

1. Honorable Speaker Sir, in the lifetime of the members of this Honorable House, perhaps such a difficult time has hardly ever come at the global level as is going on nowadays. In this scene of devastation, thousands of women, children, and school girls in Ukraine, Gaza, and Iran are being burnt to ashes. In this era of war frenzy, sensitivity, tolerance, morality, and dignity are being continuously violated. Life values have now been transformed into Short Term Deals and humanity has been set aside. A few years ago, we could not even imagine such a dance of absolute power. Today the world is standing on the brink of the third world war. It cannot be said when this war will engulf the entire world.

2. Due to the closure of the Hormuz Strait, the supply of oil and LNG has been reduced by about one-fourth. Oil prices are rising. Along with the global economic recession, the signs of inflation are being heard. Maritime trade has become slow and expensive. The price of gas cylinders has increased and there has been a shortage in supply. Meanwhile, the dollar is becoming more expensive against the rupee. All this has started having a direct impact on the entire world, our country, and the State. If these conflicts and wars do not end soon, the prices of petrol, diesel, and gas will start touching the sky and we will enter such a period of inflation where it will become very difficult for all of us, especially poor families, to survive.

3. In these difficult circumstances, Honorable Speaker Sir, with your permission, I present the budget for the financial year 2026-2027 and my Government 's fourth budget. First of all, I would like to talk about the injustice of the Government of India stopping RDG on the recommendation of the 16th Finance Commission. We have already discussed this issue in this House.

4. Stopping RDG is clearly against the spirit of Article 275(1) and 280(3)(b) of the Constitution. Determining the "Need of Assistance" state-wise to decide revenue deficit grant is the soul of Article 275(1). But the 16th Finance Commission did not do this. Not evaluating the need state-wise is a betrayal of the people of our State.

5. Honorable Speaker Sir, I kept requesting the Leader of Opposition again and again to support us to resolve the economic crises that has arisen due to the stopping of RDG. Honorable Speaker Sir, it is a matter of sorrow that the Opposition talked a lot, but did not do any work at all. In this difficult time, the Opposition abandoned the State. All such people who did not stand with Himachal, the State will never forgive them. In the words of Ramdhari Singh Dinkar Ji:—

**“समर शेष है, नहीं पाप का भागी केवल व्याध।
जो तटस्थ हैं, समय लिखेगा उनके भी अपराध।।”**

6. Honorable Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh and most of the hill States are economically dependent on the correct and constitutional allocation of central taxes. The formation of these States was done to fulfill the aspirations of the residents here and not as an independent economic unit.

7. We all know that due to difficult geographical conditions, it costs 2-3 times in comparison to other States to develop basic facilities like education, health, electricity, water, and infrastructure in these States. Keeping these challenges in view, hill States have been categorized as Special Category States for many decades and measures have been taken for their financial management so that these States can properly discharge their constitutional responsibilities.

8. Some people compare Himachal with hill States like Uttarakhand and Assam, this comparison is not correct. A large geographical area of these States is plain, so the cost of industry, agriculture, and basic facilities is less in these States.

9. Honorable Speaker Sir, in the present circumstances we can never be Revenue Surplus, there are some fundamental reasons for this. First, as I mentioned, being a hill State we have inherent challenges. Second, we have only forests and flowing water as resources. We will not cut forests, we ourselves have imposed a ban on this. We pay a big price for being the Lungs and Water Bowl of North India. Last year, the Forest Department

got a study done by the Indian Institute of Forest Management, which concludes that every year Himachal provides ecological services worth 90 thousand crore rupees to the country. Our forests, flowing rivers, our ecology on one hand help in soil, water and climate conservation, while on the other hand we also work as a natural Carbon Capture Sink. Instead of getting a 'Green Bonus' in return for all this, our RDG has been stopped.

“बो ज़हर देता तो सब की निगाह में आ जाता।

सो ये किया कि मुझे वक्त पे दवा न दी।।”

10. We do not get the value of our water like other raw materials such as coal, and even in the approximately 13 Thousand MW electricity produced here, we are cheated in the name of free power. Forget 12-18-30 percent royalty, we are not even getting 12 percent free power. Projects that are becoming free after 40 years are also not being returned to us according to international norms. The third injustice happening with us is that we are not getting our legal right. Arrears of about 7 Thousand crore rupees of BBMB have not been given to us for the last 14 years, Shan Power House is also not being returned. Even after the Government of India has accepted the damage figures of our natural disasters as correct, we are not being released appropriate funds.

11. In addition to all this, another major reason is GST. In the GST regime, the States surrendered their tax power to the Central Government. GST Compensation also ended in 2022. We are a State with a small domestic market, and GST is a Destination Based and Consumer Driven Tax. The industrial production that takes place in Himachal Pradesh is almost entirely sold outside in big States, which benefits them, not us. The Government's assessment is that due to GST implementation till now, and the loss due to recent GST Rationalization, if added, the State's revenue has suffered a loss of about 25 thousand crore rupees in the last eight years.

12. Another point I want to bring to the attention of the House. If you carefully look at the period from 2018 to 2025-26, you will find that the previous Government received 47

Thousand crore rupees as RDG and 13 Thousand crore rupees as GST Compensation in five years. At the same time, the previous Government had also taken a Loan of 30 thousand crore rupees in five years. When the previous Government came to power, the State had a debt of Forty-seven thousand nine hundred four crore rupees. If the previous Government had properly utilized the approximately Forty-seven thousand crore RDG and approximately Thirteen thousand crore GST Compensation received in five years, and had repaid even 50 percent of the loan, then today the State would not have fallen into the Debt Trap. Now the situation is such that the amount of loan we will raise in one year, more than that will have to be spent on repayment of loan and payment of interest. This is the situation of Debt Trap. Now is not the time to take populist decisions. It is the time for proper utilization of resources. We will have to increase our loan repayment, close down useless institutions, and reduce unproductive expenditures.

13. Here it is also necessary to understand the truth of other assistance being provided by the Centre. It is often said that the Central Government provides assistance to Himachal under SASCI (Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment). The truth is that the amount given under SASCI is not a Grant but a Loan. This is a Loan given for 50 years which the State has to repay. Therefore, the burden of Outstanding Loan on the State is increasing every year. This too is becoming a reason for Himachal being trapped in the Debt Trap. Hence, it is clear that Himachal is being shackled economically.

**“हम आह भी करते हैं तो हो जाते हैं बदनाम ।
वो क़त्ल भी करते हैं तो चर्चा नहीं होती ।।”**

14. That is why we began with Vyavastha Parivartan. Whatever obstacles come in the way of the vision of development of Himachal that we have imagined, we will face them with courage. This budget also shows the path to realize this vision and also shows our courage and strength to take tough decisions in difficult times.

15. We, the people of Himachal, are mountain people, our intention is like the mountain and our courage is higher than the mountain. We do not know how to bow, we know how to take our rights. I would like to say to the entire Himachal in the interest of Himachal:—

“वक्त का तकाजा है, तूफानों से लड़ो।
कहां तक चलोगे किनारे-किनारे।।”

16. In the last three years, we have not only corrected the condition and direction of the Government by changing policies but also laid the foundation of long-term transformation. We have reduced expenses and increased sources of income. But it is surprising that we are being told that RDG has been stopped because the present Government in Himachal Pradesh gave the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), that RDG has been stopped because we started giving fifteen hundred rupees to women. This is an insult to the elected democratic Government and the people of the State. It is being said that because we made our Election Manifesto the Policy Document of the Government and are fulfilling the Guarantees given in it, therefore RDG has been stopped. Because of this misleading propaganda, we will not retreat from our decisions.

17. Honorable Speaker Sir, it is true that from the year 2020-21 to the year 2025-26 Himachal Pradesh has received 48 thousand 630 crore rupees as Revenue Deficit Grant. Now the Central Government has accepted the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission. This means that according to the standards of the previous Finance Commission we will suffer an average loss of 8 thousand 105 crore rupees per year. According to the principle of Inflation and Time Value of Money, this Grant should have been increased in the coming years to at least 10 thousand crore rupees per year, but it has been completely stopped. The result of this is that we are being forced to reduce the total size of the budget. In the year 2025-26 the size of our budget was 58 thousand 514 crore rupees which will be 54 thousand 928 crore rupees for the year 2026-27.

18. Honorable Speaker Sir, we consider the rural economy as the backbone of the State and all our policies are based on improving the lives of hardworking people living in rural areas of the State. In the budgets of the last three years, I have initiated to establish Himachal as a Green State, Tourism State, Energy State, and an Ideal State in the fields of education, health, and social security. Positive results are coming forth. We started fulfilling the promises made to the people of the State as soon as the Government was formed. We implemented Old Pension Scheme(OPS) after the first Cabinet meeting. This was not a political decision rather my sensitive and employee-friendly decision. Otherwise, we could have brought it even in 2027.

19. To strengthen the rural economy, the minimum purchase price of milk has been raised and it is the highest in the country. We started the purchase of cow dung manure; made Himachal the first State to give support price for turmeric, natural wheat, and maize crops, started **Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Yojana** with an outlay of 650 crore rupees for youth self-employment, started English Medium from the first class in Government Schools, started giving fifteen hundred rupees per month to women of the State in a phased manner. If anyone thinks that these decisions will be changed as RDG has been stopped, then through this Budget I would like to make it clear that we will fulfill all our election promises and 10 Guarantees one hundred percent and will also continue Himachal's development journey in a planned manner and make Himachal self-reliant.

20. We will not let the pace of development stop. Even after financial difficulties, we will complete social and economic change works in a time-bound manner. In the last about two months, through a long process, we reviewed the ongoing developmental works in the State and identified such works which are 60 to 70 percent complete. After this, these works were assessed in order of priority based on public interest. Along with this, we have also included such works which need to be started in public interest and completed in the coming one year.

21. Honorable Speaker Sir, after discussions held at various levels in several stages, we have prepared a list of approximately 300 incomplete works. These incomplete works are related to public interest, and with their completion, important projects in the fields of education, health, public works, water resources department, energy, horticulture, agriculture, rural development, and other such areas that have been pending for a long time will be completed. Due to their non-completion, the State has been facing economic and social losses. I hereby announce a provision of 500 crore rupees to complete all these incomplete works.

22. Honorable Speaker Sir, as I said earlier, one major shortcoming of the previous Government at the institutional level was that many buildings were constructed without thinking. Today hundreds of buildings are lying vacant. Efforts will be made to ensure proper utilization of all these buildings. To prevent the wastage of the State's resources, vacant buildings are being given to various departments as per requirement. Consideration will be given to bringing these buildings into use for projects beneficial to the community through private participation, if required.

23. Honorable Speaker Sir, before I begin the department-wise discussion in the budget, I want to draw the attention of the House towards a very important subject. That is, the import Tariff on apples. The Trade Agreements with America, New Zealand, and the European Union will shatter our rural economy—especially the apple-based horticulture sector. In the background of our unique rural conditions, climate change, and the protectionism of those countries on imported apples, reducing the import duty is an injustice to our farmers and horticulturists. I have personally met the Commerce Minister of the Government of India and given him a representation. I would like the Government of India to consider this subject seriously.

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

National Economy ➤ During 2025-26, the Indian economy is projected to grow at a rate of 7.4%. The agriculture and allied sector is estimated to achieve a growth rate of 3.1%. According to advance estimates for the financial year 2025-26, the country's per capita income is expected to be ₹2,19,575.

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 2025-26, the State's economy is projected to grow at a rate of 8.3%. The per capita income of the State during 2025-26 is estimated to increase by 9.8% compared to the previous year, reaching ₹2,83,626 which is ₹64,051 higher than the country's per capita income. The State's Gross Domestic Product for 2025-26 is expected to be ₹2,54,000 crore.

Animal Husbandry 25. Honorable Speaker Sir, now I share with you the vision of a prosperous Himachal through Vyavastha Parivartan in the rural economy. To increase the income of milk producers, we have made unprecedented investments in the dairy sector. The construction of the Dhagwar Milk Processing Plant located in Kangra, with a capacity of processing one lakh fifty thousand liters of milk daily and costing 200 crore rupees, will be completed this year. Along with this, work will be started on new milk processing plants in Nahan and Nalagarh at a cost of about 100 crore rupees, as well as milk chilling plants in Hamirpur and Una. Such a large investment has never happened in the history of Himachal Pradesh.

“बात अनमोल बहुत है ये जिंदगी के लिए,
बता रहा हूँ फ़लसफ़ा मैं हर किसी के लिए।
पोंछ सकते हो तो दुखियों के पोंछ लो आँसू,
न जिएं आप केवल अपनी ही खुशी के लिए।।”

26. As you are aware, in the last three years we have increased the procurement price of cow's milk from 31 rupees 80 paise to 51 rupees per liter, and the purchase price of buffalo's milk has been increased to 61 rupees per liter. This is the highest in the country. Due to these efforts of the Government , in the last three years the quantity of milk purchased by the HP Milkfed has almost doubled, from 4 crore liters per year to 8 crore liters per year. This increase is directly benefiting our rural economy.

27. Honorable Speaker Sir, for operating the Dhagwar and new plants, the availability of milk is also necessary. In this direction, my Government is establishing new dairy cooperative societies at the Gram Panchayat level, in which women societies are being given priority. The target is to double the number of dairy cooperative societies to two thousand by the end of this year. To make these societies modern and strong, advanced milk analyzers, furniture, and necessary testing equipment will be provided in a phased manner. Along with this, on the Amul pattern, through an Integrated Mobile App, the system of milk production, animal health, and procurement will be made transparent and simple.

28. In the dairy sector, Private Entrepreneurship will be promoted. For the establishment of Bulk Milk Coolers in the private sector, to provide Quality Improvement in the dairy sector and opportunities of self-employment to the youth, 10 Advance Comprehensive Vehicles will be made available. These vehicles will go village to village and provide milk collection, milk quality testing, animal health check-ups, and necessary consultation services. For their purchase, 65 percent Capital Subsidy will be given through DBT.

29. The Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Departments will jointly ensure the production of natural A2 Milk from certified dairy units. Considering the unprecedented development in the dairy sector, our Government will arrange for testing and branding of HIM A2 Milk and will purchase it through the Himachal Pradesh Milk Federation at the price of 100 rupees per liter.

30. My Government had started a Milk Incentive Scheme last year for registered cooperative institutions of Himachal Pradesh related to milk procurement. Under this, the Government is giving farmers associated with some institutions an incentive amount of 3 rupees per liter directly into their account through DBT. Because the purchase price of milk determined by the Government is relatively higher and we want that the farmers associated with these societies also get proper benefit, therefore my Government from the next financial year will increase the assistance of 3 rupees per liter to 6 rupees per liter. Through this, farmers will receive 11 crore rupees directly into their accounts via DBT.

31. I announce that from the upcoming financial year, the purchase price of cow's milk will be increased from 51 rupees per liter to 61 rupees per liter, and the purchase price of buffalo's milk will be increased from 61 rupees per liter to 71 rupees per liter. Our goal is that while strengthening the rural economy, money should not go into the hands of middlemen but directly into the hands of my farmer brothers and sisters.

32. For centuries, our traditional shepherds, our Puhals, not only sustain their livelihood, but they also serve the nation as sentinels of the difficult borders. To preserve the pride of these communities, for the financial year 2026-2027, our Government will endeavor to start the **PEHEL (Pastoralists Empowerment in Himalayan Ecosystems for Livelihood) Scheme** with an outlay of 300 crore rupees. This historic initiative will become a strong foundation for more than 40,000 families of Gaddi, Gujjar, Kinnaura, and other related communities. Under this, the each shepherd will receive a digital card, through which they will easily get all Government benefits and a complete record of their livestock will be maintained. They will also be provided life insurance, so that in their risky lives they may have a protective shield. To make sheep and goat rearing profitable, advanced breeds such as Rambouillet will be imported, and local breeds like Chegu Goat and Gaddi Dogs will also be conserved.

33. Honorable Speaker Sir, the grazing permits of sheep-goat rearers, Puhals have been suspended since the year 1970, due to which sheep-goat rearers, Puhals, face many difficulties

during migration. Our Government has reviewed the grazing permit policy. We are considering giving appropriate relaxation in the restrictions on livestock numbers or grazing areas that have been continuing for years. In this direction, a portal will be developed by the Government in which all information related to shepherds/Puhals will be available at one place. The migration routes/water sources/night halt places of the Puhals will be secured and geo-tagged. In addition, the Government will also bring a new law based on the Karnataka State model to protect their migration and rights.

34. Sheep rearers of the State face difficulties in selling wool. The reason for this is that the scientific system of shearing, cleaning, testing, grading, and packing of wool has not been established till now. I announce a provision of 2 crore rupees for creating this system in collaboration with non-Governmental organizations related to sheep rearing and Farmer Producer Organizations. To stabilize the purchase price of wool, I also announce a Support Price of 100 rupees per kilogram for wool under the Market Stabilization Scheme. If sheep rearers get a market price lower than this value, then the Government will provide compensation for the difference between the sale price and 100 rupees through DBT.

35. Honorable Speaker Sir, in the past five years, a remarkable growth of 52 percent has been recorded in the field of poultry farming. To further accelerate this progress, I propose to implement in PPP mode the Swarozgar ki Udaan – Comprehensive Himachal Integrated Commercial Poultry Scheme (CHIC) at a cost of 62 crore rupees over the next five years. Under this scheme, one thousand commercial broiler units with a capacity of 3,000 to 10,000 birds will be established. From this, farmers and rural youth are estimated to earn approximately rupees 84,000 per month from a unit of about 10,000 birds. To set up such a unit, approximately 2.5 kanals of land will be required. Each unit will also be provided with up to 30 percent Capital Subsidy and the facility of 3 percent Interest Subvention on bank loans.

36. Our Government has always given the highest priority to cow protection and the rehabilitation of stray animals/Cattle.

In the past years, we have established several Cow Sanctuaries and large Gausadans. Out of the income of the notified temples of the State, the decision to give 15 percent income for cow shelters was taken some years ago, but it could not be implemented due to practical reasons. From the income of the temples, a fixed amount will be arranged to be given for cow service. If required, necessary amendments will be made in the law for this. If any reputed voluntary organization NGO or business house wishes to adopt any Government Gausadan or Cow Sanctuary, our Government will grant permission for it. We believe that:

जहाँ आस्था का मान हो,
वहाँ सेवा का भी दान हो,
गौ-माता के चरणों में,
सबका थोड़ा योगदान हो।

The total proposed outlay in the field of animal husbandry is 734 crore rupees.

Agriculture 37. Honorable Speaker Sir, agriculture is the backbone of Himachal Pradesh's economy and even today it remains the main source of livelihood for the majority of the rural population of the State. Our Government, through the **Rajiv Gandhi Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana**, has presented an example across the country in the field of sustainable agriculture by advancing farmers towards chemical-free natural farming.

38. In the State, approximately 2,23,000 farmers are practicing natural farming on approximately 38,455 hectares of land. The marketing of crops such as wheat, maize, barley, and turmeric has already begun. To ensure scientific testing and certification of quality and Nutritional Value, the necessity of High-Sensitivity Instruments has been felt in Quality Assurance Laboratories for testing the products obtained from natural farming and the processed products made from them. Therefore, in this direction, there is a proposal to establish a modern laboratory with advanced facilities in District Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh for the integration of Nutritional Profiling Facilities of Processed Market Products. In addition, a Dedicated

Marketing Cell will be established, which will professionalize marketing and establish our natural products as a premium brand.

39. Our Government has already been providing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Wheat, Maize, Barley of Pangi Valley, and Turmeric produced through natural farming with the objective of promoting natural farming and securing farmers' income. I make the following announcements in honor of the farmers of the State and their hard work:-

- The MSP of wheat will be increased from 60 to 80 rupees per kilogram.
- The MSP of maize will be increased from 40 to 50 rupees per kilogram.
- The MSP of barley from Pangi Valley will be increased from 60 to 80 rupees per kilogram.
- The MSP of turmeric will be increased from 90 to 150 rupees per kilogram.
- In addition, I announce for the first time in the State the provision of MSP for ginger at the rate of 30 per kilogram.

40. Changing weather and dependence on external hybrid seeds have pushed farmers towards chemical inputs. In this context, the State Government will establish 'Seed Villages' to ensure Seed Sovereignty, in which groups of 50 to 100 farmers will produce traditional seeds. In selected villages, a community seed bank will be created. Special attention will be given to climate-resilient crops such as indigenous maize, lentils, red rice, koda, ginger, rajma, black lentils etc. Seed producers will be given a seed production subsidy of 5,000 rupees per bigha, and each Seed Village will be provided a one-time Infrastructure Grant of 2 lakh rupees, enabling the construction of solar-powered, moisture-controlled community seed storage units.

41. Honorable Speaker Sir, now I announce the fulfillment of another guarantee given to the people of the State. Keeping in mind the long-standing demand of the farmers of Himachal Pradesh, my farmer-friendly Government will establish the

“Himachal Pradesh State Farmers Commission” in the State through the Himachal Pradesh State Farmers Commission Act. This Commission will work to listen to the problems of farmers, protect their interests, and strengthen the agricultural sector.

42. Honorable Speaker Sir, under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project, ambitious works amounting to an expenditure of approximately 203 crore rupees will be undertaken in the year 2026-2027 as follows:

- A total of 109 Micro Irrigation Works will be completed, and work will be initiated on 56 additional sub-projects.
- Micro Irrigation Systems will be established over 396 hectares.
- Construction of about 19 kilometers of Farm Access Roads will be undertaken, along with 60,000 running meters of farm fencing.
- About two thousand training programs on community awareness will be organized.
- For Vegetables Promotion and Food Grain Productivity, 8,550 and 1,448 Training-cum-Method Demonstrations will respectively be conducted.
- For Krishi Vigyan Kendra Hamirpur located at Bara, a farmers’ training center will be established at a cost of Four Crore rupees. Along with this, a Centre of Excellence for Hydroponic will be established here at a cost of One Crore rupees.
- Under Livelihood Support, 400 dairy farming units will be set up, 600 beneficiaries will be assisted in service sectors (such as tailoring, plumbing, motor mechanics, etc.) and 10 crore rupees will be provided for farm machinery on a 50:50 cost-sharing basis.

