Gujarat has maximum of 12 cities among the top 50 cleanest, followed by Madhya Pradesh with 11 and Andhra Pradesh with eight.

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Shimla-47, Kullu-259
Haryana became the 5\textsuperscript{th} state to Open Defecation Free (ODF).

\textit{Uttarakhand} became the 4\textsuperscript{th} state.

Earlier, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Kerala had declared themselves Open Defecation Free.

\textbf{Sikkim – 1\textsuperscript{st}}
\textbf{Himachal – 2\textsuperscript{nd}}
\textbf{Kerala – 3\textsuperscript{rd}}
4th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems was conducted in Indore, MP

Inaugurated by Lok Sabha speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

She also discussed on National Health Policy 2017 and how to achieve SDGs in Health

**SDG 3** – Good Health and Well Being
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The government has announced the expansion of rotavirus vaccine in five additional states under its Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP).

Assam, Tripura, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu

The announcement came after 38 lakh children were vaccinated in four states - Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, AP and Odisha when the vaccine was first introduced.

Diarrhoea is one of the biggest killers in children and rotavirus is one of the most common causes of severe Diarrhoea in children less than 2 years of age.
Himachal Pradesh chosen for Krishi Karman Award, 2015-16

Himachal Pradesh has been chosen for Krishi Karman award 2015-16 in Category II – where food grains production is between 1 – 10 million tonnes.


State Agriculture Minister Sujan Singh Pathania
The state was also conferred the **Krishi Karman Award** for 2011-12 for increase in wheat production and in 2014-15 for increasing food grains production.

**Madhya Pradesh** has been selected for **Krishi Karman Award 2015-16** for highest production of wheat.

MP has been selected for this award **fifth time** in a row.
Himachal Pradesh celebrated 70th Himachal Day function in Chamba on 15th April 2017.

Himachal Pradesh came into existence by merging 30 odd princely states in 1948.
Himachal Pradesh

Post independence, Himachal was created as a province on April 15, 1948.

In 1950, it became a sub-state.

In 1956, it was declared a union territory.

On December 18, 1970, the State of Himachal Pradesh Act was passed by the Parliament.

And finally, on January 25, 1971, it became the 18th state of India.

25th Jan is celebrated as a Himachal Day.
Yashwant Singh Parmar was chosen as the first chief minister. He was a leader of the Indian National Congress party and was also the founder of Himachal Pradesh.

Until now, only five people have been the chief minister of the state, the current holder of office is Virbhadra Singh.

He has been the chief minister since 2012 but he has held the office in the past too.
Himachal Pradesh’s Then & Now

Literacy rate has increased from 7% in 1948 to 82.80% (Census 2011).

Himachal Pradesh’s 70% population depends on agriculture for their living.

Rs. 1134 crore has been funded by the World Bank for the Horticulture Development Project which would help in increasing the production of good quality fruits.
The government will be spending Rs. 2238 crore during the current financial year 2017-18 for providing potable water to every house in Himachal Pradesh.

The government has spent Rs 922 crore on the Swan Channelization Project in Una district.

Rs. 180 crore on Chhonchh Khad Channelization Project in Kangra district.

Rs. 837 crore project has also been approved, the project will be providing 24-hour water supply to Shimla.
Rs 205 crore **Phinna Singh project** in Kangra district

**Sidhata canal project** almost complete which would irrigate 3000 hectare area.

New state of art **Industrial Areas** were being established at Kandrauri in Kangra district and Pandoga in Una district at an estimated cost of Rs 95.77 crore and Rs 88.05 crore respectively, which would provide direct and indirect employment to a large number of youth of the state.

The Chief Minister also laid foundation stone of **Football stadium at Jawali** to cost Rs 3.34 crore.
India signs Loan Agreement with the World Bank for Himachal Pradesh Public Financial Management Capacity Building Program.

An agreement for IBRD Credit of USD 36 Million was signed.

The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency of Public Expenditure Management and Tax Administration in Himachal Pradesh. The programme size is USD 45 million, of which USD 36 million will be financed by the Bank, and the remaining amount will be funded out of State Budget.

The programme duration is 5 years.
India-Oman joint military exercise in Himachal Pradesh.

Armies of India and Oman conducted their second joint exercise “Al Nagah-II 2017” on March 6 at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.

The first one was held in Muscat, Oman in January 2015.

The 14-day exercise was concluded on 19th March by Major General Naveen Kumar of the Indian Army.
Public Affairs Index 2017 (PAI-2017)
The Public Affairs Centre (PAC) is a not-for-profit research think tank situated in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The survey was carried out based on 10 themes, 26 focus subjects and 82 indicators.

The report was based on the following themes:

Essential infrastructure, support to human development, social protection, women and children, crime, law and order, delivery of justice, environment, transparency and accountability, fiscal management and economic freedom.
Among the 12 small states which have been categorised as small as they have population less than two crore, Himachal Pradesh has been ranked first followed by Goa and Mizoram.

Delhi which occupied third position in 2016 index has slipped to ninth position in 2017.

The last four positions among small states have been occupied Meghalaya (12th), Arunachal Pradesh (11th) and Jammu and Kashmir (10th).
New DGP to Himachal Pradesh.

