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1 & 2 . GENERAL REVIEW & STATE INCOME & FINANCE

Tabled by CM Jai Ram Thakur on 8 feb 2019, in legislative assembly

Economic Situation at National Level

Economic growth 2017-18 = 6.7 %
Economic growth 2018-19 = 7.2 % (advance estimates)

Economic Situation in Himachal Pradesh

Economic growth in 2016-17 = 7.0 %
Economic growth in 2017-18 = 6.5 %
Economic growth in 2018-19 = 7.3% (advance estimates)

Per Capita Income at current prices during 2017-18 = 1,60,711

Per Capita Income at current prices during 2018-19 = 1,76,968

-showing an increase of 10.1 percent.

Sectoral Contribution-2017-18

Primary sector - 13.73 %

Secondary Sector- 43.01 %

Tertiary sector - 43.26 % (Transport, Communications and Trade 11.66 per cent, Finance & Real Estate 14.87 per cent and Community and Personal Services 16.73 percent.).

The overall contribution of **local bodies** in the GSDP for the year 2017-18 is **0.35 %**.

3. INSTITUTIONAL AND BANK FINANCES

The **LEAD BANK RESPONSIBILITY** has been allocated amongst three banks viz.

- **PNB in 6 districts**, namely Hamirpur, Kangra, Kinnaur, Kullu, Mandi and Una;

- **UCO Bank in 4 districts** namely Bilaspur, Shimla, Solan and Sirmour

-**State Bank of India in 2 districts** namely Chamba and Lahaul-Spiti.

The UCO Bank is the Convenor Bank of State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC).

Total (public+private) bank branches in HP 2,139 :

Rural areas - 1,724 branches (above 80 %)

Semi-urban areas - 322 branches

Urban area – 93 branches (Shimla is the only Urban Centre in the State classified by RBI).

Total Public sector bank branches in HP : 1,190 branches (55 % of total).

-PNB (338 branches) > SBI (329 branches) > UCO bank (174 branches).

Total Private sector bank branches in HP : 140 branches

HDFC (67 branches) > ICICI (31 branches).

Regional Rural Bank (RRB) : There is a Regional Rural Bank (RRB) sponsored by PNB namely **Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank (HPGB)** having total branch network of 264.

Co-operative Sector Banks : The Co-operative Sector Banks have total branch network of 545 and State apex Co-operative Bank i.e. **Himachal Pradesh Co-operative Bank (HPSCB)** have Branch network of 217 and **Kangra Central Co-operative Bank (KCCB)** is having 217 branches.

District-wise spread of bank branches:



Highest in Kangra (417 branches)
lowest in Lahaul-Spiti – 23
total ATMs in State - 1,964 ATMs by various banks.

-At present total 1,577 Bank Mitras are deployed in the State by various banks for providing Basic banking services in villages.

- RBI has its Regional office headed by Regional Director at Shimla (Kasumpti).

-NABARD has Regional office headed by Chief General Manager at Shimla (Kasumpti).

Financial Inclusion initiatives: The Financial Inclusion denotes delivery of financial services and products at an affordable cost to the excluded sections of our society and low income groups.

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN DHAN YOJANA (PMJDY): The scheme was launched by [PM Narendra Modi](#) on **15 August 2014 (Independence day speech, Red fort)**.

-Slogan of the Scheme is "Mera Khatha, Bhagya Vidhatha

-Banks in the State have covered all the households with at least one Basic Saving Deposit Account of each household.

-Total Basic Saving Bank Deposit Accounts (BSBDA) under **PMJDY = 10.69 lakh** (Out of which 9.45 lakh accounts opened rural areas 1.26 lakh accounts in urban areas).

-Banks have issued RuPay Debit Cards to 8.41 lakh PMJDY account holders and thus covered more than 79 percent of PMJDY accounts.

UNIVERSAL SOCIAL SECURITY INITIATIVES UNDER PMJDY SCHEME.

PRADHAN MANTRI SURAKSHA BIMA YOJANA- (PMSBY): It was originally mentioned in the 2015 Budget speech by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in **February 2015**. It was formally launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9 May in Kolkata.

-This scheme is providing renewable one year **accidental death cum special ability cover to saving bank account holders.**

-age group= 18 to 70 years

-premium = `12.00 per annum per subscriber

-cover= `2.00 lakh in case of death and 1.00 lakh for partial permanent special ability.

- renewable from 1st June every year.

PRADHAN MANTRI JEEVAN JYOTI BIMA YOJANA- (PMJJBY) : It was originally mentioned in the 2015 Budget speech by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley in **February 2015**. It was formally launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 9 May in Kolkata.

- it provides renewable one year life cover (Death).

-age group = 18 to 50 years

- premium = `330.00 per annum per subscriber

-cover= `2.00 lakh in case of death due to any reason.

-renewable from 1st June every year.

ATAL PENSION YOJANA (A.P.Y) : It was launched by Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#) on 9 May in [Kolkata](#). Atal Pension Yojana is focused on the unorganized sector and it provides subscribers a fixed minimum pension of `1,000, `2,000, `3,000, `4,000 or `5,000 per month starting at the age of 60 years, depending on the contribution option exercised on entering at the age between 18 and 40 years. The fixed minimum pension would be guaranteed by the government if regular contribution is made for 20 years. While the scheme is open to the Bank account holders in the prescribed age group,

Central Government would also co-contribute 50 percent of the total contribution or `1,000 per annum, whichever is lower for a period of 5 years for those subscribers which are not member of any statutory social security scheme and are not income tax payers.

The co-contribution from **State Government** toward subscribers of APY will be made in eligible accounts subject to 50 percent of the total contribution by the subscriber or `2,000 whichever is lower. The State Government is focusing

on MGNREGA workers, Mid Day Meal workers, Agriculture and Horticulture labourers and Anganwari workers to adopt the Atal pension Yojana.

PRADHAN MANTRI MUDRA YOJANA (PMMY): The scheme was launched on **8th April, 2015** by Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#).

The smaller of the micro enterprises mainly consist of non- farm enterprises in Manufacturing Trading and Services whose credit needs are below `10.00 lakh and all the loans given to these segments for income generation will be known as MUDRA loans.

STAND-UP INDIA SCHEME (SUIS): Standup India was launched by [Prime Minister Narendra Modi](#) on **5 April 2016**.

It aims to encourage entrepreneurial culture among unserved and underserved segments of the society represented by **SC, ST and women**.

The Scheme facilitate loan from Banks between `10.00 lakh and `1.00 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and at least one woman borrower per bank branch for setting up of a new enterprise in the field of construction, business, service sector. (also termed as green field enterprise).

Banks are conducting financial Literacy campaign through the Financial literacy Centers (FLCs) and through its Bank Branches in Himachal Pradesh. There are total 22 Financial literacy Centers (FLCs) managed by Leads Banks and Cooperative sector Banks.

Implementation of Government Sponsored Schemes

a) National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) : The scheme implemented in the State through HP State Rural Livelihood Mission (HPSRLM), Rural Development Department, Government of Himachal Pradesh. Banks have been allocated the annual target of `60.00 crore covering 5,400 beneficiaries under the Scheme in the State.

b) National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM) : NULM has been implemented in Himachal Pradesh by Urban Development Department.

c) Pradhan Mantri Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) : Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is the nodal agency at national level for implementation of the scheme. At state level the scheme is implemented through KVIC, KVIB and District Industries center.

d) Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) : The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India is implementing the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS) through NABARD for Dairy sector activities. The capital subsidy under the scheme is administered through NABARD.

e) Kisan Credit Cards : credit support from the banking system to the farmers to meet the short-term credit requirements for cultivation of crops and other needs.

- Banks have financed total 4,28,763 farmers under KCC scheme with amount of `6,268 crore up to September 2018.

f) Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)

- Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) an initiative of Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) to have dedicated infrastructure at **district level** to impart training and skill up gradation of rural youth geared towards entrepreneurship development. RSETIs are managed by lead banks with active co-operation from the MoRD and Rural development Department of Government of Himachal Pradesh. **The Lead Banks i.e. UCO Bank, PNB and SBI have set up Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs) in 10 districts of the State (except in Kinnaur and Lahaul and Spiti districts).**

NABARD

RIDF : Government of India had created **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** within NABARD in the year 1995-96. Under this scheme, concessional loans are given by NABARD to State Government and State owned Corporations for the completion of on going projects as also to start new projects in certain selected sectors.

Food Processing Fund (FPF) : NABARD has established a food processing Fund with a corpus of `2,000 crore for the year 2014-15 for providing financial assistance for establishing the designated food parks and also for setting up of

individual food/ agro processing units in the designated Food Parks with the purpose to provide impetus to development of food processing sector on cluster basis in the country to reduce wastage of agricultural produce and to create employment opportunities, especially in rural areas.

Cremica Mega Food Park Pvt. Ltd. Singha, Una is being established under the fund.

(Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal in feb 2019 inaugurated Cremica Food Park, which is the first mega food park of Himachal Pradesh)

Bank Sakhi Model: NABARD has sanctioned a project of 50 Bank sakhis to HPGGB (HP Grameen Bank) , Mandi involving an amount `14.50 lakh wherein SHG Leaders/ Members will work as BC agents in the villages thereby thrusting the financial inclusion drive in the state.

4. EXCISE AND TAXATION

During the year 2017-18 revenue collected under :

VAT - `2,525.87 crore (`41.18 % of total revenue collected)

SGST- `1,833.15 crore (29.88 % of total revenue collection)

State Excise- `1,311.25 crore (21.37 percent of total revenue collected)

-Remaining **7.56 percent** collection was under the HP Passenger and Goods Tax Act, HP Luxury Tax Act, HP Certain Goods Carried by Road Tax Act and HP Entertainment Tax Act.

5. PRICE MOVEMENT

The price situation in Himachal Pradesh remained under constant watch. The Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of the State has been keeping constant vigil on the price situation and maintained the mechanism of supplying the essential consumer commodities to the public through a network of **4,918 fair price shops**.

6. FOOD SECURITY AND CIVIL SUPPLIES

Himachal Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation (HPSCSC)

The H.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation as a “CENTRAL PROCUREMENT AGENCY” for all controlled and non-controlled essential commodities in the State is procuring and distributing food-grains and other essential commodities to the entire satisfaction of the Government under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and National Food Security Act (NFSA).

SAIL Yard : During the current financial year, 2018-19, as per initiative taken by the Corporation, the Steel Authority of India Ltd. has entrusted **SAIL Yard at Bhattakuffar** for the supply of quality steel to various Government Departments/ Boards/ Corporations.

7. AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

AGRICULTURE: Agriculture is the main occupation of the people of Himachal Pradesh and has an important place in the economy of the State. Himachal Pradesh is the only State in the country whose 89.96 percent population (Census 2011) lives in rural areas. Therefore dependency on Agriculture/ Horticulture is eminent as it provides direct employment to about 62 percent of total workers of the State.

-About **9 per cent of the total GSDP comes from agriculture and its allied sectors.**

-Out of the total geographical area of State 55.67 lakh hectare the area of operational holdings is about 9.55 lakh hectares and is operated by 9.61 lakh farmers.

-**The average holding size is about 1.00 hectare.**

- 87.95 percent of the total holdings are of Small and Marginal farmers.

-About 11.71 percent of holdings are owned by Semi Medium and Medium farmers.

- only 0.34 percent by large farmers.

CATEGORY OF FARMERS :

Marginal - Size of LAND Holdings Below 1.0 Hectares.

Small- Size of LAND Holdings -1.0-2.0 Hectares.

Semi Medium - Size of LAND Holdings, 2.0-4.0 Hectares.

Medium - Size of LAND Holdings ,4.0-10.0 Hectares.

Large - Size of LAND Holdings ,10.0- Hectares and Above

-About **80 percent** of the total cultivated area in the State is **rainfed**.

-Rice, Wheat and Maize are important cereal crops of the State.

Agro-climatically the State can be divided into four zones viz.:-

-Sub Tropical, sub-mountain and low hills.

-Sub Temperate, Sub humid mid hills.

- Wet Temperate high hills.

- Dry Temperate high hills and cold deserts.

-The State received an **average rainfall of 1,251 mms (125.1 cm)**.

-**Kangra district gets the highest** rainfall followed by Chamba, Sirmaur and Mandi.

Monsoon Season 2018: For Himachal as a whole, the total rainfall during the entire monsoon season was **11 percent above** the annual normal rainfall.

