

**Honourable Speaker Sir,**

1. With your permission, I present the budget for the year 2022-23.

2. It gives me immense pleasure to present the fifth budget of the present Government. Despite unexpected challenges faced during the last 4 years, our Government has been successful in putting the State on the path of progress and development to fulfil public aspirations. Our State is progressing with full confidence on the path of development. In the last 4 years, the fruits of development have reached each individual of the State. Our Government has made efforts to serve all sections of society through 'Ujjwala', 'Mukhyamantri Grihini Suvidha Yojana', 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana', 'Ayushman Bharat', 'HIMCARE', 'Sahara', 'Janmanch' and other schemes being implemented for overall economic and social development.

3. We derive inspiration from the maxim 'सबका साथ, सबका विकास, सबका विश्वास, सबका प्रयास' given by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi Ji. Our Government's goal is to ensure equitable development of all regions of the State by providing equal opportunities to all, so as to meet the aspirations of the people of Himachal. Our Government has received full support of the Central Government in our effort to meet the aspirations of the people. I express my deep gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi Ji for his special affection for Himachal Pradesh.

**सेवा और सिद्धि के,  
चार साल समृद्धि के।**

4. We are servants of the people and we are progressing earnestly on the path of public service. All our actions are

inspired by the interests of the Pradesh. We have noble and ambitious goals and our efforts are devoted to fulfil these pious aspirations. We are confident that the people of Himachal Pradesh will shower their blessings once again as they had done in December, 2017 so that the development initiated by us continues unhindered.

मिट्टी से कुछ ख्वाब उगाने आया हूँ,  
मैं धरती का गीत सुनाने आया हूँ।  
चार दीये तेरी दहलीज़ पे हैं रौशन,  
एक दीया मैं और जलाने आया हूँ।

5. The Health facilities in the first CORONA wave were somewhat inadequate but we overcame shortcomings with a strong determination to fight the Pandemic. It is because of our Government's resolve and strong commitment that we developed the requisite medical infrastructure before the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> waves and countered the challenges. The number of oxygen plants has increased to 48 from a mere two in the pre-Pandemic period. Similarly, more than 5 thousand oxygen concentrators are now available, up to Health Sub Centre level. The Pandemic has brought changes in our approach, understanding of the issues involved, working methods, right from individual to the global level and these changes continue with long term ramifications. People of the State have shown patience and determination in these trying times. Thousands of families have lost their near and dear ones. I pay my tributes to the departed souls. Our Government is determined to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of the State. We have made sincere efforts to not only save lives but also livelihoods during this Pandemic.

6. Our Government's devotion to welfare of the people and commitment to achieve various targets is evident from the fact that Himachal Pradesh became the 1<sup>st</sup> State in India in administering 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of COVID vaccination to all eligible persons. We have also been successfully vaccinating children in the age group of 15 to 18 years and the senior

citizens have been given booster dose, without any delay. During his virtual interaction with the Health Workers in September, 2021, Hon'ble Prime Minister had lauded the efforts of Himachal Pradesh, calling it a 'Champion State'. This is a matter of pride for the State. I take this opportunity to thank Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi Ji for making available adequate vaccine doses to the State when they were required most. Investors, inspired by the reforms undertaken by our Government, have made additional investments. As a result, masks, PPE kits and other material helpful in preventing the spread of COVID are being manufactured in Himachal Pradesh and are being made available to other States. Our State takes great pride in the fact that Russian COVID vaccine '**Sputnik**' is being commercially manufactured in the State. This success is the result of our investor friendly policies and promotion of ease in doing business. Our Government is working in the following manner:-

मेहनत इतनी खामोशी से करो,  
कि तुम्हारी कामयाबी शोर मचा दे।

7. Despite difficult financial position, Union Government has extended a helping hand and given full cooperation to the State. Government of India has provided additional Central Assistance of Rs.600 crore for capital investment in 2021-22. This assistance is being utilized to complete important ongoing works. These works will be completed in next 6 months. There has been an unprecedented increase in the allocation for capital works in the Union Budget in 2022-23. Additional investment in capital works has not only given a boost to the economy but new employment opportunities have also been generated. The State Government expresses its gratefulness to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi ji for this magnanimous support to Himachal Pradesh.

8. Supply chain disruptions and rise in prices have been seen due to uncertainties at international level. Despite these

National Economy

challenges, the Government of India and the State Government were able to minimize the ill effects of Pandemic by creating extensive and strong safety net for weaker sections, businessmen and entrepreneurs through 'Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyaan Yojana', 'Aatamnirbhar Bharat', 'Mukhya Mantri Shehari Ajeevika Gaurantee Yojana', and 'Building and Construction and other Workers Welfare Board' to mitigate the sufferings of the workers during the Pandemic.

9. Due to the timely measures taken by the Government of India, the GDP at the national level is expected to grow at 9.2 percent against a decline (negative growth) of 7.3 percent in 2020-21, Agriculture and Allied Activities sector is expected to grow at 3.9 percent, Industries sector at 11.8 percent and the Service sector are expected to grow at 8.2 percent respectively, in 2021-22. The credit for the quick and effective 'V' shaped recovery of the economy goes to the dynamic policies and pragmatic leadership of our energetic Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi Ji.

State Economy

10. Speaker Sir, the economy of the State is expected to grow at 8.3 percent during 2021-22. Despite Pandemic adversity in 2020-21, this increase is a big achievement of our Government. According to the Advance Estimates for 2021-22, Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is expected to be Rs.1 lakh 75 thousand 173 crore. The estimates also indicate that the per capita income of the State will be Rs. 2 lakh 1 thousand 854 which is Rs.51 thousand 528 higher than the estimated per capita income at national level.

Development  
Budget

11. Speaker Sir, the Government of India has made a provision for Single Nodal Agency Account (SNA) for all Centrally Sponsored Schemes since 2021-22. This system will facilitate quick transfer of Central funds into the bank accounts of executing departments. All the 91 Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been brought in the ambit of this arrangement. 30 State schemes, where DBT is given, will also be brought under this system in 2022-23.

12. An outlay of Rs.12 thousand 921 crore is proposed for Development expenditure in 2022-23. Out of this, Rs.9 thousand 524 crore is proposed for the State Development Budget. An outlay of Rs.2 thousand Rs.400 crore is proposed for Scheduled Caste Development Programme and Rs.856 crore is proposed for Tribal Area Development Programme. The outlay for Backward Area Development Programme is Rs.100 crore 52 lakh.

13. Vigorous efforts have been made by our Government to speed up the process of preparation of DPRs for MLA priority schemes and getting them approved from NABARD under Rural Development Infrastructure Development (RIDF). Speaker Sir, I would like to inform the House that during 5 years of the previous Congress Government, 779 schemes of Rs.3 thousand 200 crore were approved. In comparison, 826 DPRs of Rs.3 thousand 452 crore were approved by NABARD during the first 4 years of our Government's tenure.

14. Recently, meetings were held with the Hon'ble MLAs which lasted two days. Based on the suggestions given by the Hon'ble MLAs in these meetings, I make the following announcements:—

- Present limit of posing MLA priority schemes funded by NABARD will be increased to Rs.150 crore per Legislative Assembly Constituency which is nearly double of the limit in 2017-18.
- Hon'ble MLAs can include ropeways in the MLA priority schemes, from 2022-23.
- Hon'ble Members may recommend Shaheedi Dwars etc. commemorating the sacrifices of martyrs under 'Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi'.
- Allocation under 'Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana' will be increased to Rs.2 crore from 1 crore 80 lakh. With this increase, the total enhancement in the allocation during the tenure of the present

Government will be Rs.90 lakh which is nearly two fold.

- The Discretionary grant of Hon'ble MLAs will be increased to Rs.12 lakh per Legislative Assembly Constituency from Rs.10 lakh. I would like to remind the Hon'ble Members that this was Rs.5 lakh when my Government took office.

लहरों की खामोशी को,  
समन्दर की बेबसी न समझ।  
जितनी गहराई अन्दर है,  
बाहर उतना तूफान बाकी है।।

Grihini Suvidha  
Yojana/Food  
Security

15. Speaker Sir, our Government had started the 'Grihini Suvidha Yojana' by expanding the scope of 'Ujjwala Yojana'. We have declared Himachal as a smoke-free State with the successful implementation of both these schemes. These schemes will be continued in 2022-23 and will be further liberalized. I am happy to announce that now each beneficiary will get three free cylinders including the cylinder received at the time of connection.

The benefits are as under:-

- In case of new connection three free cylinders during the year will be given.
- In case of old connection, where no refill has been claimed, two free cylinders, during the year.
- In case of old connection where two free cylinders have been given, one additional cylinder will also be provided.

I am happy to announce that Rs. 70 crore will be spent in 2022-23 which will be Rs. 50 crore more than the last year's expenditure.

माताओं, बहनों के चेहरों पर है मुस्कुराहट,  
'गृहिणी सुविधा योजना' खुशी लेकर आई है।  
हिमाचल बना देश का पहला धुँआ मुक्त प्रदेश,  
जन सहयोग से हमने यह मन्जिल पाई है।।

16. At present, the Pradesh does not have dedicated Grain Markets. In the past, several difficulties were experienced in selling food grains produced in Himachal, in other States. In the coming Rabi season, Grain procurement will be done at 11 places and facilities like grading, cleanliness, electronic weighing machines, auction yards, crates, tents, parking, and chairs for seating etc. will be provided at these places. 4 new Grain Mandis will be developed at a cost of Rs.15 crore at Rampur (Una), Majari (Bilaspur), Riyali and Milwa (Kangra).

17. Speaker Sir, agriculture sector provided great stability to the State's economy during COVID outbreak. Agriculture sector is expected to grow at 8.7 percent in 2021-22. While presenting budget estimates for 2021-22, I had announced constitution of an Expert Group for Agriculture and Allied Sectors. State Government constituted an Expert Group under the chairmanship of Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog. The Expert Group has submitted its report. A detailed action plan will be prepared by concerned departments after examining suggestions given in the report.

Agriculture

18. At the time of presenting 2018-19 budget, I had announced the start of "Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kissan Yojana (PK3Y)." Results of this scheme are quite encouraging. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Sh. Narendra Modi Ji, while addressing the National Conclave on Natural Farming in Gujarat on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022, called upon the farmers of the country to adopt Natural Farming and follow the example of Himachal. In the Union Budget 2022-23, approximately Rs.1 thousand 500 crore has been proposed to promote natural farming. Himachal Pradesh is the 1<sup>st</sup> State to promote Natural Farming in the Government sector. Himachal Pradesh is marching ahead to become a Chemical Free State. Following targets are proposed for the next year.

- 50 thousand acres land will be brought under Natural Farming by the end of 2022-23.
- At least one model of Natural Farming will be developed in all the 3 thousand 615 Gram

Panchayats of the State. This will help train and motivate farmers of adjoining areas.

- At least 100 villages will be developed as Natural Farming villages as per Government of India standards.
- Farmers engaged in Natural Farming will be registered and out of these, best 50 thousand farmers will be certified as Natural Farmers. The information on Natural Farming will be made available in public domain by developing a dynamic Online Web portal.
- Two dedicated Natural Farming produce Mandis will be opened in the State and 10 other Mandis will have dedicated space to sell Natural Farming produce.
- Sale counters of Natural Farming will be set up at Delhi and selected places in the State, for the first time.

Speaker Sir, I would like to say:-

आओ मिलकर मुझे बाँधें,  
धरती का श्रृंगार करें।  
खेतों में हरियाली रोपें,  
समृद्धि का संचार करें।।

19. Our Government had announced a Research and Development Grant for both Agriculture and Horticulture Universities, in the last budget. As advised by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Agriculture and Horticulture Universities will update the syllabus in the Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes to include Natural Farming and also start research in this field.

20. Parala Mandi is being developed as a model Mandi. A new 5 thousand MT capacity cold store will be set up at a cost of Rs. 60.93 crore to improve storage of fruit and

vegetables in this Mandi. In addition, a Freezing Chamber of 1 thousand 500 MT Capacity, a Grading Packing Line of 10 MT per hour capacity and an Individually Quick Freezing (IQF) line of 1 MT per hour capacity will also be set up.

21. 13 market yards will be developed and upgraded at the cost of Rs.31 crore under JICA aided project Phase-II, to provide better marketing facilities to farmers.

22. Last year, I had announced setting up of a Flower mandi in the State which has been set up at Parwanoo. In 2022-23, another Flower Mandi will be established at a cost of Rs. 3 crore.

23. Our Government has started cultivation of Heeng and Kesar on a pilot basis. Initial results are encouraging. Now, we will introduce cultivation of Dal-Chini (Cinnamon) and monk fruit in collaboration with the Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur, on a pilot basis. The possibility of growing dragon fruit in the State will also be explored.

