

HIMACHAL PRADESH ECONOMIC SURVEY 2018-19

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur presented the HP Economic Survey 2018-19 in the Vidhan Sabha on February 8, 2019. This document has been prepared by the Economic and Statistics Department, Himachal Pradesh.

THE MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DOCUMENT:

1. The Growth rate of Himachal Pradesh for the current financial year, 2018-19 has been estimated at 7.3%. Per Capita Income is estimated at Rs. 1,76,968.
2. The GSDP of State at current prices in 2017-18 increased to Rs. 1,36,542 crore from Rs. 1,25,122 crore in 2016-17 and as per advance estimates it is likely to be about Rs. 1,51,835 crore in 2018-19.
3. 2,139 Bank branches are functioning in the State as on 30.09.2018.
4. As on 30.09.2018, the Credit Deposit Ratio of Pradesh was 47.46.
5. The average population per branch in the State comes to 3,209 against National level of 11,000.
6. During financial year 2018-19 the total revenue of Rs.4,230.42 crore has been mobilised up to November 2018.
7. During November 2017 to November 2018 the All India Wholesale Price Index shows an inflation rate of 4.64%.
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9. There are 18,32,389 ration card holders which are being provided with essential commodities through 4,918 fair price shops.

- 10.** There are 166 Gas agencies, 415 Petrol pumps and 26 wholesale kerosene oil dealers working in the state.
- 11.** The Agriculture sector in the State generates about 9% to the total Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).
- 12.** During the year 2017-18, as per 3rd estimates the anticipated foodgrain production is 15.31 lakh MT against the achieved production of 15.63 lakh MT during the year 2016-17. For 2018-19 the target is 16.69 lakh MT.
- 13.** Fruit production was 4.06 lakh tonne in 2018-19 (up to Dec., 2018) against 5.65 lakh tonne in 2017-18. During 2018-19 (up to Dec., 2018) 3.60 lakh tonne of apple was produced against 4.47 lakh tonne in 2017-18 and apple constitutes about 79% of total fruit production during this year.
- 14.** As on 31.12.2018, One State Level Hospital, One Zonal Hospital, 408 Veterinary Hospitals, 1,766 Veterinary Dispensaries, 30 Central Veterinary Dispensaries 9 Polyclinics and 6 Veterinary check posts provide veterinary aid in the State.
- 15.** As 15. Rs. 1.00 has been increased in milk procurement rates w.e.f. 1.04.2018 which will benefit 42,650 families.
- 16.** About 5,012 fishermen in the Pradesh depend directly on fisheries for their livelihood.
- 17.** 37,265 hand pumps have been installed upto March, 2018.
- 18.** There are 522 medium and large scale industries and about 49,058 small scale industries presently working in the State.
- 19.** The minimum wages for the unskilled category of workers have been increased to Rs. 225 per day from Rs. 210.
- 20.** There are 8,49,981 applicants registered in the State employment exchanges as on 31.12.2018.
- 21.** Out of the total assessed hydel potential of 27,436 MW, only 10,547 MW has been harnessed upto December, 2018 by various agencies which is 38.44% of the total potential.
- 22.** The total road length was 37,913 Kms. in the State as on 31.12.2018 and 10,308 villages were connected with roads.