Prakritik Kheti Khushal Kisan scheme/Yogna (PKKKS) under Zero Budget Natural farming:

-The State Government has launched new scheme “Prakritik Kheti Khushal Kisan Yogna” in the state. The Government intends to encourage “**Zero Budget Natural Farming**”, so as to bring down the cost of cultivation. The use of chemical fertilizers and chemical pesticides will be discouraged. The budget provided for pesticides/ insecticides to the department of Agriculture and Horticulture will be used for providing **bio-pesticides and bio-insecticides**. A budget provision of `25.00 crore has been kept for 2018-19.

The scheme is applicable only to the residents of the Himachal Pradesh only. The scheme is meant for the farmers.

PKKKS Benefits:

75% subsidy on drums which are required to make inputs for natural farming.

Financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 to open natural resources store in village.

Training and workshop to create awareness about natural farming for farmers.

Soil Testing Programme

-In order to maintain the fertility of the soil during each crop season, soil samples are collected from the farmers' fields and analysed in the **soil testing laboratories**. Soil testing laboratories have been established in **all the districts (except Lahaul and Spiti)**. These laboratories have been strengthened with latest equipments. At present **11 soil testing labs** have been strengthened. 9 mobile labs and 47 mini labs have also been setup by the Agriculture department.

INSURANCE SCHEMES

Crop Insurance Scheme : The State Government has introduced this scheme from Rabi, 1999-2000 season.

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna – since Kharif season 2016. The different stages of risk leading to crop loss due to preventing sowing, post harvest losses, localized calamities and losses to standing crops (from sowing to harvest) have been covered under this new scheme. The scheme is compulsory to loanee farmers.

Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme. (R-WBCIS) : launched since Kharif, 2016 season. The scheme intends to provide insurance protection to the cultivators against Natural Calamities which are deemed to adversely affect the Kharif crops during its cultivation period.

-The weather based Crop Insurance Scheme was initially launched in Himachal Pradesh in 6 Blocks for apple crop and in 4 Blocks for Mango crop during Rabi 2009-10. In view of the popularity of this scheme, the coverage under this scheme has been extended during the consecutive years. At present this scheme is being implemented in 36 Blocks for Apple, 41 Blocks for Mango, 15 Blocks for Citrus, 13 Blocks for Plum and 5 Blocks for Peach crops. In addition to this, to protect apple fruit crop from hailstorm 19 Blocks have been covered under Add-on cover scheme. From the year 2017-18 name of the scheme has changed to Restructured Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme (R-WBCIS).

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

Dr.Y.S.Parmar Kisan Swarozgar Yojna : the scheme envisages setting up 4700 polyhouses and 2150 Drip/sprinklers irrigation units in the state. For this, **85 percent project assistance (subsidy)** is being provided to the farmers to set up polyhouses and drip/sprinklers irrigation units.

-Also for creation of water sources individually and collectively by a group of farmers, (low/ medium lift, pumping machinery) **50 percent subsidy** shall be provided.

Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY)

-Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna –RAFTAAR was initiated in 2007 as an umbrella scheme for ensuring holistic development of agriculture and allied sector. The scheme was implemented as an Additional Central Assistance (100%) from GOI. The funding pattern has been altered in the ratio of **90:10 for North Eastern/Himalayan States from 2015-16** onward. Now RKVY has been revamped as **RKVY-RAFTAAR**.

National Food Security Mission (NFSM): aimed at to enhance the production of Rice, Wheat and Pulses. NFSM has been launched in the State from Rabi 2012 with two major components viz. NFSM-Rice and NFSM-Wheat. Under NFSM-Rice is in operation in three districts of state and whereas NFSM-Wheat in nine district with 100 percent assistance from Central Government. The aim of Mission is to increase production of Rice and Wheat through area expansion and productivity enhancement restoring soil fertility and productivity, creativity employment opportunities and enhancing level of farm economy in targeted districts.

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana: In an attempt to improve the Agricultural productivity, the government of India has started a new scheme, viz. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY). Micro-irrigation projects (“Har Khet Ko Pani”) and end-to-end irrigation solutions will be the key focus of this scheme. “The major objective of the PMKSY is to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level, expand cultivable area under assured irrigation, improve on-farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage of water, enhance adoption of precision-irrigation and other water-saving technologies”.

Efficient Irrigation through Micro-Irrigation Scheme : State Government is committed to promote Agriculture in the State by increasing the productivity of crops. For efficient system of irrigation the Government has launched a scheme named named ‘Efficient Irrigation through Micro-Irrigation Scheme Systems’ with an outlay of `154.00 crore over a period of 4 years starting from 2015-16 to 2018-19. Through this project 8,500 hectare area will be brought under Drip/ Sprinkler Irrigation System benefitting 14,000 farmers. The subsidy @ 80 percent for the installation of Sprinkler and drip irrigation system would be provided to the farmers.

Uttam Chara Utpadan Yojna : With a view to increase fodder production in the state, the state Government has launched a scheme; ‘Uttam Chara Utpadan Yojana’ for fodder development by bringing an area of 25,000 hectare under fodder production. Quality seed of fodder grasses, cuttings, and seedings of improved fodder varieties will be supplied on subsidized rates to the farmers. Subsidy on Chaff Cutters is available to the SC/ ST and BPL farmers.

Mukhya Mantri Khet Sanrakshan yojna : Monkey and wild life menance causes huge loss to crops annually. Therefore, Government of Himachal Pradesh has introduced a scheme “Mukhya Mantri khet Sanrakshan Yojna”. Under this scheme, a **subsidy of 80 percent** will be provided for **solar fencing**. Electric Current in the fence around the farms will be sufficient to keep away the stray animals, wild animals and monkeys from the farms.

MUKHYA MANTRI KISAAN EVAM KHETIHAR MAZDOOR JEEVAN SURAKSHA YOJNA: 2015-16.

Aim : to provide Insurance cover to the Farmers and Agricultural Labourers in the event of sustaining injury or death due to operation of farm machinery. In case of the death and permanent special ability, compensation of `1.50 lakh and in case of partial special abilities `50,000 will be provided to the affected farmers.

LIFT IRRIGATION AND BOREWELL SCHEME:

In most parts of the State, water has to be lifted for irrigation purpose. As an incentive to the farmers, Government has decided to grant **50 per cent subsidy** for construction of Lift Irrigation Schemes and installation of Bore-Wells by individual or group of farmers for irrigation purposes.

SAUR SINCHAYEE YOJNA:

-Under this scheme, **90 percent assistance** will be provided to **small / marginal farmers** for the installation of solar pumping machinery on individual basis.

-**80 percent assistance** will be provided to **medium / big farmers** for the installation of solar pumping machinery on individual basis.

-**100 percent assistance** will be provided if minimum **Five farmers** opted for installation of solar pumping machinery on community basis.

-Under this scheme, **5,850 agriculture solar pumping sets** will be made available to the farmers.

JAL SE KRISHI KO BAL YOJNA: Under this scheme check dams and ponds will be constructed. Farmers can use this water for irrigation purpose after construction of small lifting schemes or Flow Irrigation schemes on individual basis. Under this scheme, **100 percent** expenditure would be borne by the Government for implementation of **community based** small water saving scheme.

HORTICULTURE

The rich diversity of agro-climatic conditions, topographical variations and altitudinal differences coupled with fertile, deep and well drained soils favour the cultivation of temperate to sub-tropical fruits in Himachal. The region is also suitable for cultivation of ancillary horticultural produce like flowers, mushroom, honey and hops.

-The area under fruits - 2,30,852 with total production of 1,200 tonne (2017-18).

-**Apple is so far the most important** fruit crop of Himachal Pradesh, which constitutes about **49 percent of the total area** (1,12,634 hectares in 2017-18) under fruit crops and about **79 percent of the total fruit production**.

-In warmer area of the State mango has emerged as an important fruit crop. Litchi is also gaining importance in certain regions. Mango and litchi are fetching better market prices.

-To promote **flower cultivation** two **Tissue Culture Laboratories** have been established under Model Flower Cultivation Centres at **Mahogbagh** (Chail, District Solan) and **Palampur**, District Kangra.

-**Four Farmers Cooperative Societies** are functioning for the production and marketing of **flowers** in district **Shimla, Kangra, Lahaul and Spiti and Chamba**.

₪ Himachal Pushp Kranti Yojna.

₪ 'Mukhya Mantri Madhu Vikas Yojna'

-Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (**MIDH**) : a Centrally sponsored scheme being implemented in the State by Department of Horticulture under which assistance is provided as back ended subsidy (for bankloans) @ 50 percent to farmers for carrying out various horticultural activities like cultivation of fruits, flowers, vegetables, spices and establishment of new gardens, Mushroom Production, Green House cultivation of High value flowers and vegetables, Anti Hail Nets, Horticulture Mechanization, Post Harvest Management etc.

-To promote protected cultivation in horticulture the state government has enhanced **subsidy under Poly Houses from 50% to 85%**.

-To protect fruit crops especially apple from hailstorms, the state government has enhanced **subsidy on Anti hail nets from 50% to 80%**.

Himachal Pradesh Marketing Corporation (HPMC)

- H.P.M.C. a State public undertaking was established in the Pradesh with the objective of marketing fresh fruits and vegetables, processing the unmarketable surplus and marketing the processed products. Since its inception, HPMC has been playing pivotal role in the life of fruit growers of the state by providing them remunerative returns of their produce.

8. ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES

-Under Mukhyamantri Arogya Pashudhan Yojna 1,251 veterinary dispensaries have been opened up to December, 2018.

-**SHEEP** : For improving the quality of sheep and wool, Government Sheep Breeding Farms at **Jeori** (Shimla), **Sarol** (Chamba), **Tal** (Hamirpur), and **Karachham** (Kinnaur) are supplying improved sheep to the breeders of the State. **One Ram (MALE SHEEP) centre at Nagwain** in District Mandi is also functioning where improved Rams are reared and supplied to breeders for cross breeding.

-In view of the increasing demand for pure Hoggets (LAMB or baby sheep) and the established popularity of the **Soviet Marino** and **American Rambouillet** in the Pradesh, the State has switched over to pure breeding at the existing Government farms in the State. 9 Sheep and wool Extension Centres continue functioning.

Rabbit : Angora rabbit farms are functioning at **Kandwari** (Kangra) and **Nagwain** (Mandi) for distribution of rabbits to the breeders.

Dairy production : Upgradation of indigenous cattle is being carried out by cross breeding with Jersey and Holsten. In buffalo upgradation with Murral bull is being popularized. Artificial insemination with the latest technology of Deep Frozen Semen is being practiced.

Horse : One horse breeding farm at **Lari in Lahaul and Spiti** district has been established with the objective to preserve **Spiti breed of horses**.

Yak: One Yak breeding farm has been also established in the premises of horse breeding **Lari**.

Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (Doodh Ganga Yojna):-

-Doodh Ganga Scheme has been launched in collaboration with **NABARD** in the State since **25th September, 2009**. The Components of the scheme include :

- Establishment of small dairy units (units size comprise of 2-10 milch animals) Bank Loan of `7.00 lakh for purchase of 10 animals.
- Bank Loan to the tune of `20.00 lakh for purchase of milking machine/ bulk milk cooling units,
- Purchase of dairy processing equipments for manufacture of indigenous milk products, Bank Loan to the tune of `13.20 lakh.
- Establishment of dairy products transportation facilities and cold chain bank loan of `26.50 lakh.
- Cold storage facilities of milk products bank loan of `33.00 lakh.
- Dairy, marketing outlet/ Dairy parlour Bank Loan of `1.00 lakh.

Backyard Poultry Farming

-To develop poultry sector in Himachal Pradesh, department is running following poultry development schemes especially in rural areas of the State. Under Backyard Poultry Project, 3 week old chicks of coloured Strain variety i.e. Chabro are supplied to the farmers of the State and one unit consists of 50-100 chicks. These chicks are produced at the **two hatcheries i.e. Nahan and Sundernagar**.

Rashtriya Gokul Mission (RGM) : conservation and propagation of **Sahiwal** and **Red Sindhi** breeds through Embryo Transfer Technology (E.T.T) at .Palampur.