24. I announce to increase the outlay from Rs.5 crore to Rs.10 crore for promoting local varieties of wheat and maize seeds and to improve productivity of these crops. Additional allocation of Rs.3 crore is proposed for making available High Yield Variety seeds of other crops to the farmers.

25. Rs.2 crore is proposed for facilitating farmers for value addition and branding of local varieties of maize which will reach the consumers directly and fetch right price.

26. Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) are being set up to provide direct linkage for farmers to the market. These FPOs are an effective platform for small and marginal farmers to sell their produce at a better price. 20 FPOs will be established in 2022-23 of which 10 will relate to natural farming. In addition, One FPO each will be established in every Development Block of the State in the Cooperation

sector. The Cooperation department will provide financial and technical assistance to these FPOs.

**Rs. 583 crore has been provided for Agriculture Sector during 2022-23.**

#### Horticulture

27. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh is known as Fruit Bowl of the country. Our Government has always strived to promote horticulture sector. A new Horticulture Policy will be prepared to increase production and productivity. Following initiatives will be taken:

- To promote floriculture, orchids and ornamental plantations will be encouraged. Rs. 11 Crore will be spent under 'Pushap Kranti Yojana'.
- Special plantation drive will be started for Bee-Flora and Indian varieties of bees will be encouraged. Rs.4.5 Crore will be spent on this.
- Rs.3.0 Crore will be spent to promote production of *Shitaake* and *Dhingri* varieties of mushrooms and their processing and canning.
- Clusters will be set up for the cultivation of Jamun and Mewa (Dry Fruit).
- High Density plantations and Immunity Booster crops will be promoted.

28. People of Himachal Pradesh are indebted to late Sh. Satyanand Stokes since apple farming was introduced in the Pradesh due to his inspiration and efforts, which gave a fillip to Horticulture. Horticulture has made significant contribution to the Pradesh economy. The 75<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Sh. Satyanand Stokes Ji was commemorated recently. As a mark of respect and to recognise his contribution, I announce that Kotgarh-Thandhar and adjoining areas in Shimla district will be developed as Satyanand Stokes Trail. A comprehensive plan will be developed through convergence with the coordination of Horticulture, Tourism and Language and Culture Departments.

29. CA Stores are being established at various places in addition to Processing and Canning Units. Construction of CA Stores will be started at Chachyot, Reckong Peo, Gyabong and Chamba in 2022-23 at a cost of Rs.58 crore. In addition, CA Store and Grading and Packaging Houses being built in Rohru, Gumma, Jarol Tikker, Tuttupani and Bhunter will be dedicated to the people in 2022-23. Rs.75 crore will be spent to complete these projects.

30. Fruit Processing Unit in Parala being constructed at a cost of Rs.91 crore, will start production in 2022-23 and the Fruit Processing Units located at Parwanoo and Jarol will be upgraded at a cost of Rs.17 crore. The Market Yards being built in Paonta Sahib, Kangani and Shaat will be dedicated to farmers and horticulturists by September 2022. The Market Yard being built in Parwanoo will also be completed before March, 2023. Rs.35 crore will be spent on these activities.

31. The construction work of various minor irrigation schemes in the horticulture sector are at various stages of execution. Irrigation facilities will be made available in 9 thousand hectare of additional land in 2022-23. Rs.198 crore will be spent for this purpose.

32. The 'Horticulture Development Project' under execution is showing positive results. Two Centres of Excellence will be set up in Shillaru and Palampur under the project, for which Rs.18 crore is proposed.

**Rs. 540 crore has been provided for Horticulture Sector during 2022-23.**

33. Speaker Sir, Gauvansh protection is a matter of faith for our Government. I would like to draw attention of this August House to the first meeting of the cabinet of our Government in which we had taken a resolve to protect Gauvansh in the State. We have not only established large Cow Sanctuaries and Gaushalas at departmental level, but have also encouraged construction of Gaushalas with private participation. Abandoned cows used to be seen on roads in

Animal Husbandry/  
Cow Protection

large numbers which have reduced considerably over the last four years. The Gauvansh in the Gaushalas and the cow sanctuaries has increased from 6 thousand to 20 thousand with the efforts of our Government. We are confident that with the efforts of the Government and with the help of Non-Government and Social Organizations, we will be able to provide shelter to all cows in the State. I express my gratitude to all the social workers for their cooperation in this pious work. I also call upon the people to fulfil their duty towards cows. The existing laws will be amended suitably or alternatively, a new law will be enacted providing for strict punishment for those who abandon their cows.

34. In 2022-23, I announce setting up of 5 new big Cow Sanctuaries and Gausadans and to establish a well-equipped farm for Himachali Pahadi Cow.

35. Speaker Sir, as a step towards affirming the commitment of my Government towards Gauvansh, I am happy to announce increase in the grant for dependent cows in private Gaushalas from Rs.500 per cow per month to Rs. 700 per cow per month. I announce that this arrangement will be known as "GOPAL". The grant for Government Gaushalas will also be adequately increased.

जब गाय नहीं होंगी तो गोपाल कहाँ होंगे,  
इस दुनिया में हम सब खुशहाल कहाँ होंगे।

36. Two Milk Processing Plants of 50 thousand litres per day capacity each will be started at Duttnagar and Chakkar Mandi for the expansion of dairy activities in 2022-23.

37. Speaker Sir, for protecting the interests of the families associated with milk production, I have increased the milk procurement price by Rs.7 per litre in the last 4 years. I am happy to announce to increase it by Rs. 2 per litre in 2022-23.

38. 44 mobile veterinary ambulances will be operationalized for the first time to provide better facilities

to Animal Husbandry farmers, on which Rs.7 crore will be spent. A Call Centre will be set up to provide assistance to the cattle owners.

39. Two thousand sheep units will be set up under the 'Rural Backyard Sheep Development Scheme' on which Rs. 12 Crore will be spent.

40. Under National Artificial Insemination Program Phase-3, free artificial insemination facility will be provided to 5 Lakh cows and buffaloes at a cost of Rs.10 crore. Besides, Sex Sorted Semen based Artificial Insemination will be arranged at a cost of Rs.7 crore.

41. Many Gram Panchayats Veterinary Assistants working under the 'Mukhya Mantri Aarogya Pashudhan Yojana' are now eligible to be appointed as Veterinary Pharmacist. Eligible Gram Panchayats Veterinary Assistants will be appointed as Veterinary Pharmacist and necessary changes will be made in the scheme or in the R & P Rules, if required.

**Rs. 469 crore has been provided for Animal Husbandry Sector during 2022-23.**

42. Speaker Sir, considering the immense potential in Fisheries in the State, 120 new Trout Units will be established in 2022-23. In addition, Biofloc Fishing Units, Trout Hatcheries, Fish Feed Mills and Ice Making Units will be established. 20 new fish farm ponds will be constructed in the private sector.

Fisheries

43. Fishermen will be provided 20 three wheelers, 80 motor cycles equipped with iceboxes and 200 boats with fishing nets, at subsidised rates in 2022-23. 40 percent subsidy for men and 60 percent subsidy for women, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe beneficiaries will be available.

44. 500 youth will get employment in the fisheries sector in 2022-23.

45. Speaker Sir, Social Security Pension is an important instrument to provide required assistance to the

Social Security  
Pension

economically weaker sections. Social Security is a top priority for our Government. In the first Cabinet meeting of our Government we took the historic decision of reducing the age for old age pension from 80 years to 70 years, irrespective of income, which has benefited over 3 lakh pensioners, who are now getting Rs.1,500 per month pension.

46. In addition to above, our Government has increased social pension during the last 4 years in a progressive manner as follows:-

- The monthly pension for widows, destitute women and old age pensioners below the age of 70 years was increased from Rs.700 per month to Rs. 1,000 per month.
- The old age pension for persons above the age of 70 years and Divyangjans with more than 70 percent disability, was increased from Rs. 1,100 to Rs. 1,500 per month.
- Pension for the women in the age group of 65 years to 69 years was increased to Rs. 1,000 per month without any income limit.
- The pension to the lepers and Transgender was increased from Rs. 700 per month to Rs. 850 per month.

4 lakh 25 thousand pensioners were getting social security pension in 2017 with an expenditure of about Rs. 450 crore. Our Government has added more than 2 lakh 20 thousand beneficiaries under this scheme, during the last 4 years.

47. 6 lakh 35 thousand beneficiaries are being provided social security pension by our Government at present. Our Government will provide social security pension to additional 40 thousand applicants in 2022-23, based on existing eligibility conditions.

48. Recently, on the occasion of completion of the Swaran Jayanti celebrations, on the Statehood day, I had announced an increase in the eligibility income ceiling which was determined in 2014 from Rs.35 thousand to Rs. 50 thousand per annum, for schemes of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment. This decision will enable an additional 60 thousand persons to get the benefit of Old Age/Widow/Single Woman/Divyang Pension.

49. Fulfilling the promise made in our Government's Drishti Patra, I am happy to announce that the age limit for old age pension, irrespective of income, will be reduced to 60 years for all.

जहाँ सजदा हो बुजुर्गों का,  
वहाँ की तहजीब अच्छी है।  
जहाँ लांघे न कोई मर्यादा,  
वो दहलीज अच्छी है।।

50. I am also happy to announce an increase in the pension amount for eligible persons Leprosy patients and transgender between 60 to 69 years from Rs. 850 to Rs. 1,000 per month, from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,150 per month for widows/divyang persons, destitute women and single women and the pension of persons over 70 years and Divyangjans with disability of 70 percent and above will be increased from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 1,700 per month.

51. Speaker Sir, our Government has increased both the coverage and outlay of social security pension schemes being implemented in the State. The total number of beneficiaries under these schemes will exceed 7 lakh 50 thousand and approximately Rs.1 thousand 300 crore will be spent in 2022-23 as compared to an outlay of Rs. 450 crore in 2017-18. The outlay for social security scheme will, thus, increase three times during the tenure of our Government.

Speaker Sir, the Social Security Pension benefits announced in the Budget are summed up below:—

#### **Increase in Pension amount**

- Persons presently getting Rs.850 per month will now get Rs. 1,000 per month.
- All groups presently getting Rs. 1,000 per month pension will get Rs. 1,150 per month.
- Persons presently getting Rs. 1,500 per month will now get Rs. 1,700 per month.

#### **Increase in beneficiaries**

- Women in the age group 60 to 65 years will also be entitled to old age pension without any income limit.
- Men in the age group 60 to 69 years will also be entitled to old age pension without any income limit.

सबकी दुआओं को दिल में उतारना है,  
हमको तो हर घर का चूल्हा सँवारना है।

Women & Child  
Development  
and Welfare of  
Weaker Sections

52. Speaker Sir, our mothers and sisters have contributed immensely to development of the State and the Nation. Our Government is committed to women empowerment and gender equality and has taken several steps in this direction. As a new step in this direction, I am presenting a separate Gender Budget Statement for 2022-23 in this August House. This Statement contains details of all major schemes devoted to women welfare and empowerment. This Statement will be helpful in monitoring schemes being implemented for women empowerment and will also help in reviewing them in consultation with women beneficiaries of these schemes.

53. In my last Budget, I had announced that our Government is committed to eliminate Stunting, Wasting, Malnutrition and Anaemia in children and that a study on this important issue will be conducted in collaboration with NITI Aayog, based on which, an Action Plan will be drawn up.

54. The State Government has done extensive consultations with Dr. V.K Paul, Member, NITI Aayog and an Action Plan has now been prepared. A new “**Mukhya Mantri Bal Suposhan Yojana**” will be started to remove child malnutrition. This Yojana will have 7 pillars:-

- Identification of 2 main diseases viz. Diarrhoea and Pneumonia in the growing stages of children and their early treatment.
- Continued monitoring and comprehensive review of underweight new-born infants and children.
- Give appropriate protein rich food for complete nutrition.
- Special initiatives to combat anaemia in children, expecting women and lactating mothers.
- Early identification and treatment of Hypertension and Anaemia in expecting women and lactating mothers.
- Proper treatment of undernourished children.
- Special focus on IEC activities and monitoring.

55. This scheme will be run through the joint efforts of the Central and State Government and the Departments of Women and Child Development, Health and Elementary Education will ensure necessary coordination to implement the scheme. It is important that staff of different departments have proper coordination and communication based on which, the appropriate indicators are identified. Interface Portability and Data Inter-operability will be ensured and detailed guidelines and monitoring mechanism to implement the scheme will be issued within two months.

56. Rs.65 crore will be spent for ‘Mukhya Mantri Bal Suposhan Yojana’. Government of India funds will also be pooled to supplement these efforts.