43. Honorable Speaker Sir, with the resolve of ensuring agricultural security, our Government has made a provision of 10 crore rupees under the **Mukhyamantri Khet Badhbandi Yojana** for the year 2026–27.

Horticulture 44. Honorable Speaker Sir, horticulture is a major pillar of the State’s economy. Due to the Government’s visionary policies and the adoption of progressive development programs by

horticulturists, remarkable transformation has taken place in this sector. For the upcoming financial year, various works will be undertaken by the Government in this sector.

45. To ensure the availability of high-quality planting material of the latest varieties, approximately 5 lakh grafted fruit plants will be prepared in various Progeny cum Demonstration Orchards (PCDOs) through the Himachal Pradesh Nursery Management Society (HPNMS), out of which 3 lakh temperate and 2 lakh sub-tropical fruit plants will be provided to the orchardist during the financial year 2026-27.

46. The HPSHIVA Project, with an estimated cost of about 1,292 crore rupees is being implemented in a phased manner in 52 Development Blocks of the Districts Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur, and Una of the State. Under this project, about 400 clusters are being developed over approximately 6,000 hectares of land, benefiting around 15,000 farmer families directly, and farmers are being encouraged to adopt modern, commercial, and market/export-oriented cultivation of sub-tropical fruits such as Sweet Orange, Guava, Pomegranate, Litchi, Mango, Plum, Pecan Nut, and Persimmon. Fruit plantation has already been successfully carried out over about 1,140 hectares of land. So far, an expenditure of about 330 crore rupees has been incurred on the project

- Under the project, to provide farmers with reliable and sustainable irrigation facilities, approval has been granted for 142 lift irrigation schemes. Out of these, 99 schemes have been completed, while the remaining 43 schemes will be completed in 2026-27.
- To ensure the availability of quality planting material in the State, two modern foundation blocks will be established at Shahpur in District Kangra and Bagthan in District Sirmaur at a cost of approximately 5 crore rupees.
- To connect farmers with knowledge, innovation, and modern technologies, two Technology Centres—Farmer Advisory & Capacity Development Centre (FACDC) and Farmer Enterprise Incubation Centre (FEIC)—are being

established in Harabag and Samarahan of Mandi district at a cost of approximately 12 crore rupees.

- To promote Crop Diversification and High-Value Horticulture, community clusters of Avocado, Blueberry, Macadamia Nut, Dragon Fruit, and Kiwi will be developed in approximately 300 hectares of area.
- Three Post-Harvesting Management Facilities will be established at Nagrota Bagwan (Kangra), Dadhol (Bilaspur), and Nadaun (Hamirpur) at an estimated cost of approximately 5 crore rupees.
- For the second phase of the project, a topographical survey of 200 clusters in approximately 2,800 hectares of area is being conducted, with the target to complete it by July 2026.
- Horticulture development activities will be accelerated in approximately 2,000 hectares of area, and 50 new irrigation schemes will be created at a cost of approximately 60 crore rupees.
- In 2,000 hectares of area, the work of Orchard Layout & Field Preparation will be carried out at a cost of 65 crore and 19 lakh rupees.
- Under the HPSHIVA project, a provision of approximately 325 crore rupees has been made for the financial year 2026-27.
- Under this project, the fruit plantations being carried out will be utilized for Voluntary Carbon Market Registration so that additional income can be earned from carbon credits for cluster farmers. For awareness regarding this, the Carbon Kaksha Programme will be started. Through this programme, the annual income of farmers in the project area will increase by approximately rupees 6 to 8 crore additionally.

Fisheries 47. Honorable Speaker Sir, in the State, fisheries is an important sector of the rural economy. In this sector, our Government has provided employment to approximately 550

youths under various schemes in the current financial year till December 2025. With the objective of strengthening the rural economy through the fisheries sector and increasing the income of the people associated with it, I make the following announcements:—

- I announce the commencement of the **Mukhya Mantri Machhuara Sahayata Yojana** to strengthen the fisheries sector of the State and for the welfare of fishermen. Under this scheme:-
 - ✓ For the first time in the history of the State, I declare the Minimum Support Price for reservoir fish to protect fishermen from market fluctuations. The composite support price of reservoir fish will be one hundred rupees per kilogram. If in auction the reservoir fish is sold at a cost lower than one hundred rupees per kilogram, then the State Government will provide fishermen a subsidy of up to twenty rupees per kilogram through DBT.
 - ✓ In the current year, our Government has reduced the rate of royalty on fish caught from reservoirs from 15 percent to 7.5 percent. For the upcoming financial year, I announce to further reduce this royalty to “one percent.” This will provide direct benefit to more than 6000 reservoir fishermen of the State.
 - ✓ Honorable Speaker Sir, during the rainy season when fishing is not possible or remains prohibited, keeping in mind the difficulties faced by the fisherman families during that period, I propose to provide a lump sum honorarium of three thousand five hundred rupees per year.
 - ✓ In addition, four thousand active river fishermen will be provided with cast nets and Three thousand active reservoir fishermen will be provided with gill nets with a 90 percent subsidy through DBT.
 - ✓ Based on requirement standards, fishermen will be provided 70 percent subsidy through DBT for the purchase of boats.

- ✓ To establish 20 Cold Storage units of 5 MT capacity and 10 units of Freeze Dry, cooperative institutions/private investors/youth/self-help groups/fishermen etc. will be provided 70 percent subsidy through DBT.
- ✓ For the purchase of 20 Refrigerated Vans, which will help in transporting fish to markets like Delhi and Chandigarh, 70 percent subsidy will also be provided through DBT.
- With the objective of promoting fish farming and fish tourism in the State, an Integrated Aqua Park will be constructed in Nadaun of district Hamirpur at a cost of 25 crore rupees.
- In the private sector, 10 Biofloc Culture Units, 03 Trout Hatcheries, 02 Fish Feed Mills, 02 Ice Plants, and 05 Biofloc Fish Ponds will be established, on which a total expenditure of 4 crore 35 lakh rupees will be incurred.
- For safe and clean transportation of fish, Three-Wheelers and 50 Motorcycles with Ice Boxes will be distributed to fishermen and fish farmers of the State.
- To provide protection to Trout Farmers from losses caused by disasters, a Risk Fund Scheme will be implemented for active Trout Farmers of the State, under which the Government will provide a Corpus Fund of one crore rupees.
- To promote trout fish farming, 100 new trout units will be created in various potential cold-water districts in the private sector at a total cost of 5 crore 50 lakh rupees.
- To promote Rainbow Trout in the State, a new breeding line of Rainbow Trout will be prepared from 5 lakh eggs (Eyed Ova) imported from Denmark.
- Under the ongoing Chief Minister Carp Fish Farming Scheme, new fish ponds will be constructed in a total of five hectares in the private sector with 80 percent subsidy.

“यह जुनून, यही ख्वाब मेरा है।

दिया जला कर रोशनी कर दूँ जहाँ अन्धेरा है।।”

48. Honorable Speaker Sir, I announce the commencement of an ambitious scheme “**Mission 32 Percent.**” This will be a major step towards making Himachal Pradesh a Green Himalayan State. The Forest Cover of the State, which is currently 29.5 percent, will be increased to 32 percent by the year 2030. This expansion of Forest Cover will enhance biodiversity and clearly highlight our sensitivity towards climate change. In addition, this initiative will create sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural communities.

49. Through various programs related to forest plantation, including CAMPA, operations are being carried out. For the year 2026-27, by including CAMPA, EAPs, and other sponsored schemes, a target of plantation in Eight Thousand Hectares has been set, with priority to be given to the planting of fruit-bearing trees.

50. Through the **Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana** started last year, the State has achieved remarkable success in tree plantation. During the year 2025, approximately 300 women groups, 70 youth groups, and 75 other self-help groups carried out plantation on about Eleven Hundred Hectares of land. In 2026-27, we will expand this initiative on a large scale. We have set a target of plantation in about Four Thousand hectares of land by 1100 community groups, of which 60 percent will be women groups, 20 percent youth groups, and 20 percent other self-help groups. For this, a provision of about 55 crore rupees has been made. In this program, during the year 2026-27, about 15,000 women are expected to participate in plantation activities. Each group will be given One Lakh Twenty Thousand rupees per hectare and they will carry out plantation work in 2 to 5 hectares of land. One year after plantation, evaluation will be conducted, and where the survival rate of trees is more than 50 percent, the groups will be provided an incentive amount of One Lakh rupees for every 2 hectares.

51. The Government has implemented the **Mukhyamantri Van Vistar Yojana** and the **Rajiv Gandhi Green Adoption Scheme** to increase the income of women, youth groups, and agricultural communities as well as to expand

forest areas. These schemes will prove to be milestones in the direction of Green Himachal.

52. The Government has taken several important steps in a planned manner to promote eco-tourism. During the year 2025-26, the State has developed eco-tourism sites at 17 environmental tourism locations. In the year 2026-27, 50 new sites will be developed for eco-tourism. In addition, the booking of about 50 major forest rest houses will be made online, which will increase the number of tourists.

53. To promote tourism in Kangra district, a large Zoological Park is being constructed at Bankhandi, the announcement of which was made in the last year's budget session. The total cost of its construction is 609 crore rupees. Environment-friendly technologies, renewable energy sources such as solar energy, and effective waste management systems will be incorporated in the design and construction. The construction work of boundary wall, approach road, water conservation structures, water supply, and check walls and dams has been almost completed. In addition, a tender of 100 crore rupees has been issued for the construction of Entry Plaza and Administrative Block. In the coming financial year, Lion Safari, Official Residences, and Wild Life Training Facility will be constructed. In the year 2026-27, a budget provision of 220 crore rupees has been made for this. It is also a matter of happiness that this Zoo received Pre-Certified Platinum Rating under IGBC Green Landscape Rating last year, which reflects its Environmental Sustainability and Green Development vision.

54. Under the Forest Ecosystems and Climate Proofing Project, to provide support to Forest Ecosystems and rural livelihoods, the second phase of this project will be started with an outlay of approximately 320 crore rupees. Out of this, up to 60 percent of the amount will be spent under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana', in which tree plantation will be carried out through local women groups, youth groups, and other self-help groups.

55. For the Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management and Livelihood Project, an expenditure of 100 crore

rupees is proposed for the year 2026-27, and for the Integrated Development Project (IDP), an expenditure of 50 crore rupees is proposed for the year 2026-27.

56. Honorable Speaker Sir, tourism is a major driving force of the State's economy and contributes about 7.78 percent to the Gross Domestic Product (GSDP) of the State, which the Government is striving to increase to 9 percent in the coming financial year. By the beginning of the year 2026, the tourism sector of Himachal Pradesh is going through **“Vyavastha Parivartan”**, under which it is being developed not only as a summer tourist destination but as a year-round global brand. During the year 2025, a total of 3.11 crore tourists visited the State. This shows that Himachal Pradesh is attracting a large number of tourists. The Government is committed to increasing tourism in the State.

**Tourism and
Civil
Aviation**

57. The Government has proposed to start a secure Digital Visitor Registration and Tourism Intelligence System in Public Private Mode. Under this system, mandatory digital registration of tourists will be ensured, which will make comprehensive tourism intelligence and visitor tracking possible and will also help in presenting the real contribution of the tourism sector to the State's Gross Domestic Product (GSDP) in a more realistic manner.

58. To encourage High Value Low Impact Tourism and to ensure long-term sustainability, under the Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh, the State will establish Skill Training and Support Consultant, which will provide strong support for institutional reforms, skill and entrepreneurship development, as well as destination management and marketing, so that the “Himachal Tourism” brand can be revitalized and strengthened. In the year 2026-27, an amount of about 345 crore 34 lakh rupees will be spent on the following developmental works:

- Construction of roadside facilities at Kaleshwar Mahadev.
- Establishment of a Wellness Center in Shimla.

- Construction of a state-of-the-art fountain at Nagrota Bagwan.
- Development and construction of mountain biking routes, etc.

59. To promote air connectivity as a priority for tourism development, the Government has initiated the process of land acquisition for the proposed expansion of Gaggal, Kangra Airport. For this, a Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan amounting to 3,349 rupees (including land acquisition cost) has also been approved.

60. The Government will bring a plan for the development of a new city named **Kangra Aerocity** near Kangra Airport, where tourists arriving in the tourism capital will not only get world-class facilities but also comprehensive development of the area around the airport will be ensured.

61. New Destination Development in tourism is being carried out under Vyavastha Parivartan. For the purpose of increasing Decentralized Infrastructure Development, the expansion of Kangra Airport, construction of both phases of the tourism complex in Auhar, expansion of Shri Jwala Ji Hotel and development of Tourism Complex, widening of Shri Naina Devi Ji Road and development of other facilities, construction of Tourism Complex at Nadaun, construction of Tourism Complex at Dehra, reconstruction of Peterhof Building at Chaura Maidan, Shimla, additional accommodation construction at Hotel Kinner Kailash (Kalpa) for Himachal Pradesh Tourism, water conservation structure and beautification project at Shambhu Tal and Bhoranj, renovation and strengthening work at Kheer Ganga Ghat, Baijnath, beautification of tourism sites in Spiti, beautification of Kareri Lake, beautification schemes of Sarpara Lake in Shimla have been allocated an amount of 317 crore 8 lakh rupees. In addition, an amount of 155 crore 75 lakh rupees will be released for the construction of Convention Centre at Tapovan (Kangra), beautification of Renuka Ji Lake, and construction of Luhnu Helipad and beautification of the approach road to Luhnu Helipad.

62. To promote religious tourism, my Government is expanding Hotel Shri Jwalaji and the tourism complex at a cost of 35 crore rupees. Similarly, from the point of view of tourism, the construction and expansion of Hotel Holiday Home (HHH) Shimla, Hotel Hamir (District Hamirpur), tourism complex Dehra and Nadaun is being carried out, on which a total expenditure of 130 crore rupees will be incurred.

63. For the planned and sustainable development of tourism infrastructure in the State, the Government will establish a tourism-focused Land Bank. Under this, in addition to other areas to attract investment, the land available with the Tourism Department will be made available to investors for the development of hotels, resorts, home-stay clusters, eco-tourism, adventure tourism, ropeways, convention centers, parking facilities, and other tourism facilities after Mapping, Classification, and Digitalization.

64. Homestay owners who adopt environment-friendly sanitation, zero-waste systems, and local traditions will be awarded a Sustainability Certificate. Those who promote local architecture will also be encouraged.

65. Recently, the Government has constituted the Tourism Investment Promotion Council. This council will specifically function as a Single Window, Timebound Facilitation Platform for tourism projects with investment of more than 50 crore rupees. This initiative will encourage eco-friendly responsible investment in areas such as Adventure Tourism, Wellness, and Religious, Spiritual Circuits, and will significantly strengthen Ease of Doing Business in the tourism sector.

66. The Himalayan Ocarina Project for Entrepreneurs (HOPE) is the commitment of our Government, under which Slow Tourism will be promoted in rural Himachal. Slow Tourism is internationally established concept, which is now taking the form of a movement. In Himachal Pradesh, Slow Tourism will be promoted as a new initiative in contrast to excess-tourism. Under this, in the first phase, selected panchayats and villages will be declared as “Slow Tourism Spots,” where experiences such as village tours, traditional food,

handicrafts, folk tales, and interaction with farmers and artisans will be transformed into tourism products. This will provide employment to rural families, safeguard cultural heritage, and promote environment-friendly tourism.

67. “HP Women's Tourism Fund” will be created in the State, whose objective is to provide assistance to women to start their own work in the tourism sector. Under this, women will be given assistance (grant) up to 3 lakh rupees to start homestays, food stalls, handicraft shops, or work as guides. In addition, Self Help Groups (SHGs) will be provided loans at low interest, women receiving tourism training will be given stipends, and women startups will be provided a matching grant of up to 10 lakh rupees.

68. Shimla and Manali were declared the safest in the country for solo women tourists last year. For this reason, the Himachal Pradesh Government is going to start a women-centric solo travel protocol titled “She Travels,” which will provide safe and reliable travel options to solo women travelers and will strengthen the State as a progressive and inclusive tourism destination. Becoming the first such State in India is the goal of this policy.

69. Caravan Tourism is a flexible, sustainable form of travel and tourism, in which specially designed vehicles (Caravans/RVs) provide facilities such as beds, kitchens, and toilets. To promote this experience, the Government proposes to develop Caravan Tourism Parks in district Solan and Mandi in the first phase under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

70. To promote Weekend Tourism, the Government will organize fairs, festivals, and adventure sports activities on weekends at Weekend Tourism Hotspots such as Shimla, Manali, Dalhousie, Kasauli, Rajgarh, Narkanda, Rewalsar, Nadaun, Palampur, Chintpurni, Jwalamukhi, and Dharamshala, which will lead to an increase in the number of tourists.

71. To make the State a world-class hiking destination, my Government will identify new trekking trails and will also develop the existing trails.

72. Films play a multi-dimensional role in tourism development. My Government will establish the HIM FILM Portal, which will function as a single-window digital platform to simplify and make transparent the shooting rules and permission processes. We will simplify the film policy. Under this, various potential film locations will be identified and widely promoted so that filmmakers, production houses, and other related institutions are attracted to shoot at these places. This work will be carried out jointly by the Tourism Department and the Public Relations Department.

73. Our Government will honor, encourage, and reward such Content Creators/Actors/Social Media Influencers/ Writers/ Film Makers etc., who make the State renowned on the world map from the perspective of tourism, by giving Due Recognition according to the Policy.

74. My Government considers the development of Wedding Destination Clusters and MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions) Tourism as an important part of tourism development, and in accordance with this goal, wedding destinations in the State will be selected with the courtesy of the Public and Private Sector. The objective of this is to develop wedding destinations in the State, so that tourism can be promoted and economic opportunities can be created for local people.

75. Himachal has emerged as a major destination for world-class Motorized Expeditions. My Government proposes to launch an “H.P. Drive Expedition & Overlanding Policy,” under which motor drive expeditions and overlanding activities in Himachal Pradesh will be promoted in a safe, organized, and responsible manner.

76. Under the Blue Economy, HP Policy for Regulation and Promotion of Tourism Activities near Water Bodies will be implemented in the State. The objective of this policy is to systematically develop tourism activities around water sources and to control water pollution.

77. Under the Silver Economy, Wellness Centers will be constructed at Banuti and Nagrota Bagwan, which will promote health and relaxation-based tourism in Himachal Pradesh.

78. To develop tourism in new and experiential forms (Experiential Tourism), my Government proposes to introduce an innovative concept of “Night Picnic” at selected tourist destinations. Under this, arrangements will be made in Shimla, Manali, Dalhousie, Kasauli, Dharamshala, and other suitable destinations for local cuisine, music, cultural programs, and theme-based entertainment in an open-air environment from evening till late night, within a safe and controlled atmosphere. This initiative will align with policies such as Weekend Tourism, Slow Tourism providing tourists with night time experiences, boosting sales of local products, and creating new employment opportunities for youth and self-help groups. For this purpose, phased budgetary provisions will be made in the coming year for the development of infrastructure such as lighting, seating facilities, clean toilets, security, parking, and waste management.

79. Considering the success of the Homestay Interest Subsidy Scheme, my Government now proposes to launch an Interest Subsidy Scheme for newly established medium-level hotels and high-end dhabas. Similar to the Homestay Scheme, interest subsidies will be provided up to 3 percent in urban areas, 4 percent in rural areas, and 5 percent in tribal areas, for a maximum period of 3 years.

80. As a result of the efforts of our Government , Operational Authorization has been obtained for Rampur and Sanjauli heliports of the State, as a result of which these two sites have become the country’s first licensed heliports. Under this initiative, the Government is constructing heliports at all district headquarters and tribal areas to ensure air connectivity across the State. Heliports at Rakkad and Palampur (Kangra), Jaskot (Hamirpur), Sultanpur (Chamba), and Roda (Una) will be completed this year. Along with this, construction work will also be started at Reckongpeo (Kinnaur), Rangrik and Phunkiar (Lahaul-Spiti), Kilad (Pangi) and Bharmour (Chamba), Basal (Solan), and Dharkyari (Nahan-Sirmaur).

81. In addition to investment in infrastructure for air services, our Government has decided to start flights on all seven days of the week on the Delhi-Shimla-Delhi and Shimla-Dharamshala-Shimla routes as Fixed Wing air service under 100 percent VGF provided by the State for the convenience of tourists and local residents. In addition, helicopter service will be operated on the Chandigarh-Sanjauli-Chandigarh route six days a week, twice daily. Approximately 35 crore rupees will be spent on aircraft operations and 4 crore 50 lakh rupees on helicopter operations for these services. Besides this, new helicopter services are also proposed on the Chandigarh-Sanjauli, Sanjauli-Manali, Sanjauli-Rampur-Reckongpeo, and Mandi-Chandigarh routes.

82. Along with the services running under RCS-UDAN, an ecosystem of heli operations will be developed by including Private, Commercial Operators. This will include MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) facilities, disaster relief, Medical Evacuation, Devi Darshan Circuit, adventure tourism, and charter flight arrangements.

