capital works. The complete details of the next year's budget are available in the detailed budget documents being presented in this esteemed House. Additionally, the FRBM (Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management) Statement is also being presented along with the budget.

219. Honourable Speaker, the key points of this budget speech have been outlined in the annexure.

Honourable Speaker, I hereby present this budget for the approval of the August House.

Jai Hind- Jai Himachal

Budget Summary

Main Points of the Budget:

- ❖ A proposed budget size of ₹58,514 crore.
- ❖ **During 2024-25:**
 - Estimated economic growth rate of the state: 6.7%.
 - Estimated per capita income: ₹2,57,212.
 - Estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the state: ₹2,32,185 crore.
- ❖ **Development and expansion of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and allied sectors for the growth of the rural economy.**
- ❖ **Himachal Pradesh Advancing Towards Development Through Tourism.**
- ❖ **Upliftment and Welfare of All Sections of Society.**
- ❖ **New Steps in Self-Employment.**
- ❖ **Green Energy, Green Interventions, Green Himachal, and Clean Himachal.**
- ❖ **Modernization of healthcare services and transformation of education.**
- ❖ **Drug-Free Himachal.**
- ❖ **Expansion and strengthening of clean drinking water and sewerage facilities.**
- ❖ **Transport, Industry, Bridges & Roads.**
- ❖ **Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, and Urban Development Initiatives.**
- ❖ **Revenue, Disaster and Fire Services.**
- ❖ **Recruitment.**
- ❖ **Employees Welfare.**
- ❖ **Honorarium.**
- ❖ **Others**

1. Development and expansion of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and allied sectors for the growth of the rural economy.

- ✓ Operationalization of an Artificial Insemination Training Institute in Darlaghat, Solan district.
- ✓ Construction of a 450-square-meter store for proper maintenance of wool through the Wool Federation.
- ✓ Mapping and GPS tracking of migratory routes for nomadic sheep and goat herders.
- ✓ Increase in freight subsidy for registered societies involved in milk procurement from ₹1.5 per liter to ₹3 per liter.
- ✓ Complete digitization of milk procurement operations in Milkfed, along with the integration of all animals into an Integrated Digital Platform under the Life Cycle Approach.
- ✓ Establishment of a new central testing laboratory at the milk processing plant in Dagwar, Kangra under the Dairy Development Scheme.
- ✓ Setting up four new plants with a capacity of 20,000 liters per day (LPD) in Nahan, Nalagarh, Mohal, and Rohru, and two Milk Chilling Centers (MCC) in Una and Hamirpur.
- ✓ Minimum support price for cow's milk increased from ₹45 to ₹51 per liter, and for buffalo's milk from ₹55 to ₹61 per liter.
- ✓ If any farmer society delivers milk to a Notified Collection Centre located more than 2 kilometers away by themselves, they will be provided a transport subsidy at the rate of ₹2 per liter.
- ✓ The government will introduce an "Agriculture Loan Interest Subvention Scheme" for the benefit of the state's farmers.
- ✓ The goal is to bring one lakh (100,000) new farmers under natural farming.
- ✓ Farmers will be registered on the Certified Evaluation Tool for Agriculture Resource Analysis (CETARA Portal).
- ✓ A minimum support price (MSP) of ₹40 per kilogram for maize and ₹60 per kilogram for wheat produced through natural farming will be

provided. If farmers bring their produce to a notified collection center located more than 2 kilometers away, they will receive a freight subsidy of ₹2 per kilogram.

