

Honourable Speaker Sir,

1. With your permission, I rise to present the budget for the year 2021-2022.

2. I have the fortune to present my fourth budget before this august House. Since my first budget of 2018-19, we not only gave new direction to the State's development journey but also provided momentum to it. In accordance with the public aspirations, we took new and meaningful initiatives in all departments of the Government. The positive outcome of these initiatives is now visible in all sectors. Our Government has kept public interest uppermost while framing its policies and their execution during its three year tenure.

हार हो जाती है जब मान लिया जाता है।
जीत तब होती है जब ठन लिया जाता है।।

3. While laying down the action plan before this august House to realise the aspirations of the State, through the budget for 2020-21, no one had anticipated that the entire world will face the biggest pandemic of the century. There is no other example in mankind's history of a virus like Novel Corona virus taking the entire world in its grip. This pandemic led to an unprecedented global crisis in just a few weeks time creating an atmosphere of fear, anxiety, uncertainty and economic disaster around the world. Even the rich nations found themselves helpless by this pandemic. Despite unprecedented strides of science, it seemed impossible to stop this infectious disease. Markets, railway stations, airports, which used to be busy round the clock, were deserted. One after the other, nations went for lockdown. There was no medicine for treatment, nor any vaccine for prevention of the disease. Mounting cases by the minute, tragic deaths, economic catastrophe, coupled with social and psychological challenges created a terrible crisis for the entire human race.

No one was left untouched by its ill effects. There was a strange dilemma. One option was to shut down everything and stop all businesses to avoid this epidemic, but the resulting situation was bound to affect many lives. We knew that if the spread of epidemic was not halted, lives will be lost; but, it was also true that if all activities were stopped, livelihoods would be threatened. We had to save lives as well as livelihoods. It was an unusual situation.

भूख से या वबा से मरना है।
यह फैसला आदमी को करना है।।

4. The challenge was unprecedented, but the grit to face the challenge was also unparalleled. We are not only encountering the global Corona pandemic fearlessly and successfully but we have also been able to mitigate its ill-effects.

5. Speaker Sir, I pay my respect to the health care and front line workers who, without bothering for their lives, served people of the State with dedication. I express my gratitude to all Corona Warriors for rendering their services to people of the State in an hour when they were required the most.

6. The world has sacrificed millions of lives due to Corona Virus. In Himachal Pradesh too, a large number of families lost their loved ones due to this epidemic. I express my heartfelt condolences to all of them on my behalf and on behalf of this honourable august House. Speaker Sir, I pray, on behalf of this House and people of the State, to Almighty to give strength to the family members of those who lost the battle of COVID to bear this irreparable loss.

7. It is the good fortune of our nation that in this hour of difficult ordeal, the leadership of India is in the hands of dynamic, popular and strong willed, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Bhai Modi ji. It is due to his strong and efficient leadership during Corona times that India is not only fighting this epidemic successfully against all odds but is amongst the few leading countries of the world that have developed

the Corona vaccine. We are not only providing vaccine to our fellow countrymen but are also giving it to other countries of the world. This accomplishment is a symbol of our rich cultural heritage of “Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam” and the result of the efforts of our scientists. After a period of despair, rays of hope are visible. We have shown that no crisis can be greater than the collective power of humanity.

रोक सकता है तू लहरों को, कोशिश करके तो देख,
लौटा सकता है तू तूफ़ां को, कोशिश करके तो देख।
मुसीबतें खड़ी हैं जो सीना ताने तेरे सामने,
सर झुकाएंगी एक दिन, कोशिश करके तो देख।।

8. It is a matter of pride for the people of the State that on January 2021, the State entered its fifty-first year of complete Statehood after completing the journey of fifty golden years. While presenting the budget last year, I had announced that 2020 will be celebrated as the Golden Jubilee Year and major events will be organized across the State so that the young generation gets an opportunity to know the history of the State and become aware of the rich traditions of this Dev Bhoomi and Veer Bhoomi. Though, Novel Corona Virus put a halt to these events but it gave us many opportunities to learn and innovate. We have decided that these events will now be organized in 2021-22 and the saga of our fifty years of development will be taken to each person in the State, through ‘**Swanim Rath Yatra**’. We also plan to bring out a Vision Document for the State.

हर बाधा से जीत रहे हम,
मिल कर सपने सींच रहे हम।
पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी जन मन के तप का हासिल है,
ये मेरा हिमाचल है, ये अपना हिमाचल है।।

9. COVID pandemic has adversely affected global economy and Indian economy has not been an exception. Huge contraction was noticed in the national economy due to Corona and the GDP contracted by minus 23.9 percent in the first quarter. However, the economy started to recover as a result of continuous intervention made by the Government

National Economy

and by the end of the year the contraction is estimated at only minus 7.7 percent. Not only this, the Economic Survey 2020-21 has estimated a growth of 11 percent in the coming year. Due to the well-planned strategy of lock-down followed by un-lock in a phased manner, we are today confident of economic recovery . This is an encouraging situation. In the third quarter of the year, the GDP growth has turned positive. This “V” shaped economic recovery is the result of imaginative, innovative and forward-looking schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, Atamnirbhar Bharat Package of Rs.27 lakh crore and direct transfer of money into the accounts of needy people.

हिम्मत वाले पल में बदल देते हैं दुनिया को,
सोचने वाला दिल तो बैठा सोचा करता है।

State Economy

10. It is because of the efforts made by our Government that the State’s economy is estimated to contract only by minus 6.2 percent which is 1.5 percentage points less than the estimated contraction of GDP at national level during 2020-21. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is expected to be Rs.1,56,522 crore during 2020-21 as per the Advance Estimates. The per capita income of State is estimated to be Rs.1,83,286 which is more than the estimated national per capita income for 2020-21 by Rs. 56,318.

Development
Budget

11. Speaker Sir, the Budget of the next year has a different format as the State Government has taken a decision to end the distinction between Plan and Non-Plan, starting from 2021-22. This decision has been taken in accordance with the practice at the national level. Now budgetary outlays will be classified only as Revenue and Capital outlays. The Scheduled Caste Component Programme will now be termed as Scheduled Caste Development Programme and the Tribal Sub Plan will be known as Tribal Area Development Programme. The practice of earmarking 25.19 percent of the total development outlays for Scheduled Caste Development Programme and 9

percent for Tribal Area Development Programme remains unchanged.

12. Rs. 9,405 crore is proposed for developmental activities during 2021-22. Outlay of Rs.2,369 crore is proposed for Scheduled Caste Development Programme and an outlay of Rs.846 crore is proposed for Tribal Area Development Programme. An outlay of Rs.93 crore is proposed for Backward Area Development Programme. I also propose to rename the Planning Department as Neeti Department in view of the changed circumstances and budget structure.

13. My Government has rationalized some schemes and programmes under implementation for a long time with a view to make them more effective. Rationalization is expected to be completed in 2021-22.

14. The 15th Finance Commission has recommended a significant award of grants for Himachal Pradesh despite fiscal difficulties arising out of the once in a century pandemic. On behalf of the people of the State, I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Central Government and the 15th Finance Commission.

15. The Union Government has provided Rs. 450 crore to the State as interest free loan in two instalments with a repayment period of 50 years. We thank the Central Government for this financial assistance.

16. Speaker Sir, I would like to inform this august House that our Government has succeeded in getting 639 MLA priority schemes worth Rs. 2,382 crore during the first three years of its tenure from NABARD. Our Government has not only increased the pace of making DPRs but also speeded their execution by making adequate budgetary allocations. I request the Hon'ble MLAs to provide assistance in getting private land donated for execution of these schemes, wherever required.

17. I make following announcements for 2021-22 based on the suggestions received from the Hon'ble MLAs during the meetings held with them on 8th and 9th February, 2021:-

- The outlays under 'Vikas Mein Jan Sahyog' will be doubled as compared to current financial year.
- The present limit of Rs.120 crore for posing MLA priority schemes to NABARD for funding under RIDF will be increased to Rs.135 crore.
- The 'Vidhayak Kshetra Vikas Nidhi Yojana' was suspended in April 2020 due to difficult financial situation. Later it was partially restored and an amount of Rs. 50 lakh was released. This Nidhi will be restored in 2021-22 and I announce the increase of this Nidhi from the existing Rs.1.75 crore to Rs.1.80 crore. The Hon'ble MLAs can recommend a maximum amount of Rs. 50,000 for Self Help Groups in addition to Mahila Mandals and Yuvak Mandals. Necessary guidelines in this regard will be issued separately.

18. Speaker Sir, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh.Narendra Modi, the Central Government had reduced the salaries of Hon'ble Union Ministers and Hon'ble Members of Parliament to raise additional resources to fight COVID. I would like to extend my thanks to all the Hon'ble Ministers, Members of Legislative Assembly and Chairmen/Vice Chairmen of the Boards and Corporations in Himachal Pradesh, who took a 30 percent cut in their salaries for supplementing resources, required for tackling Corona. I announce that this cut will be restored with effect from 1st April, 2021.

Digitization

19. Speaker Sir, despite Corona pandemic, our Government has been able to provide timely services to the people of the State, using the Online Platforms. Taking a cue from digital experiences during the pandemic, more services will be provided digitally, to increase their

effectiveness. In this direction, following steps are proposed next year:-

- An integrated Command and Control Centre will be established in the State Secretariat at Shimla. This will help in managing and delivering urban services promptly in Shimla and Dharamshala on a unified platform.
- Under the '**Swaran Jayanti Sampark Sankalp**', all Panchayati Raj bodies and Municipal bodies will be digitally connected through video conferencing in a phased manner. Rs.60 crore will be spent for the purpose.
- Video conference facilities will be made available in ITIs, of the State.
- 80 services will be integrated with the Himachal Pradesh Online Portal and made available through Lok Mitra Kendras.
- To effectively regulate the higher Private Educational Institutions, HP Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission will launch an IT based Management Information System.
- State schemes will be integrated with the Public Finance Management System on the pattern of the Government of India.
- An Integrated Beneficiary Data Base Management System will be developed for proper selection of beneficiaries in the various schemes of the Government.

20. Speaker Sir, we are committed to provide transparent, accountable and corruption free administration. After assuming office we have put an end to partisan politics of revenge.

Governance and
Administrative
Reforms.

21. Our Government is committed to ensure transparency in Governance and also more efficient service delivery in the State. I propose the following during 2021-22 to make administration more effective:-

- To improve Governance and to promote healthy competition among the Deputy Commissioners, '**Swarn Jayanti Innovation Fund**' will be established.
- To increase transparency in public life, it would be mandatory to upload online Annual Assets & Liabilities Statement for Class I & II officers.
- All departments will review and make necessary amendments in their respective Rules, Acts and processes to improve the Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Living for citizens.
- Training of officers and employees in all departments will be made more effective.

Grihini Suvidha
Yojana

22. Our Government gives top most priority to the dignity of women and is implementing several schemes to realise this objective. Grihani Suvidha Yojana is an important initiative in this connection. It has freed the homemakers from disease, pollution and avoidable drudgery.

23. Under the 'Himachal Grihani Suvidha Yojana', over 2 lakh and 92 thousand families have been provided gas connection. New eligible families will also be provided gas connection under the scheme and free cylinder refill will continue to be given. Our Government will spend Rs.20 crore on this scheme in the next year. Swami Vivekananda had said, "**There is no chance for welfare of the world unless the condition of woman is improved. It is not possible for a bird to fly on only one wing.**"

24. Considering the importance of social distancing, Food and Civil Supplies Department will explore the possibility

of introducing IRIS scanning as a method of Biometric identification to improve the processes involved in ration distribution.

