

Hon'ble Speaker Sir,

1. With your permission I present the budget for the year 2020-2021.

2. Speaker Sir, I congratulate this August House and people of Himachal Pradesh from the depth of my heart on the 50th Anniversary of Himachal Pradesh attaining full Statehood. Himachal Pradesh has become one of the most developed States of the country and its credit goes to the contributions made by the people of the State, successive Governments, officers and officials of the State Government. Education, health, power, environment, rural electrification and human development are the sectors in which State's performance has been at par with the top performing States of the Country. The State has emerged as a role model amongst the Hill States. It has the distinction of getting many awards in the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes. It is a matter of joy for all of us. I propose to celebrate 2020-21 as the '**Golden Jubilee of Himachal Pradesh**' attaining full Statehood. Various programmes and shows will be organized across the State and achievements made by the State will be shared with people of the State.

3. My Government is in favour of inclusive growth. This Government, after assuming power, in its first cabinet meeting itself gave a clear message regarding its sensitivity for the people of the State, particularly the vulnerable sections of

the society. In the last two years, all steps have been taken in this direction. We have taken various initiatives to improve the administrative system. These have resulted in encouraging improvement in work culture through structural changes.

4. The last year has been eventful. The people of the country returned Bhartiya Janata Party to the Lok Sabha with an unprecedented majority expressing faith in the leadership and policies of the party. In a remarkable first, Bhartiya Janata Party obtained lead in all the 68 Legislative Assembly Constituencies of the State. The vote share for the Bhartiya Janata Party stood at 69 percent, which was the highest ever recorded in the history of the State and is also highest among all the States. The party was also able to comfortably retain the 2 Vidhan Sabha seats in a bye-election held in the month of October, 2019. Both the MLAs are young and first timers, and their election stands testimony to our commitment for youth and women empowerment.

5. Our Government has established a direct interface with people of the State through various platforms. The experience in Jan Manch, which was launched immediately after assumption of office by my Government, has been very encouraging. During the tenure of present Government 189 Jan Manch programmes have been held in which 47 thousand 848 complaints and demands were received, out of which, 43 thousand 548 complaints were settled to the satisfaction of the complainants by the end of February, 2020. In addition

to this, ‘**e-Samadhan**’ and ‘**Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp**’ (CM Helpline) have also gained popularity. 37 thousand 990 complaints had already been resolved till February, 2020 through “**Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp**”.

6. The holding of “**Himachal Pradesh Investors’ Meet**” in Dharamshala on 7th and 8th November, 2019 has been a game changer. My Government extends thanks to the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, for participating in the inaugural session of the event despite his busy schedule and ending his address by quoting these encouraging words “.....मैं यहाँ मेहमान नहीं हूँ, मैं भी एक प्रकार से हिमाचली हूँ। आप मेरे यहाँ आए हैं, आप मेरे मेहमान हैं”। It is a matter of pride for the State that the Hon’ble Prime Minister has visited Himachal three times during two years’ tenure of the present Government. I take this opportunity to extend my Government’s gratitude to the Hon’ble Prime Minister for having such a strong affection for Himachal Pradesh and its people. We are also thankful to those investors who have joined us in our efforts to take State’s economy on the path of sustained growth.

7. This effort made by our Government has been first of its kind by any Government in Himachal Pradesh. In fact, this indicates to a major shift in the direction and thinking of the Government. Private investment will give pace to the development process along with creation of additional employment opportunities. MoUs worth about Rs.13 thousand 656 crore have already been grounded by the end of

December, 2019 out of the total MoUs signed worth Rs.97 thousand 700 crore. I thank Shri Amit Shah, Hon'ble Union Home Minister for blessing the State with his benign presence during the ground breaking ceremony. Second Ground Breaking Ceremony shall be organized shortly.

8. The Government has also made a judicious use of Information Technology to streamline and upgrade the system. The 'Him Pragati' Portal has reduced red tapism of the system to a great extent and has also considerably reduced time taken in various processes involved in the delivery of government services. I have personally been monitoring the progress of various Government departments through this portal. The investors are upbeat and enthusiastically use the Portal for monitoring of their projects.

9. The present Government of Bhartiya Janata Party has a strong believe in its accountability to the common man. I firmly belief that:-

अगर जिन्दगी में पाना है,
तो तरीके बदलो, इरादे नहीं।

10. Our Government has made Bhartiya Janata Party's Election Manifesto - Drishti Patra as the policy document and has followed it by making sincere efforts to further the cause of inclusive development through a large number of welfare schemes. I would like to mention few of the initiatives taken by my Government during last two years:-

- Unprecedented expansion in social security net

- Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojana
- HIMCARE
- SAHARA
- Mukhya Mantri Chikitsa Sahayata Kosh
- Mukhya Mantri Nutan Poly House Yojana
- Roshni
- Saur Sinchai Yojana
- Himachal Pushp Kranti Yojana
- Additional Subsidy under various Housing Schemes
- Nayee Rahen Nayee Manzilen
- Mukhya Mantri Swablamban Yojana
- Initiatives for Mother Child Health and Welfare
- Policy of Zero Tolerance towards drug abuse

I would like to quote the following lines reiterating our Government's commitment to 'सबका साथ, सबका विकास और सबका विश्वास':-

फर्क नहीं पड़ता, अगर मैं किसी से बेहतर करूं।
फर्क बहुत पड़ता है, अगर मैं किसी का बेहतर करूं।।

11. World Economic Outlook, published by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in January, 2020 has estimated the world economy to grow at a rate of 2.9 percent in 2019. India's GDP has been estimated to grow at rate of 5 percent during 2019-20 despite global slowdown. It has been estimated that the growth rate of Indian economy would be between 6 percent and 6.5 percent during 2020-21. The size of Indian economy is expected to reach at around 3 Trillion US Dollar (Rs.210 lakh crore) by the end of 2019-20. Leaving behind the United Kingdom and France, India has become

National
Economy

the 5th biggest economy of the world. India's ranking on the Ease of Doing Business Index has improved from 100th rank in 2017 to 77th rank in 2018 and to 63rd rank in 2019 as reported in the '**Ease of Doing Business Report**' of the World Bank. This has been a result of economic and structural reforms undertaken by the Central Government. The Central Government has been successful in keeping inflation under control. Himachal Pradesh would also contribute to the fullest of its potential in supplementing the efforts of the Central Government led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to make India a 5 Trillion US Dollar (Rs.360 lakh crore) economy by 2024-25.

12. People of the State have benefited immensely from the various schemes and programmes of the Central Government. "**PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi**" and "**Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana**" have directly benefited the farmers and the workers, respectively. In addition to these, "**Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana**", "**Soubhagya Yojana**", "**Ujjwala Yojana**", "**Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Srijan Yojana**", "**Mudra Yojana**", "**Jan-Dhan Yojana**", "**Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana**", "**Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana-Aayushman Bharat**", "**Doubling of Farmer's Income Programme**", "**Swachh Bharat Mission**", are some other schemes which are contributing towards the development of all sections of the society. I thank the Bhartiya Janata Party led Central Government for extending the benefit of providing grants under all the Centrally Sponsored Schemes to Himachal

Pradesh and Uttarakhand on the pattern which is available to Jammu & Kashmir and North Eastern States.

13. Speaker Sir, my Government has managed fiscal affairs of the State prudently. Our Government has been successful in coordinating with the Central Government in an attempt to get more funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes and additionally, securing new projects under Externally Aided Projects. The loan agreements in respect of Externally Aided Projects under negotiation will be signed in 2020-21 and new proposals will be sent to the Government of India for its approval to pose them to the external funding agencies.

State
Economy

14. The growth rate of State's economy is expected to be 5.6 percent during 2019-20 which is more than the estimated growth rate for national economy for the same period. The advance estimates for 2019-20 have put the State's Gross Domestic Product (SGDP) at Rs.1 lakh 65 thousand 4 hundred and 72 crore at current prices which is Rs.11 thousand 6 hundred and 27 crore more than previous year's SGDP. The per capita income of Himachal Pradesh is estimated at Rs.1 lakh 95 thousand 2 hundred and 55 during 2019-20. This is more than the national per capita income by Rs. 60 thousand and 205.

15. My Government has oriented its development policy towards Sustainable Development Goals. A document- '**Drishti Himachal Pradesh-2030**' was released by our

Sustainable
Development
Goals and
Policies.

Government drawing a roadmap to achieve Sustainable Development Goals by the year 2030. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh has been ranked 2nd after Kerala in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in the '**SDGs India Report 2019-20**', brought out by the NITI Aayog in December, 2019. Himachal Pradesh has performed better than other States in the fields of education, gender equality, sustainable urban development, reduction in inequalities and economic growth. I am presenting the budget for 2020-21 as an effort to achieve Sustainable Development Goals, improve governance, bring transparency and ensure other benefits of economic growth.

Annual
Plan

16. An outlay of Rs 7 thousand 900 crore has been proposed for the Annual Plan 2020-21 which is about 11 percent (Rs. 800 crore) more than the approved outlay of Rs.7 thousand 100 crore for Annual Plan 2019-20. Out of the proposed outlay of Rs.7 thousand 900 crore, Rs.1 thousand 990 crore is proposed for Scheduled Caste Sub Component Plan, Rs.711 crore for Tribal Sub Plan and Rs.88 crore for Backward Area Sub Plan.

17. Speaker Sir, additional resources will be required to meet the increase of outlays by Rs.800 crore in the Annual Plan outlay for 2020-21. The required resources will be mobilized through the assistance available under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Externally Aided Projects.

18. The 15th Finance Commission, in its report, has recommended appropriate increase in the annual grants for Himachal Pradesh for 2020-21. 13th Finance Commission gave an annual average grant of Rs.4,388 crore which was increased to Rs.14,407 crore by the 14th Finance Commission. For the year 2020-21 the 15th Finance Commission recommended an annual grant of Rs.19,309. I take this opportunity to thank Government of India and the 15th Finance Commission for this enhancement.

19. Chamba district is one of the districts included in the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) of Government of India. The district's performance has improved in economic and social sectors. Speaker Sir, various schemes under Backward Area Sub Plan are being implemented in the declared backward areas of the State to remove regional disparities. It is time to review this dispensation and try to identify such Panchayats and Development Blocks which are still backward. I propose to review the existing criteria for determining backwardness of different areas of the State and to start Aspirational Development Block Programme (ADBP) on the basis of revised criteria for backwardness. The programme would aim at ensuring equal development in all parts of the State.

20. Himachal Pradesh has been ranked as the top performing State, in the category of small States, on Public Affairs Index by the Bengaluru based Public Affairs Centre. Taking this exercise to sub State level, our Government has

Administrative
Reforms

started preparing District Good Governance Index, I propose to start giving an award of Rs.50 lakh, Rs.35 lakh and Rs.25 lakh to the top three ranked districts on Good Governance Index in order to promote competition among districts to perform better.