Somesh Goyal, a 1984-batch IPS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the state's director general of police (DGP).

He replaces Sanjay Kumar who has been appointed as director general of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).
Mangal Pandey appointed as BJP state in-charge of Himachal Pradesh.

Pandey took over the reins from Shrikant Sharma, who is now a part of the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, holding the power ministry of the state.

Pandey is a Member of Legislative Council (MLC) in Bihar, he also holds the charge of the Bihar state currently
Dharamsala the second capital of Himachal Pradesh

The state cabinet put its seal on an upcoming smart city – Dharamsala to be the second capital of the state.

Dharamshala is a foothill town of McLeodgang, the seat of Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama and headquarters of the central Tibetan administration.
PM Modi launches first flight under UDAN scheme from Shimla to New Delhi.

The flight will be operated by Alliance Air, a regional arm of national airline Air India. Alliance Air will operate regular flights using a 48-seater ATR-42 all-economy class aircraft.

The word UDAN is an acronym for ‘Ude desh ka aam nagrik’, which essentially means all common people can now use air travel as a means for travelling.

The scheme is intended to make flying more affordable for common people and to connect over 45 unserved and under-served airports across the country.

The UDAN Scheme is a key component of the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP) which was released on June 15, 2016.
Planting trees to increase green cover in HP

Afforestation was carried out in 48,000 hectare area to increase the green cover in the state.

CM Said

“During the last four-and-a-half years, 1.33 crore medicinal plants and herbs were planted and we have targeted to plant 35 lakh more medicinal plants in 2017-18," he said while inaugurating the 68th State-Level Van Mahotsav at Pirdi in the Kullu district.
Cabinet nod for four-laning of Rs 2,776-cr road project in HP

The decision on the same was taken at the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

It has given its approval for development of four laning from 'end of Pandoh Bypass to Takoli' section of National Highway (NH)-21 in Himachal Pradesh.

The project will help in expediting the improvement of infrastructure in Himachal Pradesh and in reducing the time and cost of travel for traffic, particularly heavy traffic, plying from 'end of Pandoh Bypass to Takoli' section.

The total length of the road to be developed is approximately 19 km
Kangra first ever district to geo-tag all assets under MGNREGA.

The first district in the country to geo-tag 100 per cent of the assets generated under the MGNREGA.

It would help people in integrated development of all sectors like agriculture, irrigation, education, health etc.

Geo-tag will allows the workers to click photo of the asset and upload it to a ISRO-run web portal thus digitally recording its time and location. It allows the ease in tracking the assets.

Geotagging is the process of adding geographical identification metadata to various media such as a geotagged photograph or video, websites, SMS messages, QR Codes or RSS feeds and is a form of geospatial metadata.

This data usually consists of latitude and longitude coordinates, though they can also include altitude, bearing, distance, accuracy data, and place names, and perhaps a time stamp.
Himachali film ‘Saanjh’ awarded at US film festival.

A film directed by Ajay Saklani in a Himachali dialect “Saanjh” has won the best feature film award at international Borrego Springs Film Festival held in California, US.

The award was received by film’s co-producer Anil Chandel.

The film also received award of merit at the Accolade Global Film Competition.
Saanjh is the first Himachali film has gets international recognition in 100 years of the Indian cinema.
Ex-BCCI president Anurag Thakur to head Himachal Olympic Association.

He was unanimously elected head of the Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association (HPOA) for a four-year term.

Virender Kanwar was elected Senior Vice-President, while Rajesh Bhandari, who is a Vice President of the Boxing Federation of India, was elected General Secretary
Renowned Political And Social Activist Mangal Negi passed away.

He was The President of All India Tribes and Minorities.

He was born in tribal Kinnaur district in Himachal Pradesh and later settled in Shimla.
UNESCOs Nature Fest held in Himachal Pradesh.

A two-day festival with the theme of natural heritage in literature, arts and culture was held at the World Heritage Site Great Himalayan National Park (GNHP) at Sairopa in Kullu district.

The festival was organised in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and would be attended by prominent conservationists.

Bird expert Bikram Grewal, Asad Rejman, naturalist Ranjeet Lal and renowned biologist George Schaller were among those who addressed the gathering.
Sanjauli Police Post In Himachal becomes first in India to be linked with CCTNS

Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh inaugurated a Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) in Shimla to connect all the police posts in the state with each other.

Maharashtra was the first state to launch CCTNS

The system will facilitate people in lodging online/offline complaints, police verification of job applicants, tenants, character verification and migrant labourer registration.
About CCTNS:

The Crime and Criminal Tracking Networks and Systems, abbreviated to CCTNS, is a project under Indian government for creating a comprehensive and integrated system for effective policing through e-Governance.

The system includes nationwide online tracking system by integrating more than 14,000 police stations across the country. The project is implemented by National Crime Records
Virbhadra Singh led Himachal Pradesh government has launched mobile app and website titled ‘MeraHunar HP’ or ‘My Talent’ to help skilled and semi-skilled workers find jobs.

The mobile app will connect prospective employers with job aspirants as the latter’s resume will contain addresses and contact numbers.