National Livestock Mission (NLM)

-National Livestock Mission (NLM) is a centrally sponsored scheme launched w.e.f. year 2014-15. Department of Animal Husbandry is the Nodal Department for implementation of proposals under NLM. The mission is designed to cover all the activities required to ensure quantitative and qualitative improvement in livestock production systems and capacity building of all stakeholders. Activities related to development of Small Ruminants i.e. Sheep and Goat, Fodder Development, Risk Management and Poultry Development are included in the scheme. State share is different for different components under this scheme. The Mission is formulated with the objective of sustainable development of livestock sector, focusing on improving availability of quality feed and fodder.

Shepherd Scheme

-The local sheep is being crossed with good quality Rams of **Rambouillet** and **Russian meriono** so that the quality as well as quantity of wool production can be increased. Hence it is being proposed these Rams to the sheep breeders at **60 percent subsidy**.

BPL Krishak Bakri Palan Yojna

-under this scheme it has been proposed to distribute units of 11 Goats (10 female+1 male), 5 Goats (4 female + 1 male) and 3 Goats (2 female + 1 male) of **Beetls Sirohi/ Jamnapari/ white Himalayan breeds respectively on 60 percent subsidy to landless, BPL category farmers to increase their income**.

Livestock Census:-

-Livestock census is being conducted **quinquennially** (every 5 years) by the Government of India. So far, 19 such Census have been conducted. In this sequence, **20th livestock census is being conducted from 1st October 2018**.

Under this programme, the employees of the department are collecting data by going to the doorstep of the livestock owner. Livestock Census is significant for the development of Animal Husbandry in State. New policies related to animal development are prepared based on the exact number of livestock and poultry by Himachal Pradesh. Pattern of funding is 100 percent from Government of India.

Milk Based Industries

- H.P. Milkfed is implementing dairy development activities in the State. The H.P. Milkfed has 977 milk producers Co-operative Societies. The total membership of these societies is 42,650 out of which 205 woman dairy co-operatives are also functioning. The surplus milk from the milk producers is collected by village dairy co-operative societies, processed and marketed by H.P. Milkfed.

At present the Milkfed is running 22 milk chilling centres having a total capacity of 91,500 litres milk per day and 11 milk processing plants having a total capacity of 1,00,000 litres milk per day. **One milk powder plant of 5 metric tonne per day at Duttanagar in Shimla District and one cattle feed plant of 16 metric tonne per day capacity at Bhor in District Hamirpur** has been established and functioning.

-The milk collected to milk chilling centres is transported to milk processing plants where it is processed, packed (Him brand) and marketed in sachets as well as in loose containers.

-In order to utilize surplus milk and increase its revenue and to bring down its losses H.P. Milkfed has initiated the following developmental activities:-

- Processing Plants of capacity 5,000 litres per day are being set up at Recong Peo, district Kinnaur, Nalagarh, district Solan Mohal at Kullu District and Jangal Beri, district Hamirpur Chamba, Rohru, Nahan, Una.

-Processing Plants of capacity 20,000 litres per day are being set up in **Mandi and Kangra** district.

-Himachal Pradesh Milkfed is manufacturing Panjiri at 'Panjiri Manufacturing Plant' Chakkar (Mandi) to cater the need of the Welfare Department under ICDS project.

Himachal Pradesh Milkfed has also supplied 4,798 quintals of Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP) and 11,551 quintals of Bakery Biscuit to Women and Child Welfare Department.

- The H.P. Milk Federation organize training programme to milk producers at village level for educating them to produce good quality of milk.
- H.P. Milkfed has also diversified its activities by manufacturing 390 quintals of sweets during Deepawali festival.
- H.P. Milkfed is providing refreshment kit to Blood donors at IGMC Shimla.

FISHERIES AND AQUA CULTURE:

State's linearly flowing rivers Beas, Satluj and Ravi receive many streams during their downward journey and harbour the precious cold water fish fauna such as **Schizothorax, Golden Mahseer and exotic Trouts.**

-The reservoir of Himachal Pradesh has the distinction of **highest per hectare fish production in Govind Sagar and highest sale price value of fish catch in Pong Dam** in the country.

-Under Blue Revolution scheme, Department of Fisheries has envisaged construction of 1,000 hectare new ponds and 1,000 trout units in the State by 2022. Central Sector Scheme of Blue Revolution is being shared in 90:10 between Central and State Government.

Under this scheme during 2018-19 :

Construction of 20 hectare new ponds/tanks in shape of rearing ponds, proposed with the cost of `79.90 lakh including 1st year inputs in H.P.

-Establishment of **2 Carp Feed Mill** in private Sector with financial assistance of `8.00 lakh. In **Bilaspur and Kangra** District for the production of high quality of fish in the State.

- Establishment of **2 Trout Feed Mill** in Private Sector with financial assistance of `8.00 lakh in **Kullu and Shimla** District.
- Establishment of one Trout hatchery with financial assistance of `10.00 lakh.
- Establishment of 100 Trout farming units financial assistance of 228.60 lakh is being provided for construction including 1st year inputs in the state.
- Establishment of 2 solar power support for aquaculture in Government sector.
- Establishment of Recirculatory Aquaculture system in Government sector.

9. FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT

Forests in Himachal Pradesh cover an area of **37,947 Sq. Km.** and account for **68.16 percent** of total geographical area of the state. However, presently **26.4 percent** is **Forest cover** of the total geographical area of the State. (all lands, more than one hectare in area with a tree canopy density of more than 10% is called forest cover).

-The aim of the Forest Department is to enhance the forest cover in the State to 30 percent of its geographical area by 2030 to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Schemes of forest / plantations :

-Van Mahotsava : **1-7 july every year**, started by KM Munshi, union minister for agriculture in 1950.

-Sanjhi Van Yojana: 1998, 2001

-**Smriti Van Yojana** : it envisages tree plantation by people in specially designated areas on the occasion of their birthday, marriage anniversary or on death anniversary of their parents/ relatives/ elders.

Nagar Van Udyan Yojana - “Ek Kadam Hariyali Ki Or”-A Programme for Climate Smart Green Cities

The vision of this scheme is to create at least one City Forest in each city having Municipal Corporation for providing wholesome, healthy living environment and contributing to growth of Smart, Clean, Green, Sustainable and Healthy Cities. Under this scheme **80 percent** funds are to be provided by the National CAMPA Advisory Council (NCAC) and **20 percent by the State Government.**

NEW SCHEMES :

i) Samudayik Van Samvardhan Yojna

The main objective of this scheme is to ensure participation of local communities in conservation & Development of Forests through Plantation, Improving quality of forest and increasing the forest cover. The scheme will be implemented through existing JFMCs (joint forest management committees).

ii) Vidarthi Van Mittar Yojna

This scheme has been started for the students to sensitize them about the importance of Forests and their role in environmental conservation, to inculcate in students a sense of attachment towards nature conservation, protection of forests and increase forest cover.

iii) Van Samridhi Jan Samridhi Yojna

This scheme has been started to strengthen the NTFP (non timber forest produce) resource base in the state through active community participation. Empowerment of local communities in collection, conservation and marketing of NTFPs to augment the incomes of rural population. The scheme will be implemented initially in 7 most biodiversity rich districts namely, Chamba, Kullu, Mandi , Shimla, Sirmour, Kinnaur and Lahaul & Spiti and subsequently in the remaining districts of the State.

EXTERNALLY AIDED PROJECTS

Himachal Pradesh Forest Eco-systems Climate Proofing Project (K.F.W assisted)

Himachal Pradesh Forest Eco- systems Climate Proofing Project with the assistance of **Germany (KfW)** Project is being implemented in **Chamba and Kangra districts** of the State for the **period of 7 years w.e.f. 2015-16**. The cost of the project is `308.45 crore. The Funding pattern of the project is **85.10 percent loan and 14.90 percent State share**. The main objective of this project is the rehabilitation, protection and sustainable use of the selected forest eco systems in Himachal Pradesh to increase and secure the resilience of forest eco systems against climate change and ensure flow of forest based products and other services, which benefit the forest dependent communities. In the long run this will contribute in strengthening the adaptation capacity of forest eco systems to climate change, protection of biodiversity, stabilization of catchment areas, conservation of natural resource base and at the same time result in better livelihoods for the people of Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh Forest Eco systems Management and Livelihood Improvement Project:

9.7 A new Project namely "Himachal Pradesh Forest Eco systems Management and Livelihood Improvement Project" for 8 years (2018-19 to 2025-26) amounting to `800.00 crore has been started with the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (J.I.C.A.). The Funding pattern of the project is 80 percent loan and 20 percent State share. The project will be implemented in Bilaspur, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla, Kinnaur, Lahaul-Spiti districts and tribal areas of Pangi and Bharmour Sub-divisions of Chamba districts with Project headquarter at Kullu (Shamshi), district Kullu and Regional office at Rampur, district Shimla. The objectives of the project are to conserve the forest and mountain eco system and improve livelihood of the forest and pasture dependent communities by increasing forest cover, density and productive potential using scientific and modern forest management practices; enhancing biodiversity and forest ecosystem conservation and to reduce pressure/ stress on forest resources by providing the village communities with alternative livelihood opportunity.

World Bank Aided Integrated Development Project for Source Sustainability and Climate Resilient Rain-fed Agriculture:

The funding pattern of the project is 80 percent loan and 20 percent is State share. The project period is 7 years. The project would be implemented in 900 Gram Panchayats in Shiwalik and Mid Hills agro-climatic zones spread across various watershed in the State. The key objectives of this project include comprehensive treatment of around 2 lakh hectares non-arable and 20,000 hectares arable lands; and enhancement of water productivity/ efficiency Milk production and livelihood improvement in the project area. An outlay of `35.00 crore has been approved under this project during the current financial year 2018-19 out of which expenditure of `7.97 crore has been incurred up to November, 2018.

ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduction of State level Environment Leadership Awards

-Himachal Pradesh Environment Leadership Awards has been started by the State Government to be conferred through Department of Environment, Science and Technology every year to various categories of institutions/ individuals of the State, who excel in promotion of environmental conservation and sustainable development by demonstrating successful initiatives. The award is to be given in the form of a citation along with cash prize of `50,000 as 1st Prize and `25,000 as 2nd Prize.

Setting up bio-methanation plant at Kufri, Shimla:

The department is setting up 2.5 MTPD bio-methanation plant using horse dung/biodegradable waste from hotels and residential areas to generate biogas/bio CNG on turnkey and end to end basis (Waste collection till disposal) at Kufri, Shimla. The total budgetary provision for this plant is `1.40 crore against which `30.00 lakh have been earmarked for the year 2018-19.

Other Initiatives to protect the environment

9.17

- Use of **Thermocol cutlery** has been fully banned in the state.
- "**Horn not Ok**" campaign has been launched in two towns **Shimla and Manali**
- In order to facilitate the common public to file complaints w.r.t noise pollution in the state, a mobile app "**Shor Nahi**" has been developed.

10. WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Major and Medium Irrigation :

-The only **major** irrigation project in the State is Shahnehar Project in Kangra District. The project has been completed and irrigation facility to 15,287 hectare land is being provided.

-under **medium** Irrigation Projects, **Changer area Bilaspur** 2,350 hectare, **Sidhatha Kangra**, 3,150 hectare and **Balh Valley Left Bank** 2,780 hectare has been completed.

At present work of Medium Irrigation **Project Phinna Singh (Nurpur, Kangra)** and the **Nadaun** area in District **Hamirpur** is in progress.

Flood Control Works : The work for channelization of **Swan Phase-IV (UNA)** and **Chouch Khad (Kangra)** is in progress.

11. INDUSTRIES AND MINING

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (DIPP), Government of India has accorded final approval for setting up of two State of Art Industrial Area at **Pandoga District Una** and **Kandrori, District Kangra** under Modified Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (MIUS).

Sericulture Industry : 14 silk yarn reeling units have been set up in private sector i.e. district Kangra and Bilaspur five each, in Hamirpur, Mandi, Una and Sirmaur one each with the assistance of Government.

MINING :

Good quality limestone, which is one of the ingredients in the manufacture of cement, is available in plenty in the State.

Six Cement Plants :

- M/s ACC Ltd. at Barmana, District Bilaspur (two units),
- M/s Ambuja Cements Ltd. at Kashlog District Solan (two units),
- M/s Ultratech Cement (earlier J.P. Himachal Cement) at Baga Bhalag (one unit)
- M/s CCI at Rajban District Sirmaur (one unit) are already in operation.

-The establishment of other cement plants are under process in parts of District Mandi, Shimla and Chamba.