- ✓ Farmers will be linked with e-commerce platforms and the NCDC to ensure better prices through improved marketing.
- ✓ A Spice Park will be established in the Hamirpur district.
- ✓ An MSP of ₹90 per kilogram for turmeric grown through natural farming has been announced.
- ✓ All government farms under the Agriculture Department will be transitioned to natural farming. Five new model farms will be developed.
- ✓ A Potato Processing Plant will be set up in the Una district.
- ✓ From the Kharif season of 2025, potato seed production will begin at eight Potato Development Stations.
- ✓ Establishment of grain Silos in the state.
- ✓ Under the "Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project," construction of irrigation schemes in 100 villages to be transferred to local committees, assistance for agricultural fencing and mechanization, approximately 1,500 training camps for farmers, 4,000 demonstrations on vegetable cultivation, and around 2,400 demonstrations on millets.
- ✓ Furthering the "Mukhyamantri Khet Suraksha Yojana" by providing support for solar fencing and barbed-wire fencing.
- ✓ Topographic survey to be conducted for 257 clusters spanning 4,000 hectares.
- ✓ Establishment of a Farmer Enterprise Innovation Center.
- ✓ Completion of 114 lift irrigation schemes by the end of the financial year.
- ✓ An expenditure of ₹100 crore under the HPSHIVA project.
- ✓ Inclusion of three more fruit crops—lychee, pomegranate, and guava—under the Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme.
- ✓ Promotion of sub-tropical horticulture by bringing sub-tropical fruits under high-density plantation.
- ✓ Reduction of royalty rates for fishermen and fish farmers obtaining fish from reservoirs to 7.5%.
- ✓ Construction of 20 hectares of new fish ponds in the private sector with 80% subsidy under the Chief Minister Fisheries Scheme.
- ✓ Construction of 120 new trout units.
- ✓ Establishment of a Trout Fish Brood Bank in Patlikuhal.
- ✓ Fishermen will be provided a subsidy ranging from 40% to 60% as per eligibility for replacing old boats with new ones.

- ✓ Distribution of three-wheeled vehicles and motorcycles to fishermen for fish transportation.
- ✓ Construction of 10 biofloc culture units, 3 trout hatcheries, 4 fish feed mills, 2 ice plants, 5 biofloc fish ponds, and 2 ornamental fish farming units.

2. Himachal Pradesh Advancing Towards Development Through Tourism:

- ✓ Land acquisition work for the expansion of Gaggal Airport will be completed within the stipulated time.
- ✓ Under new tourism destinations: wellness centers in Manali, Kullu, Naggar, and Nadaun; ice skating rinks in Dharamshala, Shimla, and Mandi; beautification of Palampur and Nagrota Bagwan; tourism facilities at premises of Baba Balaknath temple; and a rafting center in Nadaun.
- ✓ Subsidy to purchase food vans for tourist convenience and youth employment.
- ✓ Launch of a new "Mukhyamantri Paryatan Start-up Yojana" for homestay units.
- ✓ Under a new scheme, private sector investments will be invited to establish 200 hotels ranging from 3-star to 7-star ratings.
- ✓ Beautification of Mata Shri Chintpurni Temple, Mata Shri Jwalaji Temple, Shri Mata Shri Naina Devi Temple, and construction of an international-level complex at Tapovan, Dharamshala.
- ✓ Completion of the Shiv Dham project in Mandi on a priority basis.
- ✓ Development of areas near Pong Dam in Kangra district, including Nagrota Surian, Khabbal, Dehra, Kaza, Rakchham, and Chitkul, as tourism destinations.
- ✓ Establishment of a Planetarium at the Zoological Park in Bankhandi, Kangra.
- ✓ Opening of four new Five-Star-level Natural Care Wellness Centers in the state to promote health tourism.

- ✓ Construction and operation of heliports at Rakkar, Palampur, Sultanpur, Jaskot, and Sarbo (Kinnaur).
- ✓ Linking the state's tea gardens with tourism, similar to practices in Sikkim, Assam, and West Bengal.
- ✓ Promotion of eco-tourism activities under the new Himachal Pradesh Eco-Tourism Policy-2024.
- ✓ Formation of Eco-Tourism Societies in various forest department circles.
- ✓ Initiation of the allocation process for 78 eco-tourism sites.
- ✓ Aiming to generate revenue of approximately ₹200 crore over the next five years through various eco-tourism activities.
- ✓ Launch of wellness Panchakarma services for tourists and the general public on a pilot basis at Ayush hospitals in Paprola and Shimla.
- ✓ Establishment of police stations/desks at world-renowned tourist destinations, integrated with the respective police stations for effective operations.
- ✓ Development of the International Roerich Memorial Trust area in Naggar, Kullu, from a tourism perspective.