57. Speaker Sir, recognising the importance of Women and Child Development, Saksham Aanganwadi and Poshan-2.0 Yojana have been given a new shape to provide additional benefits to women and children. I would like to apprise the House that out of 18 thousand 925 Aanganwadi Centres in the State, only 2 thousand 138 Aanganwadi centres are running in the departmental buildings. As a new initiative in this regard, I announce the construction of 1,000 new Aanganwadi buildings. These will be constructed at a cost of Rs.70 crore in coordination with Central Government, through convergence with MNREGA.

58. At present 6 thousand 718 Aanganwadi Centres have been developed as Model Aanganwadi Centres. Facilities like slides, swings, blue model baby table and chair have been provided in these model centres. I announce to convert remaining 12 thousand 207 Aanganwadi Centres into Model Aanganwadi Centres in a phased manner. Rs.32 crore will be spent for this purpose.

Speaker Sir, for the contribution made by the women to society, I would like to say:-

नारी शक्ति है, सम्मान है,  
नारी गौरव है, अभिमान है।  
नारी ने ही यह रचा विधान है,  
नारी को शत्-शत् प्रणाम है।।

59. I am happy to increase the present grant of Rs. 50 thousand to Rs.65 thousand for couples under the 'Widow Remarriage Scheme', to encourage widow remarriage.

60. One Time Settlement scheme for beneficiaries of the Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation will be made more liberal and its term will be extended. Over 1,000 people have benefitted from this scheme till date. More than 12 thousand people will be eligible to avail benefit and an interest and penalty amount

of Rs. 12 crore can be settled with this. A policy will also be made for One Time Settlement of the loans taken through Himachal Backward Classes Financial Developmental Corporation.

61. Speaker Sir, Social Justice and Empowerment Department is presently running different institutions viz. Child Care Centres, District Child Protection Units, Old Age Homes, etc. To ensure uniformity in the remuneration paid to the staff in these Institutions, I announce that the State Government will provide Top Up to these employees. The Top Up will be given till Government of India revises its contribution.

62. Under the 'Mukhya Mantri Bal Uddhar Yojana', presently a grant of Rs. 20 thousand is given for self-employment to children who on leaving Bal/Balika Aashrams do not wish to continue their studies. I am happy to announce increase in this grant to Rs. 35 thousand per child.

63. To rehabilitate and provide education to destitute and abandoned children, I announce the start of a new "**Mukhya Mantri Asahaya Bal Punarvas Yojana**" in 2022-23.

न जाने वो बच्चा किस खिलौने से खेलता है,  
जो दिन भर बाजार में खिलौने बेचता है।

64. Speaker Sir, under the Prime Minister Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, Central Government has sanctioned 119 watershed development schemes covering 54 thousand hectare in 26 Development Blocks at a cost of Rs. 151 crore. These schemes will be started in 2022-23.

Panchayati Raj  
& Rural  
Development

65. Under the Panchvati Yojana, 28 Parks have been developed under MNREGA. In 2022-23, 200 additional Vatikas and parks will be developed.

66. Plantation and Horticultural activities on private and forest lands are permissible activities under MNREGA. In 2022-23, plantation will be done under MNREGA with the

help of the Forest Department on which Rs. 50 crore would be spent.

67. Speaker Sir, there is heavy traffic on routes connecting areas of pilgrimage and of tourism importance. It is proposed to construct 12 Multi-Purpose Convenience Centres with adequate toilet and other facilities, through convergence.

68. A plant based on Plasma technology will be constructed on a pilot basis for Solid and Liquid Waste Management in rural areas. 8 thousand villages will be covered under Plastic Solid Waste and Grey Liquid Waste Management. In addition, all the Development Blocks of the State will be covered by active Plastic Waste Management Programme. 2 thousand 510 persons including 870 Gram Panchayat Pradhans will be given necessary training.

69. Based on the recommendation made by the Sixth State Finance Commission, I propose a provision of Rs. 352 crore for the payment of committed liabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions, which is Rs. 104 crore more than that of 2021-22.

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

- With an increase of Rs. 3,000 per month, Chairman, Zila Parishad will get Rs. 15,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 7,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 2,000 per month, Vice Chairman, Zila Parishad will get Rs. 10,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 4,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Member, Zila Parishad will get Rs. 6,000 per month

honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,500 per month.

- With an increase of Rs. 2,000 per month, Chairman, Panchayat Samiti will get Rs. 9,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 4,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,500 per month, Vice Chairman, Panchayat Samiti will get Rs. 6,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 3,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Member, Panchayat Samiti will get Rs. 5,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,500 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat will get Rs. 5,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,500 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 500 per month, Up-Pradhan, Gram Panchayat will get Rs. 3,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 1,300 per month.
- Member, Gram Panchayat will now get Rs. 300 per sitting of the Gram Panchayat with an increase of Rs. 50 per sitting. The increase in sitting fees has been Rs. 75 during the tenure of present Government.

71. There are about 32 thousand Self Help Groups with a strength of 2 lakh 50 thousand women under the 'National

Rural Livelihood Mission'. I announce to start a new '**Mukhya Mantri Mahila Sashktikaran Yojana**' under which, the following benefits will be granted to these Self Help Groups:—

- An additional grant of Rs. 25 thousand will be provided as one time Top-Up in 2022 for the Revolving Fund of these Self Help Groups. These groups will get Rs. 25 crore as this Top-up.
- The women members of these Self Help Groups will be covered for one year by the 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana' and 'Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana'. The annual premium of Rs. 12 and Rs. 330, respectively, in the two schemes will be borne by the State Government. Rs. 10 crore will be spent for the purpose.
- The cadre of Community Resource Persons known differently as Krishi Sakhi, Pashu Sakhi, Krishi Udhog Sakhi, Vitt Sakhi, Bank Sakhi etc., presently getting an honorarium of Rs. 350 per day for duties within the Home Development Block, will be paid an increased honorarium of Rs. 500 per day.
- Under the 'National Rural Livelihood Mission', in category-I districts namely Shimla, Mandi, Kangra and Una, the SHGs get loan at 4 percent concessional rate, after Government of India's subsidy, on timely repayment. In other 8 category-II districts, the interest rate is 7 percent. I announce that Self Help Groups in the 8 category-II districts too, will now get loans at a uniform rate of 4 percent, at par with category-I districts. The additional interest subvention, after Government of India's subsidy, will be borne by State Government.

72. 'Swaran Jayanti SHG Sahyog Yojana' started last year will be reformulated and continued in next year. Under the scheme, Self Help Groups will be given incentive money.

An amount of Rs. 65 crore will be spent for assisting various Help Groups in 2022-23.

**Rs. 1 thousand 662 crore has been provided for Panchayati and Rural Development during 2022-23.**

73. Speaker, Sir, under the Smart City Mission, 59 projects at a cost of Rs.160 crore will be dedicated to the public in Shimla and 65 projects at a cost of Rs. 166 crore will be dedicated in Dharamsala, in 2022-23. New works at an estimated cost of Rs. 104 crore and Rs. 165 crore will be started in Shimla and Dharamsala, respectively.

Urban  
Development

74. For the construction of parkings in urban local bodies, 50 percent of the total cost is met by the Government while the local body has to contribute the remaining 50 percent. I announce to increase the Government contribution to 75 percent.

75. 'Mukhya Mantri Urban Livelihood Guarantee Scheme' was launched in 2020 to provide employment to urban youth during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Due to its popularity, I announce that this scheme will be continued in 2022-23 with suitable modifications. A bill providing for guaranteed employment for urban unemployed youth providing for eligibility and other conditions will be introduced in this session. Rs. 5 crore will be spent on this scheme.

76. The Government has started the 'Atal Shrestha Shahar Yojana' to encourage Urban Local Bodies under which, the best performing 3 Municipal Councils and 3 Nagar Panchayats are given cash awards. I announce that this scheme will be extended to the Municipal Corporations also.

77. An action plan will be prepared to clear Legacy Waste Sites and to beautify these sites by planting trees and other flora. These sites will be developed as Parks and Tourist Spots.

78. On the basis of the recommendations made by the Sixth State Finance Commission, I propose a provision of

Rs. 187 crore for the payment of committed liabilities of the Urban Local Bodies, which is Rs. 24 crore more than that of 2021-22.

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

- With an increase of Rs. 3,000 per month, Mayor, Municipal Corporation will get Rs. 15,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 7,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,500 per month, Deputy Mayor, Municipal Corporation will get Rs. 10,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 4,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Councillor, Municipal Corporation will get Rs. 6,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,500 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,500 per month, President, Nagar Parishad will get Rs. 8,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 4,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Vice President, Nagar Parishad will get Rs. 6,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 3,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 500 per month, Councillor, Nagar Parishad will get Rs. 3,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 1,300 per month.

- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Pradhan, Nagar Panchayat will get Rs. 6,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 3,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month, Up-Pradhan, Nagar Panchayat will get Rs. 5,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,200 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 500 per month, Member, Nagar Panchayat will get Rs. 3,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 1,500 per month.

**Rs. 713 crore has been provided for Urban Development during 2022-23.**

80. Speaker Sir, the expansion made in the education facilities in the State has been lauded at national and international levels as is observed from many reports and other publications. Taking forward the efforts announced in my previous budget speeches to provide quality education. I announce the following 6 point Action Plan:-

Quality  
Education

**Point – I : Implementation of National Policy on Education – 2020**

- Pre-primary classes are being started for children in the age group of 3 to 6 years in Government Primary Schools in a phased manner under the National Education Policy. This will further be expanded in other schools.
- Real time teaching will be started in a hybrid mode in all Government Elementary, High and Senior Secondary Schools. This will benefit about 6 lakh students.

- I announce to introduce a new scheme “**Shreshth Shiksha Gunvatta Protsahan Yojana**” to encourage competition among Government Schools of the State. These schools will be ranked based on the evaluation of learning outcomes and top three schools of the State and top three schools of each district will be granted cash awards under the scheme.

### **Point – II : Quality Improvement through IT**

The three schemes announced by me in the last two years to improve quality of education in Primary to College level Institutions appear to have yielded positive results. I propose that more institutions will be covered under these schemes as follows: (1) ‘Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Shreshth Vidyalaya’ under which 100 new schools, (2) Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Vidyalaya’ under which 68 new schools and (3) Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Mahavidyalaya in 10 new colleges will be covered in 2022-23. More emphasis will be given to these three schemes in the coming year. IT will have a special role in the implementation of these schemes. Rs. 54 crore will be spent in 2022-23 on the three schemes.

### **Point – III : Medha Promotion**

- Presently, the Government is implementing various scholarship schemes. The scholarship in a large number of these schemes has not been revised for many years. I announce that students who are getting scholarship ranging from Rs. 700 to Rs. 1 thousand 250 per month under ‘Maharishi Balmiki Chhaatervriti Yojana’, ‘Indira Gandhi Utkrisht Chhaatervriti Yojana’, ‘Kalpana Chawala Chhaatervriti Yojana’, ‘Dr.Ambedkar Medhavi Scholarship Scheme’, ‘Swami Vivekanand Utkrisht Scholarship Scheme’, will not get an increased amount of Rs. 1 thousand 500 per month implying that they will be getting Rs. 18 thousand per

month. The scholarship amount under 'National Military College Scholarship Scheme' and 'Sainik School Scholarship Scheme'. will be increased to Rs.2 thousand per month implying that they will be getting Rs. 24 thousand per annum.

- In addition, I would like to draw the attention of this House to the scholarship being given to the children of armed forces martyrs and differently abled persons. The scholarships being given to such persons has not been revised since 1983 and they are getting scholarship ranging from Rs. 30 to Rs.200 per month. I announce to uniformly increase scholarship under above schemes to Rs. 500 per month which will add up to Rs. 18,000 per annum.
- I also announce to rename the IRDP Scholarship Scheme as "Mukhya Mantri Vidhyarthi Kalyan Yojana" and by increasing the scholarship amount under the scheme as these have not been increased since 1991. The scholarship of Rs. 300 per annum will be increased to Rs. 1 thousand 500 per annum for boy students and to Rs. 2 thousand per annum from Rs. 600 for girl students. Similarly, the students studying in colleges will now get Rs. 5 thousand instead of Rs. 1,200 per annum and the college students living in hostels will now get Rs. 6 thousand instead of Rs. 2 thousand 400 per annum.
- I am happy to announce a new "**Bal Pratibha Scholarship Yojana**" for top 500 meritorious students of class-4 and class-5 based on merit in class-3. A scholarship of Rs. 3,000 per annum will be given under the Yojana.
- The above announcements will benefit about 30,000 students. Additional amount of Rs. 15 crore will be spent on the above schemes.
- Some research scholars in the State Universities do not get any scholarship. I announce to start a new

**“Mukhya Mantri Shodh Protsahan Yojana”** in 2022-23 under which a monthly fellowship of Rs. 3 thousand will be given to such research scholars. This fellowship will be available for 3 years from the date of registration. This will not only provide economic support to the research scholars but will also help in promoting merit and high quality research.