-Other commercially exploitable minerals in the State are Shale, Barytes, Silica Sand, Rock Salt, Quartzite, Building material like sand stone, sand, bajri and building stone.

12. LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT

The employment assistance/ information service to job seekers in the Pradesh is rendered through the 3 Regional Employment Exchanges, 9 District Employment Exchanges, 2 University Employment Information and Guidance Bureaus, 62 Sub-Employment Exchanges, 1 Special Employment Exchange for Physically Handicapped, 1 Central Employment Cell, Vocational Guidance and Employment Counseling to the youth as well as in the matter of collection of Employment Market Information Centre are working in the State. All 74 Employment Exchanges have been computerized and 71 Employment Exchanges are online. Efforts are on to bring remaining 3 Employment Exchanges Online.

Vocational Guidance

-There are total **four vocational Guidance centers** under Labour and Employment Department out of which one vocational guidance centre at the **Directorate** and other three are located at Regional Employment Office viz **Mandi, Shimla and Dharamshala**. Besides this, there are two University Employment Information and Guidance Bureau at Palampur and Shimla. These Vocational Guidance Centers impart vocational guidance to desirous unemployed youths. Vocational guidance camps are also organized in many educational Institutions of the State. 145 camps were organized in the different parts of the State during the Financial Year up to December, 2018.

Labour Welfare Measures : The State Government has established two Labour Courts-cum-Industrial Tribunals, one with headquarter at Shimla with its jurisdiction of District Shimla, Kinnaur, Solan and Sirmaur and the other at Dharamshala with its jurisdiction of District Kangra, Chamba, Una, Hamirpur, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu and Lahaul-Spiti. The Presiding Officers of Labour Courts-cum-Industrial Tribunals are the rank of District and Session Judges have been appointed for each Labour Courts- cum-Industrial Tribunals.

UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE SCHEME

During this Financial Year 2018-19, budgetary provision of `40.00 crore has been made under Unemployment Allowance Scheme. Under this scheme there is provision of allowance to the eligible unemployed himachali youth to enable them to sustain themselves for a certain period of `1,000 per month and for 50 percent or more permanent physically challenged `1,500 per month for a maximum period of 2 years.

13. Power

The State of Himachal Pradesh has an estimated Hydro Potential of 27,436 MW out of which 24,000 MW has been assessed as harnessable while the Government of Himachal Pradesh has decided to forgo balance potential in lieu of



safe guarding the environment and to maintain ecological as well as protect various social concerns. Out of the total harness able potential of about 24,000 MW, a potential to the tune of 20,912 MW already stands allotted under various sectors.

-Though the private sector participation in terms of investments in this sector has been encouraging but the **smaller projects has been reserved for investors from Himachal Pradesh only (up to 2 MW) and preference will be given for projects up to 5 MW.**

Allotment of Hydro Projects:-

Two Hydroelectric Projects to the tune of 1229 MW i.e. **Dugar HEP (449 MW)** located in Chamba District on river Chenab and **Jangi-Thopan-Powari HEP (780 MW)** located in District Kinnaur on river Satluj have been allotted to National Hydro Electric Power Corporation (NHPC) and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVNL) on 7-08-2018 and 24-11-2018 respectively.

Commissioning of Solar Projects and Hydro projects in the State:-

A capacity addition of 10 MW has been achieved from solar projects during current Financial Year 2018-19 till November, 2018, out of commissioning of 3 Solar Projects viz Jahu (4 MW), Bhogpur Simbalwala (1 MW), Nand Solar project (5 MW) in the state. Further, 24 MW of Hydro Electric Project likely to be added within the balance period of this Financial Year 2018-19 i.e. upto March 2019 from Kut HEP (24 MW).

Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojna (DDUGJY)

The Ministry of Power, Government of India launched Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojna (DDUGJY) on 3rd December, 2014 for the electrification of rural households, separation of agriculture and non-agriculture feeders, strengthening and augmentation of Sub-Transmission and Distribution (ST & D) infrastructure in rural areas, including metering at distribution transformers, feeders and consumers end. The core objective is to ensure reliable and quality power supply in rural areas.

PRADHAN MANTRI SAHAJ BIJLI HAR GHAR YOJNA (SAUBHAGYA):

Ministry of Power, Govt. of India launched Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojna (SAUBHAGYA) on 11th October, 2017 to ensure last mile connectivity and electricity connection to all remaining households in the country. In Himachal Pradesh, Saubhagya scheme was also implemented to ensure last mile connectivity and electricity connection to all the remaining un-electrified households.

Implementation of Smart Grid Pilot Project at Kala Amb, H.P.

HPSEB Ltd. is implementing Smart Grid Pilot Project at Kala Amb. The work has been awarded to the consortium of M/s Alstom T&D India Ltd. (now M/s GE T&D India Ltd.) and M/s Genus Power Infrastructures Ltd. during February, 2015. M/S PGCIL has been appointed as Adviser cum Consultancy services provider to HPSEBL for establishment of Smart Grid Pilot Project.

-UHL STAGE-III HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT (100 MW)

New Projects:-

The Government of Himachal Pradesh has allotted Sai Kothi-I (15 MW), Sai Kothi-II (16.50 MW), Devi Kothi (16 MW), Hail (18 MW), HEPs to **HPSEB Ltd.** for implementation. The Physical and Financial status of above projects is as under:-

-SAI KOTHI STAGE-I HEP(15 MW)- Chamba (on Bairah Nallah , a tributary of ravi)

-SAI KOTHI STAGE-II HEP (16.50 MW)- Chamba

- DEVI KOTHI STAGE-II HEP (16 MW)-Chamba- Balsi nalah (tributary of Ravi)

- HAIL HEP(18 MW) - Chamba

Projects under Operation/ Execution stage through HPPCL are as under:

1. Integrated Kashang HEP (243 MW):-

Integrated Kashang HEP (243 MW) envisages development of **Kashang and Kerang Streams, tributaries of the river Sutlej**. This project is near Powari village in Kinnaur district. comprising **four distinct stages** as under:-

- Stage-I (65 MW)
- Stage-II and III (130 MW)
- Stage-IV (48 MW)

2.Sainj HEP (100 MW):- on river Sainj, a tributary of River Beas in Kullu District of Himachal Pradesh. The project comprises of a diversion barrage on the river Sainj near **village Niharni** and underground power house on right bank of river Sainj near village **Suind**.

3. Sawra Kuddu HEP(111 MW):- on the Pabbar River in Shimla District (Himachal Pradesh) near Rohru. The Project is being financed by **Asian Development Bank** except Head Race Tunnel (HRT) Package, which is being financed by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) out of equity contribution by the State Government.

4. Shongtong Karcham HEP (450 MW) :- on the river Sutlej in District Kinnaur of Himachal Pradesh with diversion barrage, near village **Powari**, and underground power house, located on the left bank of the river Satluj near village **Ralli**.

5. Chanju HEP-III (48MW) and Deothal Chanju HEP (30 MW) :-on Chanju stream which is a tributary Baira and Sieul of Ravi River in Chamba.

- **Deothal Chanju HEP (30 MW)** has also been developed on **Deothal stream**, a tributary of **Baira** of **Ravi basin** (Chamba district).

6. Renuka ji Dam HEP (40 MW): Renukaji Dam project, conceived as a **drinking water supply scheme for the National Capital Territory of Delhi**, envisages construction of 148 metre high rock fill dam on **river Giri at Dadahu in Sirmour** district and a power house at toe of Dam.

-The project has been declared as **“National Project”** by Govt. of India and is eligible to be funded by Govt. of India/beneficiary states to the extent of 90:10 of the project cost. After persistent request by state gov. National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi has agreed to fund 90 % cost of power component of the project.

7. Surgani Sundla HEP (48 MW): The scheme has been envisaged to use the tail water (used water)of **Baira Suil HEP** for the Generation of 48 MW of Power. This project is in salooni Tehsilof Chamba District.

8. Dhamwari Sunda HEP (70 MW) : on **Pabbar** river in Distt. Shimla.

9. Thana Plaun HEP (191 MW): on river Beas in Mandi District of Himachal Pradesh.

10. Nakthan HEP (460 MW) : on Parbati River (tributary of Ravi) in barshaini village Kullu.

11. Kishau Multipurpose Project (660 MW): Kishau Dam Project is proposed across River **Tons** (a tributary of River Yamuna) along the border of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. The Project has been declared as **“National Project”** by **Govt. of India** & is eligible to be funded by Govt. of India/beneficiary states to the extent of 90:10 of the project cost.

12. Triveni Mahadev HEP (78 MW) : on Beas river in Distt. Mandi.

Other project are in different stages of investigation : i.e,

- Chirgaon Majhgaon HEP (52 MW) in Distt. Shimla,
- Gyspa Dam Project (300 MW) in Distt. Lahaul Spiti.
- Bara Khamba HEP(45 MW) in Distt. Kinnaur.
- Lujai HEP (45 MW) in Distt. Chamba.
- Khab HEP (305 MW) in Distt. Kinnaur.

SOLAR PROJECTS

HPCL has set up a 5 MW Berra Dol solar power plant, **near Shri Naina Devi Ji Shrine in District Bilaspur**. The work was awarded to **M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited** and the contract agreement was signed on 22.07.2017. The plant has been successfully synchronized with HPSEBL grid on 07.12.2018.

- HPPCL intends to set up another solar power plant of **10 MW** capacity at **Aghlor in Distt. Una.**

H.P. POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited (HPPTCL) is an undertaking of Govt. of Himachal Pradesh with a view to strengthen the transmission network in Himachal Pradesh and to facilitate evacuation of power from upcoming generating plants.

HIMURJA: since **1989** HIMURJA has made concerted efforts to popularize renewable energy programmes throughout the State with financial support of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and State Government. Efforts are continued for promotion and providing of renewable energy devices like Solar Solar Photovoltaic applications, Solar Cooker, solar water heating system etc. HIMURJA is also assisting the Government for exploitation of Small Hydro (upto 5 MW) in the State.

HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECTS BEING EXECUTED BY HIMURJA MHEPs

Himurja is operating Micro Hydel projects at Lingti (400KW), Kothi (200 KW), Juthed (100 KW), Purthi (100 KW), Sural (100 KW), Gharola (100 KW), Sach (900 KW) and Billing (400 KW) which are under generation.

-As per decision of the Government, Micro Hydel projects namely, Lingti (400KW), Purthi (100 KW), Sural (100 KW), Gharola, Sach (900 KW) and Billing (400 KW) have been transferred and handed over to HPSEBL for operation. Other projects, namely Bara Bhangal (40 KW) and Sarahan (30 KW) have also been executed by HIMURJA.

14. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION

Railways : There are only two narrow gauge railway lines connecting Shimla with Kalka (96 Km.) and Jogindernagar with Pathankot (113 Km.) and one 33 Km. broad gauge railway line **from Nangal Dam to Charuru in District Una .**

Road Transport: For the benefit of people the following schemes remained in operation during the year:-

- i) Green Card Scheme:-**Green card holder is allowed **25 percent discount** in fare, if the journey under taken by passenger is of **50 km.** The cost of this card is `50 and having its validity for two years.
- ii) Smart Card Scheme:** Corporation has introduced Smart card scheme. The cost of this card is `50 and having its **validity for two years.** This card having **10 percent discount** in fare and also valid in HRTC Ordinary, Super Fast, Semi Deluxe and Deluxe buses, In Volvo and AC buses discount is to be allowed from 1st October to 31st March, in every year.
- iii) Samman Card Scheme:** Corporation has introduced Samman card scheme for the senior citizen of the age of the **60 years or more.** Under this scheme, the **discount of 30 percent** in fare is allowed in **ordinary buses.**
- iv) Free Facility to Women:** Women have been allowed free travelling facility in HRTC ordinary buses on the occasion of "Raksha Bandhan" and "Bhaiya Dooj". Muslim women have been allowed free travelling facility on occasion of "Id" and "Baker Id".
- v) Discount in fare to Women:** The Corporation has also allowed 25 percent discount in fare in ordinary buses within the State to the women.
- vi) Free Facility to Students of Government Schools:**The students of Government schools up to +2 classes have been allowed free travelling facility in HRTC ordinary buses.
- vii) Free Facility to the person suffering from serious disease:**Free travelling facility to cancer, spinal injury, kidney and dialysis patients along with one attendant in HRTC buses for the purpose of medical treatment on referral slip issued by the Doctor within and outside the State.
- viii) Free Facility to the Special abled persons:** The Corporation is providing free travelling facility to special abled persons having disability of 70 percent or more along with one attendant within State.
- ix) Free Facility to the Gallantry Awardees:** The Gallantry Award winners have been allowed free travelling facility in HRTC's ordinary buses in addition to Delux Buses in the State.
- x) Luxury Buses:** The Corporation is plying 51 owned and 39 buses super luxury (Volvo / Scania) and 24 luxury AC buses under Wet-Leasing scheme to interstate roads to provide better transport facility to the public.
- xi) 24X7 Helpline:** 24x7 HRTC/ Private Bus Passenger's helpline No.94180-00529 and 0177-2657326 have been introduced to lodge and address the complaints of passengers.
- xii) Taxies on sealed roads:** Taxies Services have also been introduced by the Corporation in Shimla Town for public on sealed/ restricted roads.



xiii) Tempo traveller to major Tourist localities: Corporation introduced 11 tempo traveller under wet- leasing scheme to major Tourist localities of the State in order to provide comfortable journey to the Tourist/ general Public.