83. Honorable Speaker Sir, despite difficult financial circumstances, our Government has resolved to move forward with rural development with confidence. If you ask me about the subject dearest to my heart, my answer will be “Empowerment of the Rural Economy.” If the people of our villages have strong means of livelihood, then most of the problems of the State’s development will be solved automatically. This Budget for the year 2026-27 is presented in the direction of making rural development schemes simple and accountable, increasing employment opportunities, strengthening transparent systems, and empowering Panchayati Raj Institutions.

**Rural
Development
&
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84. At present, there are 2,65,000 BPL families in the State. In special circumstances, the Gram Sabha has the power to add new families to these families from time to time. This list is also changed due to any family among the BPL families coming into APL. You all will accept that all the names in the BPL list have not been chosen in a completely objective and transparent manner, and it is also true that there are still some families in the villages who are not in the list but are poor. Our goal is that

without changing the BPL list, we identify such families who are the “Poorest of the Poor”. Secondly, we also provide benefits to such families who are not in the BPL list but are relatively poorer compared to the families who are currently in BPL.

85. Nowadays, a misunderstanding has spread that benefits to these 2,65,000 BPL families in the State will be stopped. This is not true. The purpose of the survey we are conducting is to identify the extremely poor families among the poor families of the State and to help them in a targeted manner in the way they need. There will be some families who need a permanent house. There will be some who need opportunities for self-employment. Some will require Skill Training, some will need a Bank Loan to start their own work.

86. Honorable Speaker Sir, for example, in our survey a surprising figure came forward that approximately Twenty-seven thousand families are such who do not even have a pucca house and among these approximately ten thousand families are not even in the BPL list. Even after decades of becoming a full-fledged State, such a situation is truly unfortunate.

“कहाँ तो तय थी रोशनी हर एक घर के लिए।
कहाँ रोशनी मिली नहीं पूरे शहर के लिए।।”

87. We want to change such conditions, this is the real Vyavastha Parivartan. The Government has tried to conduct this survey with complete transparency and honesty. DCs and SDMs have been made accountable for this selection process. The goal of my Government is that One lakh extremely poor families become the Government’s **Apne Sukhi Parivar** and we can ensure their welfare and economic upliftment on a graded basis and according to the needs of these families. These One lakh families are those families of Himachal who are economically the most deprived families. Our Government will become the support of these families. By bringing change in their economic condition, we will move forward on the path of prosperity of the State along with prosperity in the economy. Considering these families as my own family, I announce the **Mukhya Mantri Apna Sukhi Parivar Yojana** for these families.

- Starting with these families, I announce the commencement of implementing all those important guarantees of the Government which are to be started now or which are to be expanded.
- Implementing one guarantee of my Government , I announce to provide these families 300 units of free electricity per month.
- Those families among them who do not have pucca houses will be given financial assistance on priority basis in a phased manner to build pucca houses.
- I also announce to give an honor amount of 1500 rupees per month to the sisters of these One lakh **Mukhya Mantri Apna Sukhi Parivar** families by expanding in a phased manner the **Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana**. After this, this nidhi will be given to all eligible women.

88. My Government believes that the decision of the Government of India to stop the MGNREGA scheme running under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and to run the VB-G RAM-G scheme in its place is wrong. This decision not only ends the basic spirit of the Employment Guarantee Act, which is the demand-based ‘guarantee’ of employment, but also increases the financial burden on the States. We will continue to make efforts in this direction that the scheme running in the name of Mahatma Gandhi ji be re-established with legal guarantee provisions, but at the same time, there should be no reduction in employment opportunities for the poor people of the State. In our State, next year we want to generate about 4 Crore Mandays under this scheme. This is also necessary because we have to continuously face natural disasters. Our agriculture season is also limited, and we have to provide employment opportunities almost throughout the year. The provision of giving a 60-day break in VB-G RAM-G is also not in the interest of the State. Along with this, on implementing the new scheme, for whatever demand will be there in the State above the mandays fixed by the Government of India, we will have to provide funds from our own resources.

Due to being Fixed Target Driven instead of Demand Driven, such an initial estimate is that there will be an additional burden of 300 to 600 Crore rupees on our resources. My Government will make efforts by talking to the Government of India that our special circumstances be taken into consideration. Even then, whatever mandays will be allocated to us, necessary action will be taken accordingly in the interest of the State. In this regard, we are waiting for the directions to be issued by the Government of India.

89. During the upcoming financial year, through HPSRLM, 3,000 Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the State will be distributed an amount of 4 Crore 50 Lakh rupees as Revolving Fund and 15 Crore rupees as Community Investment Fund. In addition, under NRLM, 8,000 women Self Help Groups will be provided a loan of 150 Crore rupees at an interest rate of 7 percent to improve their livelihood. Besides this, 150 Vulnerability Reduction Plans (VRPs) will be prepared and an amount of 2 Crore 25 Lakh rupees will be provided to needy people as Vulnerability Reduction Fund. In Shimla city, one Himachal Haat and in the State five Him-Ira Premium Showrooms will be established at Solan, Dharamshala, Pandoh, Dharampur, and Kullu for the livelihood of SHG members.

90. The Government has decided to fill 150 posts of Panchayat Secretary for the efficient and smooth functioning of Gram Panchayats. In addition, the vacant posts of Panchayat Chowkidar will also be filled in a phased manner.

91. To bring transparency in Panchayati Raj Institutions, the Government has set a target in the year 2026-27 to conduct 100 percent online audits through the “Himachal Pradesh State Audit Department” and the “Internal Audit Wing” of the Panchayati Raj Department. Along with this, a special campaign will also be run for the settlement/recovery of pending audit paras of these institutions. The records of the Panchayats will be digitally maintained. Panchayati Raj Training Institutions will be modernized by using digital training methods. In addition, to strengthen Training Infrastructure, new District Panchayat Resource Centers will be opened in Chamba, Kullu, and Keylong districts.

92. During 2026-2027, for development works in Panchayats under the 16th Finance Commission, 481 crore rupees will be spent, and under the State Finance Commission, 488 crore rupees will be spent.

93. Honorable Speaker Sir, to provide employment opportunities to the youth, the Government will organize 500 campus interviews during the year 2026-27. Labour & Employment

94. In addition, the Government will register Himachal Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation as a recruitment agent with the Ministry of External Affairs and will organize placement drives, in which suitable candidates will be made aware and organized for foreign employment opportunities. In the financial year 2026-27, efforts will be made to provide employment abroad to One Thousand youths.

95. Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Swarozgaar Start-Up Yojana**, 2023, 50 percent subsidy is being provided to the youth for purchasing e-taxis. In the financial year 2026-27 also, 500 youths will be provided a 50 percent subsidy for purchasing e-taxis. For this, a provision of 50 Crore rupees is being made. Furthermore, the monthly payment given to these e-taxi beneficiaries is being increased by Five Thousand rupees.

96. In this direction, for the financial year 2026-27, I also announce to provide 50 percent capital subsidy through DBT for the purchase of e-rickshaws to 500 youths.

97. Honorable Speaker Sir, to promote trade and industry in the State and to encourage Ease of Doing Business, the Government will amend the Himachal Pradesh Shops and Commercial Establishments Act 1969 and the related rules. Under the amendment, the Act will be effectively implemented across the State and shopkeepers and establishments will be given permission to operate 24X7 as per requirement. This will also give consumers the freedom to shop according to their convenience.

98. In addition, under The Code on Wages, 2019, The Industrial Relations Code, 2020, The Code on Social Security, 2020, and The Occupational Safety, Health and Working

Conditions Code, 2020, the Government is preparing draft rules, and these will soon be notified and implemented in the State. With the implementation of these codes, the existing labor laws will be simplified and made systematic, the compliance system will become more effective, and while strengthening the protection and welfare of workers, Ease of Doing Business in the State will also be promoted.

Environment,
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Change

99. Our Government is committed to the creation of a “Green” and “Climate-Resilient Himachal Pradesh”—a State that protects nature while empowering rural livelihoods.

100. In the year 2026-2027, we are going to launch the “Green Livelihood Initiative.” Under this initiative, the State Biodiversity Board, in collaboration with the Ayurvedic Industry, will encourage the cultivation of medicinal plants jointly identified by farmers/producers in various agro-climatic zones, and efforts will also be made to ensure their purchase. Under this initiative, in the coming decade, every year 12 lakh plants of elite germplasm will be distributed free of cost to farmers.

101. Our Government is committed to promoting Community-Oriented Climate Action and Sustainable Livelihoods. In this direction, the following initiatives are being undertaken:—

- Biochar and Forest Fire Mitigation: A Memorandum of Agreement(MoA) has been signed for the production of Biochar from pine needles and other biomass, which will help reduce incidents of forest fires while also creating livelihood opportunities for local communities.
- Ecological Restoration and Green Livelihoods: Under another MoA, Afforestation, Restoration and Revegetation (ARR) program will be carried out on private agricultural land, which will promote the conservation of bio-resources and enhance ecological resilience.

102. I announce the launch of the **HiBiSCUS (Himachal Biodiversity Stakeholder-led Conservation Unified Scheme)**. Under this scheme, conservation related to medicinal plants,

sustainable harvesting, nursery development, and the documentation of traditional knowledge will be promoted. For this, every year rupees 2 crore will be spent.

103. The Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board has mobilized significant resources under Non-Corpus Heads. The Government will use these funds for environmental protection and pollution control, so that environmental quality in the State improves and public health remains safeguarded.

104. To promote science learning & creativity in the State, a Digital Planetarium is being established at the Centre for Science Learning & Creativity (CSLC) Shoghi in Shimla district, which is being developed in collaboration with the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM). This project is the first of its kind in Himachal Pradesh and a flagship project, currently in the advanced stage of completion. For the time-bound completion and commissioning of this project, the State Government has decided to provide rupees 3 crore 31 lakh from the Non-Corpus Funds of the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) to HIMCOSTE.

105. As a result of continuous efforts, in the direction of giving global recognition to the rich traditional heritage of the State and increasing the income of local farmers and artisans, the Government has taken significant initiatives in the field of Geographical Indication (GI):—

- The Government has, after rigorous efforts, obtained In-Principle approval for the registration of nine products—Spiti Seabuckthorn, Salooni White Maize, Chamba Metal Craft, Sirmauri Loiya, Himachali Cap, Mandi's Sepu Vadi, Kinnauri Apple, Kinnauri Jewellery, and Pangi's Thangi.
- In addition, the Government will take the initiative to include four more products—Chamba Chukh, Sirmauri Ginger, Mountain Honey, and Bhot Barley—under the GI Framework. GI Tagging will ensure the authenticity of these products, strengthen their branding, will get better economic benefits to local farmers and artisans, and help

them obtain better value in local, national, and international markets.

106. To strengthen district-level climate action, the department, with technical cooperation from UNDP, will prepare District Climate Adaptation Financing Strategies. These strategies will assess the economic impact of climate change on agriculture, livelihoods, infrastructure, and other key sectors. We will review current adaptation expenditures, identify financial gaps, and develop a prioritized pipeline of climate-resilient projects with bankable ideas. This will help the state in mobilizing more national and international climate finance.

107. To deal with the increasing impacts of climate-affected disasters in the State, my Government has decided to undertake various strategic actions under the Himachal Pradesh Disaster Risk Reduction Program.

- Under this initiative, climate change vulnerability will be assessed at the village level so that adaptation capacity based on climate change risks can be identified and people can be trained. This will help prioritize adaptation strategies according to local needs in climate change-sensitive areas of Himachal Pradesh. For this, the Government will spend 13 crore 35 lakh rupees in all 12 districts.
- Under this, measures for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction will be included in the regional plans and development programs of the State Government so that policies and plans can be implemented, for which 35 crore 60 lakh rupees will be spent.
- For disaster risk management, institutional and technical capacities will be strengthened through better policies, advanced early warning systems, coordination among departments, and building climate adaptation capacity of the people of the State. For this, 22 crore 25 lakh rupees will be spent in all 12 districts.

Education 108. Due to the Vyavastha Parivartan made in the field of quality education, Himachal Pradesh has once again succeeded

in securing its place among the best States in the country. In the National Achievement Test 2025, Himachal stood at 5th place in the country, while in the previous survey conducted in 2021, Himachal's position was 21st. In Class 3rd, Himachal ranked third in the country, 5th in Class 6th, and 4th in Class 9th fourth. In the ASER (Annual Status of Education Report) released in 2025, the learning level of children of Himachal has been assessed as the best in the country.

109. The State Government has not only rationalized schools but has also paid special attention towards quality education. A decision was taken to affiliate 100 schools with the Central Board of School Education (CBSE). Seeing the enthusiasm of parents, this number has reached 150. An increase in enrollment of children is being observed in these schools. In the year 2026-27, these schools will be made functional and along with this, 300 Senior Secondary Schools affiliated with the Himachal School Education Board will also be provided equivalent facilities so that healthy competition can take place in these identified senior secondary schools. In the next year, 150 more Government Senior Secondary Schools will be affiliated with CBSE and 150 schools affiliated with the Himachal Board will be equivalently upgraded. For all these schools, a dedicated cadre will also be created so that all the posts of teachers in these schools can be filled. The Government has started the process of filling posts in selected Government Senior Secondary Schools in Arts, Science, and Commerce Streams as well as Yoga, Music, Physical Education, Arts, and Sports. Under this process, School-based recruitments will be carried out in these schools so that all posts can be filled in all regions of the State, especially in the tribal and remote areas. Various reports have revealed that the level of our children in English, Mathematics, and Science remains below average. For this, the Government has also started the process of recruiting specialist teachers for the subjects of English, Maths, and Science.

110. Under the **Mukya Mantri Bal Poshan Yojana**, arrangements have been made to provide additional nutrition to children two days a week. This will be continued, for which I announce a special provision of 17 crore rupees.

111. Construction of new buildings of Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools and upgrading of currently functional schools is underway. Better infrastructure and other facilities in the field of education are being provided in a phased manner. To accelerate this campaign, I announce allocation of approximately 99 crore rupees to 49 such schools.

112. In the State, through mutual cooperation between the Education Department and the Department of Youth Services and Sports, Sports Hostels will be strengthened. In Nadaun (Hamirpur), Sundernagar (Mandi), Paprola (Kangra), Sarkaghat (Mandi), Sandhol (Mandi), Matiyana (Shimla), Rohru (Shimla), Jubbal (Shimla), Majra (Sirmaur), and Morisinghi (Bilaspur), extensive improvements will be made in the level of Sports Hostels and trained coaches and other staff will be appointed in them.

113. In all Senior Secondary Schools of the State, valuable assets have been ensured through the establishment of ICT Labs, Atal Tinkering Labs, Smart Class Rooms, etc., and provision of other facilities in recent years. To ensure their care and security, the posts of watchmen and Multi Task Workers will be filled in all Senior Secondary Schools in a phased manner.

114. From the year 2026-27 in Himachal Pradesh, the following Vyavastha Parivartan will be made to align the State's Under Graduate Courses with the entire country:-

- All UG courses will be conducted through the Semester System.
- Flexible UG Degree Programme will be started and students will be given the option of Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit.
- In selected Degree Colleges, 4-year Bachelor Degree with Honours and Research will be started.
- Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) will be started.
- Multi-Disciplinary Approach will be promoted.

- Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programmes will be started in selected Colleges.
- In the State's Tier-I Colleges, the study of foreign languages will be started.

115. To ensure quality in Higher Education, I announce the establishment of the State's first Science College in Hamirpur and the State's second Fine Arts College in Haripur Guler (Kangra).

116. Following colleges of the State will be developed from the perspective of Sports in the first phase:- GDC Ghumarwin, GDC Chamba, GDC Chowari, GDC Hamirpur, GDC Nadaun, GDC Dharamshala, GDC Palampur, GDC Dhaliara, GDC Kinnaur, GDC Kullu, GDC Mandi, GDC Sarkaghat, GDC Jogindernagar, GDC Saraswati Nagar, GDC Seema, GDC Rampur, GDC Reckong Peo, GDC Paonta Sahib, GDC Nahan, GDC Nalagarh, GDC Una and GDC Haroli

117. The Bachelor of Vocation (B-Voc) Courses running in the Colleges of the State will be expanded and started in 50 colleges in Self Financing Mode.

118. To improve Academia-Industry Connect in the State, initiatives will be taken to start Industry Oriented Courses in CSR Initiatives and PPP Mode.

119. To promote online learning, blended learning, and digital learning in colleges, arrangements for a dedicated lease line will be made.

120. In the State, some degree colleges have become such that the number of students have dropped less than one hundred. In such colleges, they do not get the right opportunity for mental, intellectual, and physical development, nor are they able to prepare themselves for the coming times. They also lack self-confidence. In the first phase, we will provide a stipend amount of five thousand rupees per month to those students of such colleges where there are less than 75 students, if they take admission in the Colleges at the District Head Quarter. This scheme will be implemented in the year 2026-27.

121. For recruitment of 389 posts of Assistant Professors under various college streams in the colleges of the State, requisition has been sent to the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission (HPPSC), and the Government will soon start the recruitment process.

In the field of education, a total of 9 thousand 660 crore rupees is proposed.

**Technical
Education**

122. Honorable Speaker Sir, technical education is the most powerful medium to connect our youth with modern skills and employment opportunities. It not only accelerates the economic progress of the State but also lays the foundation of innovation and self-reliance. In this year, special priority will be given to technical education.

- In the present situation, there is a need for a centralized Centralized Training and Placement Mechanism to connect technical education and employment. Through a dedicated portal, Systematic Management of Student Data, Continuous Tracking of Training and Placement Outcomes, and better coordination with industries can be possible. Therefore, a Training and Placement Portal will be created.
- To strengthen skill development and employability of youth, a Skill Academy will be established in Ghumarwin area of district Bilaspur under Self-Financing Mode. Here, courses will be provided according to the needs of industries, which will create better employment opportunities for youth.
- To integrate technical education according to emerging industrial requirements, New Age and Future-Oriented Courses will be started in 11 Government Polytechnics and one Engineering College.

**Roads and
Bridges**

123. Honorable Speaker Sir, for the past few years my Government has been making efforts to get the Shilha-Badhani-Bhubhu Jot-Kullu road declared as a National Highway. I myself raised this issue with the Defense Minister and I express my gratitude that the Ministry of Defense considered it a road of

Strategic Importance. This road has been uploaded on the Gati Shakti Portal and the House will be pleased to know that NHAI has invited tenders for consultancy services to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for making this road two-lane and providing paved shoulders. This will pave the way for the construction of the Bhubhu-Jot tunnel, which will facilitate vehicular movement and shorten the route by 55 kilometers. An Alternate Connectivity between Kangra and Kullu will be available. From the tourism point of view, this road will be indicative of unprecedented growth.

124. Honorable Speaker Sir, road connectivity is the lifeline in tribal areas. The demand for construction of the Mudh-Bhaba road has been coming from the Spiti Valley for a long time. This road will separate from the Samdo-Kaza-Gramphu road at Atargu and pass through Kafnu to meet NH-5 at Wangtu. With the construction of this road, the distance from Kaza to Kinnaur will be reduced by 100 kilometers. The total length of the road is 106 kilometers and it is divided into two parts, one part in Spiti Valley and the other part starting from Bhaba Top in Kinnaur. For the 62 kilometers part of Spiti, the required NPV and CA have been deposited in the Forest Department and construction work will start soon. The length of the road from Bhaba Top towards Kinnaur is about 44 kilometers and it falls in the wildlife and forest area, for which the case of FCA has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Forests. But according to the Amendments made in FCA for the Strategic Highway Projects of the Central Government, this road falls within 100 kilometers of the international border. Therefore, this year we will make efforts to get exemption from FCA and start work on the entire road.

125. Honorable Speaker Sir, ensuring road connectivity to rural settlements is the main objective of this Government. In Himachal Pradesh, especially in rural areas, road construction work is challenging due to difficult terrain and high cost. The State Government is making every possible effort to get maximum benefit from the PMGSY Scheme. Under PMGSY-IV, the State has surveyed 1460 uncovered settlements through the village road survey app. GIS survey of all proposed routes has

been done and by integrating it on the PM Gati Shakti Portal, approval has been given for 294 detailed projects for 1538 kilometers of roads, with an estimated cost of 2 thousand 244 crore 23 lakh rupees. The tender process for all these 294 works has been started. In addition, under batch-II of PMGSY-IV, we are preparing a proposal to get approval for 800 kilometers of roads at a cost of one thousand 200 crore rupees.

126. Honorable Speaker Sir, due to the continuous efforts of the State, time extension till 31-3-2027 has also been obtained to complete the roads under construction under PMGSY-I which were incomplete, such as Dodra Kwar.

127. Honorable Speaker Sir, the work of Mandi-Gagal-Chail Chowk-Janjehli road will start soon. For the next year, in-principle approval has been given for Chhaila-Neripul-Yashwantnagar-Ochghat-Lawas Chowki-Preet Nagar road (Approximately 204 crore rupees). In addition, proposals for Kallar to Baghchal road (Approximately 166 crore rupees) and Hamirpur-Sujanpur-Thural-Maranda road (Approximately 186 crore rupees) are also ready. Under the Setu Bandhan Yojana, the State has also sent a proposal for a bridge on the Beas river on Basantipattan to Kheri road at an estimated cost of 116 crore rupees and a bridge on the Beas river on Dadasiba-Baungta road at an estimated cost of 315 crore rupees.

128. The State Government is in continuous contact with the Central Government for releasing and increasing funds under CRIF.

129. Honorable Speaker Sir, in the next financial year the State Government proposes construction of 500 kilometers of motorable roads, 1 thousand 255 kilometers of cross drainage works, 950 kilometers of metalling and tarring, construction of 47 bridges, and renewal of 1 thousand 500 kilometers of roads. Provision of about one thousand crore rupees is being made for repair and restoration of roads, bridges, and infrastructure.