- 23.** HRTC has a fleet strength of 3,078 buses, 25 Electric buses, 21 Taxies and 50 Electric Taxies plying on 2,869 routes covering a distance of 6.35 lakh Km per day.
- 24.** 164.50 lakh tourist visited Himachal Pradesh during the year 2018 which is 2.4 times its population.
- 25.** During the year 10,714 Primary Schools, 2,102 Middle Schools, 929 High Schools, 1,841 Senior Secondary Schools and 138 Degree Colleges were functioning in the State.
- 26.** The State Government is providing free textbooks to the students belonging to S.C., S.T., O.B.C. & B.P.L. families.
- 27.** Free education is being provided to girl students in the State upto University level including vocational and professional courses.
- 28.** To improve the quality of education every possible step has been made under Sarv Sishka Abhiyan.
- 29.** To remove the gap in male-female literacy, girls hostel have been set up in the Educationally Backward Blocks.
- 30.** Netbooks/laptops and 1 GB data cards will be provided to 8,800 meritorious students of 10th and 12th class.
- 31.** The intake capacity of students in Technical Education at Degree level is 3,430 B-Pharmacy 900 Diploma level 6,500 and ITI's/ITC's 49,319.
- 32.** Medical and Family Welfare Services are provided through a network of 89 Civil Hospitals, 91 Community Health Centres, 580 Primary Health Centres and 16 ESI Dispensaries and 2,085 Sub Centres etc. besides other Private Institutions.
- 33.** Ayurvedic treatment is provided through 2 Regional Hospitals, 31 Hospitals and 1,178 Ayurvedic Health Centres, 3 Unani Health Centres and 14 Homeopathic Health Centres during 2018-19.
- 34.** The Government of India has decided only one National Immunization Day on 03rd February 2019 with bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine from this year.

- 35.** Under NRHM 95 health institutions are identified to provide 24 hours of emergency services.
- 36.** Under Social Security Schemes, the old-age pension is given Rs. 750 per month to all the persons of 60 years or above but below 70 years, having an individual annual income below Rs. 35,000 and the persons above 70 years pension is given Rs. 1,300 per month without any income criteria.
- 37.** Under Mukhya Mantri Kanyadaan Yojna the marriage grant of Rs. 40,000 has been given to the guardians of the destitute girls and 1,111 beneficiaries were covered.
- 38.** Under Beti Hai Anmol Scheme 16,000 girls have been benefited.
- 39.** To protect girl child against crimes Government of Himachal Pradesh has constituted Saksham Gudiya Boards.
- 40.** Under National Rural Livelihood Mission assistance to 5,400 women SHGs will be provided.
- 41.** Under Matri Shakti Bima Yojana 91 families have been provided financial assistance of Rs. 134.00 lakh.
- 42.** Under Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme total 205.35 lakh mandays have been generated and employment has been provided to 4,79,004 households.
- 43.** Under Lal Bhadur Shastri Kamgar Avam Shahari Ajivika Yojna an amount of Rs. 1.50 crore has been provided.
- 44.** Under National Urban Livelihood Mission 240 self-help groups have been formed and 739 beneficiaries were provided skill training.
- 45.** On the basis of 2018 projected population, Aadhar card number of 73.15 lakh residents have been generated.
- 46.** 'Shakti Button App' and 'Gudia helpline' has been launched by the Government of Himachal for the protection of women.

- 47.** Under the 'Social Security Pension scheme the age limit for getting pension without any income limit reduced from 80 to 70 years.
- 48.** Under "Himachal Grihani Suvidha Yojna" 32,134 new LPG connections have been provided in the State up to Nov, 2018.
- 49.** Under "Ujwala Yojna" of the Union government, 85,421 LPG connections have been provided.
- 50.** Him Care scheme has been introduced in the State for those families which are not covered under Aayushman Bharat Yojna or any other Health compensatory Scheme. Under this scheme any family member admitted as an indoor patient in the hospital, will get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh.
- 51.** To provide different medical test facilities to the citizens "Mukhya Mantri Nirog Yojna" has been started. Under this scheme 130 WELLNESS centres will be setup in the state.
- 52.** To promote organic farming in the State a new scheme "Prakritik Kheti Khushhaal Kissan" has been started in the State by allocating Rs. 25 crores in the State budget.
- 53.** To encourage the youngsters towards entrepreneurship "Mukhya Mantri Swablamban Yojana" has been started.
- 54.** Under "Mukhya Mantri Start-Up Yojana" 27 Start-ups have been started in 8 Incubation Centres and 3 promising entrepreneurs have been awarded.
- 55.** Dev Bhumi Darshan Yojna for the senior citizens of the age over 70 years to visit the religious places has been started.

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