State Information Technology adviser Gokul Butail is the brainchild behind the developing and launching of the application.
Over 500 bird species in Himachal, says survey

The wildlife wing of the Himachal Pradesh’s Forest Department has claimed that there are around 564 bird species living in the hill State, which accounts for 45% of the total 1,263 bird species found in India.

In the four-day survey called ‘Great Backyard Bird Count, 2017’, which was held from February 17 to 20, about 83 bird check lists were uploaded to eBird and 319 species were reported from eight districts.

The district of Kangra was home to the maximum number of species – as many as 453 of them.
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Himachal Pradesh Cabinet Minister Karan Singh has passed away.

He represented the Banjar assembly constituency in Himachal Pradesh Assembly.

He was elected from the Banjar Assembly constituency thrice in 1990, 1998 and 2012.

He was sworn as a minister in the Virbhadra Singh cabinet in Ayurveda Minister.
Indo-Thai joint military exercise Maitree 2017 held in Himachal Pradesh.

A joint military training exercise Maitree 2017 between Indian Army and Royal Thailand Army commenced at Baklo in Chamba district in Himachal Pradesh.

The aim of 15 day long exercise was to build and promote closer relations while exchanging skills and experiences between the two armies.
Veteran journalist Ravinder Randev passed away in Shimla

After serving in the Himachal Pradesh Education Department for more than a decade, Randev joined the Vir Pratap daily newspaper as a staff reporter in 1972.

During his career as a journalist spanning over 45 years, he worked for the Dainik Tribune, The Indian Express, Uttam Hindu, Pioneer and National Herald.
Former HP Chief Secy Sudripta Roy passed away

Roy was a 1978 batch IAS officer.

He had assumed the office of the chief Secretary of HP in May 2012 to 2014.
First unit of 100 MW Sainj hydropower project commissioned.

The 100 MW Sainj hydropower project in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

The first 50 MW unit of 100 MW Sainj Hydro Power project of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (HPPCL) today commissioned and synchronised with northern grid through Parvati-Kol Dam transmission line.

The second unit of 50 MW would also be commissioned soon and the project would produce 322 million units of electricity every year accruing an income of Rs 100 crore to the state government.
Sainj Hydro Power Project has been constructed on Sainj River, a tributary of Beas river and its barrage has been constructed near village Niharini while the underground power house was located on the right bank of Sainj at Siund village.

A 6.36 km long tunnel with 3.85 metre diameter and two turbines of 50 MW each have been installed.

The families affected by the project would get 100 units of power per month free of cost for ten years. The affected families would also get 1 per cent of income from the project.
Two-day national TB summit held in Dharamshala
‘TB free India by 2025’.
Tow-Day National TB Summit, for raising awareness and increasing momentum to fight against TB was being held in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh.

TB Summit concluded with a friendly cricket match between Bollywood celebrities and Members of Parliament.

Governor of Punjab VP Singh Badnore and Himachal Pradesh Health Minister Kaul Singh Thakur inaugurated the summit
Himachal Pradesh budget: No new taxes

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh presented a Rs 35,783-crore budget, proposing no new taxes.

He announced sops for farmers, unemployed youth, government employees, daily wagers and contractual employees ahead of the elections later this year.
To provide Rs. 1000 unemployment allowance for those unemployed educated youths, having minimum +2 qualification or above and Rs. 1500 for the disabled in the state. A budget provision of Rs. 150 Crore has been made for this scheme.

Emoluments of contract employees will be enhanced from 50 percent to 75 percent of grade pay.

While 3 percent Dearness Allowance will be provided to regular employees and pensioners of State Government from July, 2016.
Honorarium of Water Guards will be increased from Rs. 1,500 to `1,700 per month.

In agriculture sector, the chief minister announced to provide Soil Health Card to all the farmers of the state. A total budget of Rs. 783 Crore has been provided to the agriculture sector in the state. In a boost to organic farming the chief minister announced to set up 200 organic villages in the state, besides various other schemes.

the state government has provided a Budget of Rs. 220 Crore for state food security
Vidhayak Kshetriya Vikas Nidhi” increased to `1 crore 10 lakh. “Software Technology Park” to be set up in Shimla and in Kangra District.

World Bank aided Horticulture Development Project of `1,134 crore will be made operational in 2017-18. `12 crore provided to orchardists/farmers for subsidy on power sprayers, power tillers and other equipments.

40 percent subsidy to youth for establishing Soil Testing Labs. The Subsidy under “Mukhya Mantri Khet Sanrakshan Yojna” enhanced from 60 percent to 80 percent with a budget provision of `30 crore
New “Mukhya Mantri Green House Renovation Scheme” launched for replacement of polysheets.

“Panchayat Pashudhan Purskar Yojna” with a budget provision of ` 7.80 crore.

Milk procurement price enhanced by ` 1 per litre.

75 percent subsidy for setting up of Milk Processing and Chilling Plants by Dairy Co-operative Societies.

Six Bio-diversity tourism parks will be developed at Kanlog, Sarahan, Kasol, Dharamshala, Paonta Sahib and Mandi.
New “Mukhya Mantri Rural Road Repair Scheme” with a budget provision of `20 crore.

`115 crore provided for various housing schemes.
`50 crore earmarked under AMRUT scheme.
New “Mukhya Mantri Rural Livelihood Scheme” started to provide livelihood to rural youth.