130. Honorable Speaker Sir, the priority of our Government is not only road construction but also proper maintenance of the environment. For this, we have decided that now we will focus

on tunneling. Proposals are being prepared for the construction of Chamba Jot Tunnel and Jalodi Jot Tunnel so that minimum damage is done to the local environment. The Government will also explore the possibilities of doing these projects in PPP mode.

131. Our Government will fill 149 posts of Junior Engineer (Civil) in the Public Works and Jal Shakti Department through Joint Cadre.

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अभी इश्क के इम्तिहाँ और भी हैं।।”**

132. Our Government is taking concrete corrective steps to make the Revenue Department modern, transparent, and citizen-centric. Digitization of Land Records, expansion of online services, and creation of an integrated database for farmers are among our priorities. **Revenue**

133. With the objective of reducing pending cases in revenue courts in the State, our Government has decided to organize Revenue Lok Adalats at the Tehsil level on the last two working days of each month since October 2023. During these Lok Adalats, about 4 lakh eighty-two thousand mutation cases, 31 thousand partition cases, 54 thousand demarcation cases, and 15 thousand correction cases have been settled so far. Taking one more step in this direction, it has been decided to organize special Revenue Lok Adalats from January 2026, in which by February 2026, 4 thousand partition cases and two thousand correction cases have been settled. With this step of the Government, unprecedented speed has been achieved in the disposal of revenue cases in the State and a remarkable reduction has been recorded in the number of pending cases. This process will continue further.

134. In this sequence, I want to mention the following proposed provisions for the upcoming financial year:

- For modernization and digitization of rural Land Records, 2 crore 12 lakh rupees will be spent.

- Development of the Online Mutation Module is in the final stage. Under this, from the upcoming financial year, Mutation application, verification, and approval will be completely online.
- Along with Aadhaar seeding in Land Records, the department is entering mobile numbers and addresses of owners. This ensures accuracy of records, identity verification, and effective communication with citizens.
- Farmer Registry is being created in the State, through which an integrated and verified database of farmers will be prepared. This will help in targeted benefit distribution of schemes, elimination of duplication, and policy making.
- Under the SVAMITVA Scheme, families residing in rural inhabited areas are being provided legal ownership of property. In Hamirpur district, more than five thousand property cards have been issued so far, giving families formal ownership rights for the first time. As a result of the success of the scheme, it will be implemented across the State. Under this, Map 1.0 has been distributed to concerned Patwaris for Ground Truthing and verification of land and property boundaries has been started in all districts. After this, final property cards will be issued, ensuring transparent and dispute-free property records.
- In this sequence, this year NAKSHA project will be started on a pilot basis in urban areas. Under this project, in four urban areas of Himachal Pradesh—Solan, Mandi, Palampur, and Nadaun—settlement of geo-maps of landowners and tenants will be done through drone camera technology.
- The State Government is moving towards live Jamabandi, in which ownership details will be updated directly in Jamabandi after Mutation. This will provide citizens with real-time updated and authentic Land Records.

135. Our Government will transform Sub-Registrar Offices into modern and technology-enabled service centers on the lines of passport service centers to make citizen services more

accessible and transparent. In recent years, we have implemented the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) and ended the offline registration system of documents. Citizens have been facilitated through online appointment system and paperless digital platforms like “My Deed.” Now, taking these initiatives forward, Sub-Registrar Offices will be equipped with modern infrastructure, better technology, and organized service systems. The first pilot of this scheme will be started in Solan district and later it will be expanded across the State.

136. In the Revenue Department, 645 posts of Patwaris will be filled in phased manner. For this recruitment, advertisement has already been issued by the Himachal Pradesh Rajya Chayan Aayog Hamirpur.

137. Having property in the name of women not only empowers them at a personal level but also symbolizes their respect and security in society. That is why we have given a concession on the Stamp Duty required for registration in the name of women at the time of property purchase. I announce that on purchases from 80 lakh to One crore, the Stamp Duty rate for women buyers will remain 4 percent. This step will encourage women to buy property and will make them economically more empowered.

138. My Government has made comprehensive provisions under the READY-HP (Resilient Action for Development and Disaster Recovery) project for repair, reconstruction, and strengthening of infrastructure damaged by disasters in the State. From the year 2023 onwards, this project will help in reconstruction of infrastructure damaged by disasters, livelihood, and disaster management in the State. For this purpose, a provision of about Two Thousand Seven Hundred crore rupees has been made.

139. Provision of about 200 crore rupees is being made under this project to strengthen rural communities for re-strengthening and restoration of the livelihood sector affected by natural disasters. Under this, complete value chains will be developed in 12 major sectors including weaving, embroidery, shoe making, metal craft, products from pine leaves, wool,

horticulture, beekeeping, specific crops, and community-based tourism. This initiative will help artisans, small and marginal farmers, and rural enterprises in skill development and market connectivity.

140. To reduce disaster risk in the future, a provision of about 400 crore rupees has been made under Disaster Risk Reduction, under which the following main works will be carried out:

- Flood Zonation Mapping will be prepared to scientifically identify risk areas along riverbanks and flood-prone areas in the State.
- Through Disaster Risk Financing, timely availability of resources will be ensured for Immediate Relief and Rehabilitation works during disasters.
- Early Warning System will be strengthened in the State.

“गिरेगी बिजलियाँ और आंधियाँ भी आएंगी।

नशेमन फिर बनाएंगे, नशेमन फिर बनाएंगें।।”

**Social
Welfare**

141. Honorable Speaker Sir, our Government has always been moving forward in the direction of social justice and welfare. The Government is continuously making efforts for the upliftment of senior citizens, women, children, persons with disabilities, and the weaker sections of society. In the upcoming financial year 2026-27 budget, new schemes and corrective measures have been included under the Department of Social Welfare so that security, support, and equal opportunities can be ensured for every section of society.

142. Himachal Pradesh Government is providing social security pension to persons with disabilities, under which at present about 7 Thousand beneficiaries are being given seventeen hundred rupees per month. In my view, this amount is insufficient for the needs of persons with 100 percent disability. Therefore, for them, our Government announces to increase the pension to Three Thousand rupees per month.

143. For the rehabilitation of persons who have recovered from mental illness and are not accepted by their families, currently two Half Way Homes are being operated in the State, whose capacity is limited. Considering the increasing need, I announce the establishment of two additional Half Way Homes in the State by the Government . For the establishment of Half Way Homes for persons recovered from mental illness, the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Himachal Pradesh Government will provide grant-in-aid in the ratio of 90:10 to an institution approved by the State Level Multi-Disciplinary Grant-in-Aid Committee for the operation and maintenance of a Half Way Home for 25 residents, and they will be allowed to incur expenditure under Recurring Expenditure of 50 Lakh rupees and Non-Recurring Expenditure of 10 Lakh rupees.

144. Honorable Speaker Sir, I propose to increase the capacity of the institution located at Sundernagar for children with special abilities, which is the only Government institution in the State for visually impaired and hearing impaired girls, from 150 to 200 seats. With this, 50 additional girls will be able to receive quality education, hostel facilities, and care.

145. Honorable Speaker Sir, at present, it has become necessary to restructure the State-sponsored Women Empowerment and Child Development schemes in accordance with the changing socio-economic needs and challenges. Because despite having skills in agriculture, horticulture, and related activities, many women, especially in rural areas, are unable to transform their capabilities into livelihood due to limited availability of institutional credit and financial resources. Therefore, against this background, I announce the following schemes for the financial year 2026-2027.

**Women and
Child
Development**

- Under the **Mukhya Mantri Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana**, eligible women from rural areas whose family's annual income is not more than 1 Lakh rupees will be provided loans up to 3 Lakh rupees through scheduled banks via Himachal Pradesh Women Development Corporation to establish self-employment units related to dairy, poultry farming, beekeeping, food processing,

tailoring, boutique, beauty parlors, etc. On this loan, 4 percent of the payable interest will be borne by the State Government .

- Honorable Speaker Sir, at present, two schemes **Mukhya Mantri Kanyadan Yojana and Mukhyamantri Shagun Yojana** are being operated to provide financial assistance on the occasion of marriage of daughters of economically weaker families. With the objective of making the present arrangement simpler and ensuring equality in benefits for the marriage of daughters of economically weaker families, I announce the merger of these two schemes and the launch of a new scheme, which will be known as the **Shubh Vivah Yojana**. Under this scheme, financial assistance of 51 Thousand rupees will be provided by the Government at the time of marriage of such eligible daughters/women above 21 years of age from BPL families and beneficiaries of the Mukhya Mantri Kanyadan Scheme who are not receiving benefits for this purpose from any other Government scheme.
- The **Sashakt Mahila Yojana** and **Wo Din Yojana** are being operated by the Government . These schemes are based on Information-Education-Communication (IEC) and their objectives have significant similarity. Therefore, to make them effective, bring uniformity in them, and ensure maximum utilization of public resources, I propose to integrate these two schemes under the **Sashakt Nari, Swasth Parivar - Integrated (IEC) Mission**. This mission will ensure outreach to every family in the State through Anganwadi centers with the active participation of ASHA workers, ANMs, self-help groups, and Panchayati Raj institutions.
- At present, a Scheme for rehabilitation support to minor victims of rape, child abuse and objectification background is being operated by the Directorate of Women and Child Development for the confidence and dignity of girls and women who are victims of sexual exploitation, under which there is a provision to provide financial assistance to the victim girls and women. In the

implementation of this scheme, practical difficulties are arising due to which the victims are not able to get the full benefit of the scheme. In place of this scheme, I announce the commencement of a new scheme named **Swabhiman Yojana** so that the dignity, confidence, and economic and social rehabilitation of girls and women victims of sexual exploitation can be ensured.

- The problem of drugs (Chitta) has become the big problem of Himachal Pradesh. In view of this, for the treatment of people addicted to narcotics, our Government has decided to build a Model Drug De-Addiction Center at Kotla Barog, Sirmaur, Himachal Pradesh, the construction work of which has already started. For which an outlay of twenty crore will be provided. Since many cases are also coming to notice where children, along with becoming addicted to drugs, are also becoming peddlers. Such children, when caught, are kept in Observation Homes during trial and in Special Homes or Places of Safety upon conviction. With the objective of bringing these children back into the mainstream of society through better treatment, care, and rehabilitation, I announce that an Observation Home and a Special Home will be established near the Model De-Addiction Center being built at Kotla Barog, Sirmaur at a cost of 2 Crore rupees.
- My Government is committed to providing better facilities to orphan and destitute children. In this regard, there is a need to strengthen the infrastructure of Child Care Institutions running in various districts of the State so that the children living in them can be provided the best possible facilities and environment. Therefore, I announce the allocation of 18 crore rupees to provide 2 crore rupees per institution for building construction and repair at Bal Ashram Ghumarwin, Sujampur, Kalpa, Saho, Garli, Kullu, Sundernagar, Tutikandi, and Kotla Barog.
- Since the year 2024, our Government has been running the **Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojana** to ensure education for widows, destitute and abandoned women as well as children of differently-abled parents, which is

currently benefiting about 22,000 beneficiaries. At present, the benefit of this scheme is available only for obtaining education in Government institutions within the State. However, it is being observed that many talented children of this category of women and differently-abled parents are also getting admission in prestigious Government professional educational institutions outside the State, but they are facing difficulties as the expenses of education there are not being covered under this scheme. I announce that from the financial year 2026-27, all eligible women and all eligible children of parents under this scheme, who get admission in prestigious Government professional institutions outside the State such as IIT, NIT, IIM, AIIMS, and NLUs, the entire expenditure incurred on their course fees, hostel fees, and mess fees etc. will be borne by the Government. With this step, the talented children of this category will not only be encouraged to gain admission in such prestigious institutions but will also be able to brighten their future.

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और बच्चों के चेहरों पर मुस्कान होती है।
वही बस्ती असल में
इंसानों का जहान होती है।।”**

For social security of women, children, and welfare of other backward classes, a total of One Thousand 544 Crore rupees is proposed.

AYUSH 146. Honorable Speaker Sir, our Government has made every possible effort to take Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy to the masses. With Himalayan biodiversity, traditional farming, and the wealth of medicinal plants, Himachal is a natural center of AYUSH. In this budget, our Government is going to take the following steps to promote AYUSH:

147. Establishment of a dedicated Ayurveda Research Wing: My Government will establish a dedicated Research Wing in Ayurveda to promote Evidence-Based Ayurveda and to

ensure high-quality medical services to the people of the State. This initiative will strengthen scientific research, clinical validation, and innovation in traditional medicine.

148. To ensure the utilization of the unique medicinal wealth of high Himalayan regions, our Government will explore the possibilities of establishing herbal gardens in Lahaul-Spiti and other suitable high Himalayan areas. These herbal gardens will promote conservation, research, and livelihood opportunities for local communities.

149. The wellness Panchakarma services started at the Regional Ayurvedic Hospital, Shimla and Rajiv Gandhi Government Postgraduate Ayurvedic College, Paprola have yielded encouraging results. To promote wellness tourism and to ensure the availability of trained human resources, our Government will take the following steps.

- Panchakarma Technician courses will be started in all districts except Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti.
- At Paprola, the intake capacity will be increased from 18 to 36, and at the Regional Ayurvedic Hospital, Chhota Shimla, from 18 to 24.
- This course will be started in 12 additional hospitals, adding 196 new seats. Through these measures, the annual intake capacity of Panchakarma Technicians will be increased from the current 36 to 256.

150. Our Government has decided to bring all three currently operating Government Ayurvedic pharmacies under the HIMOSHDHAM Society for the modernization of Ayurvedic pharmacies and to make it fully functional from the coming financial year. The formation of the society is an important system change in the functioning of Government Ayurvedic pharmacies. For its initial operation, the State Government will provide a grant amount of 1 Crore rupees. Along with this, to strengthen operational capacity, Multi-Task Workers will be appointed for each pharmacy.

151. Honorable Speaker Sir, providing employment opportunities to the youth power of the State and further strengthening law and order are among the highest priorities of our Government . With this objective, our Government had announced the recruitment of 800 constables in Himachal Pradesh Police a few months ago. Now, to make the ongoing extensive campaign against drugs, especially ‘Chitta’, more effective and to meet the increasing security requirements of the State, our Government will recruit One Thousand additional constables in Himachal Pradesh Police.

152. My Government respects the experience and discipline of ex-servicemen joining the police force. According to the current provisions, 20 years of service is required for placement as Honorary Head Constable and 32 years of service is required for placement as Honorary ASI. Since most ex-servicemen join the police relatively later, they do not have a long service period remaining. Keeping this situation in mind, necessary relaxation in the eligibility service period will be provided to ex-servicemen for the posts of Honorary Head Constable and Honorary Assistant Sub Inspector at the time of their placement in the police.

153. Under the policy of the State Government to transfer important institutions to other districts with the objective of reducing congestion in Shimla city, the Communication and Technical Services Headquarters will be shifted from Shimla to Hamirpur. In continuation of this process, some other offices will also be transferred outside Shimla.

154. At present, 518 Special Police Officers (SPOs) are sanctioned in the State, out of which 478 are deployed in Chamba district and 40 SPOs in Lahaul. With the objective of strengthening the police force, these SPOs will be redistributed and deployed in areas such as Police District Nurpur, Spiti, and Kinnaur, so that police presence and capacity can be further strengthened in these geographically challenging regions.

155. Our Government is strengthening the integrated emergency number 112 to make emergency services in the State more effective and prompt. At present, the Emergency Response

Support System-112 system is successfully functioning for police services in the State. Now, it will be technically integrated in a phased manner with the 108 ambulance service and the 101 fire service, so that in any emergency situation, citizens can get immediate assistance on a single number. In addition, the Anti-Chitta campaign will be strengthened and the name of the informer will be kept confidential, and under no circumstances will the informer be disclosed. Therefore, without any hesitation, information about Chitta smuggling can also be given on number 112.

156. Keeping in view public convenience, the jurisdiction of the Brow Police Station in Kullu district, which is geographically closer to Rampur, will be brought under the supervision of SDPO Rampur. Through this administrative arrangement, citizens of these areas will have easier and quicker access to police services.

157. To ensure timely promotion in the police force, the necessary B-1 test for promotion of constables to the post of Head Constable will be conducted, as this examination has not been held since the year 2017. This decision will accelerate the long-pending promotion process and boost the morale of police personnel.

158. At present, in the Police Department, only 88 women officers are working from the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector to Inspector, which is insufficient compared to the requirement. To strengthen the investigation system and to reinforce the police force at the ground level, during the financial year 2026-27, under a special campaign, 50 posts of Women Sub-Inspector (Executive Police) will be filled through direct recruitment.

159. The State Government issued a notification on 22.02.2025 regarding the Classification and Grading of police stations. As a result, there is a requirement of approximately One thousand posts in various categories such as Inspector, Sub-Inspector, Head Constable, Constable, Cook and Driver, which will be considered for filling in a phased manner.

160. To make the Integrated Command and Control System (ICCC) established in Shimla city more effective, Himachal Pradesh Police will be fully integrated with ICCC. This will help the police to better utilize this modern technological system for traffic management, surveillance, crime prevention, and quick response in emergency situations

161. The Himachal Pradesh Government proposes to start the **Cyber Mitra Yojana (Cyber Volunteers Scheme)** in Himachal Pradesh Police with the objective of preventing cyber crimes, assisting in investigations, and strengthening public awareness. Under this initiative, technically skilled youth and responsible citizens will be connected as “Cyber Volunteers,” who will assist Cyber Crime Police Stations and District Cyber Cells in non-policing tasks such as providing assistance to victims.

162. In the direction of providing safe, transparent, and well-organized transport facilities to tourists and local citizens, an important initiative has been taken by the State Government . On 10 March 2026, the prepaid taxi service of Himachal Pradesh Police has been launched from ISBT Shimla. Through this prepaid taxi service, passengers will get taxis at pre-determined fares, which will eliminate the possibility of unnecessary disputes, overcharging, and other inconveniences, and the feeling of safety and trust among passengers will be further strengthened.

163. Considering the increasing use of internet and social media by children and youth in the digital age, the State Government has decided that a special module related to cyber security and cyber hygiene will be implemented for students studying in schools through the Education Department. Its objective is to inspire students to use digital technologies and social media in a safe, responsible, and aware manner.

164. To further strengthen the Anti-Chitta public movement being carried out against Chitta in the State, several important steps will be taken by the Government . In this campaign, a proposal will be made to extend the scope of Section 114 of the Himachal Pradesh Police Act to non-municipal corporation

areas, so that effective control over Chitta/drug-related activities can also be ensured in remote areas.

165. Honorable Speaker Sir, it is a matter of pride that in the 5th edition of the Start-up Ranking organized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, our State has been included among the top performing States of the country. To further strengthen this success, our Government will make special initiatives in the industrial sector in the upcoming financial year 2026-27 and a new industrial policy will also be brought soon. Industries

166. The Single Window system started by the Government in the State reflects the Government's strong commitment towards transparent governance, investor facilitation, and technology-based service delivery. Therefore, I propose to set new timelines/Milestones for all approvals and sanctions, so that the existing turnaround time can be reduced and Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living can be ensured.

167. After the success of HIM MSME Fest 2026, now our Government will prepare a new HIM Startup Scheme under the upcoming Industrial Investment Policy to further strengthen the Startup Ecosystem and create employment for the youth, under which interested Startups and Incubators will be provided financial and non-financial assistance.

168. During the upcoming financial year, to further strengthen the Value Chain and Value addition of agricultural products, the One District Three Products Program will be started. Through this, each district will identify three specific products which will be provided assistance under the upcoming Industrial Policy.

169. Sericulture in Himachal Pradesh is a traditional, environment-friendly, and labor-intensive agriculture-based activity, yet due to fragmented holdings, old rearing infrastructure, limited Post-Cocoon Value Addition, and weak Market Integration, productivity and income remain limited. To overcome these structural deficiencies, I announce the HIM Silk Mission, under which a budgetary provision of 2 Crore rupees

per year will be made. This will create additional employment in rural areas, and Scheduled Caste (SC) beneficiaries will be included in the objectives of the scheme for inclusive development.

170. In the financial year 2026-2027, I present the proposal to provide industrial training to 10 Thousand Himachali youth through the Department of Industries. Under this initiative, each trainee will also receive stipend of two thousand rupees per month with the support of NSDC and CSR funds, among others.

**Tribal
Development**

171. Honorable Speaker Sir, our Government is continuously making efforts for tribal welfare. In Pangi and Lahaul, the first phase of new campuses of Eklavya Model Residential Schools will be completed, and the construction work of the Bharmaur school will be carried out on priority by the Central Public Works Department.

172. For the preservation and promotion of the culture of tribal areas, fairs and festivals will be organized.

**Digital
Technologies
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Governance**

173. Honorable Speaker Sir, today IT is not merely a technical tool, but has become the backbone of good governance and citizen empowerment. Globally, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are bringing revolutionary changes in health, education, agriculture, and industry. In Himachal Pradesh too, these technologies are being extensively used to simplify and speed up citizen services, strengthen e-Governance, enable data-based decision-making, and increase transparency. For the financial year 2026-2027, the following works have been proposed by the Government in this sector:

- A Centre of Excellence – IT will be established at Wagnaghat, Solan. In this, an Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Lab will be set up, and an Incubation Facility will be established under the Chief Minister Startup/Innovation Projects/New Industries Scheme. Along with this, successful Startups and IT/ITES companies will be provided space for commercial use on a rental basis.