3. Upliftment and Welfare of All Sections of Society:

- ✓ Inclusion of 37,000 new beneficiaries under social pension schemes during 2025–2026.
- ✓ Providing Social Security Pension (SSP) to all specially-abled individuals (persons with disabilities) with benchmark disabilities of 40% or more, excluding government employees/pensioners and income-tax-paying individuals with disabilities.
- ✓ Launch of an end-to-end integrated online portal/platform to ensure transparency and effectiveness in the distribution of Social Security Pension (SSP).
- ✓ Inclusion of every girl turning 21 between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2026, under the "**Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana.**" Women working as domestic helpers will also be benefited under this scheme starting June 1, 2025.

- ✓ Bringing the Institution for Children with Special Abilities (ICSA) at Dhalli under government administration along with its staff.
- ✓ Under the Swarn Jayanti Aashray Yojana (SJAY), providing additional resources for housing construction for eligible homeless individuals from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes, in coordination with other schemes.
- ✓ Increasing the monetary reward for inter-caste marriages from ₹50,000 to ₹2 lakh.
- ✓ Raising the marriage incentive for persons with disabilities with over 70% disability under the sub-scheme "Encouragement for Marriage of Persons with Disabilities" from ₹50,000 to ₹2 lakh.
- ✓ Adding new beneficiaries under the "**Mukhyamantri Vidhwa Evam Ekal Nari Awas Yojana**".
- ✓ Under the "**Vridhjanon Ke Liye Ekikrit Yojana**", establishment of old age homes/senior citizen residences at various locations in the state through private sector participation.
- ✓ Increasing the annual family income limit to ₹50,000 for providing financial assistance at low-interest rates for self-employment and various small enterprises under the Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation.
- ✓ Proposal to establish three more de-addiction and rehabilitation centers in the state.
- ✓ Introduction of the "**Indira Gandhi Sukh Suraksha Yojana**" for two girls born into Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.
- ✓ Construction of a total of **13 Working Women's Hostels** in Solan, Neeri, Daruhi, Palampur, Luthan, Baddi, Gagret, Nagrota Bagwan, Chanour Industrial Area, and Medical Device Park Solan, to meet the housing needs of working women.
- ✓ From April 1, 2025, all 18,925 Anganwadi centers will be designated as "**Anganwadi Sah Preschool**" and integrated with nearby schools wherever possible.

- ✓ Launch of a new scheme, “**Indira Gandhi Matritv Shishu Sankalp Yojana,**” to ensure the health of young children.
- ✓ Implementation of the “WINGS Project” (World-leading Innovative Study Programme), which is being piloted in district Una in collaboration with NITI Aayog.

4. New Steps in Self-Employment:

- ✓ Launch of the “**Mukhyamantri Laghu Dookandar Yojana**” for small fruit-vegetable vendors, tea stall owners, and others in urban areas.
- ✓ **Rajiv Gandhi Self-Employment Start-Up Scheme,** subsidies will continue to be provided to eligible applicants for purchasing e-taxis.
- ✓ A subsidy of up to 40% will be provided for converting 3,000 diesel/petrol taxis to electric taxis (e-Taxis).
- ✓ Permits for 1,000 new bus routes will be allocated to the private sector, and Subsidy/VGF will be provided for the purchase of buses or Tempo Travellers on these routes.
- ✓ Him-Ira Shops, Himachali Haat, and Wayside Amenities will be constructed in new locations. In the first phase, the plan will be implemented along state highways, national highways, and expressways.
- ✓ Mobile food vans will be provided to self-help groups to make them self-reliant.
- ✓ Under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), 4,000 eligible candidates will receive skill training, with 70% assured employment.
- ✓ Stalls for self-help groups and artisans will be set up on the lines of Delhi Haat at the Bantony Castle complex in Shimla under the Himachal Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission.
- ✓ “**Him Utsav**” will be organized at Delhi Haat to showcase the state's culture, food, and handicrafts.
- ✓ A 3-5% interest subsidy will be provided for establishing solar projects ranging from 250 kW to 1 MW in tribal areas and identified locations like Bara Bhangal, Dodra Kwar, Kupvi, Tisa, and others.