25. Despite COVID, the hard working farmers of the State have supported the State's economy by toiling in their fields. Agriculture is the foundation of life. Our government expresses gratitude towards the farmers. The various schemes being implemented for farmer welfare are in deference to their role in nation building and their contribution to the national economy.

Agriculture and
Irrigation

26. Considering the success of the first phase of the Japanese Government assisted JICA project in 5 districts of the State, the 2nd phase of the project will be implemented in all 12 districts of the State. This project will be implemented with a total cost of Rs.1,055 crore for which formalities are being finalized. With the objectives of diversification of crops and increasing farmers income, all preparatory activities including finalization of 60 DPRs, capacity building farmers associated with Krishak Vikas Sanghs, modernization of Mandis etc. will be started in 2021-22.

27. 'Subhash Palekar Natural Farming System' being implemented under 'Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kissan Scheme' has been running successfully and has given encouraging results. 1,05,218 farmers have adopted this scheme. 50,000 more farmers would be brought under this scheme in 2021-22. In addition, 1,00,000 farmer families will be made aware about the benefits of natural farming. To create market niche for organic produce, it is proposed to register and certify farmers engaged in this practice and their produce will be branded. I propose a budget of Rs.20 crore for this scheme in 2021-22.

28. Our Government will start "Swaran Jayanti Paramparagat Beej Suraksha Samvardhan Yojana" to conserve and propagate traditional seeds in the State. Strategy will be chalked out to link propagation of seeds of

local pahari pulses, traditional grains and off-season vegetables with the market. Self Help Groups, Farmers and Producer Organizations and Krishak Vikas Sanghs will be included in the scheme.

29. Speaker Sir, to encourage research and keeping in view the spirit of 6th pillar of the Union Budget 2021-22, which is 'Innovation and Research & Development', I announce creation of a "Research and Development Fund" for the Agriculture and Horticulture Universities of the State. This fund will be established with an initial corpus of Rs.5 crore. Detailed guidelines for the same will be issued separately.

30. 63 Mandis are presently operational to assist farmers and producers in selling their produce in the market. The work on 3 new Mandis – Mehndali and Shilaroo (Shimla), Bandrol (Kullu) and expansion and up-gradation of 20 existing Mandis would be completed in 2021-22. For this purpose, Rs.200 crore would be spent. Apart from the existing 19 Mandis, 10 additional Mandis will be linked to 'E-NAM System'. Presently, Floriculturists are not able to sell their produce in Krishi Mandi of the State because of absence of any provisions in the related Act. I announce that marketing and trading of flowers will be made a permissible activity in these Mandis, by making appropriate addition in the Schedule of HP Agricultural, Horticultural Produce Marketing (Development and Regulation) Act, 2005.

31. Speaker Sir, to effectively utilise and harness the Culturable Command Area (CCA) already created, the HIMCAD Scheme has been started by the Government. 15,242 hectares of CCA have already been brought under the Command Area Development Scheme. In 2021-22, 4,000 hectare of additional land is proposed to be brought under the scheme at a cost of Rs.83 crore, which is double of the earlier budget provision.

किसान का बेटा हूँ खेती करना मेरा कर्म है,
अपने साथ दूसरों का पेट भरना मेरा धर्म है।

32. Our Government considers Horticulture as an area of prime importance. The State has achieved several milestones in horticulture sector in the last 50 years due to the hard work of farmers and horticulturists.

33. Under the Rs.1,000 crore World Bank-funded Horticulture Development Project, following initiatives will be taken in 2021-22, besides other activities:-

- Five lakh root stocks will be imported.
- 8 thousand hectares command area will be provided minor irrigation facilities through 200 Water Users Associations.
- A Gene Repository would be established in Dr. Y.S. Parmar University, Nauni.
- The work of CA stores and Pack Houses at Jarol-Tikker, Rohru, Oddi, Patlikuhl and Tutupani will be completed.
- An Apple Juice Concentrate Plant will be established in the plant at Parala, Shimla.

34. Implementation of a pilot project at a cost of 10 million US dollars being implemented to boost horticulture farming in Sub Tropical Areas of the State will be fast tracked.

35. I announce a new scheme “Swarn Jayanti Smridh Bagwan” to provide high density good quality plants to the farmers at affordable cost.

36. Under the Krishi Utpad Sarankshan (Anti Hail net) Yojana (KUSHY), agriculture and horticulture farmers will continue to get subsidy on hail net. This scheme is quite popular. I would like to apprise the House that the outlay for this scheme was just Rs. 2.27 crore in 2017-18. The scope of this scheme has been expanded immensely by our Government during last three years. I propose to continue this scheme in 2021-22 with an outlay of Rs.60 crore which

is enhancement of more than 10 crore over the previous outlay.

37. I announce the setting up of the State Bee Board to encourage beekeeping activities and to ensure appropriate price to farmers for their produce.

38. Green houses will be developed on 1 lakh square metres area at a cost of Rs.11 crore in 2021-22 under Himachal Pushap Kranti Yojana to boost floriculture.

Rs. 543 crore have been earmarked for Horticulture Sector in 2021-22.

Animal Husbandry/
Cow Protection

39. Speaker Sir, to provide specialised high quality services to dairy farmers, 3 zonal hospitals and 10 veterinary polyclinics will be modernised and provided with modern equipment and tools. The veterinary institutions at sub-division level will also be equipped in a phased manner. An outlay of Rs. 5 crore is proposed for this purpose in 2021-22.

40. Our Government is dedicated to Gau-seva. It has been providing per Gau-vansh assistance through cow sanctuary and Gau-Sadans in the State. Availability of adequate fodder has to be ensured to serve Gau-vansh. Sheep breeding centres of Taal and Jeori and at cow breeding Centres at Palampur and Bagthan will be developed as Fodder Production Centres.

41. Speakers Sir, I am happy to announce increase in milk procurement price by Rs. 2 for dairy farmers. During 2021-22 an outlay of Rs. 28 crore is proposed for MILKFED.

Fisheries

42. Speaker Sir, modern fish markets and allied infrastructure will be developed for fishermen engaged in Gobind Sagar and Pong reservoirs, on the line of agriculture markets. It will help in better marketing of fish and will provide better returns to fish farmers.

43. One ornamental fish unit each will be set up in Shimla and Kangra in the private sector. One Bio flock Fish Farming

unit will come up in Kangra district. 100 new Trout units will also be established.

44. Speaker Sir, Hon'ble Prime Minister has emphasized promotion of Climate Change Resilient Agriculture. Even today 90 percent families of the State are directly or indirectly connected to Agricultural and allied activities. Farmer family at the village level is a single unit that engages in agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, floriculture, bee keeping, fisheries and other allied activities. Various departments try to reach this same integrated unit through their respective schemes.

Agriculture
and Allied Sectors

45. It has been observed that at times there is duplication in schemes which does not allow optimum utilisation of time, money and effort. I propose to rationalize and restructure existing schemes being run by different departments in agriculture and allied sectors by keeping interest of farmers at the centre stage. I propose to constitute an Expert Group to prepare an ambitious action plan. This Expert Group will also give recommendations to make efforts for doubling farmers income more effective.

Speaker Sir, I come from a farming family and understand the pain of farmer.

चीर के ज़मीन को उम्मीद के बीज बोता हूँ,
किसान हूँ, सींचता हूँ लहू से तब फसल देता हूँ।

46. Speaker Sir, recently the elections to Panchayati Raj and Urban Local Bodies have been concluded peacefully and successfully in the State. People have participated in these elections with great enthusiasm and I am happy that they have wholeheartedly supported the policies of our government. I express my gratitude to people of the State. I also congratulate the newly elected representatives of the rural and urban local bodies. 102 Gram Panchayats have returned their representatives unopposed, without casting a single vote. All such Panchayats are eligible for getting an incentive grant of Rs.10 lakh each.

Panchayati Raj &
Rural Development

47. New Gram Panchayats were last constituted in 2005 although there had been a consistent demand to create new

Panchayats to meet the geographical and administrative needs. 412 new Panchayats have been recently. Currently, there are 3,615 Gram Panchayats in the State.

48. I announce that all the newly notified Gram Panchayat will be provided with Panchayat Ghars in a phased manner.

49. Rs. 248 crore will be provided to the Panchayati Raj Institutions in 2021-22 as per the recommendations of 5th State Finance Commission. In addition Rs. 409 crore provided by the Central Government will be spent for rural development programmes through these institutions.

50. District Resource Centres have been constructed in five districts namely Kangra, Hamirpur, Solan, Mandi and Bilaspur to train representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions,. Three centres are under construction is Kinnaur, Sirmour and Shimla. In 2021-22 work on District Resource Centres will be started in Una and Kullu.

51. 598 Common Service Centres are being set up in the Panchayats to provide all IT related services at panchayat level under one roof. 2982 Common Service Centres will be established in 2021-22 at a cost of Rs.149 crore.

52. In 2020-21, 364 sites have been identified and work has been started at 180 places under the 'Panchwati Scheme'. In 2021-22, parks will be constructed at 100 additional sites under this scheme.

53. Self Help Groups (SHGs) are a useful tool to empower rural women. Presently over one lakh SHGs have been formed by different departments in the state.

54. I announce that 5 thousand 500 Self Help Groups will be provided Rs.8 crore 25 lakh as Revolving Fund and 1,500 SHGs will be provided Rs.7 crore 50 lakh as Community Investment Fund under 'National Rural Livelihood Mission'.

55. There is a need to provide well-thought and well-planned support to develop entrepreneurship amongst the SHGs. At present the SHGs can avail interest subvention based loan up to an amount of Rs.3,00,000. I propose that the SHGs willing to take a loan up to Rs.5,00,000 to increase their activities and develop their entrepreneurship will be provided interest subvention on same rates for additional amount of Rs.2,00,000. Rs.10 crore will be spent annually on this subsidy.

56. Self Help Groups need a range of specialist support services to improve their functioning and to take their products to the market. Best 100 SHGs will be provided performance based incentive to meet these objectives. Detailed guidelines will be issued in this regard at an early date. I announce to bring both these initiatives of my Government under a new 'Swaran Jayanti SHG Sahyog Yojana'.

57. I announce to launch a new scheme "HIM IRA Rasoi (Canteen)" on pilot basis under which SHGs will run canteens in Technical Education Institutions and government offices to provide additional livelihood opportunities for Self Help Groups. The successful model of "She-Haat" started in Sirmour District will be replicated in other districts as well with the participation of Women Self Help Groups.

58. I announce that One thousand candidates will be trained in traditional arts of metal, stone and wood craft under 'Mukhya Mantri Gram Kaushal Yojana' in 2021-22 and one thousand beneficiaries will be provided job placement under 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushal Yojana'.

59. It is proposed to construct 100 Community Sanitary Complexes in Gram Panchayats. 16 Plastic Waste Management Plants and 12 Goverdhan projects will be established under 'Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)'. Solid and Liquid Waste Management activities will be started in 2,400 villages.