- A Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence will be established in Shimla.
- Considering the importance of Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services Projects for the long-term economic development of the State, the Government will establish a ultra-modern Cyber City at Waknaghat in District Solan.
- Himachal Pradesh has favorable natural resources, which make it a suitable destination for modern and Green Data Centres. The State Government will provide special incentives to Green Energy-based Data Centres. Such institutions will be supplied Green Energy at the rate of 3 rupees per unit. Companies will also be able to set up captive solar energy plants for their requirements
- In addition, keeping in view the increasing global demand in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, and modern engineering, the State Government will also encourage the establishment of Global Capacity Centres (GCCs) in Himachal Pradesh. This will provide opportunities to professionals associated with the Start-up Ecosystem and enable them to work at the global level.

174. Honorable Speaker Sir, the State Government launched the **Him Parivar Pariyojana** on 25 January 2025, full statehood day. Under this initiative, each family has been issued a Him Parivar Card, which provides a unique family identity similar to the Aadhaar Card. So far, more than 19 Lakh families with 75 Lakh 38 Thousand 4 Hundred 65 members are available on the HimParivar platform. Citizens can download their Him Parivar Card from the Him Parivar Portal or obtain it through the nearest Lok Mitra Kendra. To ensure its success, integration of data among departments is extremely essential. All departments will integrate their online databases with Him Parivar and implement the Him Access (Single Sign On) service in their application portals, so that only verified data of applicants/beneficiaries is recorded in various departmental schemes/applications. In addition, step by step, Him Parivar will become mandatory for availing subsidies and benefits of various

Government schemes. In addition, the “Him Parivar Card” will also be provided to each family.

175. Alongside this, a mobile-based Survey App will be used for verification, authentication, and cleansing of departmental schemes/beneficiaries’ data, so as to ensure integration with the Him Parivar database. In addition, a Golden Database application will be developed for citizen use. To provide a strong legal and institutional framework for this initiative, the Him Parivar Act will be notified.

176. To further strengthen e-Governance in the State, the following works will be undertaken:-

- MMSS (Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp) Helpline System and State Document Management Portal will use Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- The Government will develop an AI-Enabled Knowledge and Decision Support Portal (HIM-ADAPT). This portal will securely centralize Government orders, circulars, directions, and policies and will provide the facility of AI-Based Search and Analysis. Officers will be able to easily obtain information department-wise and subject-wise, access old decisions, and understand the rules applicable in similar cases.
- For monitoring, identification, and response to security-related incidents affecting all Government Applications and Websites hosted in the State Data Centre, a Security Operation Centre (SOC) will be established in Himachal Pradesh State Data Centre, which will strengthen security against cyber threats.
- At the State level, to strengthen the education system through digital means, a centralized Digital Library and Learning Management System will be established.
- To provide citizens living in rural and remote areas access to Government services through simple voice commands in the local language, a Voice-enabled AI-based Citizen Services Assistant will be developed.

- The entire process of entrance examination and counseling for admission to various vocational courses in HPTU, AMRU, and other institutions will be made online.
- To prevent unauthorized modifications and fraud in revenue certificates, a Blockchain-based, Tamper-Proof security framework will be implemented.
- At present, there is no integrated platform for Resource Mapping based on Geographic Information System for the departments. Therefore, a GIS lab will be created in the Department of Digital Technology and Governance.
- Considering the disaster-sensitive nature of Himachal Pradesh and the communication service failures experienced during the disaster of the year 2025, a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite-based communication system will be adopted to ensure uninterrupted communication service for disaster services and relief operations in disaster-affected areas.

177. Honorable Speaker Sir, every human being wants to live in clean and healthy air. From this perspective, Himachal can become the first choice of Indian citizens living in the country and abroad. Today, the situation is such that a very large number of residents of Himachal have purchased houses outside the State in Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali, and Zirakpur. **Housing**

178. This not only results in the property of the State going outside the State, but when these people go outside the State to shop, the State also suffers loss in GST. To remove this deficiency and to establish Himachal as an All Weather Destination and an ideal Home in the Hills Destination, we will build two Planned Modern Townships in the Shivalik Hills.

179. We will establish one HIM Chandigarh in Sheetalpur area, Baddi, District Solan along with Chandigarh, and one HIM Panchkula Township in Sirmaur district adjoining Panchkula.

180. Similarly, in the Dhauladhar region we will establish Kangra Valley Township. Each city will be built on Ten Thousand Bighas of land. With the construction of these cities,

Balanced Regional Development will be ensured in our State, pressure on big cities of the State will be reduced, new development centers will be established, tourism will be promoted, investment worth thousands of crores will take place, direct and indirect employment opportunities will be created, and the State will get a new identity. Due to their proximity to Chandigarh and Kangra Airports, these new cities will emerge as the Economic Engine of Himachal's development.

181. Honorable Speaker Sir, as a mark of respect for excellence and bravery, residential plots will be allotted at concessional rates to medal winners of the Asian Games and recipients of gallantry awards, for which our Government will soon notify a policy.

Youth
Services
& Sports

182. The State Government is committed to building a bright future for youth and creating a drug-free, healthy, and strong society. In this direction, in the year 2026-27, our Government will launch a Flagship Policy Initiative **Khelo Himachal – Chitta Mukh Abhiyan**. The objective of this campaign is to keep the youth away from drug addiction, especially from the deadly tendency of "Chitta," and to lead them towards discipline, competition, and a positive lifestyle through sports. Under this campaign, with an estimated expenditure of about 12 Crore rupees, three-tier competitions will be organized at Block, District, and State levels under the Khelo Himachal Championship, which will include popular sports such as Volleyball, Kabaddi, and Cricket. About 50 Thousand youth in the age group of 15 to 30 years will participate in these competitions. For the organization of these competitions, a Sports Calendar will be prepared, under which regular sports competitions will be organized at Block, District, and State levels. This program will be jointly carried out by Rural Development, Youth Services and Sports, Police, and District Administration.

183. Honorable Speaker Sir, in the upcoming financial year 2026-27, the Multipurpose Sports Complex at Kharidi, Nadaun in Hamirpur district will be made operational as a state-of-the-Art Centre of Excellence for Sports and Youth Development Centre. It will provide indoor arenas for various sports such as

Shooting, Swimming, Wrestling, Table Tennis, Yoga, Boxing, Kabaddi, Badminton, Volleyball, Judo, Basketball, Hockey, Athletics, Javelin Throw, Long Jump, High Jump, Discus Throw, and Shot Put, along with high-quality residential facilities, sports science, fitness and recovery centre, professional coaching and training halls, swimming pool, and wellness infrastructure, all in accordance with international standards. This will provide training facilities within the State itself as per international standards. With these comprehensive facilities, this complex will become a hub for talent identification, long-term athlete development, and high-performance training for youth. This ultra-modern sports complex will be dedicated to the youth and athletes of the State, with the target of dedicating it to the public and athletes by August 2026. It will also serve as a major venue for organizing State, National and International level championships, training camps, and tournaments, thereby securing Himachal Pradesh a prominent place on the international sports map.

184. In addition, our Government will soon complete the work of Stadiums at Kalpa, Ghumarwin and Katasani.

185. Our Government, to strengthen the Sports Ecosystem and to prepare future champions, will launch a comprehensive policy initiative in the financial year 2026-27. Under this initiative, non-betting based e-sports and sports-based digital competitions will be encouraged to promote sports culture among youth. In this regard, such e-sports will be promoted which are organized under the Olympics, such as Chess, Virtual Cycling, Motor-Sport Racing Simulation, Virtual Sailing, and Virtual Taekwondo—sports-based simulation e-sports competitions whose nature will be entirely based on sports competition.

186. Keeping in view the Olympics 2036, an intensive program will be conducted for the identification of the potential of children aged 10 to 12 years and for their training.

**“युवा वो नहीं जिसकी उम्र कम है।
युवा वो है जिसके इरादों में दम है।।”**

187. Honorable Speaker Sir, one of the priorities of our Government is to provide clean, green, and modern public transport to the citizens of the State and to reduce the carbon footprint in the transport sector. For this purpose, 297 Electric buses are being purchased. To meet the requirement of charging infrastructure for these buses, HRTC has initiated the process of establishing charging stations at 80 locations across the State, out of which work at 34 locations is in Advance Stages.

188. In accordance with the Government 's commitment to modernization of transport in the State, environmental sustainability, and promotion of clean, green transport options, one thousand Type-II electric buses will be purchased in a phased manner.

189. Sir, as per the announcement made in the previous budget year 2025-26, our Government has initiated the process of allocating 390 routes operating in the State to the private sector. Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Swarozgar Start-up Yojana** – Stage III, a subsidy of 40 percent is being provided for the purchase of buses on these routes. I am extremely pleased to inform you that, with the objective of increasing employment opportunities, our Government proposes to allocate an additional 700 routes to the private sector in the financial year 2026–27.

190. To provide convenience to passengers and make information available, an online timetable system will be prepared, which will be linked to the bus tracking application.

191. Our Government is continuously striving to provide better transport facilities to citizens, and in this sequence, the construction of bus stands has been given priority. I am pleased to inform that during the financial year 2026-27, the target has been set to complete the construction of bus stands at Thunag, Darlaghat, Baijnath, Hamirpur, and Bhoranj. Along with this, the proposal for the construction of three new bus stands has been placed, which will be established at Jaisinghpur, Fatehpur, and Mandi-Bharari (Bilaspur). In addition, there is also a proposal for the construction of a multi-storey commercial complex including a car parking facility at the old bus stand of Chamba. The

objective of all these projects is to provide modern, safe, and convenient transport infrastructure to the citizens of the State.

192. In the direction of effectively implementing faceless services by the Government, permits related to commercial vehicles such as Goods Carriage, Contract Carriage, Tourist Vehicles, National Permit Authorisation, etc., will be issued through the Auto Approval system after successful online submission and verification of the prescribed fees and required documents.

193. In the direction of strengthening railway traffic in the State, the Chandigarh-Baddi rail line project is in progress and is expected to be completed by 31 December 2027.

194. In our State, many religious and tourist places are located in remote areas. Devotees and tourists face difficulties in reaching these places, and travel time and cost are higher with traditional means of transport. Ropeway transport, on one hand, is environmentally friendly, and on the other hand, it promotes tourism while also strengthening the local economy. To strengthen this sector, I announce three important ropeway projects:

- Baba Balak Nath Ropeway – A one-kilometer-long ropeway project from Taxi Parking to Baba Balak Nath Temple will be constructed at a cost of 65 Crore rupees on DBFOT (Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer) mode. The project work is expected to commence in October 2026 and be completed by December 2028.
- Mata Chintpurni Ropeway – A 1.1 kilometer-long ropeway project from Baba Maya Das Parking to Mata Chintpurni Temple is being constructed at a cost of 76 Crore 50 Lakh rupees on DBFOT (Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer) mode. The project work is expected to commence in October 2026 and be completed by December 2028.
- Kullu (Dhalpur)–Peej Ropeway: To connect Dhalpur with Peej, a 1.20 kilometer-long ropeway project is being

constructed at a cost of 80 Crore rupees on PPP mode. The target has been set to complete it by December 2028.

Urban
Development

195. Honorable Speaker Sir, in our State, urban development is not merely the construction of buildings and roads, but it is a commitment to raising the standard of living of citizens. Being a hilly State, urban planning and infrastructure development here is challenging. Nevertheless, our Government has prioritized providing modern facilities in this sector, sanitation, water supply, transportation, and environmental protection.

196. Sir, I am pleased to inform the House that the Initiative of the Government 'One State One Portal For All Municipal Services' has been honored with the Govtech Award 2026 by The Economic Times. To further strengthen urban local administration, the scope of the State Government's initiative **One State One Portal** will be expanded. In addition to the 18 services already implemented, major online municipal services such as Him Seva facility and issuance of various types of NOCs will be added. Along with this, a double accounting system will be implemented in all urban local bodies through the online finance and accounting module. For the convenience of citizens, the Citizen Service Portal will also be made available on a mobile app.

197. Our Government will establish Municipal Shared Service Centers (MSSC) at 14 locations—Chamba, Ghumarwin, Nadaun, Dharamshala, Palampur, Manali, Mandi, Sundernagar, Shimla, Rampur, Nahan, Baddi, Una, and Santokhgarh. Under this initiative, each property will be provided with a QR-enabled Digital Door Plate, which will be connected to a centralized digital platform. In addition, a Municipal Call Centre and a State Level Implementation Centre (SIC) will be established in Hamirpur.

198. In the merger areas of newly constituted/upgraded urban local bodies, to provide better citizen services such as roads, routes, street lights, sewerage, sanitation, parks, and parking facilities, a total development grant of 1 crore 25 lakh rupees will be released in the financial year 2026–27. Out of this,

the newly upgraded Municipal Council Jawali will be allocated 25 lakh rupees, and each of the two newly constituted Municipal Committees (Sangrah and Bir) will be allocated 50 lakh rupees.

199. The State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (CSIR-IICT), Hyderabad for the establishment of biogas plants. Under this, with the technical assistance of this institute, biogas plants will be established in urban local bodies on a pilot basis. The feasibility report for the establishment of plants in Una, Hamirpur, Solan, Palampur, and Baddi has already been prepared. These plants will promote renewable energy production and reduce dependence on landfills.

200. Under the “Central Business District” (CBD) project, commercial complexes will be developed in Shimla city at a cost of 400 Crore rupees and in Hamirpur city at a cost of 200 Crore rupees, so that people can have access to modern basic facilities. This will gradually be extended to other cities of the State.

201. Under the Urban Challenge Fund, a proposed project of 600 Crore rupees for the transformation of major city sites into Creative Redevelopment of Cities/Growth Hubs in 08 cities of the State (Shimla, Dharamshala, Nadaun, Jwalamukhi, Subathu, Dehra, Sunni and Rampur) is in progress. Out of this, 50 percent of the amount will be borne through bank loans/PPP mode, 25 percent by the Central Government, and 25 percent by the State Government.

202. Under the Duct Construction Scheme (Construction of Ducts), in the first phase, duct construction work in Shimla city is being carried out through the Public Works Department at a cost of 140 Crore rupees, and in the phase manner, duct construction work in other cities such as Baddi, Hamirpur, Dehra, Dharamshala, Mandi, Manali, Solan, and Una will be carried out through the Public Works Department.

203. Under the Street Vending Zone Construction Scheme, world-class Street Vending Zones will be established at places of tourism, religious, and cultural importance. In the first phase,

two such sites in the State will be selected and world-class Street Vending Zones will be established.

In the field of urban development, a total of 542 crore rupees is proposed.

Jal Shakti 204. Honorable Speaker Sir, our mountain springs, rivers, and water sources provide the nectar of pure life-giving water to Himachal and to the entire northern India. Our Government has ensured that clean water is made available to every household. We are adopting new and World Class technologies in water conservation and water management so that along with air, Higher Quality drinking water can be made available.

205. The Government will prepare a comprehensive project of approximately Two thousand crore rupees, whose objective will be to improve Water Quality and to modernize old schemes. For this, Latest Technologies with World Class Standards such as RO (Reverse Osmosis), Ozonation, Gaseous Chlorination, etc. will be brought into use.

206. Ozone is an effective disinfectant and virucide for water treatment which is safe from the health point of view. Across the entire State in this financial year, in 15 schemes, for drinking water purification the use of RO/Ozonation/Gaseous Chlorination will be implemented, along with the utilization of Latest Technology Non-Reactive Tanks for water storage.

207. At present, the Water Power Department mainly uses chlorine through bleaching powder for disinfection of water supply. This keeps a smell in the water. In drinking water supply schemes, for effective chlorination, it is proposed that initially in one thousand water supply schemes, the use of bleaching powder will be completely replaced with the Chlorine Gas system.

208. To provide quality water to the public, Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) will be established in a phased manner in all surface and groundwater-based schemes in the State, where plants have not yet been built or the existing plants have become inactive. In the financial year 2026-27, an effort will be made to construct 500 water purification plants.

209. In Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs), gaseous chlorination is extremely necessary for effective disinfection of treated wastewater before releasing it into natural water sources. This will destroy harmful pathogenic bacteria and microorganisms and ensure the safety of public health and the environment. In the first phase, arrangements for gaseous chlorination will be made in 55 STPs.

210. Pipes whose useful life has ended will be replaced in a phased manner. The estimated cost of replacement of approximately 200 kilometers of pipes is 8 crore rupees.

211. In urban areas, the drinking water scheme pipes will be laid through underground ducts so that repeated damage to roads and inconvenience to the general public can be avoided. This arrangement will also reduce the cost of maintenance of basic infrastructure in the future.

212. In several places, the existing pumping machinery in public schemes has been damaged due to natural disasters. There, the electro-mechanical equipment will be restored. Along with this, for modern monitoring, inspection, and operation of the schemes of the Water Power Department, modern technologies such as SCADA (Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition)/Automation/Surveillance through CCTV Cameras, Sensors, Alarms & IoT (Internet of Things) will be used in a phased manner in 10 schemes in urban areas.

213. To ensure uninterrupted water supply in adverse conditions such as heavy rainfall, snowfall, and natural disasters, it is necessary to construct balancing reservoirs at sources and main distribution points. With buffer storage, continuity of water supply will be maintained during damage to intake structures, disruption of electricity supply, or transmission interruptions. Under disaster management, tanks with a capacity of 3 Lakh liters will be constructed in approximately 150 schemes.

214. In those schemes where the Department has land or Roof Top Space available, the use of solar energy is proposed with the objective of reducing operation and maintenance(O&M) expenditure. By harnessing the potential of solar energy, the

Department will reduce the burden of electricity charges. These Solar Panels will be Grid Connected. The Government has identified 34 schemes in which electricity consumption is very high, and these will be taken under the Green Scheme in this financial year.

215. Flood Plain Zoning of major River Basins will make scientific identification of flood-prone areas possible, effective regulation of construction and land use in sensitive areas will be ensured, losses caused by floods will be reduced, and long-term flood risk management and disaster preparedness in the State will be strengthened.

216. A provision of approximately five hundred crore rupees is being made for the restoration and strengthening of drinking water and irrigation schemes under the Water Power Department.

217. I am very pleased to say that drinking water supply for Shimla city has started from the Sutlej river. Approximately six hundred crore rupees are being spent on this project and provision has been made to supply 42ML (Million Litres) of drinking water per day, which can be increased to 67ML (Million Litres) in the future. In the water purification plant established on the Sutlej river under this project, for better results, an Ozonization dystem of disinfection will be installed at a cost of approximately fifteen crore rupees. In the drinking water schemes of Shimla city, disinfection is being done only through Gaseous Chlorine, and this year in the identified areas of the city, on a pilot basis, an RO System will also be installed. The work of providing 24X7 drinking water in Shimla city is in progress and this year approximately Ten thousand households will be provided with 24X7 drinking water.

218. For the purpose of increasing employment opportunities, in the future, appointments of personnel in water supply schemes in the Water Department will be made under the Para Policy.

Health & Family Welfare **219.** To provide accessible, quality, and modern health services in the rural and remote areas of the State, my

Government is making efforts. For the fulfillment of this very objective, for the year 2026-2027, I make the following announcements:

220. Government Medical College Tanda, Government Medical College Hamirpur, and AIMSS Shimla located at Chamiana will each establish one Advance Testing Lab with a Track Based Integrated Total Laboratory Automation System. An expenditure of 25 Crore rupees will be incurred on each laboratory.

221. IGMC Shimla, Government Medical College Tanda, Government Medical College Hamirpur, and Government Medical College Nerchowk will have Bone Marrow Transplant & Apheresis Units established at a cost of 20 Crore rupees.

222. For Government Medical College Hamirpur and Government Medical College Nerchowk, PET Scan machines will be purchased at an approximate cost of 46 Crore rupees. At the same time, the facility of PET Scan will also be started soon in Government Medical College Tanda and IGMC Shimla.

223. At AIMSS Shimla located at Chamiana, one Digital Subtraction Angiography machine will be purchased at a cost of 20 Crore rupees.

224. At Indira Gandhi Medical College IGMC Shimla, for the purchase of necessary anesthesia equipment for robotic surgery, 5 Crore rupees have been allocated; for the establishment of the OBG department unit and the purchase of machinery and equipment for robotic surgery, 3 Crore 68 Lakh rupees have been allocated; for the purchase of machinery and equipment, 2 Crore 38 Lakh rupees have been allocated; and for the purchase of 4K Laparoscopic Sets and Electro Surgical Station in the Surgery Department, 5 Crore rupees have been allocated.

225. At Government Medical College Nahan, an amount of two crore rupees will be released for the purchase of machinery and equipment.

226. At Government Medical College Chamba, a provision of almost two crore rupees has been made for the construction of a Skill Lab.

227. Our Government has decided to establish Cath Labs at ZH Kullu, ZH Una, RH Solan, Medical College Chamba, Medical College Nahan, and Medical College Tanda. With this, the people of the State will easily receive the facility of Angiography and Angioplasty in every district.

228. Phase-II of Government Medical College Chamba will be started, with an estimated cost of 194 Crore rupees.

229. At Government Medical College Nahan, 500 Crore rupees will be spent for the construction of the college.

230. At Government Medical College Chamba, Government Medical College Hamirpur, and Government Medical College Nahan, Intensive Care Units (ICUs) with 40 beds each will be established in every institution.

231. At Government Medical College Tanda, an amount of 14 Crore 86 Lakh rupees will be released for the construction of a lecture theatre. In addition, a provision of 2 Crore 27 Lakh rupees will be made for the maintenance of the college building.

232. For the construction of the Super Speciality Block at Government Medical College Hamirpur, a provision of 150 Crore rupees will be made. For providing the facility of a Guest House for examiners' accommodation, 2 Crore rupees will be allocated, and for the construction of a hostel for girl students at a cost of 15 Crore rupees.