5. Green Energy, Green Interventions, Green Himachal, and Clean Himachal:

- ❖ A 200 MW solar project will be established in Damtal, Kangra.
- ❖ Under the “Green Panchayat Scheme,” solar projects of 500 kW will be set up in 100 panchayats.
- ❖ The Shongtong Hydroelectric Project (450 MW) aims to be operational by December 2026.
- ❖ The work on the Integrated Kashang Hydroelectric Project is targeted for completion by June 2026.
- ❖ Pump storage projects will accelerate the pace of development in the power sector.
- ❖ The state government will invite investments from central government and state government enterprises to increase private sector investments in the energy sector.
- ❖ Work on 220 kV substations in Kangu (Mandi District) and Tahliwal (Una District) will be initiated.
- ❖ Two 132 kV substations will be established in Dharampur (Mandi District) and Barsaini (Kullu District).
- ❖ Six substations (33 kV and 11 kV) will be set up at locations such as Ganog (Nurpur), Karla Kotla (Dehra), Majhin (Jwalamukhi), Moki (Indora), Samloti (Nagrota Bagwan), and Ther (Jwalamukhi) in the upcoming financial year.
- ❖ E-vehicle charging stations will be operational at 80 petrol pumps, with additional charging stations set up at 41 locations along the Green Corridor under a PPP model.
- ❖ An additional 500 e-buses will be procured.
- ❖ The “Climate Resilient Villages (CRV) Programme” will identify 100 climate-sensitive villages for development through Climate-Smart Agriculture and Renewable Energy Microgrids.
- ❖ Dome theaters will be established in four government institutions in Chamba District and two in Shimla District.

- ❖ The "Plastic Neutral Himachal" campaign will be initiated to eliminate plastic usage.
- ❖ A "Biodiversity Guardianship Programme" will be introduced to involve youth in biodiversity conservation and protection.
- ❖ All government offices in Hamirpur District will begin replacing conventional fuel-powered vehicles with electric vehicles.
- ❖ Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) will be implemented for plantation activities under MGNREGA.
- ❖ A target has been set to afforest 5,000 hectares of land to expand forest cover through various programs.
- ❖ A new "**Rajiv Gandhi Van Sambhardhan Yojana**" will be implemented to promote community participation in forest management and expansion.
- ❖ Under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), a new adoption scheme will be introduced to plant trees on barren land.
- ❖ Approximately ₹200 crore will be spent in the coming year under three ongoing forest projects supported by the World Bank, KFW, and JICA.
- ❖ Agricultural and forestry crop residues will be converted into valuable carbon products, creating livelihood and environmental conservation opportunities.

6. Modernization of healthcare services and transformation of education.

- ✓ Dialysis services will be provided in 69 institutions.
- ✓ Blood storage units will be established in 11 institutions: Ghwandal, Chwadi, Bhoranj, Nadaun, Tyara, Jaisinghpur, Padhar, Dharmapur, Junga, Haroli, and Amb.
- ✓ 17 Newborn Stabilization Units will be set up in districts of Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Sirmaur, and Una.
- ✓ Robotic Surgery will be established at AIMSS Chamiana Shimla and Tanda Medical College Kangra.