21. The beneficiaries of Centrally Sponsored Schemes are getting benefits credited into their bank account directly through DBT. In 22 State Schemes also, beneficiaries are getting benefits through DBT. I announce that DBT benefits would be made available in other State Schemes in a phased manner so that people get the assistance amount transferred directly into their Bank Account.

22. Many valuable suggestions have been received during two day meetings held with the Hon'ble Members of Legislative Assembly. I propose to hold a midyear review meeting with the Hon'ble MLAs during 2020-21 to review the progress made in implementing the decisions taken during the annual meeting.

23. An important suggestion to establish an effective review and monitoring mechanism in respect of MLA Priority Schemes had come up during the meetings held with the Hon'ble MLAs in January, 2020. I propose to automate the entire process in order to make information of MLA Priority Schemes available online. The Public Works, Jal Shakti and other departments will also be brought on this platform in the second phase so that Hon'ble MLA's get information

pertaining to MLA Priority Schemes on real time basis. On the request of the Hon'ble MLAs I propose to enhance per Assembly Constituency limit for posing DPRs to the NABARD and other funding agencies from the existing level of Rs.105 crore to Rs.120 crore.

24. In response to the demand of Hon'ble MLAs to increase allocation under Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana, I propose to enhance this allocation to Rs.1.75 crore from the existing allocation of Rs.1.50 crore. Similarly, I propose to enhance Discretionary Grant of Hon'ble MLAs from Rs. 8 lakh to Rs.10 lakh.

25. Speaker Sir, I had made an appeal to the APL ration card holders during my budget speech for the year 2018-19 to surrender the subsidy available to them under Public Distribution System. I would like to inform this House that all the Ministers in the present Government have already surrendered the subsidy. I expect all such people, especially, Hon'ble MLAs and the Government Gazetted Class I & Class II Officers and other better off sections of society, who can afford to purchase food articles from the open market, to surrender this subsidy voluntarily. My Government proposes to initiate a campaign to motivate such persons. A detailed plan will be prepared shortly for it. The subsidy on food items available under PDS will be rationalized during 2020-21. My Government will provide extra nutrition/supplements to the under nourished families, mothers and children.

I propose to spend Rs. 230 crore on the subsidy given on food during 2020-21.

I would like to say:-

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

Information
Technology

26. The number of government services brought under e-District Portal has been increased from 52 to 62 and all other services will also be brought on this portal. All the Government services will be made available to people of the State locally through Lok Mitra Kendras in a phased manner. E-Office is being used in 46 offices with an objective to automate working of these departments. It will be used in all the Government offices in a phased manner.

27. e-Cabinet Software will be used to computerize proceedings of meetings of the Cabinet next year to make them paperless.

Grihini Suvidha
Yojana

28. Present Government of the Bhartiya Janata Party has started a new scheme '**Himachal Grihini Suvidha Yojana**' in 2018-19 to supplement the efforts made by the Central Government through '**Ujjawala**'. Both these schemes aimed at providing gas connection to every household in the State by the end of December, 2019. Speaker Sir, I take pride in informing the House that my Government has achieved this target in December, 2019. About 2 lakh and 76 thousand gas connections have been provided under Grihani Suvidha

Yojana and my Government intends to provide this facility to any new family which does not have an LPG connection in the future also.

29. FPOs are farmer organizations which are weak in resource mobilization and face problems in creating infrastructure facilities on their own. They represent agriculturists, horticulture farmers, dairy farmers and fishermen. They require basic inputs during sowing, harvesting and post harvest infrastructure like grading and packaging machines, transport vehicles, storage godowns and pack house etc. for which long term capital is required. State Government will create a “**Krishi Kosh**” of Rs. 20 crore for supporting seed money, interest subvention and credit guarantee cover to farmers. Detailed scheme guidelines will be formulated for the same. The scheme will benefit 75 thousand to 90 thousand farmers by 2022.

Agriculture and
Irrigation

30. A new variety of ‘Heeng’ (asafoetida) has been identified by Institute of Himalayan Bio Technology (IHBT) Palampur, HP which can be grown in high altitude areas of Lahaul & Spiti, Kinnaur and Chamba etc. I propose to start efforts to promote Heeng cultivation in these areas. Similarly, keeping in view the potential and importance of saffron, I also announce saffron production in areas where climatic conditions support its cultivation. I propose to start “**Krishi se Sampannta Yojana**” (KSY) for the purpose.

31. The Government of India has prepared some Model Acts with an objective to remove bottlenecks in the agriculture sector and to enhance income of the farmers. One such Act, namely, Model Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing Act was referred to this House and the Committee of the House has already made recommendations on it. I propose to refer other Model Acts related to Agriculture to the House for its consideration.

32. A large number of families have shifted to urban areas due to various reasons, leaving their culturable land fallow. I propose to constitute a Committee of this House with the representatives from all the political parties that will study the possibility of giving such fallow land only to the bonafide Himachali agriculturists for agricultural activities and submit its recommendations. This will help in increasing agricultural growth rate and in improving the economic status of the farmers.

33. Two years ago, a new scheme '**Prakritik Kheti Khushal Kissan**' was launched to popularize the Subhash Palekar Natural Farming system. About 50 thousand farmers have been covered under this scheme. This number will be increased to one lakh farmers in 2020-21 and another one lakh farmers would be provided training about natural farming in Awareness Workshops and Melas. We aim to bring 20 thousand hectares of land under natural farming by 2020-21. I propose an outlay of Rs.25 crore in 2020-21 for this.

34. Speaker Sir, we will organise 'Krishak Melas' in all Blocks before Kharif and Rabi seasons. In these Melas, officers from the departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Agriculture & Horticulture Universities and Banks would give information related to technical aspects, credit and other inputs to the farmers.

35. Presently, different departments have been implementing various schemes related to water harvesting, conservation and management. Coordination is required among these departments to ensure that these schemes benefit the target beneficiaries. I propose to constitute a Committee with an objective to coordinate the efforts being made by different executing departments in water conservation and management in the rural areas. This Committee will make recommendations for sustainable management of water resources in rural areas of the State. I would like to emphasize the importance of water by saying:-

जिसे अब तक न समझे, वो कहानी हूँ मैं।
मुझे बर्बाद मत करो, पानी हूँ मैं।।

36. Speaker Sir, the '**Nadaun Medium Irrigation Scheme**' will be dedicated to the people of the State shortly. This could be made possible due to the concerted efforts made by our Government. This scheme will provide irrigation facilities to about 3,000 hectares of land. Our Government will now speed up the work on execution of **Phinna Singh**

Medium Irrigation scheme so that about 4,000 hectares of land is benefitted from the scheme. I propose an outlay of Rs.70 crore for the scheme during 2020-21.

37. The ongoing minor irrigation schemes under '**Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana**' will be completed soon. The work on 111 minor irrigation schemes with a cost of Rs.338 crore is in various stages of execution. Central assistance of Rs.202 crore has already been received for execution of these schemes. Four more minor irrigation schemes covering 3 thousand 534 hectares of land with a cost of Rs.87 crore 35 lakh have been approved by the Government of India. Our Government will try to complete these schemes during 2020-21 with central assistance. DPRs for more minor irrigation schemes will be sent to the Government of India for funding under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana.

38. Speaker Sir, large number of irrigation schemes have already been commissioned in the past which has resulted in the creation of vast culturable command area. However, entire benefit could not reach the farmers in the absence of adequate command area development works. The benefits of already commissioned irrigation schemes are required to be ensured to all the farmers in the command area so as to enhance their production and incomes. I propose to make efforts to develop command area of already commissioned irrigation schemes to ensure that irrigation water actually reaches the fields.

I propose budget outlay of Rs. 1,024 crore for Irrigation Sector in 2020-21.

39. Farmers and Orchardists of the State are being provided subsidy on purchase of anti hail nets. Permanent structures consisting of bamboo or steel are required to fix anti hail nets so that harvest is saved from the hail. There is no assistance available for installation of this structure. I propose to start a new scheme “**Krishi Utpaad Sarankshan (Anti Hail net) Yojana (KUSHY)**” under which 50 percent subsidy will be provided to the farmers and orchardists of the State for erecting structure to support anti hail nets. Beneficiaries will continue to get existing subsidy on the purchase of anti hail nets. I propose an outlay of Rs.50 crore for both the components during 2020-21.

Horticulture

40. It is time to encourage value addition to the bee-keeping activities under the ongoing ‘**Mukhya Mantri Madhu Vikas Yojana**’. I propose to start a new scheme to cover value addition processes “**Madhu Utpadan Evam Prasanskaran Yojana (MUPY)**”. I propose an outlay of Rs. 7 crore during 2020-21.

41. Promotion of cultivation of aromatic plants and their processing will be an important step in the direction of enhancing farmers’ incomes and also to engage rural youth in gainful economic activities. I propose to start a new scheme “**Mehak**” under which agriculturists and orchardists will be

provided necessary training and will be assisted in cultivation, processing of aromatic plants and their marketing.

42. Three CA stores at Gumma, Jarol-Tikkar and Rohru will be upgraded under the World Bank Aided Horticulture Development Project. The storage capacity of these CA stores will be increased to 5,700 tonnes from the existing capacity of 2,000 tonnes. Additionally, grading line of pack housing of these three CA stores will be upgraded. Hydro cooling facility for Cherry will also be developed in Jarol-Tikkar which will be the first in the State. I compliment the contribution made by farmers in development of the State by saying:-

जिनके होठों पर, हँसी व पाँवों में छाले होंगे,
वही लोग, अपनी मन्जिल को पाने वाले होंगे।

I propose Rs. 536 crore for Horticulture Sector during the financial year 2020-21.

Animal
Husbandry/
Cow Protection

43. Animal Husbandry and dairy sectors contribute in supplementing incomes of farmers of the State. There are vast employment opportunities in these sectors. My Government has recently made available milk fortified with Vitamins A and D under the brand name of 'Him Gauri'. I propose the following for development of dairy farming:-

- Free insemination will be started in 3,300 villages of 11 districts of the State under National Gokul Mission. This will help in increasing milk yield and also farmers' income.

- In order to keep track of health of cows of improved breeds, a programme covering Jersey Cows will be started in Kangra district. Female calves born with the help of semen straws of improved breeds will be given special attention under the programme.
- One Cow Sanctuary and one large Cow Sadan will be established in all the non-tribal districts of the State in a phased manner. These will take care of the stray animals.

44. A scheme to provide goats on subsidy to the farmers is already being implemented by the Government. The provision of providing subsidy on the breeding rams is available only to the Scheduled Tribes. I propose to extend the benefit of subsidy to the beneficiaries of all categories.

45. Poultry related activities can provide opportunities for employment and income enhancement. I propose to start a new scheme “**Him Kukkut Palan Yojana (HIMKUPY)**”. 100 farmers will be provided up to 5,000 broilers every year under the scheme. Only those beneficiaries will be eligible for assistance who have received required training from Government institutions.