160 crore kept for completion of 160 Drinking Water Supply and 70 Irrigation Schemes in 2017-18.
`837 crore World Bank funded project for Shimla city to be started.

`670 crore new project to cover left out habitation with assistance of BRICS Bank
Package for cancer patients enhanced from ₹ 1 lakh 75 thousand to ₹ 2 lakh 25 thousand.

Assistance per child raised to ₹ 4,000 under “Mother Teresa Matri Ashraya Sambal Yojna”

“Panchayat Balika Gaurav Purskar Yojna” with a budget provision of ₹ 1 crore 50 lakh.

Stamp duty reduced from 6 percent to 3 percent for the purchase of land for residential purpose by women.

Social Security pension to be enhanced from ₹ 650 per month to ₹ 700 per month. Pension to be provided to all mentally retarded children /adults without any income limit. The pension of persons aged 80 years and above increased from ₹ 1,200 to ₹ 1,250 per month.
Reservation quota for Persons with Disabilities proposed to be increased from 3 percent to 4 percent in Government jobs. Samman Rashi of freedom fighters increased from `10,000 to `15,000.

Samman Rashi to widows of freedom fighters increased from `5,000 to `15,000.

Marriage grant for the daughters of freedom fighters enhanced from `21,000 to `31,000.

Women police stations will be established at Una, Nahan and Bilaspur.
11 helplines to be started by Animal Husbandry Department to facilitate farmers.

A provision of Rs. 50 Crore provided for crop diversification in the state of Himachal in budget of 2017-18
Himachal Pradesh cabinet clears takeover of heritage Bantony Castle in SHIMLA

Ending more than 12-year old uncertainty over the century-old ‘Bantony castle, the Himachal Pradesh cabinet cleared a proposal to acquire 19,000 square metre estate for setting-up a world-class city museum and a cultural centre in the town.

The government will pay Rs 27.84 crore to the owners of the estate for acquisition of the entire property, including a two-storey built-in building of archeological importance that earlier used to house the state police headquarters.
A major decision was taken by the cabinet to issue **bonafide Himachali certificate** to the women from the state who are married to persons having **their permanent home outside Himachal**.

This has been done with a view to give them security for rest of their lives.
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Himachal Pradesh tables bill for safety of medical staff in hospitals.

To ensure the safety and security of doctors at their work place, by making the offence of assault non-bailable and COGNIZABLE. Cognizable offence means an offence wherein a Police officer can arrest without warrant.

(Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Amendment Bill, 2017,

in section 3 of the earlier Act there was provision of one year imprisonment which has been now substituted through amendment and increased to three years.
As per budget announcement, a cabinet meeting chaired by the CM has accorded approval for the enhancement of rates of grant-in-aid of chowkidars of gram panchayats from Rs 2,050 to Rs 2,350, benefiting 3,226 chowkidars.

Approval was also granted for the enhancement of monthly honorarium to anganwari workers from Rs 450 to Rs 1,450 and anganwari sahayikas from Rs 300 to Rs 600.

A decision was also taken to provide one day casual leave to contract appointees after putting one month of service, besides 10 days medical leave and five days special leave in a calendar year.

A female contract appointee with less than two surviving children would be granted maternity leave for 135 days.
It was decided to regularize the services of para-medical staff of Rogi Kalyan Samitis (RKS) after four years, which includes three year service under government contract and one year under RKS, instead of the earlier eight years.

The cabinet also decided to provide 4-9-14 pay scale to be granted to all medical officers (general wing) for services rendered in the department for 2017 as a relaxation.

It also decided to appoint medical officers on regular basis from January 1, 2018. It was also decided that part-time workers will be upgraded to daily-wagers provided they have completed 8 years of continuous service as on March 31 and September 30 this year.
An increase in grant-in-aid from Rs 3,000 to Rs 4,000 per child per annum under HP Mother Teresa Matri Ashaaye Sambal Yojna was also okayed.
HP Mother Teresa Matri Ashaaye Sambal Yojna

The Mother-Teresa Asahaya Matri Sambhal Yojna started by Himachal Pradesh government for providing financial support to widow women.

The scheme came into effect from 16-10-2016. The main objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to widow women for providing education and upbringing, their children up to the age of 18 years.

The scheme helps widowed women to maintain reasonable standard living of society for that government of Himachal Pradesh providing Rs. 3000/- per annul per child.
To get the benefits of scheme helpless women annual income should be less than 35, 000 and having children under the age of 18 years.
Cabinet nod to set up rights commission

The Cabinet today gave nod for setting up of a full-fledged State Human Rights Commission, work of which was being looked after by the Himachal Pradesh Lokayukta till now.

Paved way for creation of about 2,500 posts in the Health and Animal Husbandry departments.

The commission will have a chairman and a member.

The Cabinet also gave approval for 29 posts of various categories in the State Human Rights Commission.

The Supreme Court had directed all the state governments to set up human rights commission.
The Cabinet decided to implement the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of apple on the analogy of previous years with a view to provide remunerative price to the fruit growers.