**Point– IV : Society and Parent Involvement**

- To improve the education system and quality of education, at least 3 meetings between the parents and teachers will be ensured in a year.

**Point– V : Introduction to Environment and Nature**

- Solar Power Panel Systems will be installed in 50 Government colleges, 50 schools and 20 ITIs in 2022-23 to promote Solar Energy.
- AYUSH gardens will be established in 200 schools and 50 Government colleges to plant rare medicinal plants and herbs with the collaboration of Forest and AYUSH Departments, in 2022-23.

**Point – VI : Employment Counselling**

- Career Counselling and Guidance Cells will be set-up in the Government Schools and Colleges of the State for the guidance and career counselling of the students. Career Guidance and Placement Cells will also be set-up in all Government Colleges, Sanskrit Colleges and Universities for the purpose of providing employment and wherever they already exist, will be strengthened further.

Speaker Sir, I would like to say:-

किताब और कलम हर बच्चे की तकदीर बदलेगी,  
ज्ञान की ज्योति हिमाचल की तस्वीर बदलेगी।

81. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh University was established in Shimla in 1970. This has been the sole State

University for last 52 years. I announce that the 'Sardar Patel University in Mandi' will start functioning from April, 2022.

82. Speaker Sir, Education Department has maximum number of employees and there are certain pending service matters of some cadres. In the last budget, I had announced to resolve these issues. I announce that:

- The designation of B.Ed and TET qualified and eligible Shastri and Language Teachers will be changed to TGT (Sanskrit) and TGT (Hindi).
- Lecturer (School Cadre) and Lecturer (School New) will be designated as Lecturer (School). In addition, one time option for promotion as Headmaster will be given to promoted lecturer from TGTs.

**Rs. 8 thousand 412 crore has been provided for Education during 2022-23.**

83. Speaker sir, I am happy to announce that B.Tech in Computer Science and M.Tech programme in Civil Engineering will be started in Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Sundernagar from the coming session. Diploma courses in Electrical Engineering will be started in Government Polytechnic Institute for Women, Kandaghat and Pharmacy Diploma Course will be started in Government Polytechnic Institute, Talwar.

Technical  
Education/Skill  
Development

84. DPRs will be prepared for opening four new Government Industrial Training Institutes in the State, namely at Ladaghat and Shri Naina Devi Ji in district Bilaspur; Kataula in district Mandi; and Dhartidhar and Bechar-ka-Bagh in Sirmaur district.

85. I announce the launch of a new scheme "**Kaushal Aapke Dwar**" with the aim of providing services like plumbing, welding, electrical repairs and Fridge and AC repair for the people of the State. Under this scheme, the ITIs having courses

in these trades will be providing services to the nearby consumers at lowest possible rates.

जिसमें कौशल होगा, वही कुशल होगा।  
कौशल के दम पर ही, वह सफल होगा।।

Health & Family  
Welfare

86. Speaker Sir, the Union Government has provided liberal financial assistance to the State Government for expansion and strengthening of health services in the State. The State will be availing a total assistance of about Rs. 1 thousand 300 crore by the end of 2022-23, which includes an assistance of Rs. 419 crore received in 2021-22 and Rs. 848 crore budgeted in 2022-23 by the Central Government. I extend gratitude from the depth of my heart to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for this assistance.

87. Our Government had started the 'Mukhya Mantri Himachal Health Care Yojana- HIMCARE', on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 to complement the 'Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana'. Under 'HIMCARE', 2 lakh 40 thousand beneficiaries have been provided free medical services worth Rs. 218 crore. I announce an increase in the validity period of 'HIMCARE' card from the present 1 year to 3 years. Presently, registration under Mukhya Mantri HIMCARE is done from January to March. I announce that registration for HIMCARE will now be done throughout the year. I also announce that HIMCARE cover will be extended to inmates of the prisons within the State.

88. I announce to start a new "**Mukhya Mantri Mobile Clinic (M3C)**" scheme to introduce Mobile Health Services at the door steps of the rural population and interior areas. A mobile clinic will be started in each Legislative Assembly Constituency which will have necessary instruments and equipment for providing basic health services. One Doctor with her/his team will provide health services in the villages. This team will visit field after providing OPD services in the health institutions for half day. The Doctor will thus function as a family Doctor. This will be a boon for those people who

do not have access to health services in the nearby areas and will also help in dealing with COVID like situation.

89. In view of rising heart diseases, Cath Lab facilities which are currently available in IGMC and RPMC Tanda, will also be provided in Medical Colleges at Hamirpur and Nahan. Rs. 20 crore will be spent for the purpose.

90. I am happy to announce that PET scan and Brachytherapy will be made available at RPMC, Tanda and PET scan and MRI facilities will be established at Nerchowk Medical College for the convenience and treatment of the cancer patients. Rs.61 crore will be spent for this purpose.

91. A comprehensive Lactation Management Centre will be set up at Nerchowk Medical College, where donors' milk will be collected, tested, preserved and made available to new born children under treatment.

92. A 'Model Primary Health Centre' will be developed in each Health Block in 2022-23, to ensure modern health facilities as per Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) standards.

93. At present, there are 198 ambulances under National Ambulance Services- 108 in the State. 50 new ambulances will be procured to reduce their response time at a cost of Rs. 15 crore.

पूरा और निःशुल्क इलाज मिले सबको,  
यह था हमारा सपना।  
आयुष्मान भारत, हिम केयर से,  
बना स्वस्थ हिमाचल अपना।।

94. A specialised cadre of Medical Officers will be created to provide better health services in different areas of the State. Adequate posts of faculty and other categories will be filled up in the new Medical Colleges at Nahan, Chamba, Ner Chowk and Hamirpur.

95. The Doctors have worked relentlessly and selflessly and have provided their services during the spread of COVID-19. Considering vast expansion in health institutions in the State

during the last few years, I announce to create 500 new posts of Medical Officers.

**Rs. 2 thousand 752 crore has been provided for Health during 2022-23.**

Aayush

96. Our Government will upgrade 100 AYUSH dispensaries as Wellness Centres in 2022-23.

97. With the efforts of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji, 'Yoga' has made its mark in the International arena and the United Nations Organization has declared 21<sup>st</sup> June as the International Yoga Day. Our Government is committed for promotion of Yoga. In this direction, male and female Yoga Instructors (Aarogya Mitras) will be engaged in Wellness Centres.

MPP and Power

98. Speaker Sir, The State Government is paying the subsidy on account of electricity bills of domestic and agricultural consumers to the HP Electricity Board in advance. Our Government will provide Rs.500 crore subsidy next year to the Board. "Zero Billing" will be done for about 4 lakh 40 thousand domestic consumers whose monthly electricity consumption is up to 60 units, from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022. In addition, cheaper electricity will also be provided at the subsidised rate of Rs. 1 per unit to 7 lakh consumers consuming between 61-125 units. To give relief to farmers, the electricity rate will be reduced from 50 paise per unit to 30 paise per unit. Electricity consumers will get an annual benefit of Rs.100 crore from these concessions.

99. Our Government is committed to ensure 24x7 reliable power supply in the State. To ensure quality power supply, my Government is working on 12 additional HT schemes. An additional HT scheme will be started in 2022-23. In view of increasing load, 393 MV capacities will be added to effectively tackle the voltage problem.

100. To eliminate low voltage problem, 23 new schemes will be started in 2022-23 by constructing new 33/11 KV HT

stations and expansion in capacity of the existing 33/11 KV HT stations, which will improve the quality of power supply.

101. Under 'Mukhyamantri Roshni Yojana', 12 thousand 765 eligible poor families have been provided free electricity connection. Under this scheme, 5 thousand additional families will be given connection in 2022-23.

102. Our Government is committed to 100 percent replacement of wooden poles in the distribution network. In 2022-23, this work will be completed by replacing about 20 thousand wooden poles with steel poles.

कुछ नहीं होगा अन्धेरों को बुरा कहने से,  
अपने हिस्से का दीया खुद ही जलाना होगा।

103. Recently announced Power policy lays emphasis on making Himachal Pradesh a Green Energy State by 2030. My Government has set a target to encourage construction of pump storage projects on a large scale.

104. Hydro Power Projects with the capacity of 1,000 MW will be dedicated to people of the State in 2022-23. The work on 4 new Hydel Projects Sai Kothi-1 (15 MW), Devi Kothi (16 MW), Sai Kothi-II (16.5 MW) and Hel (18 MW) will be started in 2022-23. The construction of these projects will be done with the help of Germany's Development Bank KfW.

105. In 2021-22, HPPTCL has completed several transmission lines at a cost of about Rs.360 crore. In 2022-23, HPPTCL has set a target to complete construction of 7 Extra High Voltage (EHV) sub-stations. In addition, 5 transmission lines with a length of 231 circuit kilometre and a Joint Control Centre will be completed at Kunihar. Rs. 645 crore will be spent on these 13 projects.

106. French Development Agency (AFD) has agreed to finance the Chanju-III and the Deothal-Chanju Hydro Electric Projects. A Credit Facility Agreement (CFA) of Rs. 800 crore has been signed between AFD and the Government of India.

The tender process of both the projects will be completed soon. The construction work on both the projects will start in 2022-23.

107. To improve availability and quality of electricity in Spiti, a joint venture between HP Electricity Board Limited and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) is setting up a 2 MW capacity Solar Power Plant with 1 MWh battery storage system at Kaza, which will be commissioned in 2022-23.

108. To take Grid Connected Roof Top Solar Energy to the masses and to achieve the Green Energy targets, I am happy to increase the present subsidy amount from Rs. 4,000 to Rs.6,000 per KW on these plants. This subsidy will be payable to domestic consumers.

109. Speaker Sir, our State has a unique position in the field of solar power generation in the country and has a big potential. With an investment of Rs.600 crore, SJVNL will establish solar power plants with a capacity of 150 MW in 2022-23. These projects will generate additional employment opportunities for the youth and this will be a major initiative in the solar energy sector.

Jal Shakti

110. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform this August House that our Government has provided 8 lakh 35 thousand drinking water supply connections under 'Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)'. In comparison, only 7 lakh 63 thousand drinking water supply connections had been provided in the last 72 years. Till January 2022, out of 17 lakh 28 thousand rural households, 15 lakh 89 thousand families have been provided drinking water connections. By the end of 2022, domestic tap connections will be given to all rural households. About Rs. 1,500 crore will be spent under this programme in 2021-22. I am also happy to share that Himachal Pradesh is a first State in the entire country which has availed 4<sup>th</sup> instalment under JJM during 2021-22.

111. After providing drinking water connections to all rural households under 'Jal Jeevan Mission', our Government aims

to provide reliable drinking water supply to these households. With the help of Sensor based technology, information on availability and supply of drinking water will be made available on Real Time Basis to all the stakeholders.

सोचने से कहाँ मिलते हैं,  
तमन्नाओं के शहर।  
चलना भी जरूरी है,  
मन्जिल पाने के लिए।।

112. Speaker Sir, only 45 percent of the created Culturable Command Area (CCA) was being utilized at the time when I presented the budget of 2018-19. Due to concerted efforts of our Government, by the end of December 2021, about 51 percent of the created CCA was being used. Out of the existing potential for creation of CCA on 3.35 lakh hectare in the State, a CCA of 1.87 lakh hectare has been created. An additional 9 thousand hectare of CCA will be added and Command Area Development (CAD) will be done in 6,500 hectare of CCA in 2022-23.

113. At present, the action plans for irrigation sector are being implemented as per the Master Plan prepared in the decade of 80s. A new Master Plan will be prepared for the State using GIS so that effective irrigation facilities are made available to farmers at the earliest.

114. I announce to dedicate the following five big drinking water schemes to the public during 2022-23:-

- Kol Dam lift drinking water supply scheme for AIIMS Bilaspur and Hydro Engineer College at a cost of Rs.65 crore.
- Drinking water supply scheme for Torkhola and other villages at a cost of Rs. 110 crore.
- Drinking water augmentation scheme for 19 Panchayats of Seraj and Balichowki at a cost of Rs. 121 crore.
- Drinking water supply scheme for different villages of Kamlah and Mandap at a cost of Rs. 147 crore.

- Augmentation of drinking water supply schemes in Salooni, Manjir, Sundai etc. in Dalhousie at a cost of Rs. 56 crore.

About 1 lakh 25 thousand people will be benefited from these five schemes.

115. The following 4 Lift Irrigation Schemes will be dedicated to the public in 2022-23:-

- Lift irrigation scheme for Jaribradha in Bhunter at a cost of Rs. 6 crore 11 lakh, under which 256 hectare land will be irrigated.
- Lift irrigation scheme for Gindaur, Banogi, Babeli and Sari group of villages of Gram Panchayat Bandrol of Kullu at a cost of Rs. 9 crore 97 lakh, to cover 417 hectare of land.
- Lift irrigation scheme for Reri Mashgan, Kullu at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 31 lakh to irrigate 93 hectare of land.
- Lift irrigation scheme for Gram Panchayat Sikwari at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 88 lakh, to irrigate 120 hectare of land.