46. I propose to start “**Mobile Veterinary Sewa (MOVES)**” on pilot basis so that veterinary services are provided at the doorsteps of the farmers.

47. I propose to fill up 120 posts of Gram Panchayat Veterinary Assistants to ensure better service delivery.

48. Speaker Sir, I propose to enhance procurement price of milk by Rs.2 per litre in the interest of farmers of the State. A grant of Rs.23 crore will be provided to the MILKFED in 2020-21.

I propose budget outlay of Rs. 477 crore for Animal Husbandry in 2020-21.

Fisheries

49. Speaker Sir, about 13,000 fishermen and fish farmers are dependent on this sector for earning their livelihoods. 100 new trout units will be established during 2020-21. Trout fish cages will also be constructed in order to increase trout production in the State. Recirculating Aqua Culture System (RAS) will be established in the Carp Fish Farm in Nalagarh to increase carp production.

Panchayati Raj &
Rural Development

50. I propose to start a new scheme “**Parvat Dhara**” in 2020-21 to rejuvenate extinct and depleted water sources in the State. This will also help in providing flow irrigation facility to the fields along the slopes. Water harvesting structures will be constructed at the locations determined based on satellite images. These harvesting structures will be managed and maintained under MNREGA. This will help in recharging aquifers and also irrigating fields with the stored water. I propose to spend an amount of Rs.20 crore during 2020-21.

51. 2,000 Lok Mitra Kendras have been sanctioned in the State by the Government of India under Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan. An amount of Rs.100 crore will be provided

by the Government of India for these Lok Mitra Kendras. These Lok Mitra Kendras will be located in the Panchayat Ghars and they will be constructed in a planned manner.

52. I propose to organize local '**SARAS**' melas in each district of the State. This will enable Self Help Groups in the State to exhibit and sell their products like bamboo craft, pattals, earthen pots etc. in these melas. This facility will be provided in all the Assembly Constituencies where land is available.

53. At least one member from the families of such persons who have completed 100 days of employment under MNREGA will be provided necessary training to upscale their skills. I propose to start a new scheme '**UNNATI**' for this purpose during 2020-21.

54. In view of increasing life expectancy in the State, I propose to start a new scheme "**Panchawati**" in 2020-21 to take care of requirement of parks and gardens in the rural areas.

55. Our Government has taken big initiatives in Solid Waste Management in the State. An ambitious programme to make 500 Panchayats of the State Solid Waste free will be started during 2020-21 in the first phase.

56. I propose to give an award of Rs.5 lakh to every such Panchayat which is free from consumption of tobacco in any form. This will help in encouraging the Panchayats in

preventing incidence of serious illness caused by tobacco consumption.

57. A provision of Rs.210 crore was made for Panchayati Raj Institutions in 2019-20 on the recommendations of the 5th State Finance Commission. I propose to enhance this allocation to Rs.228 crore in 2020-21. The 15th Union Finance Commission has also recommended a grant of Rs.429 crore to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in 2020-21. The Government of India has accepted this recommendation and has also accepted the request made by the State Government to recommend the grants for Zila Parishads and Panchayat Samities also. These grants will be distributed among all the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

58. I announce to increase honorarium being given to Panchayat Silai Teachers and Panchayat Chowkidars by Rs.500 per month.

59. Speaker Sir, the award period of the recommendations made by the 5th State Finance Commission will expire on 31st March, 2022. I announce to constitute the 6th State Finance Commission.

Forest Conserva-
tion and Forest
Based
Livelihoods

60. In the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goal 15, our Government has set a target to enhance the forest cover in the State, from the present 27.72 percent to 30 percent by 2030. Our Government has set a target of raising plantation over 12,000 hectares of land in 2020-21, which is 3,000 hectares more as compared to previous year. One

crore saplings will be planted to achieve this target. This coverage will be increased in a phased manner in the coming years, so that the target of 30 percent forest cover is successfully achieved by 2030. Rs.15 crore are earmarked for this purpose.

61. Our Government had started “Samudayik Van Samvardhan Yojana” and “Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojana” during 2018-19. Under “Samudayik Van Samvardhan Yojana”, afforestation, soil & water conservation activities on 200 hectares of land will be carried out through Joint Forest Management Committees/Village Forest Development Societies. Under ‘**Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojana**’, 100 new schools will be selected and plantation shall be done in adjoining identified land by the students.

62. To augment income of local population through plantation of commercial species on private land, our Government will raise 50,000 Chandan saplings in nurseries of Forest Department during 2020-21 so that these are made available to the local people for planting on their land.

63. Three Externally Aided Projects are being implemented in the Forest Sector. These are H.P. Forests Eco System Management & Livelihood Improvement Project (JICA), Integrated Development Project for Source Sustainability and Climate Resilient Rain-fed Agriculture (IDP) and HP Forests Eco System Climate Proofing Project. Lantana grass will be eradicated from 2,500 hectares of land,

water conservation and management works will be done on 2,500 hectares of land and plantation will be done on 5,000 hectares of land under these projects in 2020-21. I propose an outlay of Rs.139 crore in 2020-21 for these projects.

64. Necessary skills on nature trails, adventure sports, trekking guides etc. will be provided by the Forest department to generate new employment opportunities for 500 youth.

65. In this budget speech, I have announced '**Parvat Dhara**' Scheme. Forest Department will implement this scheme in forest areas. In the coming year I propose to spend Rs.20 crore on this scheme.

66. An Early Warning System will be setup in Kullu valley for risk mitigation and vulnerability reduction from glacial outburst events. This will be a modern and sustainable catchment scale warning system with the focus to mainstream it with District Disaster Management Plan of Kullu district with the active participation of local people.

67. Himachal Pradesh Spatial Data Infrastructure project will be implemented in the State to provide online access of standardized spatial data/meta data to various line departments and educational institutions, which will facilitate better planning and execution of different schemes.

68. Under the '**Kaushal Vigyan Programme**', high quality hands-on training for 100 Graduate Students will be given in Biotechnology.

69. In 2020-21, Himachal Pradesh Science & Technology Council will aim to register at least 5 Geographical Indications (GI) for Karsog Kulth and Pangi ki Thangi, Chamba metal crafts, Chamba Chukh and Bharmouri Rajmaah of Chamba district.

70. Speaker Sir, the achievements made by the State in education have been praised at national and international levels. It is time to build on the achievements already made by focusing on the qualitative aspects of education. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee of Himachal Pradesh, I propose the following for improving quality of education in Himachal Pradesh:-

- To bring a qualitative change in the Elementary Schools, I announce to start a new **Yojana “Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Sreshtha Vidyalaya Yojana (Gyanodaya)”**. Under the scheme, modern facilities would be provided in 100 cluster schools, for students/ teachers which would include improved toilets, electricity and provision of fans, smart classrooms, furniture, library, better water facilities and improved sports facilities. Adequate teachers would be deployed in these cluster schools to ensure required Pupil Teacher ratio. We are hopeful that parents and students will repose confidence in these cluster schools. Rs.15 crore have been proposed for the Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Yojana in 2020-21.

- Speaker Sir, in 2020-21, I announce the start of a new **“Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Vidyalaya Yojana (UTTKRISHT)”**. 68 schools, in which enrolment is more than 500 would be identified for improvement of facilities in the first phase. Under the scheme, school facilities such as furniture, school campus development, better sports facilities and grounds, gym, smart class rooms, improvement of laboratories, better toilets and water facilities would be provided. Required Teacher Taught Ratio will be maintained. Rs.30 crore are proposed for this Yojana in 2020-21.
- Our Government will develop 9 Colleges as **‘Utkrisht’** colleges which would have improved facilities including gyms. Students would be able to study new and alternative subjects, not available in other colleges. Required Teacher Taught Ratio would be ensured in these colleges. I propose Rs.9 crore for this purpose in 2020-21.
- To improve Mathematics skills of students, our Government has decided to establish labs in 50 schools in 2020-21. As a result, Maths learning will become interesting and student friendly.
- Our Government has started the CV Raman Virtual Classroom Yojana. Under the scheme, students are provided teaching inputs through Virtual mode, in schools and colleges located in difficult areas. After the initial good results of the scheme, Virtual

Classrooms would be established in 106 educational institutions in 2020-21.

I would like to quote what Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had said on quality of education:-

“गुणवत्ता शिक्षा को साक्षरता के साथ प्राथमिकता दी जानी चाहिए। हम परिव्यय पर ध्यान केन्द्रित कर रहे हैं, अब हमारे लिए अपनी शिक्षा प्रणाली के परिणाम पर ध्यान केन्द्रित करने का समय आ गया है।”

71. B.Voc course has been started in 12 colleges of the State. I announce that B.Voc would be started in 6 more colleges. Placement in industry of 703 students, presently in the final year of B.Voc programme would be facilitated.

72. Under the Medha Protsahan Yojana, the meritorious students are being provided coaching for admission in professional/technical courses. In view of increasing competition for entrance to professional courses, I announce to start a new scheme “**Swaran Jayanti Super 100**”. Under the scheme, 100 top students of class 10 would be provided assistance of Rs.1 lakh each for undergoing training to compete in various entrance exams. I, would like to say to the students of the State that:-

यह आसमां का इशारा है,
कल का सूरज तुम्हारा है।

73. I am happy to announce that gyms/open gyms will be provided in the government medical colleges, engineering colleges and other professional educational institutions of the Government in a phased manner.

74. Our Government has approved filling up 10,700 posts in educational institutions of the State. Till now 4,000 posts have been filled up and the process of filling the remaining posts is on. Our Government has taken a decision whereby we will ensure that there is no teaching vacancy in any school, which affects the students. For this purpose the department will make necessary assessment of future vacancies due to retirement etc. in advance, so that teaching positions are filled up in time, without affecting the teaching in schools. This decision would help to improve quality of education in schools. There would also be a need based rationalization of schools so that available resources are utilized in a better manner.

75. I announce to raise honorarium of the IT Teachers engaged on outsourcing basis in Education department by 10 percent.

76. Part Time Water Carriers, as per the existing provisions, become eligible for being regular after rendering 6 years of service on daily wages. I announce to reduce this period to 5 years. I also announce to hire part time multi task workers in such primary schools where there is no part time or daily wage water carrier available.

77. The '**Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Cluster University**' has started functioning in Mandi. 138 Government colleges and 69 private colleges are functional in the State. I announce to affiliate colleges of Mandi district and nearby districts to this university to establish it as an Affiliating University. My Government is committed that this University is developed as a full-fledged University. All the necessary steps will be taken to ensure it.

78. The HP youth has served the Armed forces of the country with glory and given their prime youth to the armed forces. We propose to expand the NCC infrastructure in the State by opening Battalion/Companies so that more NCC students get B & C NCC certification which would help them in recruitment to Armed Forces/Para Military and Police services.