The procurement price has fixed at Rs. 6.75 per kg instead of last year rate of Rs. 6.50
The Cabinet gave a nod to the return of Rs 85 crore to Reliance Power paid as an upfront premium for two hydro-power projects of Purthy (Pangi) and Sumte Kothang in Spiti district that the company had surrendered.

The Cabinet decided to return the money to Reliance, lest they knocked at the court’s door.

Reliance had been allotted these two projects about a decade ago, but later they surrendered the project on the grounds that the capacity of the 300 MW Purthy project in Pangi, Chamba, had declined by more than 20 per cent.

There is a provision in the Hydro Power Policy of the state that a power producer can decline to take up the project on these grounds.

In case of the Sumte Kothang hydro power project in the tribal district of Lahaul Spiti, Reliance had declined to execute the project due to stiff opposition by locals.
NABARD earmarks Rs 500 crore for different rural schemes in Himachal Pradesh

Kishan Singh, managing director of HP regional office, NABARD, told that Rs 500 crore shall be spent by the financial institution in the state in 2017-18.

Singh further said the money will be sanctioned on different rural schemes of bridges, roads, irrigation and water supply schemes etc.
Himachal Pradesh Government has launched “Unemployment Allowance Scheme 2017” in the state on the occasion of 70th foundation day of Himachal Pradesh.

The government has also decided to reduce the time period for regularization of contract based employees from earlier 5 years to 3 years.

Under the scheme, the state government would provide unemployment allowance of Rs. 1000 per month to every unemployed youth who have passed at least intermediate.

Rs. 1500 per month would be provided to such unemployed youth with disability.

The Allowance shall be credited to the recipient by RTGS/NEFT/ECS through Banks as mentioned in Application Form, on monthly basis at the cost of the Government.
Eligibility for Unemployment Allowance Scheme 2017

She/he should be unemployed (should not be employed in Govt. sector or in PSUs or in private sector or self employed) and should be a Bonafide Himachali.

She/he should have passed minimum 10+2 from any Board/University/Institution recognized by H.P. Govt.

She/he should be registered with any Employment Exchange in Himachal Pradesh as on the date of application since 1 year.

Her/his annual family income for the Financial Year immediately preceding date of application, from all sources including that of spouse should be less than Rs. 2.00 Lakh (Rs. Two Lakhs).
She/he should be above 20 years and below 35 years of age, as on the date of application.

She/he should not be self-employed.

She/he should not be a dismissed Govt. employee.

She/he should not be convicted of any offence resulting in imprisonment for a period of 48 hours or more.

She/he should not be a regular student pursuing any course. She/he should not be availing Skill Development Allowance.
The state government of Himachal Pradesh has started the initiative of providing quality food at very low cost under the scheme named as Rajiv Thali Yojana.

Through this scheme, the government is providing a thali (Plate of food) with two rotis, a bowl of dal, sabzi and rice at just Rs. 25.

Along with food under Rajiv Thali Yojana – Drinking water packages are also being provided to the customers at Rs. 5 on no-profit basis.
HPPSC mobile app launched

The Android app was recently launched with an aim to keep candidates and employees updated.

HPPSC mobile app is developed by HP National Informatics Centre (NIC), and will benefit the State Government employees and aspiring candidates.

Exam candidates will get alerts in real time on every notification issued by the Commission regarding advertisements, vacancies, exams, results, answer keys, application etc.

The app would specially benefit the candidates of rural candidates in keeping update with the advertisements, vacancies and submitting their applications on time.
Himachal Pradesh CM announces projects of Rs 70 cr in Kangra

Major projects include construction of a polytechnic college for women at a cost of Rs 42.61 crore. The Polytechnic is to be funded by the Asian Development Bank under the Skill Development Scheme.

Power Minister Sujan Singh Pathania unveiled the plaque of a 133 KV electric substation to be built at a cost of Rs 14 crore. It would benefit 110 villages in Indora, Fatehpur and Jawali with a population of 1.25 lakh, besides minimising transmission and distribution losses.
Kudal-Jakhbad road which will be built at an expenditure of Rs 11.50 crore.

Virbhadra also announced inauguration of a police post in Dhangupeer which has been built at a cost Rs 90 lakh. Other announced projects comprise of a ayurveda hospital in Sulialli and a water supply scheme which would provide irrigation of 60 hectares of land in Dev-Bharari and Loharpura panchayats.
Himachal adopting Ladakh’s snow harvesting model

Himachal Pradesh too is adopting the snow harvesting technique to meet the water requirement of cold desert areas like Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti districts.

The Department of Science and Technology, Government of India allocated one crore rupees for the snow harvesting project of Himachal Pradesh.

Under this pilot project, the snow harvesting technique would be adopted in the Pooh region of Kinnaur district, located close to China border where scanty rainfall makes it difficult for local people to have water during summer to irrigate their apple orchards.
Indian Air Force, HP tourism department join hands to promote adventure sports in Himachal Pradesh

With an aim to promote adventure tourism in Himachal Pradesh, a team of 16 members of Indian Air Force (IAF) in collaboration with Himachal tourism department has organized a six day long multi-activity expedition in various parts of the state.

Director of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports Captain Randhi Salhuria flagged off the expedition from Manal
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Green tax barrier earning in crores but lacks tourist facilities

An increased daily revenue collection at the green tax barrier Aloo ground, Manali, has failed to translate into better parking facilities for the vehicles coming into this hill town.