60. 250 women will be authorised by banks to work as 'Bank Correspondent Sakhis' to provide better banking facilities in remote areas,

61. I am happy to announce enhancement of honorarium of Panchayat Chowkidars and Silai Adhyapikas by Rs.300 per month.

62. In the last budget, I had affirmed Government's resolve to increase the tree cover percentage from 27.72 percent to 30 percent by 2030. A new policy will be formulated with provisions for both incentives and disincentives to increase survival percentage of new plantations and to ensure accountability. New plantation on 12,000 hectare land was targeted in 2020-21. I propose to enhance this target and new plantation will be done on 14,000 hectare land in 2021-22.

तमाम दिन जो कड़ी धूप में झुलसते हैं,
वही दरख्त मुसाफिर को छाँव करते हैं।

63. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Statehood our Government will develop 68 Swarnim Vatikas to promote healthy and natural life styles among citizen.

64. Presently, 3 Externally Aided Projects are being implemented in the State namely Forest Ecosystem Climate Proofing Project of KfW; JICA assisted Improvement of Himachal Pradesh Forest Ecosystem and Livelihood; and World Bank assisted IDP for Source Sustainability and Climate Resilient Rain-Fed Agriculture. Under these projects, 2000 hectare of land infested with lantana will be treated, plantations will be raised on 3,000 hectare area and 7,000 hectare area will be treated under soil conservation and management works.

65. Water storage facilities will be created to tap perennial streams by building check dams to increase moisture content in forest areas. Each such dam/pond would be able to retain 8 to 10 lakh litres of water. 300 dams/

reservoirs will be constructed in the next 2 years on which Rs.100 crore would be spent.

66. 'Chharma' (Seabuckthorn) plantation will be undertaken on 250 hectares in the high altitude areas of Lahaul & Spiti and Kinnaur districts in the next 5 years. 'Chharma' will be planted on 50 hectares land in 2021-22.

67. Speaker Sir, recently we have simplified the procedures for obtaining permission for felling trees on private land. This will help increasing farmers' incomes. Divisional Forest Officers/ Conservators have been delegated enhanced powers to give tree-felling permissions.

68. Speaker Sir, the Science Learning and Creativity Centre being constructed at a cost of Rs.10 crore near Shoghi in Shimla will be dedicated to the people in 2021-22. The construction of the much awaited Planetarium will also be started at the same place in 2021-22 at a cost of Rs.7 crore.

Environment,
Science and
Technology

69. A Digital Library on climate change adaptation and mitigation will be established in collaboration with the Government of India and GIZ during 2021-22 in the Department of Environment, Science and Technology. **70.** Our government has prepared an action plan for effective waste management. 70 plastic waste shredders, 70 plastic waste baling machines and 70 plastic waste compactors shall be provided to the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) to help them collect and manage plastic waste on sustainable basis. The ULBs will be provided technical support to make plastic bricks and tiles for permanent solution of plastic waste. It is our moral duty to keep our environment clean. Atharv Veda says:-

“माता भूमिः पुत्रो अहम् पृथिव्याः”

अर्थात् यह धरती माता है और मैं उसका पुत्र हूँ।

71. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh welcomes the 'National Education Policy-2020'. This policy will bring comprehensive and far reaching changes in the field of

Quality Education

education right from early childhood care to higher education. Credit goes to the Hon'ble Prime Minister who has dedicated National Education Policy-2020 to the nation to realise the resolve of Atmanirbhar Bharat.

The determining principle of the National Education Policy-2020 is :

“The purpose of the education system is to develop good human beings capable of rational thought and action, possessing compassion and empathy, courage and resilience, scientific temper and creative imagination, with sound ethical moorings and values.”

72. School examination for the students studying in 3rd, 5th and 8th standards will be mandatory for assessment of the Teaching Learning Process as per the National Education Policy-2020.

73. I had announced “Swaran Jayanti Super-100” scheme in my previous budget which aimed at providing coaching to the meritorious students for admission into professional institutions. I propose to expand the scope of this scheme and start a new Scheme “**Top-100 Scholarship Scheme**”. Under the scheme, best 100 students from all Government schools will be selected by the SCERT after 5th standard.

74. I propose to start special courses in Science, Maths and Spoken English on pilot basis to prepare young students for competitive examinations. In 2021-22, 100 Maths Labs will be established in Government Middle Schools. Chess will be promoted to develop mental faculties of children. It is said:-

कर्तव्यों का बोध कराती
अधिकारों का ज्ञान,
शिक्षा से ही मिल सकता है
सर्वोपरि सम्मान ।

75. 'Him Darpan Shiksha Ekikrit Portal' will be developed to deliver quality education to increase effectiveness of education system. Portal will enable uploading of information pertaining to teaching learning practices and personnel matters through mobile application.

76. Sports play an important role in the overall development of the students. School sports tournaments are organized at Block, District and State level. I propose to double the diet money of the participants from Rs.50 to Rs.100 at Block level, from Rs. 60 to Rs.120 at Zonal and District level and from Rs. 75 to Rs.150 at the State level.

77. Speaker Sir, our Government started 'Medha Protsahan Yojna' in 2018-19 to provide financial assistance to meritorious students who aspired to take coaching for competitive exams outside the State. Till date 838 students have been given monetary help of Rs.2.19 crore. The State Government will continue to promote meritorious students in the State through all possible measures.

78. Quite after, our talented students very often have to go outside the State to take coaching for competitive exams. During COVID time the education department provided quality education by reaching out to the remotest parts of the State through 'Har Ghar Pathshala', the digital platform. Our Government will make a policy using available human resources and technology to coach Government school students for various competitive exams. The policy will also take into account the personality development and career counselling needs of the students. Both online and offline modes will be used for providing coaching to the students. I propose an outlay of Rs. 5 crore for this purpose.

79. Under the 'Srinivas Ramanujam Scheme', meritorious students are given laptops. Given the technological advances, alternatives to laptops are available. It is proposed to consider suitable modifications to the

existing scheme. Outlay of Rs.25 crore is proposed for this scheme.

80. Speaker Sir, last year we took the initiative to give new direction in education sector with focus on quality. Specifically, I would like to mention three schemes— Swaran Jayanti Gyanodaya Cluster Srestha Vidyalaya Yojana, Swaran Jayanti Utkrisht Vidyalaya Yojana and Utkrisht Yojana for the Colleges. 100 Cluster Schools, 68 Senior Secondary Schools and 9 Colleges will be covered under these schemes in the coming year. These institutions will be equipped with essential modern facilities and will be adequately staffed. I propose Rs. 63 crore for these three schemes in 2021-22.

81. Infrastructure up-gradation will be taken up in 100 other schools in convergence with the Rural Development Department.

82. I announce to enhance the maximum limit of remuneration of all categories of teachers under SMC by Rs. 500 per month. I also announce to raise remuneration of IT teachers deployed on outsourced basis in different schools. I also announce to setup a High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to look into the demands of Teachers of various categories.

83. Keeping in view the health of school children our government will provide hygiene kits to the Mid Day Meal workers in 2021-22. I am happy to announce that the honorarium of Mid Day Meal Workers and Water Carriers will be enhanced by Rs.300 per month.

I propose an outlay of Rs. 8,024 crore on Education during 2021-22.

84. Speaker sir, presently tool kit grant is being given to all SC trainees passing out from ITIs. I announce that appropriate guidelines will be issued for providing tool kit grant to students belonging to other categories as well.

85. The construction work of civil block at Mahatma Gandhi Government Engineering College, Kotla (Jeori); Mechanical Engineering Block at Sundernagar; Workshop Block-B at ITI Kumarsain; Workshop Block at ITI Arki; ITI building at Gangath; ITI building at Karsog; Government Polytechnic for Women at Rehan and Hydro Engineering College at Bandla will be completed and dedicated to the public in 2021-22. An amount of about Rs.400 crore will be spent on these works.

86. Speaker Sir, our Government is fully committed to the health and well-being of the people of Himachal Pradesh particularly children. Our Government is studying the recent report of National Family Health Survey- 5 in its seriousness. Different departments will have to come together to address the problems of stunting, wasting, malnutrition, and anaemia. I announce that the Government in collaboration with the NITI Aayog conduct a study and prepare an Action Plan based on it to tackle these problems.

87. As Positron Emission Tomography (PET) Scan facility is not available in any health institution in the State, therefore, cancer patients are compelled to get this facility at exorbitant rates in neighbouring States. I announce that PET scan machine will be installed in IGMC, Shimla during 2021-22. In addition, CT Scan and MRI machines will be provided in the Medical College Tanda. Hamirpur and Nahan Medical Colleges will be provided MRI machine. I propose an outlay of Rs.70 crore for this.

88. Speaker Sir, the state Government expresses its gratitude to the Union Government for the apex health institutions such as AIIMS, Bilaspur and PGI Satellite Centre, Una. I announce that the Super Speciality Hospital, Chamiana, Shimla being built with a total cost of Rs.278 crore will be made functional during 2021-22. In addition, the new OPD Block and Trauma Centre being constructed with a cost of Rs.103 crore and Rs.25 crore respectively at IGMC Shimla will also be made functional in 2021-22. The

Super Speciality Ward at Dr RPGMC Tanda will also be strengthened. Efforts will be made to attract as many super specialists as possible to work in the State.

89. Unprecedented expansion has been made in the tertiary health care in the last three years. Rs.772 crore will be spent to provide adequate services and for infrastructure improvement in the State Medical Colleges located at Shimla, Tanda, Nahan, Hamirpur, Chamba and Nerchowk and also in the Dental College at Shimla. This expenditure has risen by 28 percent from Rs. 554 crore, three years back, when my Government took office.

90. At present 1,600 treatment packages are available under HIMCARE. Need based expansion of the Scheme will be considered. I announce that from 2021-22 all HIMCARE beneficiaries of above 70 years of age and all orphan children living in the Bal Ashrams of the State will be covered under the scheme without having to make any contribution.

91. I would also like to inform the honourable House that the State Government will spend more than Rs.250 crore in 2021-22 under Aayushman Bharat, HIMCARE, Mukhyamantri Chikitsa Sahayata Kosh, Free Medicines, Sahara, Samman, Nikshay Poshan Yojana and other health related welfare schemes.

92. Dealing with blindness and other vision related ailments among children is a challenge for health policy makers. These children need corrective action at an early age. I announce launching of 'Mission Drishti' to cover all Government school students from Class-VI to Class-X. Free eye check-ups will be done and free spectacles, if needed, will be provided to them.

93. I am extremely happy to announce that the State has emerged as the best performer in Total Immunisation. Mother and Child Health services will be provided in an integrated manner. Digital Haemoglobin Meters will be provided to all the Health Sub-Centres and Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram teams. These will be helpful in timely identification and addressing the problem of anaemia.

94. Pneumonia is one of the major reasons of under 5 mortality. Our Government has taken several steps to reduce the deaths on account of pneumonia. In this context I announce that pneumonia screening will be done in all Health and Wellness Centres with the help of Oximeter under the Universal Primary Health Care Programme. The programme will be started in Mandi and Chamba districts in first phase and will be expanded to other districts, based on the results.

95. Child malnutrition figures are a matter of concern. My government is fully committed to improve this situation. Poshan Punrvaas Kendras will be set up in all the State Medical Colleges to address this problem.

96. I announce to increase the stipend of PG students, Junior Residents, Senior Residents, DM/M.ch students by Rs.5,000 per month.