Creation of Transport Nagar

At present most of the motor mechanical workshops which cater to a large number of vehicles are functioning on road sides which are creating not only congestion on the road but are a public nuisance and cause of accident. To sort out the problem of traffic congestion in the state the department plans to develop 08 Transport Nagars on Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode in the state to shift the workshops to locations away from roads and create multiple facilities like parking lots, seating places, eating places, toilets, recreation centres and other facilities at the site of the newly created Transport Nagars in all district of the State. For this purpose the transfer of land in the name of Transport Department at Baddi, Distt. Solan and Mohal Rampur, District Una has been done.

Reservation of seats for Special Category Person:-

40% seats in all type of Stage Carriage buses have been declared as reserved for Special Category persons i.e. Cancer Patients, Pregnant women, Physically Challenged and Senior Citizens. This facility is admissible in buses plying within a radius of 50 Km from its originating point.

Implementation of FAME India Scheme:- 50 electric buses were sanctioned by Govt. of India on 27.07.2018 under FAME-India Scheme for Shimla Town. The letter of award for procurement of 30 buses was issued on 12.10.2018 and these buses will be made operational till March,2019. 35 Electric buses will be purchased for smart city Dharamsala and will be operated by HRTC. Electric buses deployed on Manali-Rohtang route were further deployed on Manali -Mandi Route for pollution free Transport.

Ropeway and Rapid Transport Corporation:- working on the following projects:-

- (i) Passenger Ropeway Village Jana Kullu, District Kullu.
- (ii) Mass Rapid Transit System (M.R.T.S) to decongest cities in H.P. i.e Shimla, Manali and Dharamsala.

15. TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION

- one of the most important sectors of the economy as it is being realized as a major engine of growth for future
- contribution of the tourism sector to the State GDP is 6.6 percent.
- At present about 3,066 hotels having bed capacity of about 85,823 are registered with the department. In addition, there are about 1,340 Home Stay units registered in the State having about 7,702 beds.
- To give boost to the Tourism in the State, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved loan assistance worth US \$ 95.16 million to Himachal Pradesh for development of tourist infrastructure in the State.
- Under the **Swadesh Darshan Yojna the Government of India**, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project **Integrated Development of Himalayan Circuit** in Himachal Pradesh worth `99.76 crore. Under this project total 14 tourism development projects have been sanctioned for the State.

The Department of Tourism is encouraging private sector to develop tourism related infrastructure in the State under Public Private Partnership (PPP). The ropeway project Bhunter to Bijli Mahadev has been signed on 23.02.2017 between Department of Tourism and **Usha Breco Chamunda Devi Ropeway Pvt. Ltd.**

Civil Aviation

To attract high end tourist in the State, regular flights are taking place from the three existing airports i.e Jubbarhatti (Shimla), Bhunter (Kullu) and Gaggal (Kangra) in Himachal Pradesh.

-Proposal for construction of **International Standard Airport in Mandi District** is under consideration of the State Government. The land has been identified for the purpose at **Nagchala** and in-principle approval is being obtained.

- To promote tourism in the state and to facilitate the visiting tourists as well as local people, State Government has also started **helitexi service** with effect from June,2018 from **Shimla-Chandigarh-Shimla airport** on **Monday, and Friday** of every week.

- In addition, the Government has also started a **Joy Ride service from Manali-Rohtang-Manali** on 25.10.2018 for the facilitation of the tourists.

Nai Raahein Nai Manzilein: the State Government has launched a new scheme “Nai Raahein Nai Manzilein” with an outlay of ` 50.00 crore in 2018-19 **for the development of unexplored areas from tourism point of view and to generate more employment opportunities for the unemployed youth of the State.** Eco-Tourism Project at Janjehli District Mandi, Paragliding Destination in Bir-Billing District Kangra, Ski Destination at Chansal District Shimla and Larji Project District Kinnaur are being implemented in the first phase of “Nai Raahein Nai Manzilein” scheme.

Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation

The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) is a pioneer in the development of tourism infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh formed in 1972, it provides complete package of tourism services, including accommodation, catering, transport, conferencing & sports activities having the largest chain of finest hotels restaurants in the state with 55 hotels having 998 rooms with 2,282 beds. HPTDC also runs 64 restaurants.

16. EDUCATION

-According to 2011 census Himachal Pradesh has a literacy rate of **82.80 percent.**

Male literacy rate- 89.53 per cent

Female literacy rate -75.93 percent for females.

-At present up to 31.12.2018 there are 10,714 Primary Schools and 2,102 Middle Schools functioning in the State.

Free Text Books: : Free Text Books are being provided by Himachal Pradesh Government for all IRDP/ SC/ ST/ OBC/ General students.

Atal School Vardi Yojana: Under Atal School Vardi Yojana two sets of uniform is being provided for class 1st to 12th.

Free Writing Material:

Cash payment is being provided to those SC students who belong to IRDP/ BPL families and who study from 1st to 5th classes in government schools as per the following rates per annum.

a) 1st and 2nd class ` 250

b) 3rd and 4th class ` 300

c) 5th class ` 350

Atal Adarsh Vidyalay Yojna:- : Atal Adarsh Vidyalay Yojna has been launched in **Barthin (Jhandutta) District Bialspur.** Ten such schools will be opened in the state under newly launched **Atal Adarsh awasiya shiksha yojna (AAASY).** Residential facility in these schools will be provided from class 6th.

Akhand Shiksha Jyoti Mere School Se Nikle Moti: scheme launched by HP CM on 10th October 2018 from Bagsiad school, Seraj area of mandi district.

-under this scheme the names of old students will be honoured by displaying their names in display board of the school to motivate the students to work hard and excel in life.

-list of display board of Bagsiad school starts with CM Jairam thakur who is an alumini of same school.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) : launched by Atal Bihari Govt in 2001-02. The objective of this movement was to ensure universal access, enrolment, removal of gender gaps, retention and completion of elementary schooling by all 6-14 age group children coupled satisfactory quality elementary education with active participation of the community in the management of schools.

The main efforts for improving the quality of elementary education **under SSA** are as under:

Pre Primary education in H.P:- : The state govt has launched Pre- primary (Nursury and KG) classes in selected 3,391 schools across the state in first phase from 1st October, 2018.

2. Learning Outcomes: :The State government has provided subject and class wise learning outcomes developed by the NCERT to all elementary school teachers and they have been directed to teach in such a manner that the desired learning outcomes are attained by the students in each competency.

3. Teacher App: : The State Govt. has launched teacher app to make teaching learning more interesting and joyful.

4. Shiksha Saathi App: **WITH** the help of this app, the state govt can monitor all activities in every school of the state. the inspection team will have to upload the activities of a school in this app, which corroborates their visit to the school.

5. Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat: launched in 2004 by HRD ministry, To teach with play way method flash cards, reading cards, charts, worksheets / workbooks, story books, cursivewriting worksheet learning resources at primary level have been provided to enhance their basic skills in Language and Arthmatic.

6. Smart Shalamath's kits (Sampark Foundation): State project office has signed **MoU with Sampark Foundation** to enhance the learning level of students in the subject of **Mathematics and English**. 10,661 Sampark Smart Shala **math's kits** have been provided by Sampark Foundation to all Govt. Primary School. **Workbooks** in the subject of math will be provided to all primary school children studing in **class 2nd and 3rd**.

Rashtriya Avishkar Abhiyan(RAA):

-180 schools already covered during 2017-18.

Activities under RAA in selected lab schools:

- i) Establishing mathematics laboratories.
- ii) Strengthening of existing science labs.
- iii) Developing **Science Parks** with the help of experts in lab schools. Introducing BaLA (Building as learning aid) features related to mathematics and science learning on the wall and other available space. **Developing Vermi compost plants**.
- iv) Preparing students for **Regional Mathematics Olympiads**. Preparation of students for **Children Science Congress (CSC)** and Innovation in Science Pursuit for IRDP families children 150 per student from 1st to 5th Is being provided.

Girl Education: Under model-III, there are **10 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBVs) functioning in Himachal Pradesh. Eight KGBVs are in District Chamba, one each in Shimla and Sirmour districts.** As of now, these KGBVs are catering to the needs of as many as 508 girls. These girls belong to **poor SC/ ST and minority communities** and are provided free boarding-lodging, stipend, medical assistance, stationery, skill education as per need, self defence training, exposure visits etc. For the year 2018-19 seven KGBVs have been upgraded up to class - 12.

Scholarship Schemes:

- i) Dr. Ambedkar Medhavi Chhatarvriti Yojna :** Under this scheme the scholarship is being given to the top 1,000 meritorious students of SC category and top 1,000 meritorious students of OBC on the basis of Matric examination conducted by HPBSE for 10 +1 and 10+2 classes in recognised institution within or outside of the State `10,000 per student per annum.
- ii) Swami Vivekanand Utkristha Chhatarvriti Yojna:** Under this scheme 1,000 top meritorious students of General category declared as such in the result of Matric and 10+1 Examination conducted by HPBSE on merit basis for 10+1 and 10+2 classes are awarded the scholarship studying in school recognising within or outside the state is given `10,000 per student per annum.
- iii) Thakur Sen Negi Uttkrishtha Chhatarvriti Yojna:** Under this scheme, the scholarship is being given to the top 100 boys and 100 girl students of ST category on the basis of the Matric result conducted by HPBSE on merit basis for 10+1 and 10+2 classes in school recognising within or outside the State `11,000 per student per annum.
- iv) Maharishi Balmiki Chhatarvriti Yojna:** The bonafide Himachali girl students belonging to Balmiki families whose parents are engaged in unclean occupation are being given scholarship, under this scheme 9,000 per girl student per annum beyond Matric level to college level and for professional courses in Himachal Pradesh irrespective of their status (Government or Private).
- v) Indira Gandhi Utkrishtha Chhatervriti Yojna:** Under this scheme, 150 meritorious students for post plus two courses for studying in colleges or doing professional courses shall be awarded ` 10,000 per year per student purely on basis of merit and without any income ceiling.
- vi) Sainik School Scholarship:** The scheme is applicable to the bonafide H.P. students in the Sainik School Sujampur Tihra from class VI to XII.
- vii) NDA Scholarship Scheme:** The NDA scholarship at different rates is being given to the Cadets of Himachal Pradesh who are getting training at National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla
- ix) Mukhya Mantri Protsahan Yojna:** This scheme has been started during the year 2012-13 and one time 75,000 will be given to all students of State who are selected and take admission for a degree course in any Indian Institute of Technology or All India Institute of Medical Sciences and post graduate diploma course in any Indian Institute of Managment Dhanbad at Jharkhand and Indian Insitute of Science (IISC) at Banglore.
- x) Rashtriya Indian Military College Scholarship:** This award is given to the ten bonafide Himachal Pradesh students, two from each class VIII to XII in RIMC, Dehradun, `20,000 per year per student.

xi) IRDP Scholarship Scheme A sum of `300 per month for 9th and 10th class, `800 per month for +1 and +2 Class, `1,200 per month for College/Day scholar students and `2,400 per month for Hostellers is being given to those students who belong to IRDP families and studying in Government/ Government Aided Institutions.

xii) Scholarship to the children of Armed Forces Personnel Killed/ disabled during wars. A sum of `300 (boys) and `600 (girls) per month for 9th and 10th class, `800 per month for 10+1 and 10+2 Class, `1,200 per month for College/ University/ Day scholar students and `2,400 per month for hostellers is being given to Children of Armed Forces Personnel martyred/ killed/ disabled in different operations/ war.

xiii) Post Matric Scholarship to SC/ST/OBC students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)

The students belongs to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes whose parents annual income is up to `2.50 lakh and Other Backward Classes students whose parents annual income is up to `1.00 lakh are eligible for full scholarship (i.e. Maintenance allowance + full fee) for all courses and they are studying in Government/ Government Aided Institutions.

xiv) Pre-Matric Scholarship to Other Backward Classes students.