This tax barrier was set up on June 19, 2004 and has since collected over Rs 30 crore. The average daily collection at the barrier was Rs 3.5 lakh during June 2016, which has now increased to over Rs 4 lakh in 2017.
Start Manali-Rohtang ropeway project: NGT

To ease the traffic on the Manali-Rohtang road, the National Green Tribunal directed the state government to take all possible steps for starting the ropeway project on this route without any delay.

NGT told the committee that while finalizing the alignment of the ropeway project; it should take care that it should be in the interest of environment and ecology of the area and told it to file report within four weeks.

The NGT clarified in its order that the people who would be displaced due to the construction of the ropeway project would be given complete priority for rehabilitation under the Resettlement & Rehabilitation Scheme of the state government.
Asian Development Bank to give Rs 628 crore for tourism in rural Himachal

Under the financial assistance scheme, Rs 628 crore will be provided to panchayats, giving a boost to community-based tourism activities for awareness and promotion activities in rural areas.

Himachal Pradesh tourism and civil aviation commissioner, Dinesh Malhotra said 19 panchayats in seven districts have been shortlisted under this initiative.
Himachal Pradesh Lays Out Rs 5700 Cr Plan For 2017-18.

The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, Government of India, has discontinued the process of formulation of five year and annual plans, the State Government has decided to continue with the process of Annual Plan for 2017-18.

The Annual Plan approved is 9.61 percent higher as compared to last year’s Annual Plan of Rs. 5200 crore.

The plan approved has added priority to social service sector, transport, agriculture and hydro-power.
An outlay of Rs. 2213 crore has been proposed for social service sector, followed by transport and communication with a proposed outlay of Rs. 1073 crore.

The third priority has been accorded to agriculture and allied services sector for which an outlay of Rs. 714 crore has been proposed.

The hydel power, which remains an important component of the development agenda was added as fourth priority by proposing an outlay of Rs. 683 crore.

Besides, a sum of Rs. 1436 crore has been proposed under Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan, Rs. 513 crore for Tribal sub-Plan and Rs. 70 crore for Backward Area sub-Plan.
State Government was also in the process of preparing the vision document-2030, containing seven years development strategy and three years action plan.

However, to be a part of the initiatives at the global level, the State Government in its budget for 2016-17, not only decided to achieve most of these targets set under the sustainable development goals but surpass them by 2022, which was much before the timeline of agenda 2030, as adopted by United Nations for sustainable development.
It’s first time, snow leopard sighted in Himachal’s Miyar Valley.

State wildlife officials admit this is for the first time that the elusive snow leopard, a species whose survival is challenged by poaching and habitat loss, has been captured on camera in the Miyar region, adjoining Zanskar in Jammu and Kashmir's Ladakh.

It was captured on outskirts of Udaipur village, some 52 km from the district headquarters Keylong in Lahaul-Spiti district.

snow leopard
STATUS CHANGED
EARLIER – ENDANGERED
NOW - VULNERABLE
The state's Wildlife Department, in partnership with the Nature Conservation Foundation, is already monitoring the snow leopards through cameras in the Spiti Valley, the state's northernmost part which borders Tibet.

Nature Conservation Foundation studies show the density of one snow leopard per 100 square km in the Spiti Valley.

A graceful golden-eyed animal with thick fur, padded paws and a long tail and found in rocky regions at an altitude of 2,700 to 6,000 metres, the snow leopard is a globally endangered species. Rough estimates place its global population at around 7,500.
Government orders survey of leopards, snow leopards.

Even as there is concern over the growing man-animal conflict, the state government has asked the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, to undertake a survey to get the estimate of numbers of common leopards in Himachal.

The survey was last undertaken in 2004. The estimate of snow leopard will also be taken and a written communication has been sent to experts from the Nature Conservation, Mysore, as they are the nodal agency.

The necessary permission from the Wildlife Board of India too has been taken.
It was in June 2004 that a survey had been undertaken to assess the leopard population in the state which turned out to be 785 which included 24 animals in captivity.

As per this survey, the snow leopard population estimate stood at 35.

The latest survey will now give the fresh figures of both leopards and snow leopards.

Experts from a renowned NGO headed by Vidya Athreya, a wildlife biologist who has vast experience in tackling problems related to leopards, had been assigned the task of mapping the leopard population.
Based on the outcome of this mapping, the wildlife wing was to work out a strategy for reducing the increasing man-animal conflict.

The department has undertaken behavior study pattern of leopards in Shimla which is helping them in analyzing their behavior and tracking their movement.

So far, Himachal is the only state to have undertaken population estimate of snow leopards which are also found in alpine regions of other states like Jammu and Kashmir and Uttarakhand.

In fact, trap cameras have been installed by the Nature Conservation, Mysore, to trap the behavior of these snow leopards.

Though there was a proposal to undertake radio collaring of three leopards the move has been delayed as the wildlife experts from Mongolia have yet to arrive. They are expected to arrive sometime in June
Himachal moots proposals worth Rs 2906 crore for Smart Shimla

Under the proposal, the hill capital would be equipped with modern amenities on the suggestions of more than one lakh people who participated to decide priorities of development of the City.