- ✓ Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan facility will be made available at IGMC Shimla.
- ✓ State-of-the-art MRI machines will be installed at IGMC Shimla, AIMSS Chamiana Shimla, Govt. Medical College Hamirpur, and Govt. Medical College Ner Chowk.
- ✓ Catheterization Labs (Cath. Lab) will be established at Govt. Medical College Hamirpur and Govt. Medical College Mandi.
- ✓ Ten new Health and Wellness Centres will be established in collaboration with the private sector.
- ✓ Under the "Rogi Mitra Yojana," approximately one thousand Rogi Mitras (Patient Friends) will be appointed in various health institutions and will be given a monthly honorarium of ₹15,000.
- ✓ A new app named "Sugam Swasthya" will be launched.
- ✓ Free insulin pumps will now be made available for boys and girls up to the age of 27 years.
- ✓ Palliative care services will be made available for approximately 12,000 patients suffering from severe diseases.
- ✓ Under the **Mukhya Mantri Vridhjan Dekhbhal Yojana**, the healthcare and paramedical staff will conduct health check-ups at the homes of individuals aged 70 years or older through mobile health vans.
- ✓ To further strengthen ambulance services in the state, 25 Advanced Life Support ambulances will be purchased.
- ✓ A 50-bed Integrated AYUSH hospital will begin construction in Kangra district.
- ✓ The "Acharya Charak Yojana" will be launched, under which patients in all government AYUSH hospitals and dispensaries in Himachal Pradesh will receive free tests and essential medicines.
- ✓ Digital attendance for children and teachers will be introduced in all government schools of the state.
- ✓ Government Senior Secondary Schools in Gagret, Amb, Haroli, Bangana, Barsar, Sujampur, Dharamshala, Jawali, Indora, Sarkaghat, Hamirpur,

Bhoranj, Bara, Nadaun, Ghumarwin, Dehra, Jaisinghpur, Shahpur, Bhatiyat, Fatehpur, Palampur, Arki, Seraj, Dhaliyara, Shillai, Reckong Peo (Kinnaur), Keylong, Theog, Nagrota, Kullu and Jogindernagar will be developed as Rajiv Gandhi Day Boarding Schools.

- ✓ For better management in the field of education, the Directorate of Education will be restructured.
- ✓ ₹3 crores will be allocated for the renovation of the hostel at the Sainik School in Sujanpur.
- ✓ Four hostels will be built in Kangra for college students, and hostels for schoolgirls will be constructed in Hamirpur and Sujanpur.
- ✓ To initiate modern ideas and initiatives in the field of technical education, an Innovation Fund will be established.
- ✓ Classes for M.Tech Electrical Vehicle Technology will be started at Govt. Hydro Engineering College Bandla.
- ✓ The Digital University of Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Skill, and Vocational Studies will be established at Ghumarwin, District Bilaspur, under Public-Private Partnership (PPP Mode) and Self-Financing.

7. Drug-Free Himachal.

- ✓ To prevent drug abuse, a Drug Dependence Prevention, De-addiction, and Rehabilitation Board will be formed.
- ✓ A Drug-De-addiction and Rehabilitation Nodal Centre will be established at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Medical College, Tanda.
- ✓ A Drug-De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre will be operationalized in the Sirmaur district.
- ✓ The number of de-addiction beds will be increased as needed in regional/district/medical colleges/hospitals.
- ✓ Under the "**School Swasthaya Karyakram**," health check-ups and Counselling-cum-Awareness Sessions for students will be initiated by doctors and paramedical staff of Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in nearby schools.

- ✓ Through provisions of the HP Anti Drug Act, the focus will be on rehabilitation rather than punitive measures for individuals struggling with addiction.
- ✓ A Special Task Force (STF) will be announced to prevent drug trafficking.
- ✓ To control and prevent illegal activities conducted by organized crime syndicates or gangs, the "Himachal Pradesh Prevention of Continuing Unlawful Activity and Control of Organized Crime Act, 2025" will be introduced.