233. At Indira Gandhi Medical College IGMC Shimla, 2 Crore 38 Lakh rupees will be allocated for the installation of lifts, 6 Crore rupees for the construction of a lecture theatre, and a provision of 10 Crore rupees will be made for a hostel for girl students at Corrostophen Estate, Lakkar Bazaar.

234. In Hamirpur, the proposal for the establishment of a new Dental College at a cost of 200 Crore rupees is also included in this phase. In addition, at Government Medical College

Hamirpur, 6 Crore rupees will be allocated for the construction of an auditorium and 7 Crore rupees will be allocated for doctors' accommodation.

235. At AIMSS Chamiana, a hostel will be constructed on the Attic floor of the Critical Care and Additional Block at a cost of 10 Crore rupees.

236. For the Nursing School of Government Medical College Tanda, a provision of 2 Crore 50 Lakh rupees will be made.

237. At Government Medical College Mandi located at Nerchowk, an amount of 8 Crore 50 Lakh rupees will be released for the construction of a hostel for students.

238. For the strengthening and modernization of the State's Tertiary and Secondary health services, in the first phase, an investment of 1 Thousand 7 Hundred 31 Crore rupees is proposed, the survey and DPR work of which is in progress. In continuation of the same, in the second phase, the medical colleges will be modernized with approximately 1 Thousand 6 Hundred 17 Crore rupees.

239. In this phase, all medical colleges will be developed as modern teaching hospitals with advanced diagnostic facilities and high-end equipment. This includes the establishment of IVF and Embryo Transfer Units as well as Bone Marrow Transplant at IGMC Shimla and Government Medical College Tanda. AIMSS Chamiana will be developed as a Cardiac Hub with a Cath Lab and an Advanced Maternal & Child Care Centre. Model health institutions will be empowered with Tele-ICU and AI-based Diagnostics along with strong infrastructure so that better health services can be made available in remote and hilly areas.

240. To ensure seamless coordination among 18 Day-Care Cancer Centers (DCCCs) and four Tertiary Care Centers—IGMC Shimla, Government Medical College Tanda, AIIMS Bilaspur, and Government Medical College Mandi—my Government has proposed the establishment of Tele-Oncology services.

241. With the objective of strengthening in-house diagnostic services in the State, District Integrated Public Health Laboratories are being established in 11 districts at a cost of 1 Crore 25 Lakh rupees per district, and 72 Block Public Health Units are being set up in block-level hospitals at an estimated cost of 81 Lakh rupees per block. In the next financial year, all these facilities will be made operational in district hospitals and block-level hospitals.

242. For the first time in the State, my Government is going to start Nucleic Acid Testing for the screening of transfusion-transmitted infections such as Hepatitis-B, Hepatitis-C, and HIV. This advanced technology is capable of detecting infections at an early stage. Under this initiative, two NAT machines will be installed in the blood banks of Shimla and Kangra districts with trained technicians. An expenditure of two crore rupees is proposed for the screening of 20 Thousand blood samples.

243. Continuous infection with Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is now considered the major cause of cervical cancer. Therefore, for the safety of the daughters of the State, I propose to start an HPV vaccination program. Under this, the target is to include girls aged 14–15 years in the State. This vaccine will be provided free of cost to all eligible beneficiaries, whose estimated number is approximately 65 Thousand. To implement this vaccination activity, an expenditure of 2 Crore 39 Lakh rupees will be incurred.

244. For the education of students, the facility of e-library will be provided in all medical colleges.

245. Under the Maternal and Child Health Program, with a provision of 1 Crore 50 Lakh rupees, a digital application will be launched which will enable early identification and real-time tracking of High-Risk Pregnant women. Special attention will be given to remote and difficult hilly areas.

246. To eliminate the increasing addiction to drugs in society, especially among the youth, a State Action Plan will be prepared with the help of NITI Aayog.

247. Keeping in view the requirements of various health institutions, especially Model/Ideal Health Institutions, provision will be made to increase the cadre of specialist doctors.

248. In addition, keeping in view the posts becoming vacant due to selection in PG courses or Senior Residency, 300 posts will be created as Trainee Reserve.

249. For the smooth functioning of health facilities, 23 posts of Medical Officer have been created and the process is ongoing to fill 232 posts through the Public Service Commission. 4 posts of Medical Officer (Dental) have been created, for which the filling process is ongoing.

250. In addition, 150 Assistant Staff Nurses, 30 Radiographers, 40 Pharmacy Officers, 500 Rogi Mitras, and 99 OTAs along with other paramedical posts will also be filled.

251. The process is ongoing to fill 900 posts of Assistant Staff Nurses, 124 posts of Paramedical Staff, and 50 posts of JOA IT through the State Selection Commission, which will be completed soon. In addition, the process is ongoing to fill 64 new posts of Lecturers in various faculties in Government Medical Colleges and Hospitals, which will be filled through direct recruitment by the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission.

252. In addition to the above, for the implementation of the State Cancer Institute Hamirpur, 469 posts of various categories (111 posts Faculty, 180 posts Nursing, 55 posts Paramedical Staff, and 123 posts of other supporting categories) have been created, which will be filled in the coming year.

सुविधाओं के अंबार ने बीमार कर दिया ।

ठहरे हुये पानी की तरह बेकार कर दिया ।।

न दौड़ है, तू खेल है, बस स्क्रीन का पहरा है ।

इस सुस्त जिन्दगी ने हमें बीमार कर दिया ।।

253. Honorable Speaker Sir, due to demographic changes and lifestyle modifications, the burden of Non-Communicable

Diseases is increasing in Himachal Pradesh. To deal with this challenge, my Government proposes the establishment of a cardiac care network to ensure prevention of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease, rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke, early detection and management of chronic kidney disease, screening and awareness for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and Golden Hour Thrombolysis in cases of heart attack. These steps will reduce premature deaths, improve quality of life, and decrease the long-term health burden.

254. Honorable Speaker Sir, we all know that “जैसा होगा अन्न, वैसा होगा मन”। Himachal Pradesh is facing nutrition-related challenges according to national health surveys. The Government is committed to improving the nutritional status of mothers, children, and adolescents. In the coming year, a comprehensive State Nutrition Policy will be implemented in line with the Poshan Abhiyan, with the objective of eliminating malnutrition, anemia, and micronutrient deficiencies. To strengthen the food security and nutrition system, the Government has notified the establishment of a State Nutrition Coordination Cell, the upgradation of the Composite Testing Laboratory at Kandaghat, and the establishment of four new laboratories at Dharamshala, Mandi, Shimla, and Baddi. Along with this, approval has also been granted to fill 51 posts for this purpose. These initiatives will promote better coordination among various departments, strengthen food testing infrastructure, and encourage healthy dietary behavior across the State.

मिलेगा पोषण तो बचपन निखर जाएगा ।

देश का भविष्य फिर खुद संवर जाएगा ।।

255. Our Government is committed not only to the historic strengthening of the health facilities of the State but also to the interests of doctors and other categories working in health services.

256. Under the National Health Mission, among One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-One employees, 823 employees of various categories who have completed seven years will be

provided a one-time average increase of Fourteen Thousand rupees from 1 April, 2026, fulfilling their long-standing demand. In this category mainly:

- Health Officer (Ayush) – from Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty rupees to Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty rupees
- Health Officer Dental – from Forty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred rupees to Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred rupees
- Pharmacist – from Thirty Thousand Five Hundred rupees to Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred rupees
- ANM – from Twenty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty rupees to Thirty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred rupees
- ASHA Coordinator – from Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy-Five rupees to Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty rupees
- Block Program Manager – from Forty-One Thousand Five Hundred Fifty rupees to Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty rupees
- Dental Hygienist – from Twenty-Nine Thousand rupees to Forty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Fifty rupees
- Accountant – from Thirty-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Fifty rupees to Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty rupees
- Lab Technician – from Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty rupees to Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred rupees

257. Similarly, outsourced employees working under the National Health Mission such as:

- Staff Nurse – from Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five rupees to Twenty-Five Thousand rupees

- Lab Technician – from Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred rupees to Twenty-Five Thousand rupees
- Pharmacist – from Thirteen Thousand Sixty-Two rupees to Twenty-Five Thousand rupees
- Operation Theatre Technician – from Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty rupees to Twenty-Five Thousand rupees
- Data Entry Operator – from Fourteen Thousand Four Hundred rupees to Eighteen Thousand rupees

258. Those remaining employees who will not receive the benefit of seven years from this financial year, all such employees will be given a 5 percent increase on the basic salary from 1 April, 2026.

259. In addition, the monthly salary of Medical Officers who have not yet been regularized will be increased from thirty-three thousand six hundred sixty rupees to forty thousand rupees.

In the field of health, a total of 2 Thousand 868 Crore rupees are proposed.

Energy 260. Honorable Speaker Sir, as a result of extensive systemic changes in the energy sector, our target for the year 2026-27 is to obtain two thousand five hundred crore rupees in the form of energy royalty, which is unprecedented. In this direction:-

- An Integrated Energy Management Centre has been established in the Directorate of Energy. Through this, electricity Trading will be carried out in an Efficient manner, which will provide additional income to the Government .
- Under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), a provision has been made to spend 450 Crore rupees in the year to strengthen the electricity system.
- The Government will implement a Uniform Environment Social Policy Procedure to achieve Global Standard in the

energy sector. Along with this, an Integrated Resource Planning System will be started.

- In the private sector, the under-construction Tidong-I (150 MW) and Soiel Dashal (9 MW) will begin energy production this year.
- HP Power Corporation has set the target to commence the first phase of the under-construction 450 MW Shong-Tong Karchham Hydroelectric Project this year.
- In the solar sector, the process will be initiated to establish 6 solar projects with a total capacity of 49 MW—Sanerh (11 MW), Dabhota (9 MW), Tihra Khas (6 MW), Majra (8 MW), Ghandran (10 MW), and Sukohan (5 MW). These will also include provisions for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS).
- The State Government has constructed the HP Transmission Asset Management Centre at Kunihar, Solan at a cost of approximately 32 Crore rupees. This Centre started functioning on a trial basis from 2 October 2025. This year, the Centre will be made fully operational. Himachal Pradesh will be the first State in the country to do so. Until now, such a Centre at this level has only been operated in the country by Power Grid Corporation India.
- In Paonta Sahib of Sirmaur, for better and reliable electricity supply to industries, urban areas, and nearby rural regions, the construction of a GIS Substation of 200 MVA capacity at 220/132 KV is proposed at a cost of approximately 124 Crore rupees. This work will be started in the year 2026-27.
- Under Green Energy Corridor Phase-II, two GIS substations of 63 MVA each will be constructed in Dharamshala and Baijnath of Kangra district at a cost of approximately 221 Crore rupees.
- The construction work of the 29-kilometer-long transmission line from Dharkunda to Majra will also be

started. Approximately 41 Crore rupees will be spent on this 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission line.

- Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Swarozgar Saur Yojana**, 90 applications have been received for establishing projects ranging from 100 Kilowatt to 2 Megawatt. Soon, after completing their evaluation, they will be allocated. For these projects, a budget grant of 5 percent will be given in tribal areas and 4 percent in the remaining areas.
- Ground Mounted solar projects of 500 KW are being established in Gram Panchayats. So far, 4 such projects have been established and work on 13 projects is in progress. In 7 other Panchayats, land has been selected for the establishment of these projects. With these projects becoming operational, each project will generate an income of approximately 25 Lakh rupees per year, of which 30 percent will be given to the Gram Panchayat for developmental works, and 20 percent will be spent on the welfare of orphans, widows, and deprived sections in the Panchayat area.
- The process will be initiated to establish GRID Connected Rooftop Solar Plants in all Government buildings of the State. These Systems are proposed to be installed in the Rooftop Solar Plant Renewable Energy Service Company (RESCO) Mode. Through these, electricity bills in Government offices will be reduced because the Company that installs these Plants will provide electricity to Government offices at concessional rates.
- In the Sainj Hydro Project, HPPCL will take the initiative on a pilot basis to provide Round the Clock Green Energy, in which Hydro Power will be bundled with other sources of Green Energy and sold. Observing the results of this arrangement, in the coming time, consideration will be given to promoting Energy Bundling.
- The construction of the building of the Directorate of Energy will be started this year using the Super Energy

Conservation Building Code (ECBC). This will be the first ECBC Building in the State.

- Under the Energy Department, approximately 250 crore rupees have been allocated for the improvement and restoration of the Electricity Distribution System and related Infrastructure.

261. Honorable Speaker Sir, Himachal State Archives has successfully completed the digitization work of approximately 17 Lakh important records. For the preservation of these historical and rare records, a dedicated online portal is also being developed, which will become operational this year. This will provide researchers with easy online access. Language & Culture

262. The construction work of the modern museum at Bantony Building in Shimla will be completed and dedicated to the public. In the Bhuri Singh Museum at Chamba, renovation work of a gallery of Chamba art and crafts will be carried out. The Tribal Museum located at Keylong will be made fully functional.

संस्कृति है मान हमारा,
संस्कृति ही पहचान।
इसी से महकता है,
हमारा प्यारा हिन्दुस्तान।।

263. Himachal Pradesh is the land of gods. The rich culture here is our identity. Our ancient temples, fairs, and festivals are famous all over the world because of their unique traditions. Here we have world-renowned Shakti Peeths such as Shri Naina Devi Ji, Shri Chintpurni Ji, Shri Baba Balak Nath Ji, Shri Chamunda Devi Ji, and Shri Bajreshwari Devi Ji. There are pilgrimage sites like Kinner Kailash, Manimahesh Kailash, and Shrikhand Kailash. Centers of faith are located in every corner of the State. Every year, millions of people come to the religious places of Himachal and experience peace in the healthy and beautiful environment of Himachal. We will develop all the temples of the State step by step as world-class religious and cultural tourism sites. For the convenience of devotees in the

Shakti Peeths of the State, in the first phase, projects will be constructed for large temples with the cooperation of experts. Through these projects, an expenditure of about 500 crore rupees is proposed in a phased manner. I announce the provision of 65 crore rupees for the improvement of facilities for devotees in these temples.

State Tax and Excise **264.** Honorable Speaker Sir, the role of the Tax and Excise Department is extremely important in making the economic system of the State strong and transparent. In the upcoming financial year, the Government is conducting the entire process of allotment of retail liquor shops through e-allotment, and the allotment of toll barriers for the year 2026-2027 has also been done through the e-allotment process.

265. In addition, the State Tax and Excise Department will launch a GST Taxpayer Voluntary Compliance Awareness Campaign on a quarterly basis for a duration of one week, under which taxpayers will be encouraged to voluntarily comply with GST laws and procedures. Furthermore, the objective of this campaign will be to reduce tax disputes through voluntary compliance as well as to establish a transparent GST ecosystem.

Food and Civil Supplies **266.** Honorable Speaker Sir, our Government is committed to ensuring food security in the State. Therefore, in this direction, during the financial year 2026-2027, our Government is going to take the following Policy Initiatives:

- During the year 2026-2027, the Government will strengthen the network of Piped Natural Gas (PNG), which is safer and cheaper compared to LPG for domestic and commercial use in the State. In addition, CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) stations will also be established in the State to provide clean fuel instead of diesel and petrol. The Government will implement City Gas Distribution Policy and CNG Policy in this regard.
- The State has a strong network of 5 Thousand 3 Hundred fair price shops/depots distributing food grains. In the State, ration is being distributed through fair price shops/depots to 19 Lakh 50 Thousand ration card holders

and 72 Lakh 50 Thousand beneficiaries. To make fair price shops financially sustainable, a platform will be provided to fair price shopkeepers to sell other quality products, so that beneficiaries will get quality products at lower prices compared to the open market.

- To make the inspection and sampling process more transparent, an e-Insamp (Inspection Sampling) system will be developed for the inspection of fair price shops, food wholesale stores, and for the sampling of food grains.
- To provide relief to various business establishments in the State and for the convenience of consumers in the State, this year an Online Verification System for Weight and Measures will be implemented.

267. Honorable Speaker Sir, a brave son of Himachal Pradesh, Honorary Captain Sanjay Kumar, who was awarded the country's highest gallantry award, the Param Vir Chakra, in the Kargil war, has recently returned to his home district Bilaspur after retirement. The State Government has requested him to encourage the youth of Himachal Pradesh, who are studying in colleges and Senior Secondary Schools, to join the Indian Armed Forces. Through his encouragement, not only will the spirit of patriotism be awakened among our youth, but they will also be saved from drugs and other evils. I am pleased that Honorary Captain Sanjay Kumar has accepted our proposal. For this, we will provide him with an appropriate monthly honorarium, and he will be free to render his services from the Sainik Welfare Office in Bilaspur itself. The State's Sainik Welfare Department, Himachal Pradesh Ex-Servicemen Corporation, and the Education Department will soon issue appropriate orders on this matter.

268. In our country, approximately Eleven Lakh personnel are serving in the Central Armed Police Forces, and there are about Twenty Lakh former personnel of these forces. A suggestion has come from their side that a Paramilitary Welfare Board should also be constituted in the States, which can consider the welfare and rehabilitation of Retired CAPF

personnel. Therefore, a Board of such kind will be constituted by my Government .

269. Our Government has provided employment to 4 Hundred 12 ex-servicemen and their dependents in the current financial year according to the demand of various departments. In the coming year also, the 15 percent posts reserved for ex-servicemen will be filled on a priority basis. Along with this, I announce that the Yudh Jagir (financial assistance) amount of 7 Thousand rupees, given to those parents whose one, two, or three children served in the army during the emergency imposed in the country during the war, will be increased to 10 Thousand rupees per year.

270. Honorable Speaker Sir, I announce to increase the present limit of 200 Crore rupees of MLA Priority Schemes per Assembly Constituency to 225 Crore rupees.

271. Honorable Speaker Sir, I announce the increase of the current limit of Discretionary Grant given to MLAs by one lakh rupees.

272. Regarding Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana, we have also taken an important decision. Earlier, an amount of 2 crore 20 lakh rupees per Assembly Constituency was provided, which now, keeping in view the current financial situation, has been reduced to one crore ten lakh rupees per assembly constituency.

Employees Welfare **273.** Honorable Speaker Sir, our Government believes that employees have an unprecedented contribution in the development of the State. We are committed to the respect and security of the employees. Unfortunately, the previous Government s did not make the payment of salary and pension Arrears. Due to this, the outstanding liabilities have reached approximately Thirteen thousand crore rupees. I assure the hardworking employees of the State that all their payments will be made in a time-bound manner. The present Government takes the pledge that full payment of all arrears of employees will be made, so that they can get the proper reward for their hard work.

Our Government is firmly determined to end this burden and to give top priority to the interests of the employees.

274. Honorable Speaker Sir, despite the serious financial situation of the State, I announce that all pensioners and family pensioners prior to the year 2016 will be paid their entire arrears of pension/family pension in the financial year 2026-27. I also announce that Class IV employees who retired during the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2021 will be paid their entire arrears of gratuity and Leave Encashment in the financial year 2026-27. On the payment of the above arrears, approximately 300 Crore rupees will be spent during the financial year 2026-27.

275. I also announce that from the upcoming financial year, all employees going on Study Leave will be paid 100 percent salary. Those employees who have previously taken Study Leave will also be paid the remaining salary.

276. I announce that employees working on contract basis and daily wages, who at present are regularized only once in a year, will now be regularized upon completion of the prescribed service period on 31st March, 2026 and 30th September, 2026 as per past practice.

277. Despite the difficult financial situation, I make the following announcements:

- Daily wagers will receive a daily wage of 450 rupees with an increase of 25 rupees.
- Outsourced employees will now receive a minimum of 13,750 rupees per month.
- Our Government firmly believes that with the cooperation of employees, the financial situation of the State will soon improve

278. 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 ₹11,500, with an increment of ₹1000.
- Mini Anganwadi workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹8,300, with an increment of ₹1000.
- Anganwadi helpers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,800, with an increment of ₹1000.
- ASHA workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,800, with an increment of ₹1000.
- The monthly honorarium of sewing instructors will be increased by ₹1000.
- Mid-Day Meal workers will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,500, with an increment of ₹500.
- Water carriers (Education Department) will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,000, with an increment of ₹500.
- Jal Rakshaks will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,100, with an increment of ₹500.
- Multi-Purpose Workers of the Jal Shakti Department will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,000, 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 ₹7,100, with an increment of ₹500.
- Panchayat Chokidaar will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹9,000 with an increment of ₹500.
- Revenue Chowkidar will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,800, with an increment of ₹500.
- Revenue Lambardars will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,000, with an increment of ₹500.
- 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 ₹500 per month.
- Part Time Multi Task Workers will receive an increment of ₹500 per month.

279. Honorable Speaker Sir, as everyone is aware, the State is currently going through a serious Financial Situation. This

situation has not arisen suddenly, but is the result of weak Financial Management and wrong priorities of the previous Government . Along with this, the stopping of the Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) has created additional pressure on the State.

280. In such circumstances, to overcome this challenge, all of us will have to contribute together. With this spirit, the Government has decided that 50 percent of the Chief Minister's salary, 30 percent of the Deputy Chief Minister and Members of Council of Ministers' salary, and 20 percent of the Honorable MLAs' salary will be temporarily deferred for the next six months. In addition, 20 percent of the salary of all Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Deputy Chairman and all Advisors (Political Appointees) will also be temporarily deferred for the same period.

281. At the level of senior administrative, police, and forest officers, equal contribution will also be ensured. Under this, 30 percent of the salary of the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries, and all Principal Secretaries, and 20 percent of the salary of Secretaries and all Heads of Departments (HoDs) will be temporarily deferred. Similarly, 30 percent of the salary of DGP and ADGPs and 20 percent of the salary of IGPs, DIGs, SSPs, and officers upto the level of SPs, and 30 percent of the salary of HOFF, all PCCFs and Additional PCCFs, and 20 percent of the salary of CCFs, CFs, and other forest officers up to the DFOs level will be temporarily deferred.