79. I propose to increase monthly honorarium of Mid-Day-Meal Workers and water carriers by Rs.300 per month.

I propose an outlay of Rs. 8,016 crore on Education during 2020-21.

80. Our Government is focussing on strengthening the health services after expansion of health institutions network in the State. People of the State have benefitted immensely from '**HIMCARE**' and '**SAHARA**' schemes started by our Government. 68 thousand and 222 beneficiaries have been provided health services worth Rs.63 crore under '**HIMCARE**' and 52 thousand and 922 beneficiaries have been benefitted

Health and
Medical Education

by availing health services of about Rs.53 crore under 'Ayushman Bharat'.

81. Himachal Pradesh Government is committed to eliminate Tuberculosis ahead of the national deadline. **"Kshay Rog Nivaran Yojana"** is being implemented in the State to strengthen the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme. The State was awarded the first prize in the country for excellence in the tuberculosis work last year. I propose to increase the diagnostic facilities for drug resistant tuberculosis. The facility of Line Probe Assays Lab, now available only at IRL, Dharampur will be started at Government Medical College, Tanda. Further, to increase nutritional support to Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Patients, I announce to extend financial help of Rs.1,500 per month under the above yojana to all Multi drug resistant TB Patients during their treatment period.

82. The incidence of breast cancer has increased in the State over last few years. This is the only cancer which, if detected early, can be treated with great success. I propose that all the district hospitals of the State will be provided with the Mammography facility in 2020-21. Similarly, a programme will be started for prevention and creation of awareness among adolescent girls and women, about the cervical cancer. A detailed work plan will be formulated after considering various aspects for vaccination of girls. I propose a new scheme **"Swasth aur Sashakat Kishoritav evam Matritva (SKM)"** covering both these aspects.

83. Our Government had started the '**Sahara**' scheme last year. Under the scheme, presently, chronically ill patients are provided financial assistance of Rs.2,000 per month. Out of 8 thousand and 188 beneficiaries registered under 'SAHARA' 5 thousand and 580 beneficiaries have already started getting a grant and the remaining beneficiaries will start getting it after verification. I announce to increase the assistance to Rs.3,000 per month.

84. People with HIV have to take Anti retroviral therapy (ART) throughout their life time, presently, being provided free to all the patients through ART centres. There are six ART centres in the State and these patients have to travel long distance for their continuous treatment. To increase the ART access nearer to their homes, I propose to start ART facilities in three Medical Colleges at Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar Medical College Nahan, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Medical College Chamba and Lal Bahadur Shastri Medical College, Mandi at Nerchowk.

85. The State Government is making all efforts to tackle the problem of anaemia. There are many children who suffer from Haemoglobinopathy like Thalassemia or Sickle Cell disease which is a genetic disorder. I propose to conduct mass screening of all school children in the State for detecting the disorder at an early stage.

86. I propose to establish a modern Child Health Care Centre in Dr. Rajinder Prasad Medical College, Tanda with

Maternal and Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit facility with an objective to bring down Infant Mortality Rate in the State.

87. Over 15 lakh population has been assessed for NCD (Non Communicable Diseases) risk factors under Mukhya Mantri Nirog Yojana. To address the increasing demand and to cater to the enhanced load of patients detected after screening, I propose to open '**Integrated Nirog Clinic**' in 10 facilities across the State.

88. Till now, free diagnostic facilities for 56 tests are being provided to 11 different categories of patients, I propose to extend this facility to all.

89. In order to strengthen the de-addiction and rehabilitation efforts in the State for drug dependants, it is proposed to provide appropriate grant in aid to the State Mental Health Authority.

90. I announce that the Health department will develop a comprehensive IT based system '**HIMAROGYA**' whereby unique health ID will be given to all the citizens which will help in providing better facilities to the people.

91. There are some remote locations in the State which are underserved with health care services. I announce to start 10 "**Mobile Health Centres**" with the objective of providing a range of health care services for population living in remote areas.

92. Speaker Sir, under 108 Ambulance Service Scheme, 198 ambulances are presently operational. Recently 46 old ambulances were replaced with new ambulances. I announce that 100 additional old ambulances would be soon replaced with new ambulances.

93. It has come to our notice that sometimes people tend to leave behind seriously ill patients in the hospitals without identity and attendant, making it difficult for the Hospital Administration to look after such persons. My Government proposes to provide free treatment including diagnostic services to such destitute persons and announce a new scheme “**Samman**” for the purposes. Speaker Sir, I would like to say:-

घर के बुजुर्ग, अगर मुस्कुराते मिलें,
तो समझ लेना कि, आशियाना अमीरों का है।

94. Our Government attaches top priority to ensure healthy lives of common people. Free medicines are also being made available through various institutions. I propose an outlay of Rs.100 crore for the purpose in 2020-21.

95. ASHAs are presently given an incentive of Rs.600 in rural areas and Rs.400 in urban areas for ante natal check-ups as well as institutional deliveries of pregnant women belonging to BPL, SC & ST categories under ‘**Janani Suraksha Yojana**’. I announce that incentives to ASHA workers for facilitating ante natal check up as well as

institutional deliveries shall also be payable in case of pregnant women of other categories in the State. Approximately Rs.5 crore will be spent from the State exchequer. In addition to this, I also announce an increase of Rs.500/- per month in the State contribution to the honorarium of ASHA workers.

96. I propose that senior citizens of 60 years and above would be provided Ayurvedic medicines free of cost in 2020-21.

I propose an outlay of Rs.2,702 crore for providing quality Health services and Rs. 307 crore for Ayurveda during 2020-21.

I pray for healthy life of people of the State by saying the following:-

ऐ सुबह तुम जब भी आना,
सबके लिए खुशियाँ लाना।
हर चेहरे पर हँसी सजाना,
हर आँगन में फूल खिलाना।।

Co-operation

97. To strengthen the Cooperative Societies and to improve transparency, cooperation laws will be suitably amended. These changes will help the Cooperative Societies to improve their capacity and incomes.

Urban
Development

98. Speaker Sir, we are aware of the traffic congestion and pressure on local resources in Shimla town. Thus there

is a need to decrease congestion by shifting some institutions from the town. Our Government has decided to shift Ganj Anaj Mandi and Bhatta Kufar Kath Mandi to Darni Ka Bageecha at Tutikandi Bye pass. Modern facilities like E-toilets, CCTV, modern weight bridges, parking and solar panels will be provided in the new Mandi.

99. I announce to construct a multi storey parking –cum-commercial complex in PPP mode at U block in Mandi town in view of acute shortage of parking place. The existing Government pre-primary and primary school at U block will be rehabilitated into a new model school with smart class rooms.

100. Himachal Pradesh is highly vulnerable to natural calamities. It is proposed to notify Model Municipal Building Bye-Laws in the State to promote/develop disaster resilient structures.

101. Women and other Self Help Groups in Urban areas will be connected to E-market/E-Commerce platforms to enable them to market their produce and to fetch better prices.

102. In 2020-21, 1,000 persons will be provided training in plumbing sector and 500 persons will be provided wage employment under '**Deen Dayal Antodaya Yojna-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)**'.

103. HIMUDA is developing new townships in Dharamshala, Jathia Devi and Dehra. Development plans are under preparation for these townships and work on the projects will start in the next financial year.

104. Shimla and Dharamshala have been selected for development under Smart City Mission. The State Government will provide 50 percent assistance under the Mission to expedite projects under the Smart City Mission. I propose an outlay of Rs.100 crore for the Mission in 2020-21.

105. Our Government has instituted the '**Atal Shreshtha Shehar Puraskar**'. This has yielded good results to promote sanitation and good waste management practices in Municipal Council and Nagar Panchayats. Presently this award is given to one Municipal Council and one Nagar Panchayat each. I announce to expand the Puraskar scheme which will now cover 3 Municipal Councils and 3 Nagar Panchayats.

106. Union Government has significantly increased the devolution of grants for Urban Local Bodies from Rs.61.74 crore to Rs. 207 crore, which is a 3 fold increase by accepting recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission. The cantonment areas of the State will also get these grants for the first time. I extend my thanks to the Government of India and the Finance Commission for this increase in grants. These grants will help to improve the drains, streets, water facilities, sanitation, water conservation efforts and public toilets in Urban Townships and Cantonment towns of the State.

107. In order to simplify regulatory provisions for house construction for common man, I propose that the Government will examine devolving the powers of map approval at

planning stage in all the Planning/Special Areas and ULBs of the State to private professionals empanelled under Himachal Pradesh Town & Country Planning Rules, 2014 (amended up to 2016) for residential plots measuring up to 500 square metres.

108. Our Government has launched the National Generic Document Registration System and the same was implemented in two Tehsils viz: Shimla (Urban) and Kumarsain of District Shimla on pilot basis. On successful implementation of the project in these two Tehsils the project will be rolled out in the entire State during 2020-21 which will help people to get their land documents easily registered.

Revenue and
Disaster
Management

109. Our Government proposes to enhance the income criteria from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1,00,000 for giving land to the landless/houseless persons.

110. Speaker Sir, I am grateful to the Union Government which has allocated Rs.454 crore to the State under the State Disaster Response Fund, which is 158 percent higher than last year's allocation. Out of this, Rs.50 crore has been allocated for risk mitigation. My Government has decided to constitute this fund. The State will utilize this fund to treat vulnerable landslides, strengthen critical infrastructure and take steps to build resilience of the State to various hazards.

111. I announce to increase the honorarium of Part Time Workers of Revenue Department by Rs.300 per month. I also announce to increase the honorarium given to all Numberdars by Rs.500 per month.

112. Under the ambitious '**Jal Jeewan Mission**', the Government of India has planned to provide each household with piped water connection. 56 percent households of Himachal Pradesh have already been provided piped drinking water facilities. Our Government will strive to provide piped water facility to each household in the State before 2024. In the first stage, 327 schemes would be implemented at a cost of about Rs.2 thousand and 900 crore. In addition, 209 ongoing Water Supply Schemes would be augmented and constructed at a cost of Rs.211 crore. I announce that over 1 lakh piped water connections would be provided to households in 2020-21,.

113. Speaker Sir, in addition to rural areas, our Government has prepared a medium term plan to strengthen water supply schemes in urban areas also. To provide 24x7 water supply in Shimla town, a Lift Water Scheme from Kol Dam is under implementation which would be completed in time. In addition, a comprehensive proposal has been prepared for improving water supply in 14 Urban Clusters. In the first phase, Kangra, Palampur, Dalhousie and Jawala Ji towns in Dharamshala cluster; Mandi, Sundernagar, Nerchowk and Rewalsar in Mandi cluster; Bhunter, Kullu and Manali in Kullu-Manali cluster; and, Solan Municipal Council along with Shimla Municipal Corporation in Shimla cluster will be covered. All these clusters are fast growing urban centres and are also important from the tourism point of view.