116. Following sewage schemes will be dedicated to the public in 2022-23:—

- Sewage scheme for Kala Amb at a cost of Rs. 20 crore 90 lakh.
- Sewage scheme for Trilokpur-Khairi at a cost of Rs. 14 crore 51 lakh.
- Sewage Scheme for Parwanoo Zone-I at a cost of Rs. 13 crore 88 lakh.
- Sewage scheme for Theog area at a cost of Rs. 4 crore 23 lakh.
- Sewage scheme for Kotkhai area at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 81 lakh.
- Sewage scheme for Mehatpur at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 45 lakh.

- Sewage scheme for Sunni at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 11 lakh.

117. A State Level Water Testing Laboratory will be set up in 2022-23, which will have the facility to conduct 70 types of tests as per the Uniform Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Protocol of the Government of India.

Speaker Sir, prudent management of water resources will only help them last in the long run. I would like to say:

पानी हूँ, जल हूँ, नीर हूँ मैं,  
मुझे यूँ न व्यर्थ बहाया करो।  
बन पड़े जितना भी तुमसे,  
मुझे उतना ही तुम बचाया करो।।

**Rs. 2 thousand 772 crore has been provided for Jal Shakti during 2022-23.**

118. Speaker Sir, there are about 39 thousand kilometre long motorable roads, out of which, about 32 thousand kilometre of roads are metalled in the State. The number of Gram Panchayats has increased to 3 thousand 615 as a result of re-organization of Panchayats during last year. Out of these, 3 thousand 556 Panchayats are connected with road. Out of the remaining 59 Panchayats, 20 will be connected with road in 2022-23.

Roads &  
Bridges

119. 1 thousand 500 kilometre roads will be constructed under Pradhan Mantra Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in 2022-23 of which, 300 kilometre will be new roads and 1 thousand 200 kilometre existing road length will be upgraded. 23 bridges will be constructed under this scheme. Cross drainage will be done for 315 kilometre road length and 22 habitations will be connected with road. A proposal for construction of 45 roads with a length of 440 kilometre has been sent to Government of India under PMGSY-III. An outlay of Rs. 552 crore has been proposed for these 45 roads. Remaining DPRs will also be sent to the Government of India by June, 2023, for approval.

120. At present, there is 2 thousand 592 kilometre of National Highway Road length, out of which, 1 thousand 238 kilometre of National Highways are with Public Works Department. During 2022-23, periodic maintenance work will be carried out on 110 kilometre road length of National Highways with an outlay of around Rs. 700 crore.

121. A target of 180 kilometre new roads, 235 Kilometre cross drainage, metalling of 395 kilometre roads and construction of 25 bridges has been fixed for 2022-23 under RIDF of NABARD.

122. Identified Black Spots will be made safe on 60 kilometre roads in 2022-23 so as to minimize possibility of accidents at these identified places.

123. Speaker Sir, time has come to change the working style of the department. Following policy interventions are proposed for 2022-23:—

- I announce to reduce the present time limit of 5 and 6 years for periodical maintenance of roads, connecting important tourist places, to 3 years, so that more tourists are attracted to these places. Rs.350 crore will be spent for this purpose.
- At least 20 percent maintenance budget will be spent to fill potholes after Defect Liability Period.
- I announce that wherever relaying of roads is required during repair or upgradation, extirpation will be done using modern techniques. Extirpated material will be recycled and used in order to reduce time and cost of the work.
- Geo-synthetic material technique will be used to enhance age and quality of roads.
- A new effective material Calcium Chloride Brine will be used to minimize skidding and accident of vehicles during snowfall.

- Work relating to Cross-Drainage and Culverts with an outlay of Rs.25 crore will be done under the Himachal Pradesh Road Upgradation Program.

124. Speaker Sir, I wish to compare the progress made by the previous Government and the present Government with some facts. Our Government, during the 4 years of its present tenure itself, has constructed 33 kilometre additional jeepable road length, 660 kilometre more motorable roads, 1,008 kilometre additional metalled roads and 13 more bridges than the construction done during the five year period of the previous Government. Continuing with the same commitment, the targets fixed for 2022-23 are summarized as below:—

- Construction of 1,060 Kilometre long motorable roads.
- Metalling of 2,065 Kilometre roads.
- Cross drainage on 990 Kilometre roads.
- Construction of 75 bridges.
- Connecting 20 Panchayats, 80 villages and 22 habitations with road.
- Periodic maintenance of 2 thousand 200 Kilometre roads.

125. With the achievement of these targets, motorable road length in the State will be more than 40 thousand kilometre and metalled road length will increase to 34 thousand kilometre.

इस नदी की धार से ठण्डी हवा आती तो है,  
इस अन्धेरे से इक सड़क उस भोर तक जाती तो है।

**Rs. 4 thousand 373 crore has been provided for Roads and Bridges during 2022-23.**

126. Speaker Sir, 'Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana' has emerged as a popular scheme for employment generation. Under this scheme, over 5 thousand cases have been approved by the banks with an investment of Rs. 457 crore. 8 thousand youth have got employment in 2 thousand 800 enterprises under the scheme. I announce to increase the subsidy to 35 percent for all women and to 30 percent to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Divyangjan beneficiaries, under the scheme. To provide developed plots to the beneficiaries under the scheme, "Mukhyamantri Swavlamban Park" will be established in district Kangra on a pilot basis, in which plots and sheds up to 250 square meters will be developed.

127. Speaker Sir, the 'Industrial Investment Policy-2019' has been very favourable for industrial development, especially for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. I am happy to extend this scheme from December, 2022 to December, 2025.

128. 'Medical Device Park' at Nalagarh has been approved by the Union Government in favour of Himachal Pradesh. Work will start on this Park in 2022-23. With its development, the country's dependence on imports will be reduced and an investment of Rs. 5,000 crore will be made with the employment potential of 10 thousand people. Rs.332 crore will be spent by the Government on the Park.

129. To increase the income of about 12 thousand farmers associated with silk production, the schemes of Central Silk Board will be effectively implemented through convergence.

130. Speaker Sir, Our Government has successfully simplified tax structure in the transport sector. In 2022-23, these taxes will be rationalized keeping in view the tax structure of neighbouring States.

131. To reduce roads accidents and for vehicular and passenger safety, every RTO will be provided with Interceptor Electric Vehicles equipped with Alcohol Sensor, Speed Radar,

Crash Investigation Lab and e-Challan system. Body Worn Cameras will also be made available for officials in these vehicles.

132. Almost all services except Learner's License are being made available online through E-transport system by our Government. In 2022-23, this facility will also be integrated in the E-transport system.

133. Speaker Sir, the criteria set for passing of roads built in rural areas will be reviewed and separate guidelines for small four wheelers and small buses will be issued.

134. Presently, there are no guidelines for registration of ambulances. Amendments will be made in the relevant provisions so that ambulances are registered so to ensure their periodic maintenance on the basis of established parameters.

135. 220 new buses will be added in the fleet of HRTC in April, 2022. In 2022-23, additional 200 new buses will be purchased, out of which 50 small electric buses will be purchased under Smart City Mission.

मुश्किलें कितनी भी हों सामने हमारे,  
हिम्मत हो तो रास्ता ज़रूर निकलता है।  
जो खुद पे यकीन करके आगे बढ़ते हैं,  
उनके साथ ही यह ज़माना चलता है।।

136. After completing construction of 7 bus stands in 2021-22, construction work on 8 more bus stands in Theog, Bhanjradoo, Barchwad, Haripur Dehra, Thunag, Bangana, Nadaun and Janjehli will also be completed in 2022-23.

137. I had informed this August House in my last budget speech that NITI Aayog had selected the State as a 'Light House State' for framing an Electric Vehicles Policy. I am happy to inform that the State Government has approved the Electric Vehicle Policy, 2021. To boost this sector, an Electric

Vehicles and EV Component Manufacturing Park will be set up in the State, with the assistance of Government of India.

#### Tourism

138. Speaker Sir, our Government has made strenuous efforts to get approved the Asian Development Bank assisted Rs. 2 thousand 95 crore Project for Development of Tourism Infrastructure in the State. This project will be implemented in two phases at the cost of Rs. 1 thousand crore and Rs. 1 thousand 95 crore, respectively. Beautification of towns, conservation of heritage buildings, construction of heliports, eco-tourism, water sports Wellness Centres, Buddhist Circuits, tourism infrastructure, training of youth etc. will be undertaken in both phases of the project. In 2022-23, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) would be prepared and tenders will be invited for the same. These will include Convention Centre at Dharamshala, beautification of Palampur, Shiv Dham Phase-II, beautification of Baba Balak Nath temple, Wellness Centre at Jhatingri, Kalpa, Renuka Ji etc.

139. In the last 4 years, our Government has initiated several new efforts in the tourism sector. I announce completion of following works in 2022-23:-

- Convention Centre at Kiarighat.
- Light and sound show at Town Hall, Shimla.
- Upgradation of Food & Craft Institute (FCI) Dharamsala to Institute of Hotel Management (IHM) level

140. In 2022-23, Rs. 50 crore will be spent under the 'Nai Rahein Nai Manzilen' scheme. Shiv Dham in Mandi, Water Sports in Larji and Tattapani, Paragliding in Bir Billing and Chanshal will be covered under the scheme.

141. Speaker Sir, to attract more domestic and foreign tourists to the State, new initiatives will be undertaken with

the participation of the private sector, which include the following:—

- Promotion of caravan tourism for new tourist destinations.
- Linking traditional Kathkuni style architecture sites to various tourist circuits.
- Linking Art Gallery in Kangra with tourist circuit.
- To propagate historical heritage, develop historical forts of the State as tourist attractions.
- Develop mountain biking tracks.

142. The 'Interest Subvention Scheme' for entrepreneurs in the tourism sector will be continued in 2022-23.

सबकी तकदीर बदलनी है, राह दिखानी है तुझे।  
हाथों की लकीरों तक नहीं, उनसे आगे जाना है तुझे॥

143. Speaker Sir, a target to attain 30 percent forest cover in the State by 2030 has been fixed under the Sustainable Development Goals Framework. Plantations will be done on 15 thousand hectare in 2022-23, to achieve the target.

Forest  
Conservation  
and Forest Based  
Livelihoods

144. 20 Nature trails based on Himalayan Flora and Foliage will be developed to promote Eco-tourism.

145. Check dams are being constructed at 125 places at a cost of Rs.25 crore to stop soil degradation and retain moisture. In 2022-23, it is proposed to develop these reservoirs from the point of view of promoting Eco Tourism.

146. Chir Pine Forests provide limited economic value to local communities. In 2022-23, chir forest on 50 hectare would be replaced with broad leaf species with community participation. These would provide fodder for animals and will help in reducing incidence of forest fires and check land degradation.

147. The forest department will undertake the following works under the ongoing three Externally Aided Projects:-

- Livelihoods related and developmental activities would be undertaken in 260 Panchayats in 6 districts viz. Bilaspur, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul Spiti, Mandi and Shimla at a cost of Rs. 50 crore.
- Water conservation and management works worth Rs. 100 crore would be initiated in 428 Gram Panchayats.
- 150 Water Recharge Zones would be improved using springshed approach at a cost of Rs. 40 crore in Kangra and Chamba districts. Lantana will be removed from 500 hectare land using Cut Root Stock (CRS) technique and useful and viable species will be planted on this land.

148. In 2022-23, 63 lakh man-days will be generated through afforestation, soil conservation, water storage and Eco tourism works of the department at a cost of Rs. 200 crore.

Environment,  
Science and  
Technology

149. Speaker Sir, in the 26<sup>th</sup> Climate Change Summit (COP-26) at Glasgow, held under the auspices of the United Nations, Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi had given the 'Mantra' of 'Panchamrit'. He outlined India's commitment to take its non-fossil fuel capacity to 50 GW and meet 50 percent of its energy requirements from renewable energy by 2030. Our Government will make all efforts to ensure that 100 percent of its energy requirement is met through renewable energy and green energy. This will make Himachal Pradesh the first Green State and also with this certification, the goods manufactured within the State will fetch good prices in the national and international markets. Speaker Sir, our Government will try to achieve this target at an early date.

150. It is proposed to initiate a Green-e-Mobility Programme for Shimla-Solan National Highway with bilateral external funding. The programme envisages a Transport Management

system with focus on Charging Station Network and E-battery replacement.

151. To tackle Plastic Waste menace effectively and to have a robust value chain management, an Extended Producer Responsibility Help Desk would be established.

152. I take this opportunity to inform this August House that a Rain Water Harvesting Policy would be prepared with the assistance of GIZ, an Institution of German Government, in 2022-23. Demonstration Models based on the policy would be developed to assist 1,000 small and marginal farmers.