282. Along with this, 3 percent of the salary of Group-A and Group-B officers will be temporarily deferred for the next six months, while Group-C and Group-D employees will be completely excluded from this and will continue to receive their full salary.

283. At the same time, it will also be ensured that Boards, Corporations, PSUs, Autonomous Bodies, Universities, and other major Societies that receive Grant-in-Aid or any kind of Budgetary Support from the State Government also adopt this decision in line with the Government .

284. Honorable Speaker Sir, while fully respecting the constitutional dignity and Independence of the judiciary, the State Government hopes that keeping in view the current Financial Situation, the Honorable High Court will, with its Guidance and Concurrence, consider the Temporary Deferment of 20 percent of the salary at the level of District Judges and Additional District Judges, and 3 percent of the salary at the level of Group-A and Group-B officers of the Judicial Establishment, in line with the Government. Along with this, further strengthening the spirit of solidarity and responsibility towards the State, it is expected that the Honorable High Court, at its discretion, may also consider Voluntarily up to 30 percent Deferment at the Senior Levels.

285. I want to make it clear that this is only a Temporary Deferment, and as soon as the Financial Condition of the State improves, this amount will be returned.

286. This decision has been taken so that the economic condition of the State remains balanced, everyone continues to receive salary and pension on time, and essential Services and Development Works for the public continue without any interruption.

287. I am confident that in this challenging time, all public representatives, judiciary, officers, and employees will fully cooperate in the interest of the State.

Budget Estimate **288.** Honorable Speaker Sir, now I come to the Revised Estimates of 2025-26. According to the Revised Estimates of the year 2025-26, the total revenue receipts are 44 thousand 537 crore rupees. According to the Revised Estimates of 2025-26, the total revenue expenditure is estimated to be 54 thousand 349 crore rupees. According to the Revised Estimates of 2025-26, a revenue Deficit of 9 thousand 812 crore rupees is estimated.

289. Honorable Speaker Sir, I am presenting a budget of 54 thousand 928 crore rupees for the year 2026-27.

290. In the year 2026-27, revenue receipts are estimated to be 40 thousand 361 crore rupees and the total revenue

expenditure is estimated to be 46 thousand 938 crore rupees. Thus, the total revenue deficit is estimated to be 6 thousand 577 crore rupees. The fiscal deficit is estimated to be 9 thousand 698 crore rupees which is 3.49 percent of the Gross Domestic Product of the State.

291. According to the Budget for 2026-27, out of every 100 rupees of expenditure, 27 rupees will be spent on salaries, 21 rupees on pensions, 13 rupees on interest payments, 9 rupees on debt repayment, 10 rupees on grants for autonomous institutions, while the remaining 20 rupees will be spent on capital works and other activities. The complete details of next year's budget are available in the detailed budget documents being presented in this Honorable House. In addition, the FRBM statement is also being presented along with the budget.

292. Honorable Speaker Sir, the soul of Himachal resides in our villages. Only when our villages prosper will Himachal become empowered. The smiles of our farmers, horticulturists, livestock keepers, youth, and mothers and sisters are the true measure of this budget. This budget is not just numbers, it is the voice of the hardworking people of the State, it contains their courage and the flight of their dreams.

रोक सकता है भला कौन मेरी परवाज को ।

मैं वो परिदा हूँ जिसे उड़ने की आदत हो गई ।।

Honorable Speaker Sir, the people of Himachal are those birds who fly not with wings but with courage. Despite all economic obstacles, we will make Himachal the most prosperous State in the country.

293. Honorable Speaker Sir, the main points of this Budget Speech have been shown in the **Annexure**.

294. 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 ₹54,928 crore.
- ❖ **During 2025-26:**
 - Estimated economic growth rate of the State: 8.3%.
 - Estimated per capita income: ₹2,83,626.
 - Estimated Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the State: ₹2,54,000 crore.

1. Rural Economy & Livelihood Strengthening
2. Sustainable Agriculture, Horticulture & Forest
3. Inclusive Social Welfare & Women–Child Development
4. Education Reform & Learning Enhancement
5. Green Himachal: Clean Energy & Climate Commitment
6. Strengthening and Modernisation of Healthcare Infrastructure
7. Tourism & Civil Aviation Growth Push
8. Drug-Free Himachal, Youth Empowerment & Sports Development
9. Clean Water Mission: Healthy Himachal
10. Infrastructure Boost: Roads & Transportation
11. Rural, Panchayati Raj & Urban Development
12. IT & Innovation Initiatives
13. Efficient Governance: Revenue & Disaster Management
14. Industry, Housing & Excise and Taxation
15. Food Security & Civic Amenities Strengthening
16. Green Environment & Climate-Secure Future
17. Employee Welfare
18. Honorarium
19. Financial Discipline
20. Others

1. Rural Economy & Livelihood Strengthening

- ✓ State cooperative societies count target to be doubled to 2 thousand by end of this year.
- ✓ 65 percent subsidy for installation of Bulk Milk Cooler in private sector and for purchase of 10 vehicles for milk collection.
- ✓ Arrangement to purchase A2 Milk at Rs 100 per liter through Himachal Pradesh Milk Federation after testing and branding.
- ✓ Milk Incentive given through DBT to registered cooperative institutions' farmers related to milk procurement will be increased from Rs 3 per liter to Rs 6 per liter from next financial year.
- ✓ For more than Forty thousand families of Gaddi, Gujjar, Kinnaura and other related communities, an initiative with an expenditure of rupees 300 crore for empowerment will be started under the (Pastoralists Empowerment in Himalayan Ecosystems for Livelihood scheme) PEHEL.
- ✓ Consideration on giving appropriate relaxation in restrictions of animal numbers or grazing area.
- ✓ Scientific arrangement of shearing, cleaning, Testing, Grading and Packing of wool and declaration of Support Price of rupees 100 per kilogram for wool purchase price under Market Stabilization Scheme.
- ✓ Proposal to implement Comprehensive Himachal Integrated Commercial Poultry Scheme (CHIC) in the field of poultry farming with a cost of rupees 62 crore in the coming five years for self-employment Udaan.
- ✓ Priority to cow protection and rehabilitation of stray animals.
- ✓ Announcement to start “**Mukhya Mantri Machhuara Sahayata Yojana**” for strengthening the fisheries sector and welfare of fishermen.
- ✓ Announcement to reduce the royalty rate on fish caught from reservoirs from 7.5 percent to “one percent.”

2. Sustainable Agriculture, Horticulture & Forest

- ✓ The MSP of wheat will be increased from rupees 60 to rupees 80 per kilogram. The MSP of maize will be increased from rupees 40 to rupees 50 per kilogram. The MSP of barley from Pangi Valley will be increased from rupees 60 to rupees 80 per kilogram. The MSP of turmeric will be increased from rupees 90 to rupees 150 per kilogram. In addition, for the first time in the state, an MSP provision of rupees 30 per kilogram is being made for ginger.
- ✓ The Government will establish “Seed Villages” to ensure seed sovereignty, where 50–100 farmers will produce traditional seeds. Producers will receive a subsidy of rupees 5,000 per bigha, and each village will be given a one-time infrastructure grant of rupees 2 lakh.
- ✓ The Government will constitute the “**Himachal Pradesh Rajya Kisan Aayog**” through the Himachal Pradesh State Farmers Commission Act.
- ✓ A Centre of Excellence for farmers’ training and Hydroponics will be established at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hamirpur, located at Bara.
- ✓ Four hundred dairy farming units will be established, six hundred beneficiaries will be supported in the service sector, and assistance of rupees 10 crore will be provided for farm machinery on the basis of 50:50 Cost Sharing.
- ✓ For the year 2026–27, a provision of rupees 10 crore has been made under the **Mukhya Mantri Khet Badhbandi Yojana**.
- ✓ The HPSHIVA project, with an estimated cost of approximately rupees One thousand two hundred ninety-two crore, is being implemented in a phased manner across 52 development blocks of the districts Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmaur, and Una in the state.
 - To ensure the availability of quality plant material, the proposal is to establish two modern foundation blocks at Shahpur in District Kangra and at Bagthan in District Sirmaur.

- The proposal is to establish two Technology Centers—Farmer Advisory & Capacity Development Centre (FACDC) and Farmer Enterprise Incubation Centre (FEIC)—at Harabag and Samarahan in District Mandi.
 - Three Post-Harvesting Management Facilities will be established at Nagrota Bagwan (Kangra), Dadhol (Bilaspur), and Nadaun (Hamirpur) with an estimated cost of approximately rupees 5 crore.
- ✓ Under “**Mission 32 Percent**,” the target is to increase Forest Cover to 32 percent by the year 2030.
 - ✓ The target is plantation over Eight thousand hectares of area.
 - ✓ Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojana**, the target is plantation over approximately Four thousand hectares of area by providing financial assistance to One thousand one hundred community groups.
 - ✓ In the year 2026–27, 50 new sites will be developed for eco-tourism. The booking of approximately 50 major forest rest houses will be made online.
 - ✓ For the Zoological Park being constructed at Banikhandi, Kangra, a provision of rupees 220 crore has been made for the year 2026–27.
 - ✓ Under the Forest Ecosystems and Climate Proofing Project, the second phase will commence with an expenditure of approximately rupees 320 crore.
 - ✓ For the Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystems Management and Livelihood Project, rupees 100 crore is proposed, and for the Integrated Development Project (IDP), rupees 50 crore is proposed to be spent in the year 2026–27.

3. Inclusive Social Welfare & Women–Child Development

- ✓ Announcement to increase the social security pension for persons with disabilities from One thousand seven hundred rupees per month to Three thousand rupees per month.
- ✓ Announcement to establish two new Halfway Homes for the rehabilitation of persons who have recovered from mental illness but are not accepted by their families.
- ✓ It is proposed to increase the capacity of the institution for children with special abilities located at Sundernagar from 150 to 200 seats.
- ✓ Under the Mukhya Mantri Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana, eligible women from rural areas will be provided subsidized loans up to three lakh rupees for establishing self-employment units.
- ✓ By integrating the ‘Mukhyamantri Kanyadaan Yojana’ and the ‘Mukhyamantri Shagun Yojana’, a new scheme called ‘**Shubh Vivah Yojana**’ will be started. Under this, at the time of marriage of eligible girls/women above 21 years of age belonging to families covered under the Mukhyamantri Kanyadaan Yojana, financial assistance of rupees Fifty-one thousand will be provided by the Government.
- ✓ To make the Sashakt Mahila Yojana and Wo Din Yojana effective, bring uniformity in them, and ensure maximum utilization of public resources, both these schemes will be integrated under the “**Sashakt Nari, Swasth Parivar – Integrated IEC Mission.**”
- ✓ Announcement to start a new scheme for the dignity, self-confidence, and economic and social rehabilitation of girls and women who are victims of sexual exploitation.
- ✓ Near the Model De-Addiction Center being constructed at Kotla Barog, Sirmaur, an Observation Home and one Special Home will be established at a cost of rupees Two crore.

- ✓ Announcement to allocate Eighteen crore rupees for building construction and repair in Bal Ashrams at Ghumarwin, Sujanpur, Kalpa, Saho, Garli, Kullu, Sundernagar, Tutikandi, and Kotla Barog, by providing Two crore rupees per institution.
- ✓ By expanding the “**Indira Gandhi Sukh Shiksha Yojana,**” from the financial year 2026–27, the children of eligible beneficiaries of this scheme, who secure admission even outside the state in prestigious Government professional institutions such as IIT, NIT, IIM, AIIMS, and NLUs, will have their entire expenditure on course fees, hostel fees, and mess fees etc. borne by the Government.

4. Education Reform & Learning Enhancement

- ✓ The State Government has not only carried out the rationalization of schools but has also paid special attention towards Quality Education in them. A decision was taken to affiliate 100 schools of the state with the Central Board of School Education (CBSE). Considering the enthusiasm of parents, this number has reached 150. An increase in the enrollment of children is being observed in these schools.
- ✓ Equivalent facilities will also be provided in 300 Senior Secondary Schools affiliated with the Himachal School Education Board. In the next year, 150 more Government Senior Secondary Schools will be affiliated with CBSE, and 150 schools connected with the Himachal Board will be equivalently upgraded. A Dedicated Cadre will also be created for all these schools.
- ✓ A special provision of Seventeen crore rupees has been made to continue the arrangement of providing additional nutrition to children two days a week under the Mukya Mantri Bal Poshan Yojana.
- ✓ Construction of new buildings for **Rajiv Gandhi Day-Boarding Schools** and upgrading of currently functional schools is in progress. Announcement to allocate approximately rupees Ninety-nine crore to 49 such schools.

- ✓ In Nadaun (Hamirpur), Sundernagar (Mandi), Paprola (Kangra), Sarkaghat (Mandi), Sandhol (Mandi), Matiana (Shimla), Rohru (Shimla), Jubbal (Shimla), Majra (Sirmaur), and Morsinghi (Bilaspur), there will be extensive improvement in the level of Sports Hostels, and trained coaches as well as other staff will be appointed in them.
- ✓ In all Senior Secondary Schools of the state, the posts of watchmen and Multi Task Workers will be filled in a phased manner.
- ✓ From the year 2026–27, the following system changes will be made to connect the state’s Under Graduate Courses with the entire country:–
 - From the year 2026–27, all UG courses will be conducted through the Semester System.
 - Introduction of a Flexible UG Degree Programme, giving students the option of Multiple Entry and Multiple Exit.
 - Four-year Bachelor Degree with Honours and Research will be started in selected Degree Colleges.
 - Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) will be introduced.
 - A Multi-Disciplinary Approach will be promoted.
 - Apprenticeship Embedded Degree Programme will be started in selected Colleges.
 - In the state’s Tier-I Colleges, the study of foreign languages will be introduced.
- ✓ Announcement to establish the state’s first Science College at Hamirpur and the second Fine Arts College at Haripur Guler (Kangra).
- ✓ In the first phase, the following colleges of the state will be developed from the perspective of Sports: -GDC Ghumarwin, GDC Chamba, GDC Chowari, GDC Hamirpur, GDC Nadaun, GDC Dharamshala, GDC Palampur, GDC Dhaliara, GDC Kinnaur, GDC Kullu, GDC Mandi, GDC Sarkaghat, GDC Jogindernagar, GDC Saraswati Nagar, GDC Seema, GDC Rampur, GDC Reckong Peo, GDC Paonta Sahib, GDC Nahan, GDC Nalagarh, GDC Una and GDC Haroli.

- ✓ The expansion of Bachelor of Vocation Courses running in the state's universities will be carried out, and they will be started in 50 colleges in Self Financing Mode.
- ✓ To improve Academia Industry Connect in the state, initiatives will be taken to start Industry Oriented Courses under CSR Initiatives and PPP Mode.
- ✓ In colleges, arrangements will be made for Dedicated Lease Line to promote Online Learning, Blended Learning, and Digital Learning.
- ✓ In the state, some Degree Colleges have become such that the number of children has remained less than one hundred. In the first phase, for those Colleges where there are less than seventy-five students, if they take Admission in the Colleges of the District Head Quarter, then they will be given an amount of five thousand rupees per month as Stipend.
- ✓ In the state's colleges, the Government will soon start the recruitment process for 389 posts of Assistant Professors.
- ✓ To link technical education and employment, a Training and Placement Portal will be created.
- ✓ In the Ghumarwin area of District Bilaspur, a Skill Academy will be established under Self-Financing Mode.
- ✓ In 11 Government Polytechnics and one Engineering College, New Age and Future-Oriented Courses will be started.

5. Green Himachal: Clean Energy & Climate Commitment

- ✓ Under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), a provision has been made to spend 450 crore rupees in the year to strengthen the electricity system.
- ✓ To achieve Global Standard in the energy sector, a Uniform Environment Social Policy Procedure will be implemented and an Integrated Resource Planning System will be started.

- ✓ The process will be started to establish 6 Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) equipped solar projects—Sanehad (11 MW), Dabhota (9 MW), Tihra Khas (6 MW), Majra (8 MW), Ghandran (10 MW), and Sukohan (5 MW).
- ✓ In Paonta Sahib of Sirmaur, the construction of a 220/132 KV GIS Substation with a capacity of 200 MVA at a cost of approximately 124 crore rupees is proposed. This work will be started in the year 2026-27.
- ✓ In Dharamshala and Baijnath of Kangra district, the construction of two GIS substations of 63 MVA will be done at a cost of approximately 221 crore rupees.
- ✓ The construction work of the 29-kilometer-long transmission line from Dharkunda to Majra will also be started. About 41 crore rupees will be spent on this.
- ✓ Under the **Rajiv Gandhi Start-up Self-Employment Solar Scheme**, a budget grant of 5 percent will be given in tribal areas and 4 percent in the remaining areas for establishing projects ranging from 100 kilowatt to 2 megawatt.
- ✓ In Gram Panchayats, upon the operationalization of 500 KW ground-mounted solar projects being established, 30 percent of the income will be spent on the Gram Panchayat and 20 percent of it will be spent on the welfare of the deprived sections of the Panchayat area.

6. Strengthening and Modernisation of Healthcare Infrastructure

- ✓ With an expenditure of 25 crore rupees each, an Advance Testing Lab with a Track Based Integrated Total Laboratory Automation System will be established at Government Medical College Tanda, Hamirpur, and AIMSS Shimla located at Chamyana.
- ✓ Bone Marrow Transplant & Apheresis Units will be established at IGMC Shimla, Government Medical College (GMC) Tanda, Hamirpur, and Nerchowk at a cost of 20 crore rupees.

- ✓ PET Scan machines will be purchased for GMC Hamirpur and Nerchowk at a cost of approximately 46 crore rupees.
- ✓ The facility of PET Scan will also be started soon at Government Medical College Tanda and IGMC Shimla.
- ✓ A Digital Subtraction Angiography machine will be purchased at AIMSS Shimla located at Chamyana at a cost of 20 crore rupees.
- ✓ At IGMC Shimla;
 - For the purchase of necessary anesthesia equipment for robotic surgery, 5 crore rupees,
 - For the establishment of the OBG department unit and the purchase of machinery and equipment for robotic surgery, 3 crore 68 lakh rupees,
 - For the purchase of machinery and equipment, 2 crore 38 lakh rupees,
 - For the purchase of 4K Laparoscopic Sets and Electro Surgical Station in the Department of Surgery, 5 crore rupees have been allocated.
 - For lift installation, 2 crore 38 lakh rupees, and for the construction of a lecture theatre, 6 crore rupees, a provision of 10 crore rupees will be made for the hostel for girl students at Corrostophen Estate, Lakkar Bazaar.
- ✓ In Government Medical College Nahan, an amount of approximately 2 crore rupees will be released for the purchase of machinery and equipment.
- ✓ In Government Medical College Chamba, a provision of 1 crore 33 lakh rupees has been made for the construction of a Skill Lab.
- ✓ Cath Labs will be established in ZH Kullu, ZH Una, RH Solan, and Medical Colleges Chamba, Nahan, and Tanda.
- ✓ Phase-II of Government Medical College Chamba will be started, with an estimated cost of 194 crore rupees.

- ✓ For the construction of the college at Government Medical College Nahan, 500 crore rupees will be spent.
- ✓ In Government Medical College Chamba, Hamirpur, and Nahan, Intensive Care Units (ICUs) with 40 beds each will be established in every institution.
- ✓ In Government Medical College Tanda, a provision of 14 crore 86 lakh rupees will be made for the construction of a lecture theatre and 2 crore 27 lakh rupees for the maintenance of the college building.
- ✓ For the construction of the Super Speciality Block of Government Medical College Hamirpur, a provision of 150 crore rupees will be made.
- ✓ The proposal also includes the establishment of a new Dental College in Hamirpur at a cost of 200 crore rupees in this phase. In addition, a provision of 6 crore rupees will be made for the construction of an auditorium and 7 crore rupees for doctors' accommodation at Government Medical College Hamirpur.
- ✓ At AIMSS Chamiyana, a hostel will be constructed on the critical care and additional block floor at a cost of 10 crore rupees.
- ✓ In Government Medical College Tanda, a provision of 2 crore 50 lakh rupees will be made for the nursing school.
- ✓ In Government Medical College Mandi located at Nerchowk, an amount of 8 crore 50 lakh rupees will be released for the construction of a hostel for students.
- ✓ Tele-Oncology services are proposed to be established between 18 Day-Care Cancer Centers (DCCCs) and four Tertiary Care Centers—IGMC Shimla, Government Medical College Tanda, AIIMS Bilaspur, and Government Medical College Mandi.
- ✓ A proposal to start the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program for the safety of the daughters of the state.

- ✓ To eliminate the increasing addiction in society, a State Action Plan will be made with the help of NITI Aayog.
- ✓ 23 posts of Medical Officer have been created and the process is ongoing to fill 232 posts through the Public Service Commission.
- ✓ Along with 150 Assistant Staff Nurses, 30 Radiographers, 40 Pharmacy Officers, 500 Roga Mitras, and 99 OTAs, other paramedical posts will also be filled.
- ✓ The process is ongoing to fill 900 posts of Assistant Staff Nurses, 124 posts of paramedical staff, and 50 posts of JOA IT through the State Selection Commission.
- ✓ The process is ongoing to fill 64 new posts of lecturers of various faculties in medical colleges and hospitals.
- ✓ For the implementation of the State Cancer Institute, Hamirpur, 469 posts of various categories (111 posts of faculty, 180 posts of nursing, 55 posts of paramedical staff, and 123 posts of other supporting categories) have been created, which will be filled in the coming year.
- ✓ Announcement to bring a comprehensive **State Nutrition Policy** in line with the Poshan Abhiyaan in the upcoming year with the objective of eliminating malnutrition, anemia, and deficiency of micronutrients.
- ✓ Under the National Health Mission, employees of various categories who have completed seven years will be provided a one-time average increase of 14 thousand rupees from April 1, 2026.
- ✓ Those remaining employees who will not receive the benefit of seven years in this financial year, all such employees will be given a 5 percent increase on the basic salary from April 1, 2026.
- ✓ The monthly salary of Medical Officers who have not yet been regularized will be increased from 33 thousand 660 rupees to 40 thousand rupees.