114. I announce to increase the honorarium of Water Guards, Para Fitters and Pump Operators by Rs.300 per month.

I propose an outlay of Rs. 2,213 crore for Drinking Water Supply Schemes.

115. Coordination among different departments is necessary to encourage private investment. For this purpose, it is important that a single empowered agency works to bring investment in all sectors and ensures expeditious approval of big investment proposals. I announce the establishment of **'Himachal Pradesh Investment Promotion Agency'** for this purpose. This agency will arrange required clearances from different departments through single window system. For this purpose, the Bill will be introduced in the Vidhan Sabha on priority.

Industries/
Private
Investment

116. Speaker Sir, to promote self employment opportunities to the youth, our Government has started several important schemes. Under these schemes, necessary training, credit facilities, capital subsidy, interest subsidy etc. are being provided to the interested youth. Necessary assistance will be provided under **"Him Startup Yojana" (HIMSUP)** to enable the youth to start their own enterprises. A Venture Capital Fund of Rs.10 crore will be created to fund the start-up enterprises.

117. Himachal Pradesh is famous for its craftsmanship. The important crafts include Chamba Rumal, Kullu Shawl, Kinnauri

Shawl, Silver Jewellery, Thangka Appliqué, Sheet metal crafts, etc. It is important that craftsmen are provided with additional skills, R&D help, design development and product innovation to enhance the skills and preserve rich tradition. The crafts persons need help with necessary financial support through professional organizations to sell their products in domestic and international markets. I announce a new scheme **“Paramparik Hathkargha Evam Hastshilp Cluster Protsahan Pariyojana (Parampara)”**. Under the scheme, artisans and craftsmen and their products in each district would be promoted on cluster basis. Rs.58 crore will be spent for implementation of this project.

118. The State Government is implementing the **‘Mukhya Mantri Swavlamban Yojana’** to promote local entrepreneurship and to provide self employment opportunities for the youth. Youth in the age group of 18-45 years are eligible for several concessions under the scheme. Male entrepreneurs are eligible for 25 percent subsidy on the investment/machinery and young women are eligible for 30 percent subsidy on a capital investment up to Rs.60 lakh,. I announce that widows up to 45 years of age would be eligible for 35 percent subsidy under the scheme. Speaker Sir, I would like to quote the following:-

हर शख्स, मुझे जीने का तरीका बताता है,
उन्हें कैसे समझाऊं, कि इक ख्वाब अधूरा है मेरा,
वरना जीना तो मुझे भी आता है।

119. Hydel Power is an important source of revenue for the State Government. Hydel projects of 515 MW are expected to be commissioned in 2020-21 which include Bajoli Holi HEP (180 MW), Wanger Homte HEP (24.6 MW), Sorang HEP (100 MW) and HPPCL's project Sawara Kuddu HEP (111 MW). The Uhl (100 MW) shall be commissioned in May, 2020. Construction of Luhri State-I, HEP (210 MW), Dhaulashidh HEP (66 MW), Chanju-III HEP (48 MW), Deothal Chanju (30 MW) will be started during 2020-21.

120. Renukaji Dam Project (40 MW) has been declared as 'National Project' which will be built with the cost of Rs.6 thousand and 947 crore. Construction on the project will commence in 2020-21.

121. Government of India has recommended a project to develop non conventional energy on sustainable basis to the World Bank for funding. Total cost of the project is about Rs.3 thousand and 200 crore. This project will help to strengthen the power generation, transmission and distribution sectors of the State especially in the difficult areas.

122. Our Government is preparing a policy to provide one time relief to the power producers for speeding up execution of projects, which have been stalled for years.

123. It is proposed to install Off-grid Solar Power Plants of the capacity of 250 Watts each in 1,000 households in Pangri Valley of Chamba district during 2020-21 to mitigate local electricity problems.

124. The Government has allocated Solar Power Plants with the capacity ranging from 250 KW to 500 KW to the bonafide residents of Himachal Pradesh with the aim to harness non-conventional clean energy and also to honour RPO (Renewable Purchase Obligation). The HPSEBL has been directed to purchase this power mandatorily through Power Purchase Agreement. I propose to provide a subsidy of Rs.2,000 per KW to these power producers to ensure that these plants are commissioned at the earliest.

125. During 2020-21, 8 new EHT schemes and 65 HW/LV distribution schemes are proposed for execution. The 8 EHT schemes are in Kothipura (AIIMS), Nadukhar, Nirath, Dudhli (Shimla), Moginand, Kasauli, Waknaghat and Chakwan Khanni Industrial Park. The joint venture company of HPSEBL, the Himachal Renewables Ltd., in collaboration with the Solar Energy Corporation of India, will commission 2 MW Solar Power Plant with battery storage in Kaza by June, 2020-21.

126. In some of the areas of the State particularly, remote areas, people are facing problems of low voltage. In order to address these problems, the HPSEBL has already identified such areas. I am glad to state that HPSEBL has started a scheme with a cost of Rs.158 crore with a target to complete it in 2020-21 to address the problems of low voltage in these areas.

127. 65,000 wooden poles are targeted to be replaced with new steel poles during 2020-21.

128. HPSEBL will recruit 3,000 new employees, mainly in the technical cadre, in 2020-21.

129. The State needs a robust transmission System to ensure that the produced power is taken to the consumers. My Government has successfully completed 6 sub stations and 6 transmission lines with a total cost of Rs.1 thousand 381 crore. 6 sub stations with the capacity of 820 MVA and 200 circuit kilometre of transmission lines will be completed by the Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation in 2020-21. An amount of Rs.350 crore will be spent on these works.

130. I propose a subsidy of Rs. 480 crore for domestic and agricultural consumers in 2020-21. More efforts are required to be made to ensure continuous and quality power supply to the people living in remote areas of the State. This subsidy will be rationalized as per requirement.

131. Speaker Sir, my Government has been making continuous efforts to explore tourism potential in the State. It is important from the view point of creating additional employment and self employment avenues.

Tourism

132. Solang valley, North Portal and South Portal (Sissu) of the Atal Tunnel will be developed as tourist destinations to promote Atal (Rohtang) Tunnel Tourism under “Nayee Rahen, Nayee Manzilen”. Two new tourist circuits will be developed. Eco-adventure and water sports will be promoted along these tourist circuits. These circuits will be connected with a

dedicated bus service. All efforts will be made to obtain necessary clearances for constructing ropeways to Bijali Mahadev and Rohtang Pass. I propose an outlay of Rs.50 crore for 'Nai Rahen Nai Manjilen' in 2020-21.

133. Swadesh Darshan Himalayan Circuit is being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. Total cost of this scheme is Rs.73 crore. A proposal has been sent to the Government of India to bring Chintpurni temple under Prasad Yojana. The total cost of the project is Rs.45 crore. Another proposal with a cost of Rs. 100 crore for development of Spiritual Circuit has been posed to the Government of India under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme. This proposal includes Shiv Dhaam in Mandi, beautification of Rewalsar, beautification of Baba Nahar Singh temple in Bilaspur, Kaleshwar temple in Dada Siba, Awaha Devi Temple in Hamirpur, Manikaran in Kullu and Trilokpur temple in Sirmour.

134. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh participated in the Surajkund International Fair as a partner State. It helped in disseminating information about traditional crafts of Himachal to other parts of the country and world. A very large number of handicraft and handloom products are produced in the State. However, artisans cannot fetch right price for their products in the absence of market linkages. I propose to start a Crafts & Tourism Mela in Himachal Pradesh on the pattern of Surajkund International fair.

135. With an objective to develop human resources in hospitality industry, Institute of Hotel Management in Dharamshala and Food Craft Institute in Sundernagar will be established with the assistance of the Government of India.

136. A new initiative will be started to prepare a pool of trained and skilled tourist guides. Training modules on history, culture, art, handicrafts and communication skills will be developed in consultation with the related institutes. These guides will be trained in different fields, in collaboration with the Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam and other departments.

137. My Government has fixed a target of organizing 9 Rozgaar Melas and 120 campus interviews in 2020-21 to provide employment to youth of the State. About 5,000 unemployed youth are expected to be provided employment in private establishments through these efforts.

Labour and
Employment

138. Speaker Sir, with the expansion of road transport network, there has been a rapid increase in demand for buses and other related services. I announce that the work on Multi level parking in Nahan Bus Stand and the Bus Stands in Kotkhaj, Barchhwad, Thunag, Karsog, Bhanjraroo, Theog and Amb would be completed soon. Work on Bus Stands would also be started in Darlaghat, Nankhari and Balichowki. Parking block would also be constructed in Banjar. I propose to provide Rs. 17.50 crore for construction of Bus Stands in

Transport

2020-21. Rs.10 crore have been provided for modernisation and maintenance of existing bus stands.

139. We will start air conditioned and super deluxe buses between big towns. HRTC will purchase 250 buses including 100 electric buses. On the analogy of Shimla town, HRTC will start tourist circuits in Dharamshala, Bilaspur and Mandi.

140. I propose to establish Transport Nagar in Hamirpur. This Transport Nagar will have modern facilities like driving test track, traffic park, training centre and workshop for repair and maintenance of vehicles.

141. During 2020-21 1,327 posts of different categories will be filled-up in HRTC to ensure smooth operation of buses in the far flung areas of the State. Rs.343 crore has been earmarked for HRTC in 2020-21.

142. Department of Transport shall be making all services online. Under this initiative, the department would develop Stage Carriage, Contract Carriage and National/International Driving Licence Management Systems to reduce footfall significantly in the offices of Transport Department during 2020-21.

Roads

143. Speaker Sir, our Government attaches highest priority to the road sector with emphasis on quality and safety. At present, there are 37 thousand 374 kilometres of motorable roads in the State. In the current financial year, 67 new villages

have been connected by road. Besides this, work of 595 kilometres motorable roads, 1 thousand 227 kilometres metalled roads, 38 bridges and 730 kilometres of water drainage construction has been completed.

144. Paonta Sahib-Gumma-Feedus bridge and Hamirpur-Mandi National Highways at a total cost of Rs.2 thousand and 598 crore will be developed as Green National Highways with the assistance of Government of India. Land acquisition and construction on the two roads will start in 2020-21. In addition to this, the work on National Highway Safety System on Kiratpur Sahib - Manali, Shimla - Parwanoo and Dharamshala - Gagret shall be started at cost of Rs.35 crore in the first phase under National Highway Interconnectivity Improvement Projects.

145. The 4 laning works on Parwanoo-Solan and Kiratpur-Manali National Highways would be completed on priority. The land acquisition and DPR preparation of Pinjore – Baddi - Nalagarh, Shimla - Matur and Pathankot – Chakki - Mandi roads is being done on priority.

146. Under the World Bank assisted Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP), state roads measuring 650 kilometres will be upgraded and 1 thousand and 350 kilometres road length will be provided periodic maintenance along with other institutional development activities. In the first stage 130 kilometres roads would be upgraded.