153. Local Products like Red Rice, Kinnaur apple, Sepubadi of Mandi, Himachali cap, Sirmaur Loiya, Himachali Dham, Thachi (Mandi) Metal craft, Himachali Musical Instruments and Kinnaur Jewellery would be registered under the Geographical Indication Act, 1999.

154. An Integrated Solid Waste Management online monitoring portal will be developed in 2022-23, which will ensure effective monitoring of the applications and early approvals thereof.

155. New Regional Offices of Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board will be established in Mandi and Una to improve the efficacy of Board operations. The Laboratories of the Board at Shimla and Paonta Sahib will be accredited with National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) to improve quality in testing.

156. 14 new Monitoring Stations will be set up in 2022-23 on various rivers and their tributaries to monitor their water quality.

Speaker Sir, I wish to share the following quote of the eminent Australian environmentalist Robert James Brown wherein he has explained the significance of Green Growth.

**“भविष्य या तो हरा होगा या तो नहीं होगा”**

157. Speaker Sir, there is a huge potential for using drones in the fields of health, forest conservation, land survey, agriculture and horticulture, disaster management, mining etc. I announce to start a new scheme “**Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD)**” based on four pillars namely – Drone-enabled Governance, Drone Mahotsav and Melas, Enabling framework for Promoting Drones and Drone Flying Training Schools.

158. Four Flying Schools will be set up in Himachal for drone training in 2022-23. Government officials and the youth of the Pradesh will get training in these schools which would help create employment opportunities.

159. In 2022-23, following steps will be taken to make Governance more effective:-

- All beneficiaries in aabadi-deh areas will be conferred with the land ownership under ‘Swamitva’ scheme started in Hamirpur district on a pilot basis.
- The number of services being provided through e-district portal will be increased from 96 to 150.
- A digital library will be established with online availability of study material to facilitate students preparing for competitive exams.
- Voucher based e-RUPI services will be introduced to check pilferage in implementation of various Government schemes.
- Trekkers Information Portal will be developed to provide better facilities to trekkers and to ensure their safety.
- WiFi hotspots will be set up in 10 public places comprising health institutions and tourist places.

- Litigation Monitoring System (LMS) will be integrated with the online portal of Himachal Pradesh High Court so that the updated status of cases can be viewed through LMS portal.
- Family Register Database will be updated for effective implementation of Government schemes.
- The process of providing relief to needy and affected persons will be automated with the help of a website and a mobile App, for quick disbursement of financial assistance from the Relief Fund.

160. I announce to upgrade the existing State Data Centre to meet the increasing digitization demand of Government schemes. Rs.38 crore will be spent on this.

उनका यही है दावा कि सूरज उन्हीं का है,  
मेरी यह जिद है कि सबको एक ही धूप मिले।

161. Speaker Sir, National Generic Document System is being implemented in all districts of the Pradesh. This system will be integrated with Treasury and Land Records under the One Nation - One Registration System, announced in 2022-23 Union Budget to make it more robust and user friendly.

Revenue and  
Disaster  
Management

162. Landslide Early Warning System will be started in Kinnaur with the help of Geological Survey of India (GSI). Subsequently, this system will be started in other sensitive districts also in a phased manner. A detailed project report will be sent to National Disaster Management Authority for funding.

163. Under the 'Aapda Mitra Scheme' of the Government of India, 1 thousand 500 Saamudayik Swayamsevaks will be trained.

164. Covid-19 adversely affected both national and the Pradesh economy. The tax revenues of the State too were adversely affected. Due to efforts of the Pradesh Government and with removal of lockdown restrictions, there has been

Revenue  
Resources

buoyancy in tax revenue which is a positive sign. We estimate a 15 percent increase in tax revenues in 2022-23 against the 2021-22 estimates, which will be an important resource to take the Pradesh on the path of all round progress.

**State Taxes and  
Excise**

165. Speaker Sir, to curb ill-effects and misuse of drugs, the enforcement function of the Excise Department will be strengthened by providing necessary force.

166. For effective implementation of Himachal Pradesh Integrated Nasha Nivaran and Drugs Policy and related activities, a Nasha Nivaran Cell will be established in the State Taxes and Excise Department to ensure better coordination between various Departments, Boards and Institutions.

167. Keeping in view the success and popularity of 'Tax Haat' announced by our Government, I announce creation of GST Training Cell to simplify and strengthen the GST collection system. Departmental officers and officials will be imparted training through this Cell.

168. An IT based dedicated system will be provided in the State Taxes and Excise Department to facilitate tax payers. This will help dealers and business community with respect to GST compliances.

169. I announce to start a mobile app to verify quality of liquor in order to stop repetition of recent hooch tragedy. Valid source of liquor can be known by scanning the hologram on the bottle through this mobile app.

170. To promote the cause of Gausewa, additional cess of Re.1 will be levied on each bottle of liquor sold.

**Labour &  
Employment**

171. Speaker Sir, learning from the COVID experience our Government will organize online employment fairs. In 2022-23, 9 job fairs and 120 campus interviews will be conducted. The digitization of registration in all the employment offices will also be completed.

172. Speaker Sir, I announce setting up of a Command and Control Centre in each district headquarters to trace and prevent crimes. Effective surveillance will be done through these centres using CCTV and Integrated Traffic Management System. These centres will help to prevent illegal mining, reduce liquor smuggling and drug trafficking and boost surveillance in border areas. Rs.7 crore will be spent for this.

173. Presently, there is only one cyber police station at the Police Headquarters, Shimla to deal with cyber crimes. I announce to open two cyber crime police stations at the Range Headquarters in Dharamshala and Mandi.

174. Speaker Sir, my Government had introduced last year 'Himachal Pradesh Loktantra Prahari Samman Rashi' for the persons who were detained in prisons and police stations for political and social reasons under the MISA/DIR/CrPC during the emergency. Samman Rashi is being granted at the rate of Rs. 8 thousand per month to the persons detained or imprisoned for one to fifteen days and Rs. 12 thousand for those detained for more than 15 days. I announce to increase this rashi to Rs. 12 thousand and Rs. 20 thousand, respectively.

175. Rs. 50 crore will be spent to improve infrastructure of Police Housing, Police Posts, Police Stations, other Police infrastructure including training facilities, State Disaster Response Forces facilities and for the purchase of modern equipment.

176. I am happy to announce opening of 4 new Fire Sub Stations and upgradation of 5 Fire Posts to the level of Sub Fire Stations to provide quick assistance in case of fire accidents in the far flung areas of the State.

177. I announce to provide daily allowance for Home Guards while on tour outside district and State. I also announce increase in the rank allowance of various officers and employees of Home Guard Department.

178. Speaker Sir, India is celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsva on completion of 75 years of independence. We have shortlisted 75 villages with distinct features in the State. A big plan will be rolled out to bring these villages on the cultural map of the country. This will bring rich heritage of these villages and State to the knowledge of country and world. Small documentaries, books and other advertising material will be brought out highlighting cultural, historical and natural features of these villages.

179. The Government had announced cultural policy in 2021. I announce establishment of a Cultural Fund of Rs. 2 crore in order to achieve announced targets under this policy.

180. I announce to start 'Lata Mangeshkar Music College' in the State as a tribute to 'Swar Kokila'.

181. A 'Lata Mangeshkar Smriti Rajya Samman' will be started as a tribute to Swar Kokila Bharat Rattan Lata Mangeshkar Ji. This award will be given for contribution in the field of folk singing every year.

182. Renovation work of Bantony Castle at Shimla is in final stages. It will very soon be dedicated to the public as a special tourist attraction to showcase history, art and culture of Shimla town.

183. A detailed plan has been prepared to re-establish submerged temples in Gobind Sagar Lake in Bilaspur. This plan with an outlay of Rs.1400 crore will be sent to International Agencies for funding.

जब तक संस्कृति है तब तक आस है,  
बिना संस्कृति के मानव का विनाश है।।

184. Construction work of multipurpose cultural centre at Kullu with an outlay of around Rs. 20 crore is complete. The cultural centre in Una has been dedicated to the public. Construction work of other centres at Bilaspur, Mandi and

Solan is in final stages. These will be completed in 2022-23 with an outlay of Rs.22 crore. The work on Cultural Centres in Chamba and Nahan will also be speeded up.

185. The State Government, with the assistance of the Culture Ministry, Government of India will set up, 'Bhartiya Bodh Darshan Sansthan' at a cost of Rs. 100 crore in Tabo, Spiti. 7.87 hectare land has been transferred for the Sansthan. The construction will start in 2022-23.

186. Speaker Sir, I announce constitution of a State level committee to explore possibilities for establishing a State Sports Institute to encourage sports.

Youth and  
Sports Services

187. A three tier sports Mahakumbh will be organized in the State with the active cooperation of MPs and MLAs. Cricket, Kabaddi, Athletics, Volleyball, Basketball and Wrestling competitions will be organized to identify sports talent at grass root level.

188. I announce to dedicate following indoor and outdoor sports complexes in 2022-23 to public:-

- Pre-fabricated multipurpose hall in Nurpur.
- Indoor stadium in Janjheli.
- Multipurpose hall in Government College Bangana.
- Hockey Astroturf Field in Majra (Sirmaur).
- 8 lane 400 meter Synthetic Track at Sarswatinagar.
- Construction of Indoor Stadium at Tandakholi, District Kangra with a cost of Rs.10 crore will commence.

Expenditure of Rs. 20 crore will be made on these works.

189. The capacity of the Voluntary Youth clubs and the youth will be enhanced to encourage talent. Three best Yuva Mandals will be felicitated annually by awarding the cash prize of Rs. 51 thousand, Rs.31 thousand and Rs. 21 thousand, respectively.

190. Speaker Sir, I gladly announce to increase diet money given to youth participating in sports competitions at various levels and in sports camps from Rs. 120 to Rs. 240 per day in case of participation within State and from Rs. 200 to Rs. 400 per day in case of participation outside the State.

**Tribal  
Development**

191. Speaker Sir, considerable tribal population resides outside the tribal areas. I announce that an Action Plan will be drawn up for the welfare of this population living outside tribal areas.

192. Government of India has announced the Vibrant Villages Programme for integrated development of border regions of the North. We will prepare an effective Action Plan for development of the border areas of the State for approval of the Government of India in 2022-23.

**Alternative  
transportation**

193. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh has very limited scope for expanding transportation facilities due to its land locked hilly terrain. Our Government, with the assistance of Government of India, has made strenuous efforts to change this scenario in the last few years. I would like to extend sincerest of my thanks to the Government of India, through this August House for allocating Rs.1 thousand 868 crore for Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri rail line, Rs. 335 crore for Nangal Talwara rail line and Rs.450 crore for Baddi-Chandigarh rail line in the Union Budget of 2022-23. These allocations will speed up construction of above rail lines. Our Government is fully committed to provide State's share.

194. With the efforts of our Government, Railway Ministry will prepare DPR of the Paonta Sahib-Jagadhari rail line after its survey. In addition, Government of India and Himachal Pradesh will take steps to determine the cost sharing of the Una-Hamirpur rail line.

195. The 'Parvatmala-National Ropeways Development Programme' announced in the Union Budget 2022-23 will

be beneficial for Himachal Pradesh. Under this programme, ropeways construction with private participation will become a viable alternative to road transport, which will facilitate tourism and regular traffic. Our Government will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of India for construction of 4 ropeways in the State. I am grateful for the Government of India for this innovative initiative.

196. Due to the efforts of our Government, NABARD and Government of India have accorded approval to ropeway construction under NABARD funded Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF). A detailed plan will be prepared for construction of ropeways under this window. The under construction Baglamukhi ropeway will be dedicated to the public in 2022-23.

197. Speaker Sir, it is due to the continuous efforts of our Government that Airports Authority of India has given technical clearance for a Greenfield Airport at Balh. This Airport will have facilities and equipment for night landing and also for landing of large planes like the Airbus 320. After signing the MoU with the Airport Authority of India, the land acquisition process will be started soon.

198. Rs. 2 thousand crore will be spent in the Budget for alternative transport modes in 2022-23.

199. Speaker Sir, in 2020-21 budget, I had announced the launch of 'Swarna Jayanti Ashray Yojana' to dispose off all the eligible applications of Scheduled Caste category for housing assistance. Reiterating my Government's resolve to construct houses for all eligible Scheduled Caste persons, I am happy to inform the August House that 22 thousand beneficiaries including other categories have been covered under various housing schemes in last 2 years on which Rs.300 crore have been spent. These include beneficiaries in tribal areas and Scheduled Tribes living outside tribal areas.