97. ASHA workers have made valuable contribution during Corona. I announce to increase their honorarium by Rs.750 per month. In addition, they will be incentivised to take expectant mothers to 'Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan' Clinics for third Ante Natal Check-ups. An amount of Rs.2 crore will be spent on this.

98. State Government will set up 143 AYUSH Wellness Centres in 2021-22. AYUSH Department will train a group of Yoga instructors who will be available to give services in private sector to popularise Yoga.

99. Everyone knows "Jaan Hai to Jahan Hai". Here I would like to repeat the following lines spoken daily by billions of Indians representing our cultural tradition:-

ॐ सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः, सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः ।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु, मा कश्चिद्दुःख भाग्भवेत् ॥

or

Om, May all be happy; May all be free from illness; May all see what is auspicious; May no one suffer. I propose an outlay of Rs. 3,016 crore for health services.

Cooperation

100. Our Government will computerise 50 Societies on pilot basis with the assistance of NABARD to strengthen the Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies in the State. In coming years, the programme will be expanded to include all Primary Agriculture Societies at a cost of Rs.10 crore.

101. Our Government will help 50 Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies to convert as Multi Service Centres by providing assistance at concessional 4 percent interest through Cooperative Banks. The programme will be expanded in a phased manner to cover more Primary Agricultural Cooperation Societies (PACS).

Urban Development

102. Speaker Sir, despite increasing urbanization only 10 percent of our total population lives in notified urban areas. After an interval of 15 years our Government has reorganized urban areas of the State to ensure planned development of fast urbanizing areas. As a result 3 new Municipal Corporations at Mandi, Solan and Palampur; one new Municipal Council at Sarkaghat; and seven new Nagar Panchayats at Shahpur, Amb, Ani, Nirmand, Chirgaon, Nerwa and Kandaghat have been notified.

103. The newly created ULBs and the newly merged areas have been exempted from paying property tax for a period of 3 years and the rights of the residents have also been protected. Our Government is committed to strengthen infrastructure in these urban bodies by providing better facilities such as street lights, parks, roads, parking, open gym etc. All the required posts will be filled up in the newly created urban local bodies at the earliest to strengthen these bodies.

104. I propose to give grant of one crore rupees each to the newly notified Municipal Corporations of Solan, Palampur and Mandi to strengthen the basic infrastructure for the benefit of the people in the newly created urban bodies and merged areas. Grant of Rs. 20 lakh each for the newly notified Nagar Panchayats during 2021-22 will be provided.

105. I announce that all the ULBs will strive to get ODF+ level certification. 15 ULBs will be got certified for status of ODF++ and for 1 Star rating under 'Star rating under Garbage Free Cities-2021. In addition to this, target is fixed to achieve 5 Star rating under the Star Rating System of Garbage Free Cities for Shimla, Dharamshala and Mandi Municipal Corporations.

106. Speaker Sir, my Government will dedicate following works worth Rs.94 crore to the people of Shimla to be completed through Shimla Jal Prabandhan Nigam in the coming year:-

- Sewage Treatment Plants at Lal Pani, Malyana and Dhali being upgraded at a cost of about Rs.63 crore.
- New Sewage Treatment Plant being constructed with a cost of Rs.13 crore in Ashwini Khad.
- Sewer Network and Sewage Treatment Plant for residents of Tutu area with a cost of Rs.12 crore.
- Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant with a capacity of 2.5 Kilolitre per day at Lal Pani.

107. In addition, work for establishing 24X7 water distribution system for all Municipal Wards in Shimla town will be started in 2021-22 with an outlay of about Rs.270 crore.

108. Sewage Treatment Plants using 'Root Zone Technology' are being established at four places in Dharamshala. In 2021-22, work on another STP will be started. The construction work of Faecal Sludge and Septage Management Plant will be started with a total cost of Rs.10 crore. In addition, 7000 LED lights worth Rs.25 crore will be installed in Dharamshala in 2021-22.

109. Speaker Sir, under Shimla Smart City Project many important works will be completed in 2021-22. These works

include construction of smart path between Sanjauli and IGMC; construction of multi storey parking near IGMC; widening of the Circular Road and construction of pedestrian paths along side; stabilization of the Ridge; construction of foot over bridges and escalators at various places; installation of smart meters and construction of smart school in Krishna Nagar etc. Rs.258 crore will be spent to speedup execution of these works.

110. Under Ease of Doing Business reforms, AutoDCR software will be started in Urban Local Bodies and planning areas enabling them to grant online approvals to building maps and development plans. This will have provision of software based scrutiny of maps to reduce human interface.

111. I propose an outlay of Rs.163 crore in 2021-22 for development of infrastructure and service delivery in urban areas as per the recommendations of the State Finance Commission. Similarly grant of Rs.161 crore will be provided to Urban Local Bodies and Cantonment Boards for the coming year as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission.

112. Speaker Sir, my Government is concerned about the problem of legacy waste in urban areas. A comprehensive policy will be framed in 2021-22 to tackle this problem for which funds from different sources will be channelized.

113. Revenue Department is simplifying the processes of registration of property by using National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS). It was started on pilot basis. Now this will be rolled out in 174 sub-Registrar offices in the State. This will provide online registration platform and citizens will be able to pay fees, get e-stamps and deposit registration documents from home.

114. The State Government has received in- principle approval to execute a project worth Rs.800 crore for Disaster Risk Reduction with the assistance of the French Development Agency. Main components of the project are

warning systems, capacity building and development of climate change resilient policy. In addition, Himachal is one of the eight states selected by the National Disaster Management Authority for implementation of World Bank funded National Earthquake Risk Mitigation Project.

115. The State Government will receive an amount of Rs.409 crore during 2021-22 from Government of India under National Disaster Relief Fund as per the recommendation of the Fifteenth Finance Commission. These funds will be used for capacity building for risk mitigation and to provide immediate relief in case of any eventuality.

116. Taking the inspiration from the Hon'ble Prime Minister, my Government has constituted an Expert Committee in Revenue Department to suggest necessary amendments in various Acts and Rules and to ensure early disposal of revenue matters.

117. I propose to increase the honorarium of part time workers engaged in Revenue Department by Rs.300 per month. I also propose to increase monthly honorarium of Nambardars by Rs.300.

118. Speaker Sir, the State Government is extremely thankful to the Union Government for providing a record allocation of Rs. 2, 87,000 crore in the Union Budget under Jal Jeevan Mission and also for extending this scheme to urban areas.

Water Supply

119. Out of 17,03,626 households in Himachal Pradesh, about 13 lakh households have already been provided tap water supply connections. 3 lakh new connections will be provided during 2021-22 under Jal Jeevan Mission of the Government of India. In 2020-21 all households have been provided connections in Kinnaur, Lahaul & Spiti and Una districts. In 2021-22, three more districts namely Solan, Hamirpur and Bilaspur will be fully covered under the scheme.

120. With an objective to provide drinking water supply to such partially covered rural habitations where the drinking water supply is less than 55 litres per capita per day, a project has

been posed for funding of Rs.740 crore to the New Development Bank (NDB). 24 water supply schemes benefiting 3,154 habitations will be executed under the scheme.

121. Another proposal with a total cost of Rs.903 crore benefiting 77 thousand households by executing 187 water supply schemes has been posed to ADB for funding. The funding negotiations with ADB are in final stages and work is expected to start in near future.

122. The State Government will spend Rs. 604 crore as energy charges in 2021-22 for running drinking water and irrigation schemes. My Government intends to reduce this expenditure. Solar power based drinking water supply scheme will be constructed in Paonta Sahib on experimental basis in 2021-22. At least 10 more such schemes will be identified which are power guzzlers and have scope for solar energy driven pumping of water. Solar Plants will be installed at such locations to reduce energy charges.

123. Nine new water testing labs will be established where people will be able to get water samples tested at a nominal fee. A mobile app will be launched enabling consumers to pay their water bills online and also to apply for a new connection.

124. It is proposed to construct new Faecal Sludge Management Plants and to improve the existing ones, in urban areas of the State. 166 villages adjoining towns will be linked to the pre-existing Faecal Sludge Management Plants. Efforts will also be made to re-use the treated water from these Plants. Presently four Faecal Sludge Management Schemes are under construction on pilot basis. This scheme will also be expanded to other thickly populated areas of the State.

125. I would like to make a special mention that Sewage Schemes and STPs are being constructed in important areas of the State namely Parwanoo, Kala Amb, Nalagarh, Baddi

and at some places on Beas river in Kullu and Mandi Districts. Rs. 364 crore will be spent on these. An outlay of Rs. 200 crore is proposed for these schemes in 2021-22.

126. The Hon'ble MLAs have been suggesting the need of Sewage Treatment Plants in thickly populated rural areas. This is a recognized infrastructure scheme under NABARD. I will urge Hon'ble MLAs to consider rural sewage schemes while finalising their priorities.

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

128. Speaker Sir, simplification of procedures to encourage private investment in the state is need of the hour. Now private investors spend very less time in getting necessary clearances compared to past, due to the steps taken by our Government in this direction. We are committed to simplify the processes further.

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Investment

129. The State Government organized Global Investor Meet in 2019 in Dharamshala where our Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi blessed us by being the chief guest. More than 700 MOUs worth Rs. 96,000 crore approximately were signed in this Investor Meet. Within one month, in December 2019, first ground breaking ceremony of MoUs worth Rs.13,000 crore was held in the presence of Hon'ble Home Minister Sh. Amit Shah. There were some interruptions due to COVID-19 but now we are ready for the second ground breaking ceremony involving an investment of Rs.10,000 crore. The fact is that my Government has, for the first time in the State's history, undertaken the task of attracting private investment to the State in an ambitious and well planned manner. We want to make Himachal the first choice of investors. I want to say that:

मेरी मंजिल मेरे करीब है,
इसका मुझे अहसास है।
गुमां नहीं मुझे इरादों पर अपने,
ये मेरी सोच और हौसलों का विश्वास है।।

130. Following proposals have been sent to the Government of India to establish industrial units in different areas of the State for which adequate land is available:

- Bulk Drug Park project worth Rs.1190 crore to be set up on 1405 acre land in Una District. It will attract an investment of 8000 crore, turnover of Rs.50,000 crore is expected and it will generate employment for 15,000 people. Government of India will provide a grant of Rs.1,000 crore for this park.
- Medical Devices Park in Nalagarh on 265 acre land with the investment of Rs.261 crore. It will attract investment of Rs.3 to 5 thousand crore, turnover is expected to be Rs.20,000 crore, and it will provide employment opportunities to 10,000 people.
- Plastic Park in Nalagarh over 100 acre land.
- Electronics Manufacturing Hub and Power Equipment Manufacturing Hub in Nalagarh on 400 acre land.

131. Speaker Sir, our Government is committed for employment creation. This august House will agree that in present scenario, it may not be possible to develop economy at required pace without private investment and self employment. It is also important that we encourage a new eco-system where youth become employment creators. With this objective in mind my Government has started “Mukhya Mantri Swavlamban Yojana” in 2018-19.

132. Speaker Sir, more than 3,000 cases have been sanctioned by the banks under “Mukhyamantri Swablamban Yojana”, which has generated employment opportunities for 10,000 people. The scheme has been made online and provision has been made to front load 60% of the grant amount. I propose to enhance the present limit of project

cost from Rs.60 lakh to Rs.1 crore. In addition, the grant limit on eligible plant and machinery is proposed to be enhanced from Rs.40 lakh to Rs.60 lakhs.