8. Expansion and strengthening of clean drinking water and sewerage facilities.

- ✓ In Lahaul-Spiti district, work will commence on 20 Water Supply Schemes at a cost of ₹27 crores, and in Kinnaur district, work will begin on 6 Water Supply Schemes at a cost of ₹72 crores.
- ✓ Construction work on 4 Water Supply Schemes in Nadaun, Bhoranj, Amlehed, and Haroli, and one Sewerage Scheme in Baddi, estimated at ₹314 crores, will be completed.
- ✓ Construction of drinking water schemes will begin in Bhuntar, Nahan, Jawali, Arki, Nirmand, Jogindernagar, Shahpur, Bhatiyat, and Karsog towns at a total cost of ₹167 crores.
- ✓ Under the 24×7 drinking water supply system in 12 urban and rural areas, work is in progress in 5 regions, and the remaining areas will begin work soon.
- ✓ Under the **Himachal Pradesh Gramin Peyjal Unnayan Pariyojana**, better supply to 20,663 households in rural areas across 8 districts will be ensured at a cost of ₹745 crores.
- ✓ Under the **Himachal Pradesh Gramin Peyjal Unnayan Pariyojana and Aajivika Yojana** Rural Drinking Water Upgradation and Livelihood Project, the remaining 57% work of Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTCs) will be completed.
- ✓ To improve the quality of water supply in Himachal Pradesh, the new **Mukhyamantri Swachh Jal Shodhan Yojana** will be launched with a provision of ₹200 crores.

- ✓ During the upcoming financial year, a Drinking Water Treatment Plant will be installed in Dehra, Jawalaji, Jaswan and Pragpur, Kangra district, at a cost of ₹43 crores.
- ✓ Water testing laboratories will be established for 14 bacteriological standards to ensure the quality of drinking water.
- ✓ Work on sewerage schemes in Nerwa, Chaupal, Rajgarh, Shahpur, and Bilaspur towns will commence during 2025-2026.
- ✓ Sewerage schemes in 14 towns in Kangra, Mandi, Chamba, and Kinnaur districts will begin during 2025-2026.

9. Transport, Industry, Bridges & Roads

- ✓ Additional 500 e-Buses will be procured for the Transport Corporation, and an online pass facility will be introduced at other locations in the state besides Shimla, with software being prepared for this purpose.
- ✓ Construction of 14.79-kilometre-long ropeway, costing ₹1,546.40 crore, would be started in Shimla city.
- ✓ Luxury vehicles will be operated on selected routes in Shimla city on a pilot basis.
- ✓ The first Automatic Driving Test Track will be established in Haroli, Una district.
- ✓ Development of jetties and promotion of cruise tourism, water sports activities, and water transportation services will be undertaken.
- ✓ Budget provisions will be made as needed to ensure the smooth continuation of work in the Bulk Drug Park in the upcoming year.
- ✓ Major amendments will be made to the state's industrial policy to attract investments in areas such as green energy, solar energy, milk production, and electric vehicles by organising Investor Outreach Programmes.
- ✓ Efforts will be made to strengthen micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ✓ A high-level board will be established to examine all aspects related to the state's industrial sector and address all issues effectively.

- ✓ To provide relief to industries operating on a supply voltage of 66 KV or higher, a subsidy of 40 paise per unit will be given on electricity consumption.
- ✓ Construction of six road and bridge projects will commence at a cost of ₹345.14 crore.
- ✓ Approval has been granted for 50 road and bridge projects worth ₹498.62 crore under NABARD.
- ✓ The tender publication period has been reduced from 14 days to seven days, and the total time for completing work has also been reduced to 12 days to expedite execution.
- ✓ A provision of ₹100 crore has been made under the "**Mukhya Mantri Sadak Yojana**".

10. Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, and Urban Development Initiatives

- ✓ Blocks will be reorganised to make the administrative system more effective and efficient.
- ✓ Nine Extension Training Centres will be established to strengthen rural institutions.
- ✓ Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) will be entrusted with water schemes at the panchayat level, enabling them to increase their income. Additionally, their properties will be managed under lease arrangements to generate additional revenue.
- ✓ ₹452 crore will be spent on development works in panchayats under the 15th Finance Commission for 2025-2026, and ₹467 crore will be spent under the State Finance Commission.
- ✓ Developmental grants will be provided as follows: ₹1 crore each to the municipal corporations of Hamirpur, Una, and Baddi; ₹25 lakh each to the municipal councils of Nadaun, Baijnath-Paprola, and Sunni; and ₹50 lakh each to the newly formed 14 Nagar Panchayats.
- ✓ Rural areas included in newly formed urban bodies will continue to have the same water rates for three years as before.