Housing

200. To implement my announcement, 12 thousand 769 beneficiaries will be provided housing in 2022-23. The scheme wise target is as follows:—

- ❖ 1 thousand 533 houses under 'Mukhyamantri Awaas Yojana'.
- ❖ 1 thousand 262 houses under 'Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural)'.
- ❖ 2 thousand 346 houses under 'Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Urban)'.
- ❖ 7 thousand 628 houses under Swaran Jayanti Ashray Yojana to clear pending applications.

ख्वाब देखे हैं, हौसले भी जिंदा हैं।  
हम वो हैं जिनसे, मुश्किलें भी शर्मिंदा हैं।

#### Recruitments

201. Our Government has been committed to fill-up functional posts in various departments. Necessary steps in this direction will be taken next year also. These include different posts in Health Department as Specialist Doctors, Doctors, Nurses, Radiographers, OT Assistants, Lab Technicians, Dental Hygienists, Pharmacists, MRI Technicians, ECG Technicians and other Technicians, new positions of 780 Asha Workers, 437 Asha Facilitators and 870 Community Health Officers. 264 posts under National Health Mission will also be filled up. Process to fill up adequate posts of faculty Doctors and other categories will be started in new Medical Colleges at Hamirpur, Nahan, Chamba and Nerchowk.

202. In addition, functional posts in various departments will be filled up. Para Fitters, Pump Operators and Multi Task Part Time Workers etc in Jal Shakti Department will be recruited. Various posts of Teachers in Education department, Police Constables, Technical posts of Lineman and Junior T-Mate in HPSEB, Drivers and Conductors in HRTC, posts in Revenue Department, Doctors and other staff of Animal Husbandry department, staff for Urban Local Bodies, posts

of Panchayat Secretary, Technical Assistant and Gram Rozgar Sahayak in Panchayati Raj department, Clerks, JOA (IT) in various departments, Teachers and Instructors of Technical Education Department and class-IV employees in various departments will be filled up. In the coming year, the recruitment of Multitask Workers in Education and PWD will be completed. Recruitment of Home Guards has not taken place for several years. Our Government has decided to undertake necessary recruitment of Home Guards in the coming year. Employment opportunities for 30 thousand persons will be created in 2022-23.

203. Speaker Sir, welfare of the employees has been a priority for my Government. I announce to provide Rs. 37 crore for maintenance and Rs. 35 crore for construction of Government houses in 2022-23.

Employee  
welfare/  
unorganised  
workers

204. Government of India has started the 'Atal Pension Yojana' for workers in the unorganised sectors under which a guaranteed pension of up to Rs. 5,000 per month, after the age of 60 years, is assured, depending on the person's contribution amount. Presently, under this scheme more than 1 lakh people are associated in the State. State Government will provide Government contribution of Rs. 15 crore to workers, housewives, farmers, horticulturists, traders and self-employed youth subscribers in 2021-22. The Government is presently providing a contribution of up to Rs. 2 thousand per annum under this scheme.

205. Our Government will ensure that all the para workers of various departments are also linked to this scheme in the coming year. I am happy to increase the State Government co-contribution limit from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 3,000 per annum to encourage such persons in the unorganised sector to subscribe to the Atal Pension Yojana and also announce the extension of Government contribution under the Yojana to existing and new beneficiaries till 31-03-2023, which will benefit over 1.5 lakh persons. This will provide a boost to

the efforts of the State Government to achieve the cherished goal of Universal Social Security.

206. The issues of outsourced workers in certain cases have been taken seriously by my Government. According to my earlier budget announcement, the Government has shared a model tender with all the departments in the month of December. According to this model tender, it has been made mandatory to give a pay slip to each outsourced worker. In this pay slip, the service provider will have to give in writing all deductions like EPF etc. Our Government will ensure compliance of these guidelines through the Labour Department. I have announced impressive increase for daily wagers in every budget which has benefitted outsourced workers equally.

207. Para workers along with employees of various departments, have made significant contribution in the development journey of the State. During COVID period, they have rendered services in line with the Government Policy and initiatives. Our Government is fully committed towards their welfare and has increased their honorarium significantly in the four budgets. Following is my proposal for 2022-23:—

- With an increase of Rs. 1,700 per month, Anganwari Workers will get Rs. 9,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 4,550 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Mini Anganwari Workers will get Rs. 6,100 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs.3,100 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Anganwari Sahayikas will get Rs. 4,700 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,600 per month.

- With an increase of Rs. 1,825 per month, Asha Workers will get Rs. 4,700 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 3,700 per month. In addition to this, the Asha Workers will also get contribution made by the Government of India and other incentives.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Silai Teachers will get Rs. 7,950 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 1,650 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Mid-Day Meal Workers will get Rs. 3,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Jal Rakshak (Education Department) will get Rs. 3,900 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Water Guards will get Rs. 4,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,800 per month.
- With the increase of Rs. 900 per month, the recently appointed Multi-Purpose Workers of Jal Shakti Vibhag will get Rs. 3,900 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Para Fitters and Pump Operators will get Rs. 5,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,500 per month.

- Daily wagers will get Rs. 350 per day with an increase of Rs. 50. With the increase of Rs. 150 per day by our Government in its tenure, the Daily Wagers have got a total increase of Rs. 140 per day i.e. Rs. 4,200 per month.
- With above increase, the minimum wages of outsourced workers will register an increase of Rs. 4,200 per month during the tenure of our Government. Outsourced worker will get minimum of Rs. 10,500 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Panchayat Chowkidar will get Rs. 6,500 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,350 per month. A considered policy will be formulated regarding the services of Panchayat Chowkidars.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Revenue Chowkidars will get Rs. 5,000 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 2,000 per month.
- With an increase of Rs. 900 per month, Revenue Lambardaar will get Rs. 3,200 per month honorarium. With this, the total increase during the tenure of this Government will be Rs. 1,700 per month.
- 1,000 per month will be increased in the honorarium of SMC teachers and their services will continue as they are. A policy related to services of these teachers will be considered.
- The IT teachers will get an increase of Rs. 1,000 per month.

- Special Police Officer (SPOs) will get an increase of Rs. 900 per month.

हर एक का दर्द सीने में ले के चलते हैं,  
सब के दामन को खुशियों से भरते हैं।  
यही चाहते हैं न रहे कोई जरूरतमन्द,  
दिन रात सबके सपनों को पूरा करते हैं॥

208. Speaker Sir, I am presenting a budget of Rs. 51 thousand 365 crore for 2022-23.

Budget  
Estimates

209. Speaker Sir, Now I come to the Revised Estimates for 2021-22. According to the Revised Estimates for the year 2021-22, the total revenue receipts are Rs. 37 thousand 312 crore. According to the revised estimates for 2021-22, the total revenue expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 37 thousand 34 crore. Thus there is a revenue surplus estimated at Rs.278 crore in Revised Estimates.

210. According to the Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23, the total revenue receipts are expected to Rs. 36 thousand 375 crore. Revenue expenditure is estimated as 40 thousand and 278 crore. The revenue deficit is estimated to be Rs. 3 thousand 903 crore. Fiscal deficit is expected to be Rs. 9 thousand 602 crore which is 4.98 percent of the State's Gross Domestic Product.

211. The budget presented for the financial year 2022-23 does not propose new taxes. We will ensure that adequate resources are arranged with effective tax compliance, cooperation of Government of India and better financial management.

212. According to the budget of 2022-23, out of every 100 rupees, Rs. 26 on salary, Rs. 15 on pension, Rs. 10 on interest payment, Rs. 11 on loan repayment, Rs. 9 for Grants for Autonomous Bodies while the remaining Rs. 29 will be spent on other activities including capital works. The full details of the next year's budget are available in the detailed budget documents being presented in this August House.

213. To mitigate the effect of Corona on the economy of the State, the Government of India has allowed States to borrow beyond 3 percent of the GDP. Thus there is a need to amend the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. A bill to amend the Act will be brought in this session. The FRBM statement too is being laid along with the Budget.

वक्त की हलचल से घबराते नहीं हम,  
हमारे हौंसले मुश्किलों में पलते हैं।  
रुकते नहीं हम बाधाओं को देख कर,  
हम वो चिराग हैं जो आँधियों में जलते हैं।।

214. Speaker Sir, the main points of this budget are contained in the annexure.

Speaker Sir, while expressing my gratitude to this House with full humility, I would like to say that I have presented the fifth and final budget of the tenure of the present Government. It is a matter of great pride and joy for me and I have learned many new things during this period.

The last 2 years have been unexpectedly challenging for us because, before this, no Government had to face the pandemic and the global recession together. This pandemic affected all aspects of our lives. We had to fight on all fronts together.

In this tenure, while patiently facing the financial constraints, we have tried to serve all the sections of the society, especially those who need more assistance from the Government. Generally, the former Governments started worrying about the needy sections of the society near the elections, but our Government has taken necessary and effective steps for the welfare of the people from the very first budget.

This budget presented by me is exhaustive and more inclusive than the budgets presented earlier in this House. In this budget, unprecedented expansion has been done in

the social security pension system. I would like to draw the attention of the honourable Members of this House to the announcements made to encourage entrepreneurship among women. In this budget, special care has been taken of all the employees and Para Workers. This budget focuses on women empowerment and welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Speaker Sir, along with the welfare of the people, this budget is also development-oriented. In this budget, emphasis has been laid on the construction of large infrastructure projects through capital expenditure. I dedicate this budget for the prosperous future of every Himachali.

जो रुक गया उसे क्या मुश्किलों से,  
जो चलेगा उसी के पाँवों में छला होगा।  
औरों का दर्द होना चाहिए सीने में,  
जो जलेगा उसी दीये से उजाला होगा।।

Speaker Sir, I would like to recommend this budget to the Hon'ble House.

**Jai Hind, Jai Himachal**

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- √ Budget size proposed as Rs.51 thousand 365 Crore
- √ The economy of the State is expected to grow at 8.3 percent during 2021-22.
- √ Free and cheaper electricity.

### Main points of budget:-

- ☞ **Unprecedented expansion in Social Security.**
- ☞ **Child, Women Welfare and Empowerment & Welfare of other sections.**
- ☞ **Quality Education and increase in Scholarships.**
- ☞ **Expansion and strengthening of Health Services.**
- ☞ **Increase in income of Farmers.**
- ☞ **Employment & Employee/Labour welfare/Increase in Honorarium of Para Workers.**
- ☞ **Industrial Development and Basic Infrastructure.**
- ☞ **Digitization.**
- ☞ **Natural Resources and Environment.**

### 1. **Unprecedented expansion in Social Security.**

- The age limit for old age pension, irrespective of income, will be reduced to 60 years for all.
- All such pensioners who are currently getting a pension of Rs.850 per month, will now get Rs.1,000 per month.
- All such pensioners who are currently getting a pension of Rs.1,000 per month, will now get Rs.1,500 per month.
- All such pensioners who are currently getting a pension of Rs.1,500 per month, will now get Rs.1,700 per month.

- Women in the age group 60 to 65 years will also be entitled to old age pension without any income limit.
- Men in the age group 60 to 69 years will also be entitled to old age pension without any income limit.
- 7.50 lakh beneficiaries will now benefit from Old Age Pension Schemes and an amount of Rs. 1,300 crore will be spent.
- The Government contribution under Atal Pension Yojana will be increased to Rs.3,000 per annum and the beneficiaries will be increased from 1 lakh to 1.50 lakh.

## **2. Child, Women Welfare and Empowerment & Welfare of other sections.**

- Gender Budget Statement presented for the 1<sup>st</sup> time along with other budget documents.
- One additional free cylinder will be given under Grihini Suvudha Yojana and Ujjwala. Additional Rs. 50 crore will be spent on it.
- ‘Mukhya Mantri Mahila Sashktikaran Yojana’ started under which an additional grant of Rs.25,000 will be provided as one time Top-Up for the Revolving Fund of women Self Help Groups.
- The women members of these Self Help Groups will be covered for one year by the ‘Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana’ and ‘Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Yojana’.
- Krishi Sakhi, Pashu Sakhi, Krishi Udhog Sakhi, Vitt Sakhi, Bank Sakhi etc. will be paid Rs.500 per day.
- Under the ‘National Rural Livelihood Mission’, Self Help Groups in category-I and category-II districts will now get loans at a uniform rate of 4 percent.
- Under ‘Mukhyamantri Swavalamban Yojana’ the subsidy increased to 35 percent for all women and to 30 percent to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Divyangjan beneficiaries.
- The grant will be Rs.65 thousand for couples under the ‘Widow Remarriage Scheme’, to encourage widow remarriage.
- A new “Mukhya Mantri Bal Suposhan Yojana” will be started to eliminate child malnutrition.