147. 3 thousand and 138 out of the 3 thousand and 226 Panchayats in the State have been connected by motorable roads. Out of remaining 88 Panchayats, works in 49 Panchayats are in various stages of progress under PMGSY, Bharat Nirman, NABARD, State Head etc. which would be completed soon. On the occasion of Golden Jubilee of Statehood of Himachal Pradesh, I propose to connect all the remaining 39 panchayats also with road. I request all the Hon'ble MLAs to have a dialogue with local people and concerned officers to ensure that the required clearances and gift deeds are obtained at the earliest so as to enable the Government to start execution of these roads. Our Government is also committed to provide road connectivity to hamlets with population of 100 to 249 on priority. I propose a provision of Rs.55 crore under '**Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana**', a scheme initiated by our Government to accelerate connectivity to the left out villages and habitations.

148. Speaker Sir, in order to complete construction of roads and buildings in a time bound manner, it is proposed to start Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) system on pilot basis. It is proposed to purchase modern equipment such as Snow Blower, Snow Plougher, Ice Breaker and Salt & Sand sprayers etc. to clear snow in a timely and effective manner in snow bound areas. It is proposed to use pre-fabricated material for building and parking's construction. I propose to build an inventory of bailey bridges with an objective to provide instant relief in the eventuality of a calamity.

149. To improve the road quality, the State Government has provided Rs.25.89 crore under OPBMC (Output and Performance Based Maintenance Contract)/PBMC (Performance Based Maintenance Contract) in 2020-21. The Government has a target of 500 kilometres under new technology initiatives using cold bitumen for tarring works.

150. I propose to spend Rs.44 crore in 2020-21 for road safety measures such as Steel Crash Barriers/improvement of narrow curves/width on accident prone sites and conducting safety audit of bridges.

151. Under the Annual Maintenance Plan, 2 thousand and 278 kilometres roads will be resurfaced in 2020-21 at a cost of Rs.306 crore. Plastic waste will also be used for maintenance of roads.

152. I propose to formulate Way Side Amenities Policy for providing toilets and other facilities to the commuters along State and National Highways. Necessary provisions will be made to ensure that the commuters on highways have access to these amenities.

153. Construction of 925 kilometres of motorable roads, cross drainage on 900 kilometres, metalling & tarring on 1,800 kilometres, construction of 75 bridges and connectivity to 90 villages with roads will be achieved in 2020-21.

I propose a budget outlay of Rs. 3,986 crore for construction of roads & their maintenance during 2020-21.

Excise and
Taxation

154. My Government will further strengthen the GST administration to increase revenue collection so that additional resources are mobilized for welfare of people. Excise administration will be automated to make it transparent and also to maintain buoyancy in the taxes.

Technical
Education and
Skill Development

155. Speaker Sir, my Government has been making sincere efforts to provide market driven skills to the youth of the State with the aid of modern technologies to ensure gainful employment to them. A '**Centre of Excellence**' will be established in Wagnaghat (Solan) in 2020-21 with the joint efforts of the Department of Information Technology and Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam. The Centre would promote IT skills and research and training activities in this field. The cost of establishing this centre will be around 20 million USD (about Rs.155 crore).

156. 19 ITIs of the State will be strengthened under the '**Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement Projects (STRIVE)**' being implemented with the assistance of the Central Government. Infrastructure up-gradation in these ITIs, improvement in teaching and learning skills, Apprenticeship, Training of Trainers etc. will be undertaken in the selected ITIs.

157. The Government will provide training to the youth of the State in English Speaking Skills, Insurance, GST etc. by collaborating with C-DAC Mohali, Central Tool Room Ludhiana, National Institute of Financial Management,

Faridabad and Himachal Pradesh University through the Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam. Necessary skills will be provided as per the demand of the market. 10,000 youth will be trained under the initiative. Additional 10,000 workers in the unorganized sector will be provided training through Bridge courses and Rapid Learning courses in a phased manner.

यूँ ही नहीं होती, हाथ की लकीरों से आगे ऊंगलियाँ,
रब ने भी, किस्मत से पहले मेहनत लिखी है।

158. The Skill Development allowance has benefitted thousands of youth of the State. 80,000 youth will be given skill development allowance in 2020-21. I propose an outlay of Rs. 100 crore in 2020-21 for the purpose.

159. The Government will formulate a Cultural Policy to preserve and promote the rich folk culture, art, historical heritage and vanishing scripts.

Language
Art and Culture

160. Various Voluntary Organizations are working for the preservation of our cultural heritage. I announce doubling of grant for cultural activities and purchase of traditional costumes, musical instruments and jewellery for these organisations.

161. People from India and abroad visit Shri Jawalaji, Brijeshwari Devi Kangra, Shri Chamunda, Shri Nayana Devi Ji, Shri Chintpurni Devi temples throughout the year. We have decided to establish, through temple trust, Mini museum and

art centre in these temples. The devotees will be able to appreciate history of these temples, religious beliefs and local traditions in a better way.

162. To promote Sanskrit language, State/District level competitions and workshops will be organized in schools at State/District level. To promote Punjabi language we propose to provide additional facilities for teaching the language in Punjabi speaking areas of Pradesh.

Youth Services
and Sports

163. H.P. State Sports Policy, 2020 has been drafted for inviting suggestions from different stake holders. The State Sports Policy 2020 shall be notified and dedicated to the sportspersons of the State.

खाली पड़ा है, मेरे पड़ोस का मैदान,
एक मोबाईल, बच्चों की गेंद ले गया।

164. The State Government plans to strengthen already created sports infrastructure in the State. The process has been initiated and DPRs with a cost of Rs.70 crore for construction and up-gradation of Sports Infrastructure have been submitted to the Government of India for approval.

165. Speaker Sir, Sports Tourism has great potential in the State. Towards this objective, it is proposed to organize Pre-World Cup of Indian National Open Paragliding Championship in April, 2020. I also propose to organize Asian Rafting Championship on river Beas in October, 2020.

Information and
Public
Relation

166. Such places will be identified on both sides of the highways in the State where hoardings containing information

for tourists can be displayed. A policy will be framed for putting up hoardings at such identified places.

167. My Government has provided laptops to all the State level and District level Accredited Journalists as was announced during my last budget speech. I announce to provide laptops to the Sub-Division level Accredited Journalists of the State.

168. Speaker Sir, my Government has taken several steps to deal with the problem of malnourishment among children and women. As a step to scale up our efforts, I announce a new scheme “**Swaran Jayanti Poshahaar Yojana**” in 2020-21. This scheme will be implemented as an umbrella scheme with the following components:-

Nutrition

- The Government is providing fortified food to Anganwadi children. I announce a new “**Bal Poshahaar Top-up Yojana**” to supplement existing food with extra nutrition food to completely eliminate malnutrition in these children. Under the scheme, Anganwadi children would be given fruit, milk and fibrous food to supplement existing food. Additional budget of Rs.30 crore would be provided for the purpose in 2020-21.
- Our Government has decided to start pre-primary classes in the primary schools. I announce that a new “**Swasth Bachpan**” scheme will be started for the pre-primary students enrolled in Government schools. Mid

day meal will be provided to the students of pre-primary classes within the school premises.

- In addition to above, all children from first to eighth grades will be provided nutritious food like milk and local fruit as top-up once in a week along with mid day meal. I propose an additional outlay of Rs.11 crore for the purpose in 2020-21. In addition, schools will use double fortified salt (Iron & Iodine) and fortified edible oil (Vitamin A & D) in the mid day meals.

I would like to say that:-

फल, सब्जी और आनाज,
का सेवन बढ़ायें।
फास्ट फूड से बचें,
और शरीर को स्वस्थ बनायें।।

Women and Child
Development,
Welfare of the
Weaker Sections/
Social Security
Pension.

169. Speaker Sir, through this House, I extend my good wishes to all the women of the State on the International Women's Day which falls on 8th March. I dedicate the following to the contribution made by women in different roles for development of society:-

दुनिया की पहचान है औरत,
हर घर की जान है औरत।
बेटी, बहन, माँ और पत्नी बनकर,
घर-घर की शान है औरत।।

170. Women and girls are treated in an undignified manner during menstrual cycles. It is important to instil awareness among girls, women and the society. For creating awareness in society and for ensuring healthy and productive lives of

the girls and women with dignity, I announce awareness programme “**Woh Din**” on a campaign mode in 20 selected blocks in the State at a cost of Rs.3.24 crore. This campaign will be collectively run by departments of Health, Ayurveda, Women and Child Development and Rural Development. Speaker Sir, I would like to say:-

नारी है तरक्की का आधार,
इनके प्रति बदलो अपने विचार।

171. The Government is depositing an amount of Rs.300 per month per child as fixed deposit in the name of foster children for their proper care. This amount is in addition to what the Government of India is providing under Child Protection Services. I announce to increase this amount to Rs. 500 per month.

172. Integrated Rehabilitation Centre of Addicts (IRCA) would be opened in 5 districts of the State with the assistance of Government of India in collaboration with voluntary organizations for rehabilitation of victims of the illicit drug use.

बिखरने के बहाने, तो बहुत मिल जाएंगे,
आओ हम, जुड़ने के अवसर खोलें।

173. My Government has expanded the social security net immensely. All the elderly people above the age of 70 years are now eligible for getting old age pension irrespective of their income. 1 lakh and 50 thousand additional pensioners have been included after this announcement. 5 lakh and 34 thousand pensioners are getting benefit under various

pension schemes in the State. On the Golden Jubilee of the Statehood, I announce to include 50 thousand more beneficiaries under various pension schemes in 2020-21. Speaker Sir, widows and disabled are the most vulnerable sections of our society. Those widows and divyangjans who are getting a pension of Rs.850 per month, I propose to raise it to Rs.1,000 per month for them. The expanded social security net would entail additional expenditure of Rs.100 crore per annum benefitting about 1 lakh 25 thousand beneficiaries and hence, a total of 1 lakh and 75 thousand persons will benefit from it. An outlay of Rs. 766 crore has been kept for Social Security Pension during 2020-21.

घर के बाहर, रास्ते में भी जला लो कुछ दीये।
यह न सोचो कि, कौन गुजरेगा उधर से।।

174. Government is providing co-contribution of Rs.2,000 or 50 percent of contribution, whichever is less, to subscribers of Atal Pension Yojana registered till 31-03-2020. Presently, 86,000 subscribers including MNREGA Workers, Agriculture/ Horticulture Workers, Shop Workers, Street Vendors, Angwanwadi Workers/ Helpers, ASHA Workers, Mid-day Meal Workers, Tailoring Mistress and others are benefitting from this scheme. I am happy to extend the scheme to 31-03-2021 to benefit existing beneficiaries and also attract new people to the scheme. Government will spend Rs.15 crore for the purpose.