133. The scheme will be expanded in the coming year to include more activities. For this, a Committee will be constituted without delay and the improved scheme will be presented within a period of three months. In 2021-22, an expenditure of Rs.100 crore is expected under the Scheme.

134. Prime Minister Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFMFPE) Scheme has been started under “Atam Nirbhar Bharat” which focuses mainly on assisting micro industries in food based unorganized sector to bring them under organized sector. I am glad to inform that under “Ek Zila, Ek Utpad Karyakaram” one product each for 12 districts of the State has been approved, based on local possibilities.

135. Government of India is emphasizing development of toy manufacturing industry. In order to develop this sector in the State, I propose to establish in 2021-22 two toy manufacturing clusters by Industries Department and State Handicraft and Handloom Corporation respectively. Specialized services of National Institute of Fashion Technology, Kangra will be taken for this.

136. Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh Development Authority has a special role in the State’s development. Considering its importance for investors, the State Government has allocated an additional amount of Rs.15 crore to acquire land to four-lane Pinjore-Nalagarh National Highway. To continue the development of the area, a bridge on Bald rivulet in Jhad Majri will be completed and dedicated to the people in 2021-22.

137. To speed up the pace of development and to provide basic infrastructure facilities to BBN and other industrial areas, a comprehensive infrastructure Master Plan will be prepared. Police infrastructure will be strengthened to improve law and order in this area. Private investment will be attracted for

setting up a new Township on the land available in industrial area of Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh.

MPP and Power

138. Speaker Sir, Himachal Pradesh is a leading hydro power producing State. We are thankful to the Government of India to include hydro electric projects in the category of renewable energy.

139. The State Government has decided in November, 2020 to give one time relaxation to all the power producers to construct pending hydro electric projects at an early date. During the 2021-22, projects of around 755 MW capacity are likely to be commissioned, which include Bajoli Holi (180 MW), Parvati-II (400 MW), Tidong-I (150 MW) and Lambadug (25 MW).

140. Speaker Sir, Hydro Power Policy of the State was notified in 2006. Keeping in view the changes in energy sector and to eradicate the problems in this sector, our Government will present "Swaran Jayanti Energy Policy this year". Hybrid power projects will also be covered under this policy. We will also present Power Vision Document 2030, which will propose to harness additional 10,000 MW of renewable energy by 2030.

141. Government will identify 10 projects under Plug and Play Model and after seeking necessary approvals these projects will be offered to private sector through competitive bidding.

142. Government is committed to provide reliable and 24x7 electricity to all the consumers. Towards this, 8 schemes will be fast tracked and 5 new Extra High Voltage schemes will be started in 2021-22. These schemes will enhance the capacity by 417 MVA.

143. 29 new schemes will be started in 2021-22 for qualitative improvement in electricity supply. In addition to this, 23 under construction schemes will be completed in the financial year 2021-22.

144. A comprehensive plan to end low voltage problem is in its last stage of implementation. Thereafter, a survey will be conducted to identify areas still having low voltage problem and these left out areas will be covered in the second phase.

145. An online system for real time monitoring of electricity supply will be established so that information regarding problems in supply and voltage is received immediately. This will help in quick redressal of these problems.

146. All Electro-mechanical Meters will be replaced with Electronic Meters in 2021-22.

147. HP Electricity Board is trying hard to reduce the Aggregate Technical and Commercial Losses. These losses will be brought to single digit by 2024-25.

148. Proposal to modernize and energise micro hydro projects located in Pangri, Lahaul & Spiti will be finalized in the coming year to ensure reliable electricity supply.

149. It is proposed to distribute off-grid solar power plants of 250 W capacity each to 1500 BPL families during 2021-22 in the far flung areas of Pangri valley and Lahaul & Spiti.

150. Comprehensive project report for strengthening electricity supply in 13 cities is being prepared. Under the scheme SCADA system, automation and strengthening of present distribution system will be undertaken. The scheme will be completed in a period of 5 years.

151. In 2021-22 under HP Clean Energy Transmission Investment Programme (HPCETIP) 10 new substations with 1,314 MVA capacity will be constructed. In addition, under state transmission network, 454 circuit Kilometres of transmission lines will be constructed. These works will be executed with an outlay of 413 crore. These schemes will be helpful in extraction of power from Ravi, Bias, Chenab, and Satluj river basins and strengthen the Intra State

Transmission System to improve reliability of electricity supply. Joint Command Centre will also be set up for remote monitoring of all EHV sub stations during 2021-22.

152. Under the “Green Goshala” concept, 5 big Goshalas will be adopted in 2021-22 to make them green and self-reliant.

153. My Government proposes to set up roof top solar energy plants in all health and education institutions in a phased manner which will be connected with the grid. Target of 2 MW is fixed for the year 2021-22 under this scheme.

Tourism

154. In order to give relief to the businessmen associated with Tourism, a scheme for Interest Subvention is already in operation. After holding discussions with the stakeholders, the scheme will be suitably improved and amended so that most groups associated with Tourism get benefitted. As per the requirement, adequate budget provision will be made in this scheme.

155. We have been hearing for a long time that Himachal has immense tourism potential. This is a fact but it is also true that the vision and confidence that was required to realise this dream remained lacking. This is the reason we could not develop new tourist destinations in the State for years. My Government has paved the way to develop new destinations through the scheme ‘Nai Rahein Nai Manzilen’. Here it will be appropriate to say that:-

हम भी दरिया हैं, हमें अपना हुनर मालूम है,
जिस तरफ भी चल पड़ेंगे, रास्ता हो जाएगा।

156. Expanding and adding new dimensions to ‘Nai Rahein Nai Manjilen’, I announce to implement the following schemes in 2021-21:

- Unprecedented tourist rush is seen since opening of the Atal Tunnel which was dedicated to the nation by Hon’ble Prime Minister on October 3, 2020. The Town and Country Planning Department will prepare

a detailed plan to regulate adverse and unplanned development on either side of Atal Tunnel.

- Before June 2021, parking, way side amenities, sale centre of Himachali art & craft and traditional products and adequate accommodation will be developed to facilitate the tourists coming to see Rohtang Tunnel.
- To encourage Rural Tourism, 15 locations- one each in non tribal districts and one each in the five Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) areas will be developed in the first phase as Tourist Attraction Hub 2020-21. These locations will be developed with local participation so that the youth and women of the area get employment.
- Selected roads will be developed as 'Tourist Roads' in a systematic and phased manner. On these roads, tourist friendly infrastructure will be developed at adequate distances with private participation.
- Keeping in view the immense potential for adventure tourism, cycle expeditions will be organized on selected roads to publicize these as mountain biking roads.
- One Hotel of HPTDC will be developed as Ayurvedic Wellness Centre and one Hotel will be developed as Destination Wedding Centre.

157. Lahaul & Spiti will be developed as Eco Tourism Destination. Following initiatives will be taken in this direction in 2020-21:-

- Tourist Information Centre and Art, Culture and Adventure Sport Centre at Sissu.
- Way Side Amenities at Udaipur, Jispa and Kaza.
- Selection of new skiing site in Lahaul valley.
- The Skating Rink in Lahaul Valley.
- All facilities will be provided to promote Ice Hockey in Spiti Valley.

- Youth of Lahaul & Spiti will be trained for self employment in Tourism trade.

158. I had announced in 2019-20 to set up 'Shiv Dham' in Mandi to develop it as a new tourist destination. In coming year work on its second phase will be started which includes construction of 12 Jyotirlingas, Administrative Block, road, and parking etc. Rs.150 crore will be spent on this project Rs.40 crore will be spent on this project in 2021-22.

159. All willing Home Stay units will be brought on board for online booking and publicity by linking them to the websites of HPTDC and Tourism Department.

160. I am happy to inform the House that the much awaited ropeway between Dharamshala and McLeodganj will be made functional in the coming year before the start of tourist season. A new parking for the private tourist buses will be developed on the government land near Dharamshala town.

161. 1,000 youth will be trained as tourist guides and also in mountaineering, adventure sport activities so that they take up tourism as a self employment activity. Provision will also be made to train people working in private sector in tourism field.

162. A multi-media publicity campaign will be undertaken with the objective to bring tourism activity to the pre-COVID level. The campaign will focus on local attractions.

163. I am happy to announce that following important projects from the tourist point of view being constructed/ with an amount of Rs. 218 crore will be completed and dedicated to the people of the State in 2021-22:-

- ✓ Cultural Centre, Bara Gaon, Manali
- ✓ Cultural Centre, Janjehli
- ✓ Renovation of Vijay High School, Mandi

- ✓ Convention Centres at Mandi, Dharamshala and Kiari Ghat
- ✓ Parking at Jawalamukhi
- ✓ Renovation of Chamunda Temple Complex
- ✓ Renovation of Bantony Castle Building, Shimla
- ✓ Art and Craft Centre, Kangra
- ✓ Artificial Climbing Wall, Manali
- ✓ Light and Sound Show, Shimla
- ✓ Art and Craft Centre, Bhalei Mata, Chamba
- ✓ Para Gliding Centre, Bir Billing
- ✓ Beautification of Hateshwari Temple, Hatkoti, Shimla
- ✓ Heliports at Shimla, Kangni Dhar, Rampur and Baddi

मंजिल पर सफलता का निशान चाहिए,
होंठों पर खिलती हुई मुस्कान चाहिए,
बहलने वाले नहीं हम छोटे से टुकड़े से,
हमें तो पूरा का पूरा आसमान चाहिए।

164. Speaker Sir, the Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has supported the registered workers with its own resources during Corona time. MGNREGS workers who had completed required number of mandays have also been benefitted. The Board will enlarge its welfare measures in the coming year and eligible people will be given various facilities.

165. Our Government has taken many steps to improve “Ease of Doing Business”. It is proposed to issue Himachal Pradesh Daily Wage Rules in this year.

166. The youth of the state can now register themselves online for Skill Development Allowance and Industrial Skill

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Development Allowance Scheme 2018. Counselling programme for these beneficiaries will also be started. State Government will spend Rs.100 crore for these allowances.

167. Employment to 7,000 people will be provided in private sector through 'Rojgar Melas' and 'Campus Interviews'.

Transport

168. I would like to inform the august House that NITI Aayog has selected Himachal Pradesh as a Light House State for Electric Vehicle Policy which is a matter of pride for the State.

169. Transport department will take several steps for road safety and compliance of Motor Vehicle Rules in 2021-22. I would like to share these details with the august House.

- The administrative control of Passenger and Goods Tax has been transferred by the Government to the Transport Department which will rationalize all the vehicle related taxes under Single Motor Vehicle Tax System. With this system vehicle owner can pay taxes at one place.
- Transport Department will establish mobile automated testing centres at six identified places for testing fitness of vehicles in PPP mode.
- Transport Department will start e-Challan system using modern technique which will enhance road safety.
- Driving test tracks with modern facilities will be established in district Bilaspur, Solan, Mandi and Kangra districts to provide quality training to drivers and to reduce human intervention in testing driving skills for issuing of driving license.
- The Location Tracking Devices and Panic Button System in public transport vehicles will be connected with the Command and Control Centre for safety of women and girls in emergency situation.