- Under the 'Mukhya Mantri Bal Uddhar Yojana', the grant increased to Rs.35 thousand per child.
- To rehabilitate and provide education to destitute and abandoned children, a new "Mukhya Mantri Asahaya Bal Punarvas Yojana" started.
- The construction of 1,000 new Aanganwadi buildings.
- Remaining 12 thousand 207 Aanganwadi Centres to be converted into Model Aanganwadi Centres in a phased manner.
- Extension in One Time Settlement scheme for beneficiaries of the H.P. Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation that will benefit more than 12 thousand people and Rs.12 crore can be settled with this.
- OTS will also be made available for the Backward Classes Financial Development Corporation beneficiaries.

### **3. Quality Education and increase in Scholarships.**

- Pre-primary classes for children in the age group of 3 to 6 years in Government Primary Schools will be started in a phased manner.
- "Shreshth Shiksha Gunvatta Protsahan Yojana" started to give cash awards to top ranked schools.
- 'Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Shreshth Vidyalaya' under which 100 new Primary schools, Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Vidyalaya' under which 68 new Middle schools and Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Mahavidyalaya' in which 10 new colleges will be covered in 2022-23.
- Under 'Maharishi Balmiki Scholarship Scheme', 'Indira Gandhi Utkrisht Scholarship Scheme', 'Kalpana Chawla Scholarship Scheme', 'Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chhattervriti Yojana' and 'Swami Vivekanand Utkrisht Scholarship Scheme', scholarship increased to Rs.1,500 per month. Under 'Rashtriya Indian Military College Scholarship Scheme' and 'Sainik School Scholarship Scheme', the scholarship increased to Rs.2,000 per month.
- Under 'Mukhya Mantri Bal Kalyan Scholarship Scheme, scholarship for boys increased to Rs.1,500 per annum and for

girl students to Rs.2,000. College students will get Rs.5,000 and Hostel students Rs.6,000 per annum under this scheme.

- The children of martyrs and disabled personnel of the Armed Services will get an increased scholarship of Rs.1,500 per month.
- A scholarship of Rs.3,000 per annum will be given under 'Bal Pratibha Scholarship Yojana' for top 500 meritorious students in class-3.
- The Research Scholars will be given Rs.3,000 per month under 'Mukhya Mantri Shodh Protsahan Yojana'.
- Career Counselling and Guidance Cells will be set-up in the Government Schools and Colleges of the State.
- 'Sardar Patel University in Mandi' will start functioning from April, 2022.
- B.Tech in Computer Science and M.Tech programme in Civil Engineering will be started in Jawaharlal Nehru Engineering College, Sundernagar.

#### **4. Expansion and strengthening of Health Services**

- A total assistance of Rs.1,267 crore will be available in 2021-22 and 2022-23 from Centre to strengthen Health Services in the State.
- Registration for HIMCARE will now be done throughout the year. HIMCARE cover will now be renewable after three years.
- "Mukhya Mantri Mobile Clinic (M3C)" scheme started to introduce Mobile Health Services at the door steps of the rural population.
- PET scan and Brachytherapy will be made available at RPMC, Tanda and PET scan and MRI facilities will be established at Nerchowk.
- A comprehensive Lactation Management Centre will be set up at Nerchowk Medical College.
- A 'Model Primary Health Centre' will be developed in each Health Block.

- 50 new ambulances will be procured.
- 500 new posts of Medical Officers will be created.
- 100 Aayush dispensaries will be upgraded as Wellness Centres.
- Male and female Yoga Instructors (Aarogya Mitras) will be engaged in Wellness Centres.

## **5. Increase in income of Farmers.**

- Grain procurement will be started at 11 places and 4 new Grain Mandis will be developed.
- Agriculture sector is expected to grow at 8.7 percent.
- 50 thousand acres land will be brought under Natural Farming.
- Farmers engaged in Natural Farming will be registered and out of these, best 50 thousand farmers will be certified as Natural Farmers.
- Agriculture and Horticulture Universities will update the syllabus in the Graduate and Post Graduate Programmes to include Natural Farming and also to encourage research in this field
- Kotgarh-Thanaadhar and adjoining areas in Shimla district will be developed as Satyanand Stokes Trail.
- Irrigation facilities will be made available in 9 thousand hectares of additional land in horticulture sector.
- Parala Mandi is being developed as a model Mandi and a new cold store will be set up at a cost of Rs.91 crore.
- 13 market yards will be developed and upgraded under JICA aided project Phase-II.
- Another Flower Mandi will be established in the State.
- 20 FPOs will be established, of which 10 will relate to natural farming.
- High Density plantations and Immunity Booster crops will be promoted.

- Two Centres of Excellence will be set up in Shillaru and Palampur Under 'Horticulture Development Project'.
- Setting up of 5 new big Cow Sanctuaries and Gausadans. The grant for dependent cows in private Gaushalas will be Rs.700 per cow per month. This arrangement will be known as "GOPAL".
- Two Milk Processing Plants of 50 thousand litres per day capacity each will be started at Duttnagar and Chakkar Mandi.
- The milk procurement price will be increased by Rs.2 per litre.
- 44 mobile veterinary ambulances will be operationalized to provide better facilities to Animal Husbandry farmers.

#### **6. Employment & Employee/Labour welfare/Increase in Honorarium of Para Workers.**

- 30,000 functional posts will be filled up.
- Anganwari Workers will get Rs.9,000, Mini Anganwari Workers will get Rs.6,000, Anganwari Sahayikas will get Rs.4,600, Asha Workers will get Rs.4,700, Silai Teachers will get Rs.7,850, Mid Day Meal Workers will get Rs.3,400, Water Carriers (Education Department) will get Rs.3,800, Water Guards will get Rs.4,400, Multi Purpose Workers of Jal Shakti Vibhag will get Rs.3,800, Para Fitters and Pump Operators will get Rs.5,400 per month honorarium. Daily wagers will get Rs.350 per day. Panchayat Chowkidar will get Rs.6,400 per month honorarium. A considered policy will be formulated regarding the services of Panchayat Chowkidars. Revenue Chowkidars will get Rs.4,900, Revenue Lambardaar will get Rs.3,100 per month. Rs. 1,000 per month will be increased in the honorarium of SMC teachers and their services will continue as they are. The IT teachers will get an increase of Rs.1,000 per month. Special Police Officer (SPOs) will get an increase of Rs.800 per month. Every outsourced worker will also get minimum of Rs.10,500 per month.
- The designation of B.Ed and TET qualified and eligible Shastri and Language Teachers will be changed to TGT (Sanskrit) and TGT (Hindi).
- Lecturer (School Cadre) and Lecturer (School New) will be designated as Lecturer (School).

- One time option for promotion as Headmaster will be given to promoted lecturer from TGTs.
- Eligible Gram Panchayats Veterinary Assistants will be appointed as Veterinary Pharmacist.
- Daily allowance for Home Guards while on tour outside district and State. Increased the rank allowance of various officials of Home Guard Department.
- Rs.1,500 per month increase to outsourced workers.

## **7. Industrial Development and Basic Infrastructure.**

- The central allocation of Rs.2,653 crore for Bhanupalli-Bilaspur, Nangal Talwara and Chandigarh – Baddi Rail lines. State share will be provided promptly.
- Process for construction of Paonta Sahib – Jagadhari and Una – Hamirpur rail lines given pace.
- MoU for construction of Green Field Airport in Mandi will be signed with Airport Authority of India and land acquisition will be started.
- 4 Ropeways to be constructed under ‘Parvatmala-National Ropeways Development Programme’.
- All households in rural areas will be provided drinking water supply connections under JMM by the end of 2020. Rs.1,500 crore to be spent in 2021-22.
- 5 big drinking water schemes, 4 lift irrigation schemes and 7 sewage schemes with a cost of Rs.681 crore will be dedicated to the public in 2022-23.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Gramin Sadak Yojna, 300 km of new roads, upgradation of 1,200 km of roads, construction of 23 bridges, 315 km of cross drainage will be completed and 22 habitations will be connected by road.
- Black spots marked on 60 km long roads will be secured.
- Geo-synthetic material technique will be used to enhance age and quality of roads.

- Rs.25 crore will be spent under Himachal Pradesh Sadak Unnayan Programme for doing work relating to Cross-Drainage and Culverts.
- Construction of 1,060 Kilometre long motorable roads, Metalling of 2,065 Kilometre roads, Cross drainage on 990 Kilometre roads, Construction of 75 bridges in 2022-23 and connecting 20 Panchayats, 80 villages and 22 habitations with road, along with periodic maintenance of 2 thousand 200 Kilometre roads will be achieved.
- 'Industrial Investment Policy-2019' scheme extended from December, 2022 to December, 2025.
- 5 sports complexes will be completed at a cost of Rs.20 crore.
- 3 multipurpose cultural centres will be completed at a cost of Rs.22 crore
- 59 works at a cost of Rs.160 crore in Shimla and 65 projects at a cost of Rs. 166 crore will be completed in Dharamshala.
- Legacy Waste Sites will be cleaned and developed as places of tourists attraction.
- Work on 'Medical Device Park' at Nalagarh giving employment to 10,000 persons will start.
- An Electric Vehicles and EV Component Manufacturing Park will be set up.
- Tourism Infrastructure Development Project with a cost of Rs.2,095 crore approved for assistance from ADB and to be implemented in 2 phases. Tendering process will start in 2022.
- Shiv Dham in Mandi, Water Sports facilities in Larji and Tattapani, Para Gliding in Bir Billing and development of Chansal as a tourist spot will be funded under 'Nai Rahen Nai Manjilen'. The interest subvention scheme will also be continued.
- 1,533 Housing unit under Mukhya Mantri Aawas Yojana, 1,262 under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (R), 2,346 under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (U) and 7,628 housing units under 'Swarna Jayanti Ashray Yojana' will be constructed. A total of 12,769 housing units will be constructed.

## **8. Digitization**

- A new scheme 'Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD)' based on 4 pillars started.
- Four Flying Schools will be set up in Himachal.
- All eligible beneficiaries in aabadi-deh areas will be conferred with the land ownership under 'Swamitva' scheme started in Hamirpur district on pilot basis.
- The number of services being provided through e-district portal will be increased from 96 to 150.
- A digital library will be established with online availability of study material to facilitate students preparing for competitive exams.
- Family Register Database will be updated for effective implementation of Government schemes.

## **9. Natural Resources and Environment.**

- The target to meet all power requirements through renewable sources of energy and green energy will be achieved before 2030. With this, Himachal Pradesh will become 1<sup>st</sup> Green State in the country.
- A plant based on Plasma technology will be constructed on a pilot basis for Solid and Liquid Waste Management in rural areas. 8,000 villages will be covered under Plastic Solid Waste and Grey Liquid Waste Management.
- "Zero Billing" will be done for consumption of up to 60 units and cheaper electricity will also be provided at the subsidised rate of Rs.1 per unit to 7 lakh consumers consuming between 61-125 units. The electricity rate will be 30 paise per unit for farmers.
- Under 'Mukhya Mantri Roshni Yojana', 5 thousand additional families will be given connection in 2022-23.
- Subsidy increased to Rs. 6,000 per KW on Grid Connected Roof Top solar energy plants.

- Rain Water Harvesting Policy will be brought out. Demonstration Models based on the policy would be developed to assist 1,000 small and marginal farmers.
- An Integrated Solid Waste Management online monitoring portal will be developed, which will ensure effective monitoring of the applications and early approvals thereof.
- New Regional Offices of Himachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board will be established in Mandi and Una to improve the efficacy of Board operations.

## **10. Other**

- Present limit of posing MLA priority schemes funded by NABARD will be increased to Rs.150 crore per Legislative Assembly Constituency. Hon'ble MLAs can include ropeways in the MLA priority schemes.
- Hon'ble Members may recommend 'Shaheedi Dwars' commemorating the sacrifices of martyrs under 'Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi'.
- Allocation under 'Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana' will be increased to Rs.2 crore
- The Discretionary grant of Hon'ble MLAs will be increased to Rs.12 lakh.
- Nasha Nivaran Cell will be established in the State Taxes and Excise Department to ensure better coordination between various Departments, Boards and Institutions.
- A mobile app will be started to verify quality of liquor in order to stop repetition of recent hooch tragedy.
- To promote Gausewa, Re.1 additional cess will be levied on each bottle of liquor.
- 9 Rozgar Melas and 120 campus interview will be organized. Digitization of registration process in employment offices will be completed.

- Honorarium to the elected representatives of Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis, Zila Parishads, Nagar Panchayats, Nagar Parishads and Municipal Corporations increased.
- Command and Control Centre will be setup in each district headquarters to trace and prevent crimes.
- Opening two Cyber Crime Police stations at the Range Headquarters in Mandi and Dharamshala.
- Opening of 4 new Fire Sub Stations and upgradation of 5 Fire Posts to the level of Sub Fire Stations.
- 'Lata Mangeshkar Music College' will be established in the State as a tribute to the late 'Swar Kokila'.
- 'Lata Mangeshkar Smriti Rajya Samman' started in the field of folk singing.
- Diet money given to youth participating in sports competitions at various levels increased two times.