Out of Rs. 2906 crores, Rs. 1252 crores will be spent for re-development of lower bazaar, Sabzi Mandi, Ganj Bazar and Krishnanagar area where appropriate space would be made available for construction of hotels and commercial areas.
Rs. 1280 crores would be spent for retrofitting of circular roads and three transit corridors of the City. This includes four roads from Sanjauli to Mashobra, Chhota Shimla to Kasumpti, Cricular Road and Old Bus Stand Road with total length of 41 kms.

The proposal includes Rs. 197 crores for traffic management, citizen security, installation of CCTV cameras, Wi-Fi system and improvement in public transport.

The officials briefed that 15 safe shelters would also be constructed in the city as part of disaster management. Landslide censors will also be put at vantage points for early warning of landslides.
Himachal govt abolishes interviews for Class III, IV posts

The recruitment for all Class-III and IV posts will now be made on the basis of merit of written examination or mandatory educational qualification. The process would be followed by evaluation on prescribed parameters.
Prof. Shashikant Sharma assumes charge of honorary Advisor to Governor

Dr. Shashikant Sharma, who is working as Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in Himachal Pradesh University, assumed the charge of honorary Advisor to the Governor at Raj Bhawan
Dharamsala first city in India to have Sensor-Based Dustbins.

225 underground dustbins having technology imported from Holland were being installed in different parts of Dharamsala.

Around 170 underground dustbins had already been installed.

The dustbins had sensor-based technology through which the authorities would come to know about the filling status of dustbins on their mobile phones.
Hence, they would be able to clear the dustbins in a time-bound manner.

In addition, there was a problem of keeping open dustbins in Dharamshala as nobody wanted them to be placed near their houses due to the stink generated from them.

However, since the new dustbins installed were underground, the problem of filth and stink would not be there. The dustbins would be hydraulically lifted and cleared by the corporation.
Half Marathon - 2017 was organized at the Ridge Maidan Shimla.

Half Marathon - 2017 was organized at the Ridge Maidan Shimla to mark the ‘International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking’ by the Himachal police in association with Airtel.

The theme of this marathon is ‘Drug free Himachal’ and its motto is ‘No Excuse for Drug Abuse’

The run was of three parts — Half Marathon (21.5 km), Mini Marathon (10 km) and Dream Run (3 km).
Kuther gram panchayat gets national award for rural development

Kuther gram panchayat in Nagrota Surian development block of Jawali has received national award for rural development under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

It is the lone gram panchayat from Himachal Pradesh, which has received the award.

The panchayat has also been selected for the Rural Award and the Valmiki Award enabling the gram panchayat to get additional funds of development activities.

The panchayat was conferred the Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Award-2017 on April 24 during the national Panchayat Raj Day celebrations.
Olympic Games in Hamirpur.

Former World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) superstar The Great Khali and Governor Acharya Devvrat inaugurated the first-ever Himachal Pradesh State Olympic Games on June 22.

A five-day Olympics torch run was organised by Himachal Pradesh Olympics Association (HPOA) from Shimla to Hamirpur ahead of the event with the slogan ‘Khelega Yuva, Jitega Himachal’.

The 11 games played during the Olympics include hockey, athletics, boxing, basketball, judo, kabaddi, volleyball, wrestling, kho-Kho, weight-lifting and shooting.
Shimla topped the tally with 20 gold medals in Himachal Olympics. The players of Shimla grabbed 44 medals, including 20 gold, 10 silver and 14 bronze.

Mandi district stood second with 38 medals.

The third position was taken by Kangra with 28 medals.
Rs. 1,134 crore World Bank project for horticulture.

Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of Satyanand Stokes Centre of Excellence of fruits at Kot-Shillaru and Sabji Mandi at Sandhu in Theog constituency of Shimla district.

The project had been launched to improve the quality of fruit products vis-a-vis adoption of the latest technique for pollination management and to induce new lease of life for unproductive orchards.

To address constraint of low productivity of fruit crops in the state, the government had signed a project of Rs. 1,134 crore with World Bank for rapid and sustainable development of horticulture sector.

The project will be implemented in all the 12 districts of the state in the next five years.
The CM said Satyanand Stokes Centre of Excellence of Temperate Fruit at Kot-Shillaru would have high density orchard of apple, pear and cherry to make aware and demonstrate the growers the latest technological advantage of high density plantation for higher production.

Special provision had been made in the project to develop community irrigation facility covering 19,560 hectares of project area under irrigation to ensure availability of water during summer and critical stages of plant growth.
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State-Level Conclave on Disaster Risk Reduction Organised in Shimla.

A two-day state-level conclave on the implementation of Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction was jointly organised by the State Disaster Management Authority (SDMA), Disaster Management Cell, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Shimla.

The theme of the conclave was ‘Resilience Action Planning- Implementing the Sendai Framework at local level’.

It is to be noted that Himachal being the first state to prepare hazard risk vulnerability analyses domain.
Department of Fisheries has put a ban on fishing in the Pong Dam Reservoir on the Beas River in the wetland zone of the Siwalik Hills of the Kangra district of the state of Himachal Pradesh. Named in the honour of Maharana Pratap

The Department of Fisheries has put a ban on fishing in the Pong Dam reservoir in view of the fish breeding season.