170. There has been an expansion of road network in the State due to construction of new roads under various schemes of Union and State Government. As a result, there is an increase in demand for providing adequate bus services on these roads. I announce to start “Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarojgar (Parivahan) Yojana”. Under the Yojana, it is proposed to ply upto 18 seater vehicles, on identified motorable routes, which do not have any bus service by giving route permits to the unemployed youth on concessional tax rates.

171. Our Government is committed to strengthen the Himachal Road Transport Corporation. I announce to purchase 200 new buses including Electric buses to replace old buses in 2021-22.

172. I announce to provide Rs.15 crore to Himachal Road Transport Corporation for providing better facilities and up gradation of bus stands and workshops.

173. Regional workshop at Dharamshala; and Dhali and Lakkar Bazar Bus stands in Shimla will be developed under Smart City Scheme in 2021-22.

I propose an outlay of Rs. 377 crore for Transport Corporation.

Roads

174. Speaker Sir, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana started by former Prime Minister of India, late Sh Atal Bihari Vajpayee, has proved a boon for the State. Till now 2,896 works involving 17,716 kilometres long road have been completed under the Yojana. An amount of Rs.5,378 crore has been spent so far. The remaining 787 works covering 4,143 kilometres of road sanctioned under the scheme with a cost of Rs.2,756 crore are in various stages of execution. It was not possible to expand the road network to this extent without this Yojana due to our limited financial resources. I express my loving gratitude to revered Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee

ji on behalf of the indebted Himachal Pradesh. His following lines are inspiration for us:-

धरती को बौनों की नहीं,
ऊँचे कद के इन्सानों की जरूरत है।
इतने ऊँचे कि आसमान छू लें,
नये नक्षत्रों में प्रतिभा के बीज बो लें।

175. Work to up-grade 3,125 Kilometre long rural roads will be taken up under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III immediately after getting approval of shelf from the Government of India.

176. I propose to cover about 5 thousand kilometres of roads in all the divisions of PWD in 2021-22 under Output and Performance Based Maintenance Contract (OPBMC)/ Performance Based Maintenance Contract (PBMC) to ensure improved surface quality of roads.

177. The DPR for exploring construction of 4 kilometre long tunnel under Jalori Pass will be finalised during 2021-22 with an objective to provide all weather connectivity on Sainj-Luhri-Aut National Highway. A feasibility study is proposed to explore the possibility of tunnels and long span bridges on Satluj, Beas and Ravi rivers to reduce travel time and road distance.

178. Under the Green National Highway Project, tender process for 105 kilometre long Paonta Sahib-Gumma-Feedus Pul road will be completed and land acquisition award will be made for 110 kilometre long Hamirpur to Mandi road.

179. The NHAI has started the work of 4 laning of 785 kilometres road on 5 National Highways. Tenders have been invited for Jawalamukhi to Kangra section on Shimla-Mataur Highway and for the first package between Himachal-Punjab Border to Sihuni section on Pathankot-Chakki-Mandi road.

180. The work on 31 kilometre long stretch on Keeratpur-Nerchowk National Highway and 4 laning of 30 kilometres on

Takoli-Kullu National Highway will be completed during 2021-22. This will bring convenience to commuters on this important Highway.

181. Speaker Sir, I had expressed our Government's commitment to connect every panchayat with road in my last year's budget. The progress made in achieving this target is as under:-

- There were 87 Panchayats which were not connected with motorable road in the beginning of 2020-21.
- 29 Panchayats were connected with motorable road during 2020-21.
- DPRs have been approved for connecting 33 Panchayats, the work on which will be completed by 2023-24.
- Other 15 Panchayats are connected only with Jeepable roads.
- There are 10 Panchayats where there is a delay due to non-availability of land, forest and other environmental clearances.

182. Many new Panchayats have been created recently, some of them might be unconnected by a motorable road. I announce that newly notified unconnected Panchayats and remaining other 10 Panchayats will be connected in a time bound manner.

183. Our Government has prepared a shelf of 27 roads with the cost of Rs.641 crore and posed it for funding under Central Road Fund. The work on these roads will be started immediately after approved by the Government of India in 2021-22.

184. The World Bank funded Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HSRTP) envisages

up-gradation of approximately 650 kilometre road length to intermediate/ double lane in three tranches. 1,350 kilometre long roads will be maintained and improved under the project. First Tranche will be completed by June, 2026. In first tranche, Barotiwala-Baddi – Sai - Ramshehar Road; Dadhol - Ladraur Road; Raghunath Pura – Mandi - Har Pura - Bharari Road; and Mandi - Rewalsar - Kalkhar Road will be up-graded to intermediate / double lane roads.

185. I propose to spend an amount of Rs. 75 crore in 2021-22 under 'Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna', This will accelerate the progress of road connectivity to the left out villages and habitations. The proposed expenditure is more than previous outlays by 50 percent.

186. Preventive maintenance of roads will be undertaken using micro surfacing, bitumen slurry and fog-seal techniques which will help keeping them free of pot holes and in good condition.

187. An amount of Rs.50 crore shall be spent on W-metal beam crash barriers to increase road safety. In addition, in future, the W-metal beam crash barriers shall also be proposed for NABARD and PMGSY works.

188. The HP Road and Infrastructure Development Corporation (HPRIDC) will work on Urban Road Improvement Plan in eight districts namely Bilaspur, Chamba, Hamirpur, Kullu, Mandi, Solan, Sirmour and Una. Works such as upgradation of roads, construction of bye-pass, beautification of streets and improvement of junctions will be taken up in these districts.

189. 'Swaran Jayanti Green Building Initiative' would be launched in collaboration with GRIHA Council, a green building rating body in India to rate 200 existing government buildings on GRIHA rating system during 2021-22. In addition, programme to retrofit energy efficient lighting, heating and cooling appliances in 1,000 buildings will be

started in collaboration with Energy Efficiency Service Ltd (EESL).

190. I propose to restructure the Public Works Department in view of changes in road construction technology to improve the functioning of the Department.

191. In our journey to provide road connectivity, we are at the cusp of attaining new milestone. Presently, the State has 38,470 Kilometre long motorable roads. We aim to have total road length of 40,000 kilometres by 2022. Similarly, the length of black-top roads will be increased from 30,244 kilometres to 34,000 kilometres by 2022.

192. The huge expansion in the road network calls for expansion in the maintenance crew for the roads. It also needs involvement of the local youth. I, therefore, propose to engage 5,000 local youths as Part Time Multi Task Workers for maintenance and allied tasks of the department.

193. Speaker Sir, in brief, I present the following targets for PWD Department in 2021-22:-

- ❖ Metalling and Tarring : 2,000 Kilometres
- ❖ Construction of Motorable Roads : 1,000 Kilometres
- ❖ Cross Drainage : on 945 Kilometre roads
- ❖ Bridges to be constructed : 80
- ❖ Villages to be connected with roads : 90
- ❖ Road up-gradation : 800 Kilometres
- ❖ Periodic Renewal : 2,200 Kilometres

I propose an outlay of Rs.4,502 crore for the PWD in 2021-22.

194. Our Government will start Tax Haat program for providing information to stakeholders especially, trader community and to establish better communication. “Traders’ Facilitation Cell” will also be established to address problems faced by the traders.

195. I propose to re-organize the GST and excise wing of the State Taxes and Excise department for better management.

196. Speaker Sir, commercial hemp cultivation is permitted & regulated in many countries and in some States in India. This creates investment and employment opportunities. State Government proposes to frame a policy to permit commercial hemp cultivation with proper regulatory framework.

197. I announce to enhance the assistance given for organizing fairs. Assistance to international level fairs will be enhanced from present Rs.3 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs, to national level fairs from present Rs.2 lakh to Rs.3 lakh and to state level fairs from present Rs.1 lakh to Rs.1.5 lakh.

198. In all the international, national and state level fairs to be organised in the coming year one day will be dedicated to the celebration of 50 years of Statehood.

199. Gram Shilp Melas will be organized in Chamba, Kangra, Mandi and Shimla districts in 2021-22.

200. Speaker sir, sports help in giving physical and mental strength to human beings. The sports facilities at the local level keep the youth busy and help in channelizing their energies in constructive activities while keeping them away from bad habits. Our Government has been making every effort to promote sports in the State.

I call upon the youth of the State to join me with the following lines:–

जब हौसला कर लिया उँची उड़ान का,
फिर देख फिजूल है कद आसमान का।

201. I would like to request the elected representatives of the Panchayats also to consider utilizing the 15th Finance Commission grants for construction of Open Air Gyms and Re-creation Centres in the Panchayats.

202. There is a need to improve sports training modules. An Integrated Training Programme will be started to see that Himachali youth perform well in the National and International competitions. Summer Season Training Camps and Off-Season Training Camps will be organized to promote competition among youth.

203. I propose to continue implementation of 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Khel Protsahan Yojana' during 2021-22 also and propose an expenditure of Rs.10.22 crore on its implementation.

204. Sports infrastructure projects at Duttnagar, Bilaspur & Kandaghat will be made functional this year which will encourage sports like Volleyball, Boxing, Athletics, Football, Hockey and Kabbadi.

205. In 2021-22, the construction work of indoor stadia in Sundernagar and Solan; Hockey Astro turf at Majra will be started with a cost of Rs.14.50 crore. In addition to this, construction work of Indoor Sports Complexes at Nurpur, Chamba and Janjheli will be started.

206. Speaker Sir, our daughters are our pride. Our Government has been working to empower girls to ensure them respectful place in the society through implementation of various schemes and awareness campaigns. Our Government has also been making all efforts to improve sex ratio in the State.

207. Two girl children of the families living below poverty line are getting a post birth grant of Rs. 12,000 each, presently. They are being provided scholarships also. I announce to provide post birth grant of Rs.21,000 in the shape of fixed deposit at the time of birth by rationalizing and unifying the

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two schemes. This will help in making the girl children self reliant.

208. A woman's life house changes drastically after marriage. She adopts her husband's after leaving her parents' house as is the established social practice. It is important that the family members and society give respect to women. I announce to introduce a new scheme "Shagun" in 2021-22. The young girls belonging to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes of BPL families will be provided a grant of Rs.31,000 at the time to their marriage. An expenditure of Rs.50 crore is proposed to be incurred during 2021-22 under this scheme.

209. Speaker Sir, our Government highly appreciates the importance of social security and it has expanded the social security net immensely. The total expenditure incurred on providing social security pensions was just Rs.410 crore in 2017-18. 4,13,000 persons were getting social security pension at that time. Currently, this number has increased to about 5,77,000 and an amount of Rs.875 crore is being spent.

210. I am happy to announce that 40,000 additional beneficiaries will be provided social security pension during 2021-22 with an additional expenditure of Rs.60 crore.

211. Speaker Sir, all civilized societies have a special place and respect for elderly persons. We owe our existence to them and we are highly indebted to them for making us what we are today. It is our duty to support them at this critical juncture of their lives to avoid any hardships to them.

212. Speaker Sir, I announce a new scheme 'Swaran Jayanti Naari Sambal Yojana' from 2021-22 with an objective to expand social security net for elderly women of Himachal Pradesh. All the eligible elderly women in the age group of 65-69 years, irrespective of any income criteria, will be provided social security pension of Rs.1,000 per month. This

will benefit about 60,000 elderly women and an amount of Rs.55 crore is proposed to be spent on it.

213. The benefit of old age pension will be given to the senior citizens having no other Government pensioner in their family or who do not belong to a well off family. This will ensure that only the deserving get the benefit. Necessary guidelines will be issued separately in this regard.