- ✓ Approximately 44 services being provided through urban local bodies will be phased on the UPYOG platform.
- ✓ Existing development plans will be reviewed, and the establishment of a "Business District Zone" in important urban/tourist areas.

11.Revenue, Disaster and Fire Services:

- ✓ All revenue courts will be digitized in a phased manner and an e-revenue system will be implemented in the State.
- ✓ A module will be developed under the Revenue Court Management System (RMS) to map land records related to citizens demarcation and mutation cases.
- ✓ Revenue records will be prepared in selected urban areas based on actual ground conditions through Aerial Survey Technology.
- ✓ The Bhunaksha application will be utilised to provide maps through a digital platform.
- ✓ Online mutation software will be introduced to digitise the mutation process and establish a paperless system.
- ✓ "Panchayat Emergency Response Centres" will be established in 3,645 panchayats to address disasters in an organised and community-driven manner.
- ✓ Under the AFD, with an approximate cost of ₹892 crore, the key project highlights for the next five years include:-
 - ✓ Development of an Early Warning System for Multi Hazards under the Disaster Risk Reduction and Preparedness Project and creation of a GIS-based Decision Support System.
 - ✓ Establishment of State Disaster Response Force complexes.
 - ✓ Promotion of bio-engineering measures to prevent landslides and stabilise slopes.
 - ✓ Establishment of "Disaster Risk Reduction Coordination Centres" at sub-division and tehsil levels.

- ✓ Strengthening of the HP State Disaster Management Authority, District Disaster Management Authorities, State Emergency Operation Cell, and District Emergency Operation Cells.
- ✓ Development of climate/weather forecasts for agriculture and horticulture.
- ✓ Promotion of activities to reduce the risks of forest fires.
- ✓ Studies related to climate change and adaptation; promotion of earthquake-resistant techniques.
- ✓ Development of IT for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- ✓ Establishment of a Himalayan Disaster Risk Reduction Centre at Palampur.
- ✓ Fire stations will be opened in Rajgarh (Sirmaur district) and Kandaghat (Solan district).
- ✓ Eight new fire engines will be procured for Nadon, Indora, Rajgarh, and Kandaghat, and old fire engines will be gradually replaced with 60 new vehicles.
- ✓ Procurement of 16 Quick Response Vehicles, 2 buses for training and public awareness, and various firefighting equipment.
- ✓ Construction of departmental buildings for fire sub-stations in Kaza and Kumarsain and fire stations in Jogindernagar, Fatehpur, and Ani.

12. Recruitment:

- ✓ A total of 1,000 posts across various categories will be filled in colleges and schools.
- ✓ Recruitment will include 200 AYUSH Medical Officers, 3 Homeopathic Medical Officers, 3 Sowa Rigpa Medical Officers, 2 Unani Medical Officers, 52 Ayurvedic Pharmacy Officers, 32 Lab Technicians, 33 Staff Nurses, 82 ANMs, and 42 Junior Office Assistants (IT).
- ✓ The recruitment process for 1,000 vacant posts of police constables will begin in the financial year 2025-2026.

- ✓ Additionally, the B-1 examination related to the promotion of police constables will be conducted for approximately 500 posts.
- ✓ Recruitment of 113 Home Guard Volunteer Drivers will be carried out in the next financial year.
- ✓ Recruitment of 853 Panchayat Secretaries through direct recruitment and 219 Technical Assistants will be done.
- ✓ To streamline health facilities, an additional 290 ASHA workers will be selected.
- ✓ Recruitment of 25000 vacancies of all categories.

13. Employees Welfare:

- ✓ From 15th May, in the first phase, arrears for pensioners aged 70 to 75 years will be paid during this financial year. Pending salary arrears of Class IV, Class III, Class II, and Class I employees and officers will be paid in a phased manner.
- ✓ From 15th May, employees of the state will receive a Dearness Allowance (DA) instalment at the rate of 3%.
- ✓ Daily wagers will now receive ₹425 per day, with an increase of ₹25.
- ✓ Outsourced employees will receive a minimum of ₹12,750 per month.
- ✓ Wages under MGNREGA will be increased by ₹20 to ₹320.