This scholarship will be awarded to those students from class 1st to 10th whose parents/ guardians income from all sources does not exceed `2,50,000 per annum. A sum of `100 per student per month for day scholar students and `500 per month for hostellers is being given.

xv) Pre-Matric Scholarship to SC students.

This scholarship will be awarded to those students whose parents/ guardians income from all sources does not exceed `2.50 lakh per annum. A scholarship of `3,000 per student per annum to Day scholars and `6,250 per annum to hostellers of class IX and X is being given.

xvi) Pre-Matric Scholarship to ST students.

This scholarship will be awarded to those students whose parents/ guardians income from all sources does not exceed `2.00 lakh per annum. A scholarship of `2,250 per student per annum to Day scholars and `4,500 per annum to hostellers of class IX and X is being given.

xvii) Incentive to SC/ST girl students for secondary education.

Under this Centrally Sponsored Scheme SC/ ST girl students who take admission in 9th Class after passing Middle Standard Examination from H.P. Board School Examination. The amount of incentive under this scheme is `3,000 and will be given in the shape of a Time Deposit.

xviii) Merit cum means Scholarship Scheme for Students belonging to Minority Community (CSS).

This Scholarship is for the Minority students belonging to Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Budhhist communities, whose parents/ guardians income from all sources does not exceed `2.50 lakh from all sources and student should not have less than 50 percent marks.

xix) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme to students belonging to Minority community(CSS):- This Scholarship is being given from XI to Phd. Level in Govt./recognized private school/college/ institute including technical/vocational courses for the Minority students belonging to (Muslim, Sikh-, Christian, Budhhist and Parsi).The annual income of the parent or guardian of the beneficiary should not exceed `2.00 Lakh from all sources and student should have not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination. Student must pass the examination from Govt. / Govt.-aided institutions.

xx) National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship (CSS):- The Central sponsored Schemehas been started by Govt. of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development Department of School Education and Literacy Secondary Scholarship Division, New Delhi. The Scheme is being implemented through Principal, SCERT, Solan. (SCERT – State council for education research and training)

Teachers Training Programmes

The Teachers Training Programmes need to be strengthened to equip in-service teachers with the latest techniques/ teaching methods. Seminars/ re-orientation courses are being conducted by SCERT Solan, GCTE Dharamshala, HIPA Fairlawns, and Shimla, NUPA New Delhi/CCRT/ NCERT / RIE, Ajmer and RIE Chandigarh.

Yashwant Gurukul Awaz Yojna

In order to provide suitable residential accommodation to the teachers posted in High/Senior Secondary Schools of Tribal and hard areas of the State. The scheme is being implemented in 61 identified schools of the State.

Free Education to Special abled Children

Free education to the children having more than 40 percent special abled is being provided in the State upto University level since 2001-02.

Free Education to Girls



Free education is being provided to girl students in the State up to University level including vocational and professional i.e. only tuition fee is exempted.

Information Technology Education

Information Technology education is being imparted in all Government Senior Secondary Schools on self finance basis through outsourcing where students had opted for IT education as an optional subject. The department is charging IT fee ` 110 per month per student. The students of SC (BPL) families are getting 50 percent fee concession of total fee.

Samagra Shiksha

From the year 2018-19 onwards, Integrated RMSA (RMSA, ICT, Girls Hostels, Vocational Education, IEDSS) has been merged in the integrated scheme for school education (ISSE). The new merged scheme has been named as Samagra Shiksha. The following schemes are being running under Samagra Shiksha.

Girls Hostel in Educationally Backward Blocks

The Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the construction and running of Girls Hostel for Students of Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools in Educationally Backward Block is to strengthen the Boarding and lodging facilities for Girl's Students in classes **IX to XII**. The girls belonging to SC, ST, OBC, Minority Communities and BPL families shall be benefited under this scheme. Girls Hostel construction in **Bachhad block of Chamba, Sirmaur District**. The construction work of three girl's hostels i.e. **Himgiri, Mehla (Chamba) and Shillai (Sirmour)** in educationally backward blocks sanctioned under RMSA, have been completed and made functional with the capacity of 50 girls each during the year 2018-19.

Distribution of Net books/ Laptops:-

The department will distribute the laptops/Net books to 8,800 meritorious students of **10th and 12th class** of Himachal Pradesh Board of School Education, Dharamshala and 900 first division college students alongwith free monthly 1GB data Cards to strengthen teaching learning activities under **student Digital Yojana/Sri Niwasa Ramanujan Digital Yojana** during the current financial year 2018-19.

Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna

The Governor has notified the scheme Vidyarthi Van Mittar Yojna on dated 20.08.2018. The prime objective of this scheme is to create awareness among school children about protection of forest and environment through their active participation in tree plantation and protection. The scheme is implemented through Eco Clubs established in all the Govt. Schools. 1100 plants per hectare will preferably be planted in blank areas nearby selected school under the supervision of designated Nodal officers of Forest and Education Department.

Bag Free Day

The department has declared the **fourth Saturday of every month** as Bag Free Day in every Government School in order to ensure overall development of the pupils by conducting various activities such as inter-House Sports Competitions, Extra Curricular Activities are being organized in the schools.

Medha Protsahan Yojna : Under this scheme 500 selected meritorious students will be given coaching for 45 days in two phases to appear in the JEE, NEET and Civil Services Exam in the institutions like FITZEE, ALLEN, Helix. The students will be given ` 1.00 lakh for coaching and lodging in the coaching institutions outside the state.

Establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs

In order to foster curiosity, creativity and imagination in young minds, Atal Tinkering Lab is a work space where young minds can give shape to their ideas through hands on do-it-yourself mode; and learn innovation skill young children will get a chance to work with tools and equipment to understand the concepts of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

Installation of Aadhar Enabled Bio Matric Attendance System (AEBAS)

The department has started the tendering process for the procurement of 2,700 Aadhar Enabled Bio Matric Attendance System (AEBAS) with the collaboration of HPSEDC. AEBAS will be installed in GSSS/GHS and Govt. Colleges for recording attendance of staff in the State before March, 2019.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Department of Technical Education was established in the year 1968 and in July 1983, the vocational and Industrial and Training Institutes were also brought under the umbrella of this department at the moment, the department is providing education in the field of Technical Education, Vocational and Industrial Training.

-The Department has opened **Rajiv Gandhi Government Engineering College, Kangra at Nagrota Bagwan** under RUSA with three disciplines namely Mechanical Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering and Civil Engineering.

- Mahatma Gandhi Government Engineering College, Rampur has been started with classes at Jawahar Lal Government Engineering College, Sundernagar with 2 disciplines i.e. Mechanical Engineering and Civil Engineering

- Central Institute of Plastic Engineering and Technology (CIPET), Baddi and Regional Vocational Training Institute for women, Shimla have also become operational from the academic session 2015-16.

- Government Hydro Engineering College Bandla has been made functional with two B.Tech course viz. Civil Engineering and Electrical Engineering.

- Six Government Polytechnics namely Sundernagar, Hamirpur, Kandaghat, Rohru, Ambota and Kangra have been covered under the scheme of Community Development.

- During the year 2018-19 three new Government ITI's namely Model ITI Sansarpur Terrace in District Kangra, Government ITI Nihri and State of the Art ITI Chhatri in District Mandi has been opened.

- The State Government has decided to start new Diploma course in Automobile Engineering and Electrical Engineering Diploma at Government Polytechnics Paonta Sahib, District Sirmaur,

17. HEALTH

Mukhya Mantri State Health Care Scheme: The Government has started Mukhya Mantri State Health Care Scheme to Ekal Narri, Senior Citizens above 80 years of age, Daily Wages Workers, Part Time Workers, Anganwari Workers/Helpers, Mid Day Meal Workers, Contractual Employees and Persons with more than 70 percent special ability with effect from 01.03.2016. Under the scheme 1.05 lakh Smart cards have been issued. A provision of cashless treatment to the tune of `30,000 under Basic Package and `1.75 lakh for Critical Care has been made in case of hospitalization under the scheme. For cancer it is `2.25 lakh

Anti Retroviral Treatment Programme(ART):- State has 3 ART centre at IGMC, Shimla, RH Hamirpur and Dr. RPGMC Tanda,

At present the **State has Six Government Medical Colleges** : Indira Gandhi Medical College Shimla, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Medical College, Tanda, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar Government Medical College Nahan, Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Medical College, Chamba, Dr. Radha Krishan Government Medical College Hamirpur, Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri Government Medical College Mandi and **one Government Dental College in Shimla** are functioning.

Besides this, one Medical College and four Dental colleges in private sector are also functional in the State.

AYURVEDA

Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy plays a vital role in the Health Care System of the State. The separate Department of Ayurveda was established in 1984 and Health Care services are being provided to the general public through 2 Regional Ayurvedic Hospitals, 31 Districts Ayurvedic Hospitals, 1 Nature Cure Hospital 1,178 Ayurvedic health centers, 3 Unani health centers, 14 Homoeopathic Health centers and 4 Amchi clinics.

-The department has inbuilt system of production of medicines through 3 Ayurvedic Pharmacies, at Jogindernagar (District Mandi), Majra (District Sirmaur) and Paprola (District Kangra).

- **Rajeev Gandhi Government P.G. Ayurvedic College Paprola in Kangra** district has an intake capacity of 60 students for B.A.M.S. degree and 39 seats of MD. The department has a **B-Pharmacy (Ayurveda) college at Jogindernagar** with in take capacity of 30 students.

- Development of Herbal Resources

Four Herbal Gardens Jogindernagar (District Mandi), Neri (District Hamirpur), Dumreda District Shimla) and Jangal Jhalera (Bilaspur) are functioning for propagating and conserving medicinal plants.

Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India has established Regional-cum-Facilitation Centre for North India at Research Institute in ISM, **Joginder Nagar, District Mandi** for the overall development of Medicinal Plants.

Drug Testing Laboratory : During the year 2018-19 (upto December, 2018), DTL Jogindernagar has analyzed 169 samples (from Government and Private Pharmacies) and generated a revenue of `1.30 lakh.

18. SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMME

Social Security Pension Scheme

a) Old Age pension: Old age pension `750 per month is being provided to those proper who have attained the **age 60 years or above but below 70 years** having **annual income below `35,000 per year**, 70 years and above pensioners are being provided pension `1,300 per month without any income criteria.

b) Special Ability Relief Allowance: Special Ability Relief Allowance `750 per month is being given to those special abled persons who are having at least 40 percent of special ability and whose annual income does not exceed `35,000 per year. To the persons having special ability above 70 percent is being provided `1,300 per month without any income criteria subject to the condition that applicant should not be in Government Service/ Semi Government Service/ Board/ Corporation and should not be in possession of any kind of pension.

c) Widow /Deserted/ Ekal Nari Pension: The Widow/ Deserted/ Ekal Nari Pension `750 per month is being provided to those Widow/ Deserted/ Ekal Nari ladies above 45 years of age whose annual income does not exceed `35,000 per year.

d) Rehabilitation allowance to Lepers: Rehabilitation allowance to leprosy `750 per month is being provided to the patient of leprosy who have been identified by the Health Department irrespective of their age and annual income.

e) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension: (IGNOAP): Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension is being provided to the persons who have attained the age 60 years or above and belong to BPL household.

f) Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension (IGNWP): Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension is being provided to the widows between the age group of 40 to 79 years and belongs to BPL household.

g) Indira Gandhi National Special Ability Pension:

Indira Gandhi National Special Ability Pension is being provided to the special abled persons between the age group of 18 to 79 years having 80 percent of special ability and belongs to BPL household.

WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES/ SCHEDULED TRIBES AND OTHER BACKWARD

CLASSES : Under this programme, the important schemes implemented during 2018-19 are as under:-

i) **Award for Inter-caste Marriage:** For elimination of the practice of untouchability with Scheduled Castes and non Scheduled Castes, the State Government encourages inter-caste marriages. Under this scheme, an amount of `50,000 per couple is given as incentive money.

ii) **Housing Subsidy:** Under this scheme the members of scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes, minorities, person with special ability, widow/ destitute/ single women are given subsidy of `1,30,000 per family for house construction purposes and for house repair `25,000 to those whose annual income does not exceed from `35,000.

iii) Training and Proficiency in Computer Applications and Allied Activities: Under this scheme computer training are provided in the recognized computer courses to candidates belonging to BPL, SC, ST OBC, Minorities, Special Ability, single woman and widow or those whose annual income is less than ₹2.00 lakh. The department bears the training cost not exceeding ₹1,350 per month per candidate and ₹1,500 for special abled candidates balance cost if any is borne by the candidate. During the training a stipend of ₹1,000 per month is being provided and ₹1,200 per month is being provided for special abled candidates. After completion of the training, the candidates are placed for six months in the organization/ offices, so as to gain proficiency in computer applications. During the period of placement ₹1,500 per month per candidate is being provided and ₹1,800 per month per candidate for special abled students is being provided.

iv) Follow up Programme: Under this scheme, ₹1,300 per beneficiary is being provided for purchase of tools for carpentry, weaving and leather works and ₹1,800 for purchase of, sewing machine to scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes whose annual income does not exceed from ₹35,000 per annum.

v) Compensation to Victims of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes Families under SCs/STs (POA) Act-1989: Under the rules of the above Act monetary relief is granted to those scheduled castes, scheduled tribes families who become victims of atrocities committed by the member of other communities due to caste consideration, relief amounting to ₹1.00 lakh to ₹8.25 lakh is provided to the victims of atrocity, which depends upon the nature of atrocity.

WELFARE OF SPECIALLY ABLED :

Department is implementing Comprehensive Integrated Scheme named "ASEEM" (A Scheme for Enabling, Empowering and Mainstreaming of the Specially Abled) for persons with special abilities. The components of the scheme along with financial and physical achievement upto December, 2018 is as under:-

i) Specially Abled Scholarship This Scheme is applicable to all categories of special abled students including hearing impaired persons having special ability of 40 percent or above without considering their family income. The rate of scholarship varies from ₹625-3,750 per month for day scholars and ₹1,875-5,000 per month for boarders.

ii) Marriage Grant to Individuals Marrying Persons with Special Abilities: To encourage able bodied young men or girls to marry the special abled boy or girl having not less than 40 percent special ability and who have attained the Marriageable age, if both are special abled, marriage grant of ₹25,000 to those who are special abled with 40 to 69 percent and ₹50,000 to those who are special abled with more than 70 percent is provided by the State Government.

iii) Awareness Generation and Orientation: Provision has been made to organize block and district level composite camps for representative of NGOs working for persons with special abilities, SHGs and representative of PRIs at grass root level. In these camps medical certificates, aids and applications are provided to persons with special abilities. A part from this all the schemes being run for persons with special abilities are publicized in these camps.

iv) Self Employment: Special abled persons having special ability of 40 percent and above are provided loans by the Himachal Pradesh Minorities Finance and Development Corporation for setting up small ventures. SCs/ OBCs and Minority Affairs Department provides subsidy on projects sanctioned by H.P. Minorities Finance and Development Corporation upto ₹10,000 or 20 percent of the project cost (whichever is less).

v) Skill Enrichment: Vocational rehabilitation training to PWDs through selected ITIs is provided in identified trades. Training is free of cost and stipend ₹1,000 per month is paid by the department.

vi) Scheme of Awards: Provision of incentives to best performing special abled individuals and private employers providing employment to maximum special abled in their organization has been made. Best performing individuals are to be given cash award of `10,000 each. Best private employer is to be provided cash incentive of `5,000.

vii) Institutions of Children with Special Needs: Two institutions at Dhalli and Sundernagar have been set up in the State for providing education and vocational rehabilitation services to visually and hearing impaired children. In the “**Institution for Children with Special Abilities**” Sundernagar 14 Visually and 98 Hearing impaired girls have been enrolled. Besides, 8 Visually Impaired and 3 Hearing Impaired Girls are taking training in special ITI in Sundernagar. To whom all boarding, lodging and medical facilities are being provided by the department.

viii) Sepcial ability Rehabilitation Centres (DRCs): Two Special ability Rehabilitation Centres have been set up at Hamirpur and Dharamshala under NPRPD. These centres are being run through DRDA Hamirpur and Indian Red Cross Society, Dharamshala respectively.

IMP FACT : The district of Bilaspur, Kullu, Mandi, Solan, Shimla and Sirmaur are the predominantly Scheduled Castes population districts where Scheduled Castes concentration is above the State average. These six districts taken together account for 61.09 percent of the Scheduled Castes population in the state.

CHILD WELFARE :

a) Integrated Child Protection Scheme (now named as Child Protection Scheme):

The Child Care Institutions registered under Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act.2015 are covered under the scheme. Presently 48 Child Care Institutions, comprising of 41 Children Homes, 2 Observation Home-cum-Special, Home-cum-Place of safety, 4 Open shelters and 1 Shishu Grih (Specialized Adoption Agency) are being run under the scheme. Childline emergency services bearing phone no. 1098 has also been set up in the seven districts i.e. Shimla, Kullu, Kangra, Solan, Mandi, Chamba and Sirmaur under the scheme.

b) Mukhymantri Bal Udhar Yojna

This scheme is being implemented by the State Government to supplement Centrally Sponsored Child Protection Services scheme. Under the scheme, financial assistance is also provided to children after leaving Child Care Institutions for pursuing Higher/professional education. Grant-in-Aid is also provided to the HP Council for Child Welfare.

c) Bal/Balika Surksha Yojna and Foster Care Programme

Bal/ Balika Suraksha Yojna and Foster Care Programme are being implemented in the State with a view to look after and maintain the orphan/ helpless children in congenial family environment. Bal Balika Suraksha Yojna/ Foster Care Programme an amount of `2,000 per child per month are sanctioned in favour of foster parents for maintenance of children and `300 per child per month are sanctioned on account of additional assistance from the State Government in favour of children placed under foster care and are deposited in her/ his bank account or post office account to be matured and drawn by the child after attaining the age of 18 years.

d) Integrated Child Development Services

Integrated Child Development Services” (ICDS) programme, is being implemented in all Developmental Blocks of the State through 78 ICDS projects. Services are being provided to children and pregnant/ lactating mothers through 18,386 Anganwari Centres and 539 Mini Anganwari Centres in the State. The department is providing Supplementary Nutrition, Nutrition and Health Education, Immunization, Health check-ups Referral Services and Non Formal Pre-School Education is being implemented on 90:10 (Centre:State) basis.

e) Supplementary Nutrition Programme

Under this programme, supplementary nutrition is provided in Anganwari Centres to children, pregnant/ lactating mothers and BPL adolescent girls. The nutrition is provided for 300 days in a year. Rates has been fixed (per beneficiary per day) children `8, pregnant/ lactating woman `9.50, adolescent girls `5 and severely mal-nourished children `12. Expenditure under this programme is borne by the Central and State Governments on 90:10 basis.

WOMEN WELFARE

Various schemes are being implemented for the welfare of women in the Pradesh. The major schemes are as under:-

a) Woman State Home Mashobra: The main purpose of the scheme is to provide free shelter, food, clothing, education health and medicines, counselling and vocational training to the young girls, widows, deserted, destitute and women who are in moral danger. At present 27 inmates and 2 children inmates are living in State Home, Mashobra. For rehabilitation of such women after leaving State Home, financial assistance upto `20,000 per woman is provided. In case of marriage, assistance of `51,000 also provided to women.

b) Mukhya Mantri Kanyadaan Yojna: Under this programme marriage grant of `40,000 is being given to the guardians of the destitute girls for their marriages provided their annual income does not exceed `35,000.

c) Self Employment assistance for Women: Under this scheme `5,000 are provided to the women having annual income less than `35,000 for carrying income generating activities.

d) Widow Re-marriage Scheme: The main objective of the scheme is to help in rehabilitation of widow after re-marriage. Under this scheme an amount of `50,000 as grant, is provided to the couple.

e) Mother Teresa Asahay Matri Sambal Yojna: The aim of this scheme is to provide assistance of `5,000 per child per annum to the **destitute(POOR) women belonging to the BPL families** or having income less than `35,000 for the maintenance of their children till they attain the age of 18 years. The assistance will be provided **only for two children**.

f) Vishesh Mahila Utthan Yojna: The scheme has been started in 100 districts of India included Una district of Himachal Pradesh. State Government has started Vishesh Mahila Utthan Yojna as 100 percent State Plan Scheme for training and rehabilitation of women in moral danger in the State. There is a provision to provide stipend `3,000 per month per trainee, training cost `25 per trainee per hour and test fee `800 per trainee through the department of Women and Child Development.

g) Financial Assistance and Support Services to Victims of Rape Scheme 2012: This scheme has been notified on 22.09.2012 as 100 percent State Plan Scheme. The scheme aims to provide financial assistance and support services such as counselling, medical aid, legal assistance, education and vocational training depending upon the needs of rape victims. An affected woman shall be entitled to financial assistance and restorative support/ services adding upto a maximum amount of `75,000. Additional assistance of `25,000 can also be given in special cases i.e. in case of rape of minors.

h) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme: This scheme has been launched in 100 districts of India including Una district of Himachal Pradesh. In the year 2016-17 the scheme has been started in Kangra and Hamirpur districts of Himachal Pradesh. During the financial year 2017-18 under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Scheme five districts were selected i.e. Solan, Sirmour, Shimla, Bilaspur and Mandi of Himachal Pradesh with the objective of preventing gender biased sex selective elimination, ensuring survival, protection and education of the girl child. This scheme is an initiative to arrest and reverse the trend of an adverse and declining child sex ratio. Through this process, efforts are being made to create awareness among masses about the adverse effects of declining sex ratio.

Beti Hai Anmol Yojna

With a view to change negative family and community attitude towards the girl child at birth and to improve enrolment and retention of girl children in schools, Beti Hai Anmol scheme is being implemented in the State. Under this scheme Post Birth Grant of `12,000 is provided to two girls only belonging to BPL families and scholarships are provided from 1st class to graduation level for their education. The rates of scholarships ranging from `450 to `5,000 per annum.

SCHEME FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS (SAG) :

Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) has been universalized w.e.f.01.04.2018 and has totally replaced the Kishori Shakti Yojana. The scheme is being implemented through Anganwari Services of Umbrella ICDS platform and Anganwadi Centres are the focal points for the delivery of services. The scheme aims at support Out of school Adolescent Girls of 11-14 years age to successfully transition back to formal schooling or bridge learning, improving their nutritional and health status, promote awareness about health, hygiene, nutrition and upgrading various skills like home skills, life skills, vocational skills and guidance on existing public services. The cost sharing ratio of the scheme is 90:10 between the Centre and the State. There are 593 Out of Schools Adolescent Girls of 11-14 years age in Himachal Pradesh. Supplementary Nutrition is being provided to all Adolescent Girls at `9.50 per Adolescent Girls per day.

Pradhan Mantri Matri Vandana Yojna (PMMVY)

Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana is a Central sponsored scheme. The cost sharing ratio of the scheme is 90:10 between the Centre and the State. The main objectives of PMMVY are to provide partial compensation for the wage loss in terms of cash incentives so that the women can take adequate rest before and after delivery of the first living child and the cash incentive provided would lead to improved health seeking behavior amongst the pregnant women and lactating mothers. Under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, a cash incentive of `5,000 would be provided directly in the account of Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers in three installments **for first living child** subject to fulfilling specific conditions relating to maternal and child health.

One Stop Centre

One Stop Centre is a Central Sponsored Scheme. The main objective of the scheme are to provide integrated support and assistance to women affected by violence, both in private and public spaces under one roof; and to facilitate immediate, emergency and non-emergency access to a range of services including medical, legal, psychological and counselling support under one roof to fight against any forms of violence against women. In **Himachal Pradesh One Stop Centre has been setup at Solan district.**

In financial year 2018-19 Government of India has approved One Stop Centre **for Mandi district** and funds for the establishment of One Stop Centre has been received in the Mandi district.