214. Approximately, 6.60 lakh persons will be covered under different social security pension schemes with the implementation of these announcements. This will entail an expenditure of about Rs.1,050 crore.

215. Our Government had extended the period for contribution of 50 percent of the share, limited to maximum of Rs.2,000 by the beneficiaries belonging to unorganized sector under 'Atal Pension Yojana' upto 31-3-2021. I am happy to announce the extension of this assistance upto 31-3-2022 for the benefit of existing and new beneficiaries. An outlay of Rs.15 crore is proposed for the purpose.

216. Our Government will encourage establishment of crèches at all the district headquarters by the involvement of local community and Anganwari workers for the benefit of working women.

217. An 'Adarash Varisht Naagrik Home' will be made functional in Mashobra during 2021-22 for senior citizens on pay and stay basis.

218. Speaker Sir, I announce to increase the honorarium being given to Aanganwari Workers by Rs.500 per month, to Mini Aanganwari Workers by Rs.300 per month and to Aanganwari Helpers by Rs.300 per month.

219. Evidently, our Government is sensitive to the needs of all sections of the society and is committed to help and assist them for their upliftment. Speaker Sir, I believe that the thoughts should be strong rather than the voice being loud

and one should have courage and determination to see that the strong thoughts are brought to practice.

रखते हैं जो औरों के लिए प्यार का जज़्बा,
वो लोग कभी टूट कर बिखरा नहीं करते।

Tribal Development

220. Tribal areas of the State are considered a model for development in entire country. My Government is committed to the continued development of these areas. Necessary posts will be created to strengthen the administrative set-up of Lahaul & Spiti District. 221.

Indoor Stadium in Kaza will be upgraded as High Altitude Mountain Training Centre.

222. Anti freeze water supply system will be established in Keylong to ease life of locals and also to boost tourism even during extreme winters.

223. On the occasion of 50th Statehood year, National Tribal Festival will be organized in Lahaul valley in August, 2021.

Welfare of Ex-Servicemen

224. Himachal Pradesh is known for the valour and patriotism of our soldiers. We are proud of our soldiers and ex- serviceman.

लहू देकर तिरंगे की, बुलंदी को संवारा है।
फरिश्ते तुम वतन के हो, तुम्हें सजदा हमारा है।।

225. A War Museum was constructed near the War Memorial, Dharamshala. However, it was not being put to use for some years. This museum will be fully equipped and dedicated to public in the coming year.

226. Construction of War Memorial at Nurpur will be started in 2021-22.

227. Work to set up pre-coaching Sainik Academy at Barchhwad, Mandi to train youth to get into armed forces will be speeded up. In 2020-21 Rs.5 crore will be spent on this.

228. Women Help Desks will be established in 136 Police Stations under Nirbhaya Fund in 2021-22. These will be the first point of contact for women visiting the Police Stations. It will be appropriate to say here that:-

दिल और दिमाग में हमेशा यह बात रखिये,
दूसरों की मदद के लिए जज़्बात रखिये।

229. Speaker Sir, in the last Budget I had made several important announcements concerning women welfare. Moving forward in this direction I announce that reservation for women in direct recruitment for the posts of Constables and Sub-Inspectors in the Police Department will be increased up to 25 percent in a phased manner.

230. All condemned and condemnable vehicles of the Police Department will be replaced in 2021-22 to improve response time of police in emergencies and to better manage the law and order situation. Rs.13 crore will be spent on this.

231. It is essential to continuously upgrade cyber investigation and forensic services for reliable investigation. Adequate budget will be provided for this purpose.

232. 757 new CCTV Cameras will be installed and existing 651 CCTV Cameras will be upgraded in all the Police Stations of the State to check crimes and to do better monitoring. All district control rooms will be modernized and will be linked to each other and State Headquarters. Police Department will work on the Intelligent Traffic Management System. I propose an outlay of Rs.9 crore to meet these objectives.

233. A comprehensive 'Nasha Nivaran Policy' will be brought in 2021-22 to support the resolve of the State government to eradicate drug abuse. A state level "Nasha Nivaran Fund" will be established.

234. I propose an outlay of Rs. 50 crore for police housing, police posts, police stations, for improving infrastructural

facilities at Police Training Centre, Daroh and other capital works.

235. Three new sub Fire Stations and 4 new Fire Posts will be established to strengthen fire fighting services. In addition 17 new fire vehicles will be purchased.

New Office/
Institutions

236. Speaker Sir, Government will open new institutions & offices on need basis in order to enhance pace of development and to remove regional disparities. For this, New Colleges, Divisional Offices of Jal Shakti & PWD, Pharmacy College, Development Blocks, Tehsils, Sub-Tehsils, Police Stations, Police Posts, and Fire Stations etc. will be opened. For this, wherever possible existing resources will be used appropriately.

Employment
Generation

237. It is important to fill up functional posts in a phased manner despite difficult fiscal situation to ensure quality service delivery to people of the State. I have made a mention of strengthening various departments at different places in my Budget Speech.

238. Our Government will fill 4,000 (four thousand) posts of different categories in Health Department, 4,000 posts of different category teachers in Education Department; 8,000 posts of Multi Task Part Time Workers in Education Department; 5,000 posts of Multi Task Part Time Workers in PWD and 5,000 posts of Para Fitters, Pump Operators & Multi Task Part Time Workers in Jal Shakti Department. In addition to this, functional posts of Police Personnel, Technical Posts in State Electricity Board, Drivers & Conductors in HRTC, Junior Engineers, Assistant Engineers, Officials in Revenue Department, Doctors & Officials in Animal Husbandry, staff for Urban Local Bodies, Technical Assistants and gram Rojgar Sahayaks in Panchayats, JOA (IT), Teachers & Instructors in Technical Education Department and class-IV employees, etc. will also be filled up. Our Government has, therefore, kept a target of filling up 30,000 functional posts in 2021-22.

239. Development of alternative modes of transport is need of the hour in Himachal Pradesh. Civil aviation and railways are two such areas where benefits can be reaped with some extra effort.

240. Chandigarh- Baddi rail line is important from the view point of the industrial development. The required land acquisition process will be completed along the rail line in 2021-22. The land acquisition process along the last 20 Kilometres on Bhanupalli-Bilaspur rail line will be completed in 2021-22. The work on execution of 7 tunnels and 18 bridges along first 20 kilometres has already started and the pace of its execution will be increased. An expenditure of Rs.200 crore will be incurred on this.

241. My Government has stood by its commitment to develop inland water transport in the State. The inland water transport service between Kasol (Bilaspur) and Tattapani in Sutlej River has started recently. The possibilities to introduce passenger and freight inland transport services will be explored on Beas, Chenab, Ravi and Sutlej rivers and in big water reservoirs.

242. Our Government has focused on the development of rope-ways in the State in the wake of difficulties being faced in getting forest and other environmental clearances for construction of roads. The pace of execution of Bagla Mukhi rope-way will be increased. The State Ropeways Development Corporation will work for development of composite ropeways to enable passenger and freight transport catering to the requirements of people living in remote areas of the State. I propose an outlay of Rs.25 crore for development of Ropeways during 2021-22.

243. Our Government has been working relentlessly to give a prominent place to Himachal Pradesh on the civil aviation map of the country. All the necessary steps will be taken to ensure construction of Mandi Airport and expansion

of airports at Kangra, Kullu and Shimla. Considering importance of these airports, I propose an outlay of Rs.1,016 crore for civil aviation during 2021-22.

Swaran Jayanti
Ashray Yojana

244. Speaker Sir, my Government has taken several positive steps to improve standard of living besides providing basic amenities to the people of the State. In my last year's budget speech, I had announced 'Swaran Jayanti Ashraya Yojana'. This was widely appreciated. Due to COVID, implementation of scheme got delayed. Reaffirming the commitment of my Government, I propose to sanction 12 thousand houses with basic amenities during 2021-22. Last year, this number was 10 thousand. Here I would like to say that:-

सब चाहते हैं कि उनका अपना एक घर हो,
मैं चाहता हूँ सबका ये सपना सच हो।

245. Re-iterating the resolve expressed during last year's budget speech, my Government shall ensure the all eligible Scheduled Castes beneficiaries get their own housing unit by the end of 2022. An amount of 180 crore will be spent in 2021-22 for this purpose which is more than the previous year's outlay by Rs. 20 crore.

Employees Welfare

246. Speaker Sir, I propose an outlay of Rs.36 crore to repair and maintain residential accommodation at the district level to meet the long standing demand of officers and officials posted at the district level. I propose an outlay of Rs.115 crore to maintain Government offices and an outlay of Rs.42 crore for maintenance of Government residential buildings.

247. Speaker Sir, the pay anomaly in respect of some categories of Class IV employees on completing 20 years of service will be removed.

248. Class-IV employees are eligible to be promoted to the ministerial posts through two channels namely Limited Direct Recruitment and promotion, on turn. I announce that henceforth, they will also be eligible for promotion to the post of Junior Office Assistant (IT).

249. Keeping in view the pendency of medical reimbursement claims of retired Government servants, I propose to increase the allocation to Rs.100 crore.

250. I announce to increase minimum daily wage from Rs.275 to Rs. 300 per day. Other daily wagers will also get proportionate increase. The hourly wage rate of Part Time workers will also be enhanced accordingly.

251. This august House has discussed the matter of exploitation of outsource employees by the service providers on several occasions. I propose to finalise a Model Tender Document and circulate it to all the departments so that a uniform policy is followed and their interests are protected.

252. I would like to inform the house that in the last 3 years, the per month wages/rates being paid to the daily wagers and outsource employees have been increased by Rs.2700 per month which is more than 42 per cent.

253. Our Government had issued amended detailed guidelines with regard to appointments on compassionate grounds increasing the income limit and also the age limit for determining eligibility. This policy will be reviewed to see that its benefit reaches the needy members of families.

254. The National Pension Schemes (NPS) was introduced in the year 2003 but it is my Government, which

in last 3 years, has extended additional benefits. Firstly, in 2019, we increased the Government contribution to the NPS subscribers from 10 percent to 14 percent. This entails additional expenditure of Rs.200 crore every year. Secondly, in 2020, death and retirement gratuity benefits were allowed to NPS employees, retired or died prior to September, 2017, resulting in an additional expenditure of Rs.110 crore. We are sympathetically considering further demands of NPS employees.

255. My Government is committed to give revised pay scale/pension to employees/pensioners of the state.

256. Speaker Sir, in 51st year of our Statehood, I would like to share interesting information symbolizing the progress of the State. In 1971-72, the budget size of the State was Rs.80.18 crore only. Today I am presenting a budget of Rs. 50,192 crore for the year 2021-22. Speaker Sir, it is a matter of pride for the august House and people of the State that our Government is presenting a budget of more than Rs. 50,000 crore on the completion of 50 years of Statehood of Himachal Pradesh.

Budget Estimates

257. Speaker Sir, now I present the revised estimates for 2020-21. As per the revised estimates for 2020-21, total revenue receipts are expected to be Rs. 35,588 crore. Total revenue expenditure as per revised estimates for 2020-21 is expected to be Rs. 36,011 crore. Thus the total revenue deficit is expected to be Rs. 423 crore as per revised estimates.