14. Honorarium:

- ✓ District Council: The Chairperson will receive ₹25,000, Vice-Chairperson ₹19,000, Member ₹8,300; Panchayat Samiti: Chairperson ₹12,000, Vice-Chairperson ₹9,000, Member ₹7,500; Gram Panchayat: Pradhan ₹7,500, Up-Pradhan ₹5,100 per month, and Members ₹1,050 per Gram Panchayat meeting as honorarium.
- ✓ Municipal Corporation: Mayor will receive ₹25,000, Deputy Mayor ₹19,000, Councillor ₹9,400; Municipal Council: Chairperson ₹10,800, Vice-Chairperson ₹8,900, Councillor ₹4,500; Nagar Panchayat: Pradhan ₹9,000, Up-Pradhan ₹7,000, and Members ₹4,500 per month.
- ✓ Anganwadi Workers: ₹10,500, Mini Anganwadi Workers ₹7,300, Anganwadi Helpers ₹5,800, ASHA Workers ₹5,800, Mid-Day Meal Workers ₹5,000, Water Carriers (Education Dept.) ₹5,500, Jal Rakshak ₹5,600, Multipurpose Workers (Jal Shakti Dept.) ₹5,500, Para Fitters and

Pump Operators ₹6,600, Panchayat Chowkidars ₹8,500, Revenue Chowkidars ₹6,300, and Revenue Lambardars ₹4,500 per month.

- ✓ Increment in Monthly Honorarium: Sewing teachers will get an increment of ₹500 per month, Multi-Task Workers (PWD) ₹500, SMC Teachers ₹500, IT Teachers ₹500, and SPOs ₹300 per month.
- ✓ Medical College/AIMSS Chamiana: The stipend for Senior Residents/Tutor Specialists for PG students will be increased to ₹1 lakh, while that for DNB-Super Specialists & Sr. Residents-Super Specialists (D.M./M.Ch.) will be raised to ₹1.3 lakh.
- ✓ Monthly honorarium for Operation Theatre Assistants and Radiographers appointed on an outsourced basis will be increased to ₹25,000.

15.Others

- ✓ To enhance convenience for the general public, Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be utilised to make the online portal more effective.
- ✓ The work on the Software Technology Parks (STPI) being established in Mehli, Shimla, and Chaitdu, Kangra, will be completed.
- ✓ The government plans to introduce Drone Taxi services. To modernise agriculture and horticulture through Drone Technology Intervention, Drone Stations will be set up in the districts of Hamirpur, Mandi, and Kangra.
- ✓ Residential colonies will be developed in Basal (Bilaspur) and Bindravan (Palampur), along with approximately 82 flats and 137 residential plots in Rampur Phase-3, Rajwari (Mandi), and Dharmapur (Solan).
- ✓ HIMUDA will construct a large commercial complex in Vikasnagar, Shimla, at an estimated cost of ₹250 crore.
- ✓ A 100-bed sports hostel will be built in Luhnu, Bilaspur.
- ✓ A 50-bed sports hostel will be constructed in Kharidi, Hamirpur district.
- ✓ Modern sports infrastructure will be developed at the Rajiv Gandhi Multipurpose Stadium in Kutasni, Shimla district.

- ✓ Indoor stadiums will be constructed in Solan, along with stadiums in Reckong Peo, Haroli, and Jai Singhpur.
- ✓ Synthetic Track and Field facilities will be developed in Hamirpur and Sujanpur.
- ✓ Priority recruitment will be given to 15% of posts reserved for ex-servicemen in departments.
- ✓ The Diet Money provided to children studying in Sainik Schools will be increased from ₹10 to ₹50.
- ✓ A long-term policy will be formulated for tribal areas, keeping Climate Change in mind.
- ✓ The government will double the current grant amount provided to small temples in the state.
- ✓ MLAs will be able to include day-boarding schools from their constituencies in their priority list.
- ✓ The current limit of ₹195 crore per constituency under the MLA Priority Schemes will be increased to ₹200 crore.