175. Anganwadi workers/helpers, ASHA workers, water carriers/guards, mid-day meal workers, tailoring mistress, etc.

are not covered under any insurance scheme. I am happy to announce that these categories will be brought under insurance scheme.

176. One Time Settlement scheme would be brought in to provide relief to the beneficiaries of Himachal Pradesh Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Corporation, facing genuine difficulties in servicing of their loan,

177. Speaker Sir, I announce to increase the honorarium to Anganwari Workers by Rs.500 per month, to Mini Anganwari Workers by Rs.300 per month and to Anganwari Sahayika by Rs.300 per month.

178. Sustainable and inclusive development of Tribal areas of the State has always been a priority of the present Government of the Bhartiya Janata Party. I propose an outlay of Rs. 1,758 crore for Tribal Development during 2020-21.

Tribal
Development.

179. Speaker Sir, the people of HP have rendered yeoman service in the Military and Para-Military forces of the country. Our Government has taken several important steps for welfare of Ex-servicemen. These efforts would continue in future also. In recognition of the laudable efforts of the very senior Ex-servicemen for their services to the nation, I announce to increase the War Jagir assistance from Rs.5,000 per annum to Rs.7,000 per annum.

Welfare of Ex-
Servicemen and
Freedom
Fighters.

180. For places where there are no canteen facilities for the Ex-servicemen, the State Government will take up the

matter with the Union Government for establishment of canteen or counter facilities in these un-served areas. The basic infrastructure (including expenditure on temporary facilities) would be met by the State Government. Speaker Sir, I would like to say:-

समर्पित कर दिया जीवन, जिन्होंने देश के लिए,
चलो उनके लिए कुछ करते हैं।

Home/Law and
Order.

181. The law and order situation has improved in the State during the tenure of present Government. Vigilance and surveillance are important to maintain law and order. I announce to install mounted cameras on 176 police vehicles in 2020-21. These cameras will be connected with the Control Room. It will help in keeping a vigil on anti social elements and will also help in checking drug trafficking.

182. Our Government has also laid emphasis on police modernisation. Body worn cameras have been very useful in tackling unruly and anti social elements. Towards this purpose, I propose to buy 500 additional Body Worn Cameras in 2020-21. In addition, 500 CCTV cameras would be installed to assist the Police.

183. To tackle cyber crimes effectively, the existing Cyber Coordination Centre would be strengthened with additional resources and modern equipment.

184. The incidence of illegal mining in the State has endangered livelihoods of the farmers and the environment

equally. To effectively curb illicit mining, I announce the creation of 10 new dedicated Mining Check Posts in areas from where there are frequent complaints of illegal mining. These Mining Check Posts would be run in coordination by Police and Mining wing of the Industry department.

185. For effective criminal investigation, Forensic Services play an important role. DNA Database would be prepared in the State for better investigation of serious crimes. Forensic services would be strengthened with the equipments based on modern technology and need based technical posts will be created.

186. Speaker Sir, our Government has been following a policy of zero tolerance to corruption. Towards this direction, a Vigilance Police Station would be established in Baddi. The Vigilance Manual of the State would be updated on the pattern of CVC Manual of 2017.

187. To strengthen fire services, 5 Fire Posts would be upgraded as Fire Sub Stations.

188. Speaker Sir, in my last budget speech I had announced to fill up 1,063 posts of constables. I announce to fill up 1,000 more posts of constables in 2020-21 to further strengthen the police force.

I propose an outlay of Rs. 1,729 crore for Home department which includes Police, Home Guards, Fire and Prison departments.

189. National Pension Scheme (NPS) employees retired before 22-09-2017 have been demanding grant of gratuity

Employees
Welfare.

for a long time. I announce the grant of death-cum-retirement gratuity to such NPS employees also. Over 5,500 NPS employees will be benefited. Rs. 110 crore will be spent for this purpose.

190. Our Government is committed to the welfare of Employees and Pensioners. On 25th January, recently, I had announced release of 5 percent DA/DR for employees/pensioners which entails an additional expenditure of Rs.300 crore per annum. Our Government is committed to release revised pay scale/revised pension to the employees and pensioners.

191. The contract employees are currently getting emoluments equal to basic pay plus grade pay plus 125 percent of grade pay. I am happy to announce that in the next financial year, contract employees will be paid emoluments equal to basic pay plus grade pay plus 150 percent of grade pay. This will benefit about 22,000 contract employees.

192. I announce an increase in minimum daily wages from Rs.250 to Rs.275 per day. The wages of other daily wagers would be revised in a proportionate manner. The hourly rate for part time workers will also be suitably increased.

193. For employees, contract employees, daily wagers and part timers of Government Departments / PSUs / Boards / Universities, it is proposed to increase the insurance amount from Rs.2 lakh to Rs.5 lakh in case of death and full disability

and in case of partial disablement, the insurance amount will be increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh under the Group Accident Insurance Scheme, with an increase in the premium amount.

194. I am happy to announce that government employees who are blind or are 70 percent orthopedically handicapped will now get conveyance allowance at the rate of Rs.750 per month against the present rate of Rs.500.

195. During the tenure of the present Government in last two years, 4 thousand 278 new posts were created and 15 thousand 315 posts have been allowed to be filled up. The Government proposes to fill 20,000 functional posts in various departments including Doctors, Teachers, Para Medical Staff, Nurses, Police Constables, Technical posts in HPSEB, Conductors and Drivers in HRTC, Junior Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Revenue department staff, Veterinary staff, Part Time Multi Task workers in Education department etc.

196. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh has made many achievements in economic, social and environmental sectors during about last 50 years. It is time now that Himachal Pradesh should be developed as the most favoured destination for investment. It is important to develop alternative modes of transportation, other than roads.

Alternative modes
of transport.

197. Presently, two rail projects namely Bhanupalli-Bilaspur-Beri and Chandigarh-Baddi are being executed in the State. Land acquisition on first 20 kilometres length of Bhanupalli-

Bilaspur-Beri rail line has been completed and construction work has started on this portion of the line. On rest of the rail alignment too, work will be started once land acquisition is completed. Additional allocation of Rs.105 crore has been provided as State contribution during 2019-20 for these rail lines. Land acquisition is underway for Chandigarh-Baddi rail line. Civil works will also be started on this rail line soon. These rail lines are jointly funded by Government of India and Government of HP.

198. The State is making efforts to develop water transport facilities. In the initial stage, the water transport route between Tatta Pani and Salapar shall be completed and dedicated to the people of the State in 2020-21.

199. I propose execution of Bagla Mukhi (Mandi) ropeway and another ropeway from Narkanda to Hatu Mata temple. The execution of these ropeways will be started during 2020-21 under the PPP mode. Wherever VGF (viability gap funding) is required, the same shall be provided under the State budget.

200. Similarly, 5 new Heliports will be constructed in the State to facilitate Heli taxi services. Chamba town will also be included in Udaan-2. Heliports will be constructed in all the district headquarters in a phased manner on the basis of experience from the operation of initially established five heliports.

201. Necessary steps will be made to expand existing airports at Kangra and Shimla. The obligation of the State

Government for Shimla and Kangra airport is with respect to provision of land to the Airport Authority of India. The process of land acquisition for the two airports will be started in right earnest so that land free from all encumbrances is handed over to the Airport Authority of India for civil works. Subsequent to the signing of the MoU with Airport Authority of India for setting up of a green field airport at Mandi, the process of land acquisition will start soon. The expansion of existing airports and construction of one new airport will give choice to the tourists with regard to different available modes of transportation.

I propose an outlay of Rs. 1,013 crore for expansion and construction of airports and heliports in 2020-21.

अपनी लम्बाई का गरूर है रास्तों को,
लेकिन वो मेरे कदमों के मिजाज नहीं जानते।

202. Speaker Sir, it is a matter of satisfaction for the State Housing facilities. that no one is without shelter in Himachal Pradesh. A prosperous State should have households with all basic amenities. On the occasion of 50th anniversary of Himachal's Statehood, we resolve to provide households with toilets, safe drinking water and electricity to all eligible people of the State. These facilities will be provided in convergence with the ongoing schemes '**Jal Jeevan Mission**' and '**Roshni**'. I propose the following for 2020-21:-

- In the last budget, our Government had announced to increase housing assistance by Rs.20,000 per

beneficiary for all rural housing schemes. This decision of the Government provided much needed relief to the needy people. I announce an increase of Rs.20,000 in the financial assistance per beneficiary under the Prime Minister Awas Yojana (Urban) scheme also.

- Applications of eligible applicants for housing assistance under Scheduled Caste Housing Subsidy Scheme are lying pending with the Government. I announce that all these eligible applicants will be provided assistance under the scheme by 2022.
- 10,000 new beneficiaries will be covered under all the housing schemes in rural and urban areas of the State in 2020-21 which is more than double the number of beneficiaries covered during last year. These beneficiaries will be covered under various schemes as follows:-
 - ✓ 51 hundred eligible persons belonging to Scheduled Castes will be given benefit under the new “**Swaran Jayanti Ashray Yojana**”.
 - ✓ 31 hundred housing units under ‘**Mukhya Mantri Awaas Yojana**’.
 - ✓ 1,000 housing units under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Urban).
 - ✓ 800 housing units under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (Rural).

203. It is an ambitious initiative of our Government in the Housing sector. It is proposed to spend Rs.160 crore for this purpose.

हम वादे नहीं, इरादे लेकर आए हैं।

204. Speaker Sir, now I present the revised estimates for Budget Estimates. 2019-20 and budget estimates for 2020-21. As per the revised estimates for 2019-20, total revenue receipts are expected to be Rs. 32 thousand and 330 crore. Total revenue expenditure as per revised estimates for 2019-20 is expected to be Rs. 36 thousand and 337 crore. Thus the total revenue deficit is expected to be Rs. 4 thousand and 7 crore as per revised estimates.

205. The total budget of the State for 2020-21 is Rs. 49 thousand and 131 crore. During 2020-21, total revenue receipts are estimated at Rs. 38 thousand and 439 crore whereas total revenue expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 39 thousand and 123 crore. Thus total revenue deficit is estimated at Rs. 684 crore. Fiscal deficit is estimated to be Rs. 7 thousand and 272 crore which is 4 percent of the Gross State Domestic Product.

206. Speaker Sir, no new taxes are proposed in the budget estimates for 2020-21. As per estimates, there is an 11 percent increase in Revenue receipts from State's own sources in 2020-21 compared to budget estimates of 2019-20. I believe that effective tax administration, continued support of Government of India, funding from International

Funding Agencies and prudent fiscal management will help us to fund the new and ongoing schemes.

207. Out of every hundred rupees to be spent by the Government in 2020-21, Rs.26.66 will be spent on salaries, Rs.14.79 on pension, Rs.10.04 on interest payment, Rs.7.29 on loan repayment and Rs.41.22 will be spent on development works and other activities. The detailed budget estimates for the financial year 2020-21 are contained in the budget documents which are being presented to this August House.