258. The total budget of the State for 2021-22 is Rs. 50,192 crore. During 2021-22, total revenue receipts are estimated at Rs. 37,028 crore whereas, total revenue

expenditure is estimated to be Rs. 38,491 crore. Thus total revenue deficit is estimated at Rs. 1,463 crore. Fiscal deficit is estimated to be Rs. 7,789 crore which is 4.52 percent of the Gross State Domestic Product.

259. Speaker Sir, no new taxes are proposed in the budget estimates for 2021-22. I believe that necessary resources will be mobilized through effective tax administration, funding from international funding agencies, continued support from Government of India and prudence in fiscal management.

260. Out of every hundred rupees to be spent by the Government in 2021-22, Rs.25.31 will be spent on salaries, Rs.14.11 on pension, Rs.10 on interest payment, Rs.6.64 on loan repayment and Rs.43.94 will be spent on development works and other activities. The detailed budget estimates for the financial year 2021-22 are contained in the budget documents which are being presented to this august House.

261. The Corona has impacted the revenue receipts adversely during 2020-21. Its impact on State's own revenue cannot be ruled out during 2021-22. This might come in the way of achieving the targets fixed under FRBM Act. There is a provision for granting relaxations in the conditions of the FRBM Act in the eventuality of a natural calamity. The details of FRBM Act are being presented accordingly.

Speaker Sir, We are guided by the values of welfare of the masses in our commitment towards public welfare, therefore, the Budget is not just an estimate of anticipated income and expenditure for the coming financial year. For us this is a living document to fulfil public

expectations. Social security, health, women welfare, housing for all, farmers welfare, quality education, connectivity (physical and digital both) and employment generation are the focal points of this budget. As always our priority has been welfare of the schedule castes, schedule tribes, economically weaker sections and other needy groups. This budget shall give fillip to economic growth by strengthening initiatives of entrepreneurship and skill development; tourism and basic infrastructure. My government is tirelessly working very hard to meet the expectations of each and every Himachali. Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas is our guiding principle.

हयात ले के चलो, कायनात ले के चलो।
चलो तो सारे ज़माने को साथ ले के चलो।।

Speaker Sir, I would like to commend this budget to this august House.

Jai Hind – Jai Himachal

Budget Highlights

- A Budget of Rs. 50,192 crore, which is more than the budget of the previous year despite Corona epidemic.
- V-shaped recovery in economy.
- Several programmes to celebrate 50 years of Statehood.

This budget is based on the following:-

1. Women welfare and empowerment
2. Expansion of social security net
3. Strengthening and expansion of health services
4. Increasing income of farmers
5. Swaran Jayanti Aashray Yojana
6. Employment creation
7. Infrastructure and industrial development
8. Quality education

1. Women welfare and empowerment

- Social security pension of Rs. 1,000 per month to elderly women in the age group of 65-69 years under “**Swaran Jayanti Nari Sambal Yojana**”. Additional amount of Rs. 55 crore will be spent.
- The new scheme ‘**Shagun**’ started. Under this scheme, a grant of Rs. 31,000 at the time of marriage to the daughters of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes from BPL families will be given. Rs. 50 crore will be spent on the scheme.

- Two girls of BPL families will now be given Post-Birth grant of Rs. 21,000 as fix deposit.
- Several initiatives and schemes announced for Self Help Groups.
- Gas cylinder refill to 3 lakh families under '**Himachal Grihani Suvidha Yojana**', in the next year.
- Women Help Desk will be established in 136 police stations.
- 25% reservation to women for recruitment as constables and sub-inspector in police in a phased manner.
- 250 "**Bank Correspondent Sakhi**" to be designated by the banks.

2. Expansion of social security net

- 40,000 new beneficiaries to be brought under Social Security Pension Schemes. Additional amount of Rs. 60 crore will be spent.
- 6,60,000 beneficiaries to get Social Security Pension. Total expenditure of Rs. 1,050 crore will be incurred.

3. Expansion of Health Services

- PET scan in IGMC, CT scan and MRI machines in RPMC Tanda and CT scan machines in medical colleges in Hamirpur and Nahan will be installed at a cost of Rs. 70 crore.
- Super Speciality Hospital in Chamyana, New OPD Block and Trauma Centre in IGMC will be dedicated to the people.
- All persons above the age of 70 years and orphans living in Bal Ashrams will be covered free of cost under HIMCARE.

- Mission “**Drishti**” will be started for free eye check up and providing of free spectacles to the students of class 6 to 10 in Government schools.
- A detailed study to be conducted in collaboration with NITI Aayog to tackle the problem of malnutrition among children and women in the State.
- An amount of Rs. 250 crore will be spent for providing health related services under Ayushman Bharat, HIMCARE, Mukhya Mantri Chikitsa Sahayta Kosh, free medicines, Sahara, Sammaan etc.

4. Increasing income of farmers

- For making available the high density fruit plants at reasonable prices, the “**Swaran Jayanti Smridh Bagwan Yojana**” will be started.
- Agriculture Produce Protection (Anti-hail net) scheme (KUSHY) will continue in 2021-22 with an outlay of Rs. 60 crore.
- For promoting research in horticulture and agriculture, a research fund of Rs 5 crore will be set up for both the Universities.
- Under World Bank funded Horticulture Development Scheme, five lakh fruit plants will be imported, small irrigation schemes for 8000 hectare command area will be developed, Gene Repository will be established in Horticulture University Nauni and Apple Juice Concentrate line will be established in Parala plant of Shimla district.
- 50,000 new farmers will be brought under “**Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kisaan Yojana**”.
- Milk procurement price increased by Rs. 2 per litre.

- Constitution of an Expert Group to restructure various schemes and enhancing income of the farmers.

5. **Swaran Jayanti Aashray Yojana**

- Under “**Swaran Jayanti Ashraya Yojana**” 12000 beneficiaries will be provided houses equipped with all basic facilities.
- By 2022 all eligible applicants of SC category will be provided house

6. **Employment Creation**

- Expansion in the scope of “**Mukhya Manti Swavlamban Yojna**. An amount of Rs. 100 crore will be spent.
- 7,000 unemployed youth will be provided employment in private sector through Rozgar Melas and campus interviews.
- Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board to extend increased assistance to more workers.
- Our Government has kept a target of filling up 30,000 functional posts in 2021-22: 4,000 posts in different categories in Health Department, 4,000 posts of different category teachers in Education Department; 8,000 posts of Multi task Part Time Workers in Education Department; 5,000 posts of Multi Task Part Time Workers in PWD and 4,000 posts of Para Fitter, Pump Operator & Multi Task Part Time Workers in Jal Shakti Department. In addition to this functional posts of Police Personnel, Technical Posts in State Electricity Board, Drivers & Conductors in HRTC, Junior Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Officials in Revenue Department, Doctors & Officials in Animal Husbandry, staff for Urban Local Bodies, Technical Assistant and gram Rojgar Sahayak in Panchayats, JOA (IT), Teachers & Instructors in Technical Education Department and class-IV employees, etc. will also be filled.

- Online registration for Skill Development Allowance and Industrial Skill Development Allowance.

7. Infrastructure and Industrial Development

- Wayside amenities, Himachali Handicraft and traditional products sale centres will be developed near Atal Tunnel (on both sides) for convenience of the tourists.
- 5,000 Part Time Multi Task Workers will be engaged for maintenance of road.
- Ground breaking of MoUs worth Rs. 10,000 crore soon.
- Bulk Drug Park to be established in district Una.
- Electronics and Power Equipment manufacturing hub in Nalagarh.
- Toy manufacturing clusters to be established.
- Under PMGSY, 3125 major rural road will be upgraded.
- W-metal beam crash barriers will be installed on 140 km road.
- Target of bringing total road length to 40,000 Kilometers and 34,000 Kilometers of road with Black Top by 2022.
- During 2021-22 the Public Works department will carry out metalling and tarring of 2000 kms road, construction of 1000 kms motorable road, cross drainage on 945 km road, construction of 80 bridges, road linkage to 90 villages, upgradation of 800 km road and increasing the life span by renewal of 2200 km road.
- Large numbers of projects to be started in Shimla and Dharamshala under Smart City Project and those completed to be dedicated.

- Newly formed Municipal Corporations in Solan, Palampur and Mandi will be given Special Grant of Rs one crore each and each of the newly constituted Nagar Panchayats will be given a Special Grant of Rs 20 lakhs.
- Completed Sewage Schemes and Sewage Treatment plants will be dedicated to people and worm new schemes will be started.
- Swaran Jayanti Urja Neeti to be brought out and Power Vision Document-2030 to be prepared.
- Initiatives to improve the quality of power supply.
- Multimedia publicity campaign highlighting local attractions for revival of tourism.
- 19 tourism schemes in Manali, Janjehli, Mandi, Dharamshala, Kyarighat, Jwalamukhi, Kangra, Shimla, Chamba, Bir-billing etc. with a cost of Rs. 218 crore to be dedicated.
- 3 more districts i.e. Solan, Hamirpur and Bilaspur to be covered completely under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Budget of Rs. 1,016 Crore for construction of Mandi Airport and expansion of Shimla, Kullu and Dharamsala Airports.
- Urban areas will be brought to the ODF standard through effective waste management.
- 200 old buses will be replaced by new buses, including electric buses.
- Rs. 200 crore will be spent for expansion of Rail lines

8. Quality of education.

- Government welcomes “National Education Policy 2020” and resolves to implement it.

- **“Top 100 Scholarship Scheme”** will be started.
- Establishment of 100 Math Labs in schools.
- Coaching and career counseling classes for Government school students.
- **“Him Darpan Shiksha Ekikrit Portal”** to be established for making education system more effective.
- The diet money for participants in different tournaments doubled.
- 100 cluster schools, 68 senior secondary schools and 9 colleges will be brought under **“Swaran Jayanti Gyanoday Cluster Utkrisht Vidyalaya Yojana”**.
- 8 Technical Education institutions in Jeori, Sundernagar, Kumarsain, Arki, Gangath, Karsog, Rehan and Bandla with a cost of Rs. 400 crore will be completed and dedicated.
- Honorarium to SMC teachers and IT teachers enhanced.

9. Others

- Increase in the honorarium of Asha Workers, Aanganwari Workers, Mini Aanganwari Workers, Aanganwari Sahayikas, Silai Teachers, Panchayat Chowkidars, Part Time Water Carriers and Mid Day Meal Workers of Education Department, Part Time Workers and Namberdars of Revenue Department, Water Guards, Para Fitters and Pump Operators.
- To bridge the regional inequalities new colleges, regional offices of Jal Shakti and Public Works Departments, Pharmacy Colleges, Development Blocks, Tehsils, Sub-Tehsils, Police Stations, Police Posts, Fire Stations etc. will be opened. The available resources will also be utilized as far as possible.

- Under “**Vikas Mein Jan Sahyog Programme**” outlay has been doubled.
- The financial limit of MLA Priorities increased from Rs. 120 crore to Rs. 135 crore.
- “Swaran Jayanti District Innovation Fund” will be established.
- Construction of Panchayat Ghars in newly created Panchayats.
- Proposal to bring a holistic drug de-addiction policy and creation of “**Nasha Nivaran Fund**”.
- The minimum daily wage has been increased to Rs. 300 per day and daily wage of part time and outsourced workers has also been increased.
- CCTV cameras will be installed in Police Stations.
- Steps will be taken to stop exploitation of outsourced workers.