Mahila Shakti Kendra

Government of India has approved a new scheme namely Mahila Shakti Kendra to empower rural women through community participation. Community engagement through College Student Volunteers is envisioned in 115 most backward districts as part of the Block Level initiatives. Student volunteers will play an instrumental role in awareness generation regarding various important Government schemes/programmes as well as social issues. Mahila Shakti Kendra's has been sanctioned by the Himachal Pradesh in the districts i.e. Una, Kangra and Hamirpur for the year 2017-18 and six more districts that is Shimla, Solan, Sirmaur, Bilaspur, Mandi and on the block level backward district Chamba has been selected for the year 2018-19. The Scheme is implemented through cost sharing ratio of 90:10 between centre and states.

Further approval has been conveyed by the government for implementing Mahila Shakti Kendra in District Chamba

Sashakat Mahila Yojna

In the budget speech of financial year 2017-18, new scheme Sashkat Mahila Yojana has been started. The scheme has been envisaged with a vision to empower the rural women by providing them an

interface for organization and socio-economic development and to make every woman in the state well educated, skilled and self-reliant in every respect thereby contributing to the socio-economic development of the state. The scheme will focus on promotion of socio-economic empowerment of rural women by creating awareness about their right and facilitating institutional support for enabling them to realize their right and develop/utilize their full potential. The scheme will cover all the adolescent girls in the age Groups of 11-18 Years and all women in the age group of 19-45 years. Sashkat Mahila Kendra will be set up in every panchayat of the State. Sashkat Mahila Kendra will be governed by women aged between 19-45 years who have knowledge/ expertise in social work or women related issue in their local area/village. Sashkat Mahila Kendra will be set up to create awareness among women and girls about their rights and laws related to women.

Saksham Gudiya Board Himachal Pradesh

Government of Himachal Pradesh has constituted Kannya Sashkti Karan and Kalyan Board. Now the name of the Kalyan Board has been changed to Saksham Gudiya Board Himachal Pradesh. Its main objective is to look after the welfare of the girl child.

19. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

NATIONAL RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION (NRLM)

The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) has been replaced by the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) w.e.f 01.04.2013 which is being implemented in all the districts of the State.

Deen Dyal Upadhaya-Gramin Kaushalya Yojna(DDU-GKY)

Deen Dyal Upadhaya-Gramin Kaushalya Yojana is the skill and placement initiative of the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India (MoRD). It evolved out of the need to diversify incomes of the rural poor and to cater the occupational aspirations of the youth. The programme focus is on skilling and placement in the formal sector for rural youth who are poor.

-The target group of DDU-GKY are poor rural youth in the **age group 15-35**. However, the upper-age limit for women candidates, and candidate belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), Transgender and other Special Groups like rehabilitated bonded labour victims, manual scavengers, trans-genders, HIV positive persons etc., shall be 45 years.

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G)

The PMAY-G aims to provide a pucca house with basic amenities to all houseless households and households living in kutcha and dilapidated house by 2022. The minimum unit size enhanced from the existing 20 Sq. mt. to 25 Sq. mt. including a dedicated area for hygienic cooking. The unit assistance has also been increased from ₹75,000 to ₹1.30 lakh per family in hilly states and difficult areas. The cost of unit (house) is to be shared between central and state government in the ratio of 90:10 for hilly states. The identification of beneficiaries is to be done using SECC-2011 data.

State Rural Housing Schemes

Under mentioned all housing schemes are run by State Government.

i) Mukhya Mantri Awaas Yojana (MMAY)

The State Government had announced this scheme in the budget of 2016-17 for the first time for general category BPLs in the State in non-Plan component. But the benefits of this scheme have been extended to all categories of BPLs from current financial year 2018-19.

ii) Mukhya Mantri Awaas Repair Yojana (MMARY)

There is a provision of ₹3.30 crore with which 1,320 houses of all categories are being repaired during current financial year 2018-19. Out of which 868 general, 332 SCs and 120 STs. Under this scheme, beneficiaries are selected by a committee headed by SDM of the area in which BDO & SDO are members.

Matri Shakti Bima Yojana

This scheme covers all women living below the poverty line within the age group of 10-75 years. The policy provides relief to family members/insured women in case of their death or disablement arising due to any kind of accident, surgical operations like sterilization, mishap at the time of child birth/delivery drowning, washing away in floods, landslide, insect bite and the scheme also gives benefit to married women in case of accidental death of her husband. The compensation amount under the scheme has been hiked from 1.04.2017, as under :-

- i) Death `2.00 lakh
- ii) Permanent total Special ability `2.00 lakh.
- iii) Loss of one limb and one eyes or both eyes and both limbs `2.00 lakh.
- iv) Loss of one limb/one ear `1.00 lakh.
- v) In case of death of husband
`2.00 lakh.

Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin)

The Government of India has launched the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on 02.10.2014 to achieve the goal of Swachh Bharat by 2019.

State Reward Schemes:-

Maharishi Valmiki Sampooran Swachhata Puruskar (MVSSP)

Maharishi Valmiki Sampooran Swachhata Puruskar (MVSSP) was started in the Year 2007-08. To boost the Sanitation Campaign in Himachal Pradesh a competition based State Reward Scheme i.e. Maharishi Valmiki Sampooran Swachhata Puruskar (MVSSP) is being implemented Under which winner ODF GPs (total 97 GPs) are rewarded at the State level award distribution function every year. The incentive pattern under this scheme is as under:-

1. Block level cleanest GP `1.00 lakh
2. District level cleanest GP `3.00 lakh (2GP can get prize if district has more than 300 GP).
3. Division level cleanest GP `5.00 lakh
4. State level cleanest GP `10.00 lakh

School Sanitation Reward Scheme.

This scheme was launched during the year 2008-09 for the cleanest Government Primary and Middle Schools at District and Block level. During the year 2011-12 High/ Higher Secondary schools have also been included in competition criteria. The prizes under the scheme are being given during the Himachal Day function on **15th April every year**. This reward scheme recognizes those schools which have demonstrated outstanding achievement in school sanitation and hygiene education and an amount of `88.20 lakh is given as reward money to the winner schools under this scheme.

Mahila- Mandal Protsahan Yojna

Since Year 2008 Mahila Mandal Protsahan Yojana a scheme to award active Mahila Mandal has been suitable restricted to incorporate the aims and objectives of sanitation in their ground level working. This scheme has been totally linked with the sanitation programme and a sum of `1.31 crore has been allocated during the year 2018-19 to provide incentives to Mahila Mandals who have performed good work under the Sanitation in their village/ward and Gram Panchayat area as per scheme's guidelines. Each block will select Mahila Mandals on the criteria and an amount of `8,000 will be given to each Mahila Mandals.

Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS):

The Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was notified by the Government of India on September, 2005 and was made effective w.e.f. 2nd February, 2006. In the 1st Phase, the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) was introduced in District Chamba and Sirmour on 2nd February, 2006. In second phase NREGS was started in District kangra and Mandi

w.e.f.1-4- 2007. Now in the third phase all the remaining 8 district of the State have been covered under the scheme w.e.f. 1-4-2008.

20. HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Housing

Ministry of Housing, Government of Himachal Pradesh through Housing and Urban Development Authority (HIMUDA) is Providing Houses, Flats and developing plots of various categories, so as to meet the housing demand of the people of various income groups.

HIMUDA has undertaken process of executing a Housing Project in collaboration with Singapore Govt. through its agency Singapore Co-operation Enterprise. The Township is to be built at Jathia Devi, near Shimla Airport. The work is scheduled to be started by February 2019.

Urban Development

Consequent upon the 74th Constitutional amendment, the rights, powers and activities of the urban local bodies have increased manifold. **There are 54 urban local bodies in Himachal Pradesh including Shimla and Dharamshala Municipal Corporation.** The Government is providing grant-in-aid every year to these local bodies to enable them to provide civic amenities to the general public.

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)

Shimla and Kullu have been included under this Mission, during the financial year 2017-18 funds amounting to `22.98 crore were released under this scheme. During the current financial year 2018-19 there is a budget provision of `55.00 crore under this scheme. (NO NEED TO CRAM THE AMOUNT).

Smart City Mission (SCM)

The Smart City Mission has been launched in **June, 2015**. Municipal Corporation **Dharamshala** has been approved by Government of India under the mission with a project cost of `2,109.69 crore. Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) for Dharamshala Smart City Ltd. has been registered under company Act, 2013. During the financial year 2017-18 Municipal Corporation, **Shimla** has also been selected under Smart City Mission by Government of India with a project cost of `2,905.97 crore. The Government of Himachal Pradesh has notified the SPV for the same.
(NO NEED TO LEARN THE AMOUNT FOR EXAMS).

Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)

-Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) is a Flagship Programme of Government of India and being implemented in **all statutory towns by Ministry of Housing Affairs**, Government of India. The main aim of Swachh Bharat Mission is to make cities/towns open defecation free and provide a healthy and liveable environment to all.

-Underground waste bins have been installed and completed in **Dharamshala, and Sundernagar** and in **Poanta Sahib** the work is under progress.

Atal Shresth Shahr Yojana:- The State Govt. has introduced” Atal Shresth Shahr Yojana:-2018 (ASSY) the scheme aims **to reward and incentivize** performing urban Local Bodies on the indicators of sanitations /cleanliness and providing best public service to the citizens and other people. **The best performing Urban Local Body be felicitated with Atal Shresth Shahr Pureskar by the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh on 25th December of every year on the birth Anniversary of Late Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee**, former Prime Minister of India. The best Municipal Council will be incentivize with a price of `1.00 crore and Nagar Panchayat with a Price of `0.75 crore. All Urban Local Bodies except Municipal Corporation are eligible to participate.

21. PANCHAYATI RAJ

At present there are **12 Zila Parishads, 78 Panchayat Samities** and **3,226 Gram Panchayats** constituted in HP. After the enactment of 73rd amendment in the Constitution, the present is the **fifth term** of the Panchayats.

22. INFORMATION AND SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY

HIMSWAN

Under National e-Governance Plan (NeGP), Department of Information Technology, Himachal Pradesh (DITHP) created secure network called HIMSWAN (Himachal State Wide Area Network). The HIMSWAN provides secured network connectivity to all the State Government Departments till block level and provide various efficient electronic delivery of G2G (Government to Government), G2C (Government to Citizens) and G2B (Government to Business) services. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India funded this project for **initial period of six years**. HIMSWAN was **set-up on 05.02.2008** and thus Department of Electronics and Information Technology DeitY, **Government of India funding period got over in the year 2014**. Now the State Government bearing the cost of operation and maintenance of this project.

Unique ID (Aadhaar)

Aadhaar program started in Himachal Pradesh in December, 2010 and since then the State Government has maintained a leading position in terms of Aadhaar generation. There are 73,14,691 residents in the State (projected population 2018). 77,57,779 UIDs (106.06%) have been generated in the State.

e-Peshi Video Conferencing Facility in District Courts, Jails and other Government Departments of Himachal Pradesh

The facility would eliminate the need for taking prisoners to courts and will facilitate faster delivery of justice. The following achievements have been made during the year:-

- M/s Bharti Airtel is the implementing agency** to supply and install the VC equipment in the State and maintain the same for period of 5 years from the date of commissioning of the project.
- M/s Bharti Airtel has been given order to supply and install 63 VC facilities and all 63 VC facilities has been delivered and commissioned successfully.
- 7 Courts and 13 Jails have been provided VC facility under this project.

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS :

-Shakti Button App' and **'Gudia helpline' "1515"** has been launched by Government of Himachal for the protection of women.

-To deal strongly with the forest, mining and drug mafia, **'Hoshiar Singh helpline' 1090** has been started.

Shakti Button App' : Shakti Button initiative of Himachal Pradesh Police in association with National Informatics Centre, Himachal Pradesh is meant to help citizen (women in particular) who are in distress and need help while in Himachal Pradesh.

The app provides mechanism to set up to three emergency contacts to the app user from the device's contact list.

User has to set home district where the user ordinarily resides, draft emergency message of up to 110 characters and choose emergency contacts.

Whenever in distress the user can shake the phone, throw it or can also use the **RED SHAKTI Button** available on the main screen to send alert.

The app sends SMS containing user's GPS coordinates to the Police district control room as well as to the selected emergency contacts. The app also starts audio and video recording on the device.

The app also provides helpline numbers set up by the state/central government to help citizen. **The app is available in both English and Hindi.**