208. Speaker Sir, Now I would like to summarise highlights of the budget:-

- The State will celebrate Himachal Pradesh Swaran Jayanti in 2020-21
- 189 Jan Manch programmes have been held in which 47 thousand 848 complaints and demands were received, 43 thousand 548 complaints were settled to the satisfaction of the complainants by the end of February, 2020.
- Mukhya Mantri Seva Sankalp have also gained popularity. 37 thousand 990 complaints have been resolved till February, 2020
- The growth rate of State's economy is expected to be 5.6 percent during 2019-20
- Aspirational Development Block Programme will be started for backward areas.
- Districts obtaining First, Second and Third ranks in District Good Governance Index will be awarded.

- Rs. 7 thousand 900 crore proposed for the Annual Plan 2020-21
- Under MLA priorities, per Constituency limit for posing DPR's increased to Rs.120 crore.
- Under Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana, the allocation increased to Rs.1.75 crore and Discretionary Grant of Hon'ble MLAs increased to Rs.10 lakh.
- MLAs and Government Gazetted Class I & II Officers and other better off sections urged to surrender food subsidy under PDS voluntarily.
- Under Grihani Suvidha Yojana LPG connection will be provided to new families which are eligible for the facility.
- **"Krishi Kosh"** of Rs. 20 crore created to support FPOs.
- **"Krishi Se Sampannta Yojana "** (KSY) started to promote Heeng and Saffron cultivation.
- 20 thousand hectare land to be brought under natural farming during 2020-21.
- Nadaun Medium Irrigation Project will be commissioned.
- 111 Minor Irrigation Schemes with a cost of Rs.338 crore to be completed and 4 new schemes with a cost of Rs.87 crore approved by Government of India under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna.
- Command area of already commissioned irrigation schemes will be developed under CAD.
- New Scheme **"Krishi Utpaad Sarankshan (Anti Hail net) Yojana (KUSHY)"** to be started to provide **50% assistance for** Steel or Bamboo structure for supporting anti hail net.

- Madhu Utpadan Evam Prasanskaran Yojana (MUPY) for value addition to Bee keeping activities started.
- New scheme 'Mehak' to plant and process aromatic plants started.
- Free insemination to be started in 3,300 villages in 11 districts.
- Health of Jersey female calves to be followed up under a new programme in Kangra district.
- One Cow Sanctuary and one large Cow Sadan will be established in the non-tribal districts.
- Subsidy on the breeding rams to be given to beneficiaries of all categories.
- New scheme "**Him Kukkut Palan Yojana (HIMKUPY)**" to be started to encourage poultry farming.
- "**Mobile Pashu Chikitsa Sewa (MOVES)**" will be started on pilot basis to provide veterinary services at the doorstep of the farmers.
- Procurement price of milk increased by Rs.2 per litre.
- New scheme 'Parvat Dhara' to re-juvenate water sources and recharge aquifers started. Forest department to implement this scheme in forest areas.
- 2,000 Lok Mitra Kendras will be established.
- New scheme 'Unnati' to skill MNREGA workers and another scheme 'Panchwati' to construct paths and garden in rural areas started.
- 500 Panchayats of the State will be made Solid Waste free.
- Rs.5 lakh award to each Panchayat which is free from consumption of tobacco.
- Plantation to be done on 12,000 hectare land.

- 50,000 Chandan saplings will be propagated by Forest Department.
- The budget has outlined a specific road map for quality in education. “**Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Sreshtha Vidyalaya Yojana (Gyanodaya)**” started for Elementary Education.
- New Scheme “**Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Vidyalaya Yojana (Utkrisht)**” under which facilities would be improved in 68 schools of Higher Education department
- 9 Colleges as ‘Utkrisht’ colleges would be developed with improved facilities.
- Math labs to be established in 50 schools.
- B.Voc would be started in 6 more colleges.
- A new “**Swaran Jayanti Super 100**” scheme will be started to encourage meritorious youth for admission to professional courses.
- Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Cluster University to be developed as an Affiliating University.
- Batallion/Companies to be created to increase student enrolment in NCC.
- Financial help of Rs.1500 per month to be given to MDR TB patients.
- For early diagnosis of breast cancer amongst women Mammography machines will be made available in all the district hospitals of the State.
- Financial assistance under ‘**Sahara**’ increased to Rs.3,000 per month.
- Free diagnostic facility for 56 tests will be available to all categories.

- 10 “**Mobile Health Centres**” to be established for providing range of health care services for remote areas.
- Under 108 Ambulance Service Scheme, 100 new ambulances will be purchased.
- A new scheme “**Samman**” for destitute will cover their treatment in hospitals.
- Budget allocation of Rs.100 crore for free medicines will be made.
- Free Ayurvedic medicines to old people above the age of 60 years will be provided.
- Budget of Rs.100 crore for Smart Cities project will be provided.
- Awards to Nagar Parishads and Nagar Panchayats for sanitation.
- Grants for Urban Local Bodies increased from Rs.61.74 crore to Rs. 207 crore. The Cantonment areas of the State will also get these grants first time.
- Disaster Mitigation Fund with an initial outlay of Rs.50 crore will be created.
- All the households of the State to be provided piped drinking water facilities before 2024 under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- 1 lakh households will be provided piped water connections in 2020-21.
- Improved water supply to be provided in 14 Urban Clusters in the first phase.
- ‘**Himachal Pradesh Investment Promotion Agency**’ to be established to facilitate new investment.
- “**Him Startup Yojana**” (**HIMSUP**) started to enable the youth to start their own enterprises.

- Under “**Paramparik Hathkargha Evam Hastshilp Cluster Protsahan Pariyojana (Parampara)**” clusters will be established to promote local handloom & handicrafts. Rs. 58 crore will be spent on the project.
- Under ‘**Mukhya Mantri Swavlamban Yojana**’ widows will be eligible for 35 percent subsidy.
- During 2020-21 Hydro Electric Projects of 515 MW capacity will be commissioned and new projects of 394 MW capacity will be started.
- The bonafide residents of HP will be provided subsidy of Rs.2,000 per KW for executing solar projects of 250 to 500 KW capacities.
- 1,000 households in Pangri Valley to get 250 Watt Solar off-grid solar panels each.
- A Crafts and Tourism Mela on the pattern of Surajkund International Fair will be held in the State.
- Institute of Hotel Management in Dharamshala and Food Craft Institute in Sundernagar to be established.
- Pre-World Cup of Indian National Open Paragliding Championship in Bir Billing and Asian Rafting Championship on river Beas to be organized.
- Efforts to be made to ensure connecting remaining 39 panchayats with road to ensure that no panchayat remains unconnected.
- Policy to provide Way Side Amenities along Highways will be framed.
- Construction of 925 Kilometres of motorable roads, cross drainage on 900 kilometres roads, M/T on 1800 Kilometers roads, construction of 75 bridges and connectivity to 90 villages will be achieved in 2020-21.
- A ‘**Centre of Excellence**’ to be established in Wagnaghat (Solan) at a cost of Rs.155 crore.

- 19 ITIs of the State will be strengthened.
- Sub Division level Accredited Journalists will be provided Laptops.
- A new “**Swasth Bachpan**” scheme launched for pre-primary classes.
- “**Bal Poshahaar Top-up Yojana**” will supplement existing food in Anganwaris to reduce malnutrition.
- An awareness programme “**Woh Din**” to start for awareness of Menstrual Hygiene.
- 5 Integrated Rehabilitation Centres of Addicts (IRCA) will be established with the assistance of Gol.
- 50 thousand additional persons to get benefit of Social Security Pension. Pension of Widows and Divyangjan will be increased to Rs.1,000/- from present Rs.850 PM. A total of 1 lakh and 75 thousand persons will benefit from it.
- Honorarium of Anganwari Workers, Mini Anganwari Workers, Anganwari Sahayika, Silai Teachers, Mid Day Meal Workers, Water Guards, Para Fitters, Para Pump Operators, Panchayat Chowkidar etc. will be increased.
- Honorarium of IT Teachers in Education Department increased by 10 percent.
- War Jagir assistance increased.
- 10 new dedicated Mining Check Posts to be established to check illegal mining.
- 5 Fire Posts would be upgraded as Fire Sub Stations.
- Gratuity to NPS employees retired before 22-9-2017.
- Salary of contract employees increased.
- Daily Wages increased to Rs.275.

- Conveyance allowance to blind and 70 percent Orthopedically disabled employees will be increased to Rs.750.
- 20,000 vacant posts of various departments to be filled up during 2020-21 which includes 3,000 posts of HPSEB, 1,000 posts of Constables, over 5,000 posts in Education, 1,300 posts in HRTC, various posts of class III, class IV in PWD, Revenue, Forest, Animal Husbandry and other departments.
- Inland water transport services will be started from Tatta Pani to Salapar.
- Bagla Mukhi (Mandi) ropeway and Narkanda to Hatu Mata temple ropeways will be started under PPP mode.
- 5 new Heliports will be constructed in the State to facilitate Heli taxi services.
- Necessary steps will be taken to expand existing airports at Kangra and Shimla. Land acquisition process to be started soon for green field airport at Mandi.
- Budgetary provision of Rs.1,013 crore has been made for expansion of airports, construction of airport at Mandi and construction of 5 heliports.
- Houses for 5100 families under Swaran Jayanti Ashray Yojana. In addition to this, 4,900 families belonging to other categories will be provided housing facility under various other urban and rural housing schemes.

209. My budget has been an attempt to reach all sections of the society while addressing all sectors. Most of the proposals are aimed at giving better future to the youth by encouraging the spirit of skilling, entrepreneurship and providing enabling environment for the same. Special efforts have been made to augment the income of farmers through

various innovative measures in agriculture, allied sectors and minor irrigation. In the social sector, we have substantially enhanced the social security net for the poor and other vulnerable sections and have also more than doubled the number of houses to be made available for the poor especially the Scheduled Castes. Our conscious effort has been to address the problem of malnutrition among children by providing richer nutrition and supplements so as to promote a healthy society. While striving to promote a knowledge based society, we have also laid a road-map for improving quality in education, from primary schools to college level. The budget has earmarked sizable amount for capital works for roads, irrigation, water connections and non-road connectivity. For employees of all categories who are the back bone of the State's administration & economy, a large number of measures have been proposed. Our endeavour is to develop an inclusive, growth oriented Himachal Pradesh which opens up new avenues of investment and employment.

Speaker Sir, I would like to commend this budget to this August House with the following lines:-

सफ़र की हद है यहाँ तक की, कुछ निशान रहें,
चले चलो के जहाँ तक ये, आसमान रहे।
ये क्या उठाये कदम, और आ गई मंजिल,
मज़ा तो जब है, के पैरों में कुछ थकान रहे।।

Jai Hind – Jai Himachal