- ✓ A dedicated Ayurveda research wing will be established to promote evidence-based Ayurveda and ensure quality medical services.
- ✓ Possibilities will be explored to establish herbal gardens in Lahaul-Spiti and other suitable areas for the utilization of medicinal wealth of the high Himalayan regions.
- ✓ The three government Ayurvedic pharmacies currently operating will be brought under the HIMOSHDHAM Society for modernization. An initial grant of one crore rupees will be provided for operations, and multi-task workers will be appointed in each pharmacy.

7. Tourism & Civil Aviation Growth Push

- ✓ Proposal to start a secure Digital Visitor Registration and Tourism Intelligence System in Public Private Mode.
- ✓ Under the Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project in Himachal Pradesh, a Skill Training and Support Consultant Centre will be established in the state.
- ✓ In the year 2026-27, an amount of approximately 345 Crore 34 Lakh rupees will be spent on the following developmental works:
 - Construction of roadside facilities at Kaleshwar Mahadev.
 - Construction of a Wellness Centre in Shimla.
 - Construction of a state-of-the-art fountain at Nagrota Bagwan.
 - Construction and development of mountain biking routes, etc.
- ✓ For the proposed expansion of Gaggal, Kangra Airport, the process of land acquisition has been initiated by the State Government, for which approval has also been granted to a Rehabilitation and Resettlement Plan of 3,349 Crore rupees.
- ✓ A plan for the development of a new city named “Kangra Aerocity” near Kangra Airport.

- ✓ Homestay owners who adopt environment-friendly sanitation, zero-waste systems, and local traditions will be awarded a Sustainability certificate.
- ✓ Tourism Investment Promotion Council will function specifically as a Single Window, Timebound Facilitation Platform for tourism projects with investment of more than 50 Crore rupees.
- ✓ Slow Tourism will be promoted in rural Himachal. Under this, in the first phase, selected Panchayats and villages will be declared as “Slow Tourism Spots” where experiences such as village tours, traditional food, handicrafts, folk tales, and interaction with farmers and artisans will be converted into tourism products.
- ✓ HP Women's Tourism Fund will be created in the state, with the objective of providing assistance to women to start their own work in the tourism sector.
- ✓ A women-centered solo travel protocol titled “She Travels” will be initiated.
- ✓ To develop tourism into new and experiential form (Experiential Tourism), there is a proposal to start an innovative concept of “Night Picnic” at selected tourist destinations.
- ✓ After the success of the **Homestay Interest Subsidy Scheme**, now there is a proposal to start an Interest Subsidy Scheme for newly built medium-level hotels and High-end Dhabas.
- ✓ To ensure air connectivity, the Government is constructing heliports in all district headquarters and tribal areas. Heliports at Rakkad and Palampur (Kangra), Jaskot (Hamirpur), Sultanpur (Chamba), and Roda (Una) will be completed this year. Along with this, construction work will also be started at Reckong Peo (Kinnaur), Rangrik and Phunkyar (Lahaul-Spiti), Kilad (Pangi) and Bharmour (Chamba), Basal (Solan), and Dharkyari (Nahan-Sirmaur).

- ✓ Under 100 percent VGF, as Fixed Wing air service, it has been decided to start flights on Delhi-Shimla-Delhi and Shimla-Dharamshala-Shimla routes on all seven days of the week. In addition, helicopter service will be operated on Chandigarh-Sanjauli-Chandigarh route six days a week, twice daily. Besides this, new helicopter services are also proposed on Chandigarh-Sanjauli, Sanjauli-Manali, Sanjauli-Rampur-Reckong Peo, and Mandi-Chandigarh routes.
- ✓ Along with the services running under RCS-UDAN, development of the ecosystem of heli operations will be done by including Private, Commercial Operators.

8. Drug-Free Himachal, Youth Empowerment & Sports Development

- ✓ In the year 2026-27, with an estimated expenditure of 12 Crore rupees, a Flagship Policy Initiative **“Khelo Himachal-Chitta Mukh Abhiyan”** will be started. The objective of this campaign is to keep the youth away from drug addiction, especially from the deadly tendency like **“Chitta,”** and to lead them towards discipline, competition, and a positive lifestyle through sports.
- ✓ In the financial year 2026-27, Multipurpose Sports Complex at Kharidi, Nadaun (District Hamirpur) will be made operational as a State-of-the-Art Centre of Excellence for Sports and Youth Development Centre. This ultra-modern sports complex will be dedicated to the youth and players of the state, and the target has been set to dedicate it to the general public and players by August 2026.
- ✓ The Government will soon complete the work of Indoor Stadium at Kalpa, Ghumarwin, and Katasni.
- ✓ In the financial year 2026-27, under a comprehensive policy, to promote sports culture among the youth, non-betting based e-sports (which are also organized under the Olympics) and sports-based digital competitions will be encouraged.
- ✓ Keeping in view the Olympics 2036, an intensive program will be run for identification and training of children aged 10 to 12 years.

9. Clean Water Mission: Healthy Himachal

- ✓ The Government will prepare a comprehensive project of about 2,000 Crore rupees, the objective of which will be to improve Water Quality and to modernize old schemes. For this, Latest Technologies with World Class Standards such as RO (Reverse Osmosis), Ozonation, Gaseous Chlorination, etc. will be brought into use.
- ✓ In this financial year, in 15 schemes in the state, along with the use of RO/Ozonation/Gaseous Chlorination for drinking water purification, Latest Technology Non-Reactive Tanks will be used for water storage.
- ✓ For effective chlorination, initially in one thousand water supply schemes, the use of bleaching powder will be completely replaced with Chlorine Gas system.
- ✓ In the financial year 2026-27, efforts will be made to construct water purification plants in 500 surface and groundwater-based schemes.
- ✓ In the first phase, arrangements for gaseous chlorination will be made in 55 Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) before releasing Treated Wastewater into natural water sources.
- ✓ About 200 kilometers of pipes whose useful life has expired will be replaced in a phased manner.
- ✓ In Shimla city's drinking water project, at the water purification plant built on the Sutlej river, an Ozonation System of Disinfection will be installed at a cost of about 15 Crore rupees. This year, in the identified area, an RO System will also be established on a pilot basis. Along with this, about 10,000 houses will be provided 24X7 water supply starting this year.

10. Infrastructure Boost: Roads & Transportation

- ✓ Between Kangra and Kullu, the construction of Shilha-Badhanid-Bhubhu Jot-Kullu road as two lanes and the construction of Bhubhu-Jot tunnel

will soon be carried out by NHAI. The construction of Mudh-Bhava road will also be done soon.

- ✓ The Mudh-Bhava road, which is divided into two parts, one part in Spiti Valley and the other part starting from Bhava Top in Kinnaur. Construction work will be started on the 62 kilometers section of the Spiti part, and for the remaining road, various formalities will be completed and work will be started soon.
- ✓ Under PMGSY-IV, the state has surveyed 1,460 uncovered habitations for village roads and, by integrating this into the PM Gati Shakti Portal, approval has been granted for 294 detailed projects covering 1,538 kilometers of roads, with an estimated cost of 2,244 Crore 23 Lakh rupees. Under Batch-II of PMGSY-IV, there is a proposal to obtain approval for 800 kilometers of roads at a cost of 1,200 Crore rupees.
- ✓ With continuous efforts of the state, under PMGSY-I, the incomplete roads under construction, such as Dodra Kwar, have also received an extension of time until 31-3-2027 for completion.
- ✓ The work on Mandi-Gagal-Chailchowk-Janjehli Road will start soon.
- ✓ The road from Chaila-Neripur-Yashwantnagar-Ochghat-Lawas Chowki-Preet Nagar (about 204 Crore rupees) has received in-principle approval.
- ✓ Proposals are also ready for Kallar to Bagchal road (about 166 Crore rupees) and Hamirpur-Sujanpur-Thural-Maranda road (about 186 Crore rupees). Under the Setu Bandhan Scheme, the state has also prepared and sent proposals for a bridge on Beas river at Basantipattan to Kheri road with an estimated cost of 116 Crore rupees, and another bridge on Beas river at Dadasiba-Baungta road with an estimated cost of 315 Crore rupees.
- ✓ In the financial year, the State Government proposes 500 kilometers of motorable roads, 1,255 kilometers of cross drainage works, 950 kilometers of metalling and tarring, construction of 47 bridges, and renovation of 1,500 kilometers of roads.

- ✓ Keeping the environment in mind, with focus on tunneling, proposals are being prepared for construction of Chamba Jot Tunnel and Jalori Jot Tunnel.
- ✓ In Public Works and Jal Shakti Department, 149 posts of Junior Engineer (Civil) will be filled through Joint Cadre.

11. Rural, Panchayati Raj & Urban Development

- ✓ Through Survey, without changing the BPL list, the poorest families among the poor families of the state will be identified and they will be helped in a targeted manner.
- ✓ The Government will make one lakh poorest families ‘Apna Sukhi Parivar’ and for these families the announcement of **“Mukhya Mantri Apna Sukhi Parivar Yojana”** will be made.
 - By implementing its guarantee, the Government announces to provide 300 units of free electricity per month to these families.
 - The families who do not have pucca houses will be given financial assistance on priority basis to build pucca houses.
 - To the sisters of these one lakh “Mukhyamantri Apna Sukhi Parivar” families, by expanding in a phased manner the **“Indira Gandhi Pyari Behna Sukh Samman Nidhi Yojana,”** the announcement has also been made to provide an honorarium of 1,500 rupees per month.
- ✓ The Government believes that ending the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and implementing VB-G RAM-G scheme is wrong. This weakens the original spirit of employment guarantee and puts additional financial burden on the states. Next year we want to create 4 crore Mandays, which is necessary due to disasters and limited agricultural season. The 60-day break and target-based provision will cause an additional burden of 300-600 crore rupees. We will urge the Government of India to consider special circumstances.
- ✓ 150 posts of Panchayat Secretary will be filled. In a phased manner, vacant posts of Panchayat Chowkidar will also be filled.

- ✓ Municipal Shared Service Centers (MSSC) will be established in Chamba, Ghumarwin, Nadaun, Dharamshala, Palampur, Manali, Mandi, Sundernagar, Shimla, Rampur, Nahan, Baddi, Una and Santokhgarh. Municipal Call Centre and State Level Implementation Centre (SIC) will be established in Hamirpur.
- ✓ For providing better citizen services in merger areas of newly formed/upgraded Urban Local Bodies, Nagar Parishad Jawali will be allocated 25 lakh rupees and the newly formed 02 Nagar Panchayats (Sangrah and Bir) will be allocated 50-50 lakh rupees.
- ✓ Under the “Central Business District” (CBD) project, commercial complexes will be developed in Shimla city at a cost of 400 crore rupees and in Hamirpur city at a cost of 200 crore rupees.
- ✓ A proposed project of 600 crore rupees is in progress for transforming the main sites of 08 cities of the state (Shimla, Dharamshala, Nadaun, Jawalamukhi, Subathu, Dehra, Sunni and Rampur) into Creative Redevelopment of Cities/Growth Hubs.

12. IT & Innovation Initiatives

- ✓ A Centre of Excellence–IT will be established at Wagnaghat in Solan. An Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Lab and Incubation Facility will be set up. Successful Startups and IT/ITES companies will be provided space on rental basis.
 - A Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence will be established in Shimla.
 - A state-of-the-art Cyber City will be established at Wagnaghat in Solan district.
 - Special incentives will be provided to Green Energy based Data Centres. Such institutions will be provided Green Energy at the rate of 3 rupees per unit.
- ✓ To further strengthen e-Governance in the state:
 - Artificial Intelligence will be used in Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline System and State Document Management Portal.

- An AI-based Citizen Services Assistant will be developed to provide services to rural citizens in the local language through Voice Command.

13. Efficient Governance: Revenue & Disaster Management

- ✓ To reduce pending revenue cases, the Government started Revenue Lok Adalats at the Tehsil level from October 2023, through which lakhs of cases were settled and pending cases were significantly reduced by special Lok Adalats.
- ✓ In the upcoming financial year, 2 crore 12 lakh rupees will be spent on modernization and digitization of rural land records.
- ✓ The Online Mutation Module is in the final stage, through which application, verification, and approval will be completely online.
- ✓ The Government is moving towards live Jamabandi, through which ownership details will be updated immediately after mutation and citizens will get authentic records in real time.
- ✓ Sub-Registrar Offices will be converted into modern service centers; the National Generic Document Registration System has been implemented and now the pilot project will start in Solan.
- ✓ 645 Patwari posts in the Revenue Department will be filled in a phased manner, for which advertisement has already been issued.
- ✓ Women have been given concession in stamp duty on property purchase; for purchases between 80 lakh to 1 crore rupees, the rate will remain 4 percent.
- ✓ For reducing disaster risk in the future, a provision of 400 crore rupees has been made, under which Flood Zonation Mapping, risk financing, and strengthening of early warning systems will be carried out.

14. Industry, Housing & Excise and Taxation

- ✓ To strengthen the value chain of agricultural products, under the upcoming industrial policy, the "One District Three Products" Programme will be started.
- ✓ To overcome the challenges of sericulture in Himachal, the HIM Silk Mission will be started with a budgetary provision of 2 crore rupees.
- ✓ In the financial year 2026-27, 10 thousand youth will be given industrial training and each trainee will be provided a monthly stipend of two thousand rupees.
- ✓ On a quarterly basis, a one-week GST taxpayer voluntary compliance awareness campaign will be started. Its objective is to reduce tax disputes through voluntary compliance and establish a transparent GST ecosystem.
- ✓ To make Himachal the first choice of citizens of the country and abroad due to its clean and healthy environment, the Government is deciding to build two planned modern townships in the Shivalik hills.
- ✓ "Him Chandigarh" will be established in Sheetalpur area of Solan district and "Him Panchkula Township" in Sirmaur district. "Kangra Valley Township" will be built in the Dhauladhar area, each city will be developed on ten thousand bigha land.
- ✓ Residential plots will be given at concessional rates as a mark of respect to Asian Games medal winners and gallantry award recipients, for which the Government will soon notify a policy.

15. Food Security & Civic Amenities Strengthening

- ✓ In the year 2026-27, the Government will bring a policy to strengthen the Piped Natural Gas network and establish CNG stations.
- ✓ To make the state's 5,300 fair price shops/depots financially sustainable, a platform will be provided to sell other quality products.

- ✓ For the convenience of business establishments and consumers, an Online Verification System for Weight and Measures will be implemented this year.

16. Green Environment & Climate-Secure Future

- ✓ “Green Livelihood Initiative” will be started, under which the cultivation of medicinal plants will be encouraged and 12 lakh plants of Elite Germplasm will be distributed free of cost to farmers every year.
- ✓ An agreement has been made for Biochar production from pine needles and other Biomass, which will reduce forest fires and provide employment to local communities.
- ✓ Afforestation and restoration programs will be run on private agricultural land.
- ✓ HiBiSCUS scheme will be started, under which conservation of medicinal plants, sustainable harvesting, nursery development, and Documentation of traditional knowledge will be carried out.
- ✓ The resources collected by the Pollution Control Board will be used for environmental protection and pollution control.
- ✓ A digital planetarium is being established at Shoghi and for this, a fund of 3 crore 31 lakh rupees will be provided from the Pollution Control Board.
- ✓ Approval has been received for GI registration of nine products to give global recognition to the traditional heritage of the state.
- ✓ An initiative will be taken to include four more products in the GI Framework, which will provide better economic benefits to farmers and artisans.
- ✓ Institutional and technical capacity for disaster risk management will be strengthened, which will include better policies, warning systems, and

departmental coordination. For this, 22 crore 25 lakh rupees will be spent in all 12 districts.

17. Employee Welfare

- ✓ Due to the non-payment of salary and pension arrears by the previous Governments, a liability of approximately 13 thousand crore rupees has been created. The present Government resolves to make timely payment of all arrears.
- ✓ All pensioners and family pensioners prior to the year 2016 will be paid their entire arrears of pension/family pension in the financial year 2026-27. Class IV employees who retired during the period from 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2021 will be paid their entire arrears of gratuity and Leave Encashment in the financial year 2026-27. On the payment of the above arrears, approximately 300 Crore rupees will be spent.
- ✓ From the upcoming financial year, all employees going on Study Leave will be paid 100 percent salary. Those employees who have previously taken Study Leave will also be paid the remaining salary.
- ✓ Employees working on contract basis and daily wages, who at present are regularized only once in a year, will now be regularized upon completion of the prescribed service period on 31st March, 2026 and 30th September, 2026 as per past practice.
- ✓ Daily wagers will receive a daily wage of 450 rupees with an increase of 25 rupees.
- ✓ Outsourced employees will now receive a minimum of 13,750 rupees per month.

18. Honorarium

- ✓ Anganwadi workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹11,500, with an increment of ₹1000.
- ✓ Mini Anganwadi workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹8,300, with an increment of ₹1000.

- ✓ Anganwadi helpers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,800, with an increment of ₹1000.
- ✓ ASHA workers will now receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,800, with an increment of ₹1000.
- ✓ The monthly honorarium of sewing instructors will be increased by ₹1000.
- ✓ Mid-Day Meal workers will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,500, with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ Water carriers (Education Department) will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,000, with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ Jal Rakshaks will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,100, with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ Multi-Purpose Workers of the Jal Shakti Department will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,000, 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 ₹7,100, with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ Panchayat Chokidaar will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹9,000 with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ Revenue Chowkidar will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹6,800, with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ Revenue Lambardars will receive a monthly honorarium of ₹5,000, with an increment of ₹500.
- ✓ 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 ₹500 per month.
- ✓ Part Time Multi Task Workers will receive an increment of ₹500 per month.

19. Financial Discipline

- ✓ 50 percent of the Chief Minister's salary, 30 percent of the Deputy Chief Minister and Members of Council of Ministers' salary, and 20 percent of the Honorable MLAs' salary will be temporarily deferred for the next six months.
- ✓ 20 percent of the salary of all Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Deputy Chairman and all Advisors (Political Appointees) will also be temporarily deferred for the same period.
- ✓ 30 percent of the salary of the Chief Secretary, Additional Chief Secretaries, and all Principal Secretaries.
- ✓ 20 percent of the salary of Secretaries and all Heads of Departments (HoDs) will be temporarily deferred.
- ✓ 30 percent of the salary of DGP and ADGPs and 20 percent of the salary of IGP, DIGs, SSPs, and officers upto the level of SPs, and 30 percent of the salary of HOFF, all PCCFs and Additional PCCFs, and 20 percent of the salary of CCFs, CFs, and other forest officers up to the DFOs level will be temporarily deferred.
- ✓ Along with this, 3 percent of the salary of Group-A and Group-B officers will be temporarily deferred for the next six months, while Group-C and Group-D employees will be completely excluded from this and will continue to receive their full salary.
- ✓ Boards, Corporations, PSUs, Autonomous Bodies, Universities, and other major Societies that receive Grant-in-Aid or any kind of Budgetary

Support from the State Government also adopt this decision (in line with the Government) .

- ✓ While fully respecting the constitutional dignity and Independence of the judiciary, the State Government hopes that keeping in view the current Financial Situation, the Honorable High Court will, with its Guidance and Concurrence, consider the Temporary Deferment of 20 percent of the salary at the level of District Judges and Additional District Judges, and 3 percent of the salary at the level of Group-A and Group-B officers of the Judicial Establishment, in line with the Government. The Honorable High Court, at its discretion, may also consider up to 30 percent Voluntary Deferment at Senior Levels.
- ✓ I want to make it clear that this is only a Temporary Deferment, and as soon as the Financial Condition of the State improves, this amount will be returned.

20. Others

- ✓ The construction of a modern museum at Bantony Building in Shimla will be completed and dedicated to the public, the art and craft gallery at Bhuri Singh Museum in Chamba will be renovated, and the tribal museum at Keylong will be made fully functional.
- ✓ The first phase of new campuses of Eklavya Model Residential Schools in Pangti and Lahaul will be completed, and the construction work of Bharmaur school will be carried out on priority.
- ✓ Fairs and festivals will be organized for the preservation and promotion of the culture of tribal areas.
- ✓ Param Vir Chakra awardee Honorary Captain Sanjay Kumar will inspire the youth to join the Indian Army. For this, he will be given an appropriate monthly honorarium and will provide services from the Bilaspur Sainik Welfare Office.

- ✓ A Paramilitary Welfare Board will be constituted in the state for the welfare and rehabilitation of retired Central Armed Police Force personnel.
- ✓ In the financial year, employment has been provided to 412 ex-servicemen and their dependents, and in the coming year, 15 percent reserved posts will also be filled on priority. Along with this, the Yudh Jagir (financial assistance) amount has been increased from 7 thousand rupees to 10 thousand rupees per year.
- ✓ Announcement to increase the current limit of 200 crore rupees per assembly constituency for MLA Priority Schemes to 225 crore rupees.
- ✓ The current limit of Discretionary Grant given to MLAs has been increased from one lakh rupees.