Fishing is banned in the reservoir every year from June 1 to July 31.

As per information, the department has deployed one flying squad and 17 patrolling teams here to curb the menace of fishing during the breeding season. Apart from this, a power motor boat equipped with latest techniques will also keep a vigil on illegal fishing in the reservoir.
IIT-Mandi students started a ‘Clean up Himalayas’ campaign.

Students and a teacher from the IIT-Mandi have started a ‘Clean up Himalayas’ campaign from the 12,500 ft-high Beas Kund in collaboration with the Discover Himalaya, an eco-tourism promotion agency.

The purpose of the campaign is to clean major trek sites of Himachal and spread the message of Swachh Bharat. The hiking and trekking club of the IIT collected garbage from the Beas Kund, Bakarathach and Dhundi areas.

Waste sacks were handed over to garbage treatment plant of the Municipal Council, Manali.
Kandrori steel plant in Kangra district to start operations.

Kandrori steel plant of Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) in Kangra district would start operations from next month.

The plant would initially start manufacturing TMT bars and provide employment to locals.

The foundation stone was laid by then Union Minister for Steel Ram Vilas Paswan in 2009.

Army officials objected to the presence of steel plant near their ordinance depot in Kandrori.
The objection from the Army was cleared in 2015.

Even after that, over two years were consumed in clearing other bottlenecks.

Centre had adopted National Steel Policy under which it planned to increase the domestic production from 124 lakh MT to 300 lakh MT by 2031.
In a major relief to farmers, four cash crops, ginger, peas, potato and tomato, have been covered under the Restructured Weather-Based Crop Insurance Scheme (RWBCIS) from the Kharif season 2017.

These crops will now be covered against rain, heat (temperature), relative humidity, hailstorm, dry spell, etc. which affect the Kharif crops during its cultivation period.

The scheme is highly-subsidized and the maximum insurance premium, payable by farmer for the commercial crops, is to be only 5 per cent of the sum insured or actuarial rate, whichever is less.
Akshit Gaur Youngest to Take Part in International Mountain Biking Stage.

A school boy from Shimla has scripted history by earning the distinction to become the youngest Indian biker to participate in an international Mountain Biking Stage.

Akshit Gaur, who has passed the Class XII examination from St Edward’s School, will compete in an international MTB race at the tender age of 17, becoming the youngest rider to start the Cross-Country Marathon style race - Rumble in the jungle in Sri Lanka.

He is not only the youngest rider, but also the only Indian biker in the race from tiny hill town
Bhutanese team visited the Institute of Himalayan Bio Technology

Delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture from Bhutan visited the Institute of Himalayan Bio Technology Palampur to gather know-how on agro technologies.

The team was given information on tea garden management practices, cultivation and post-harvest management of medicinal and aromatic crops, particularly extraction procedure of bioactive compounds.
Newly Constructed Cricket Stadium at Gumma Inaugurated

The newly constructed cricket stadium of Himachal Pradesh Cricket Association (HPCA) was inaugurated by Hamirpur MP Anurag Thakur at Gumma village in SHIMLA.

The ground at Gumma has been built at an altitude of 5000 ft above sea level around the areas famous for apple and vegetable cultivation.

The HPCA facility at Gumma has a pavilion, dressing rooms, practice area, four turf wickets and an outfield where class bermuda grass has been specially planted to give the players an international playing experience.
Una has become the first district in the state to provide health insurance to physically challenged persons within its jurisdiction.

The administration has identified 1,213 physically-challenged persons having income of under Rs. 3 lakh and has provided them health insurance up to Rs. 2 lakh per annum.

Besides, the physically challenged, their 2,892 family members have also been covered under the scheme.
Physically challenged persons in the district had been provided health insurance under the **Swavlamban scheme** of the Union Government.

Under the scheme, all physically challenged who have income of less than Rs. 3 lakh per annum are covered.

The beneficiaries had to pay a premium of Rs. 257 per annum for the scheme.

However, for those physically challenged who had income of less than Rs. 50,000 per annum, the premium was being contributed by the **Chintpurni Temple Trust**.
‘Gau Sadan’ built by Himalayan Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy

‘Gau Sadan’ being built by Himalayan Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy at Palampur.
Lahaul-Spiti among 100 worst districts
BY NITI AAYOG

While Himachal has done well in expanding the road network under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Lahaul-Spiti district in the state is an aberration, figuring among 100 worst districts with poor road connectivity.
Chamba first to settle forest rights.

Chamba district has emerged as a pioneer in settling community and individual forest rights under the provisions of the Forest Rights Act (FRA), 2006.

A district-level committee formed under the Forest Rights Act has given community rights to seven forest dwelling communities of the Bharmour tribal region as well as 53 individual rights to the poor forest dwellers of Lakkarmandi near Dalhousie hill town.

The ‘Dhougri’ community, traditional workers who had been engaged in making charcoal in forests, living at Lakkarmandi near Dalhousie hill town for decades, is now on the way to settle their families as their demands were fulfilled after being approved under the Forest Rights Act.
Legal services authority opens assistance centre

To provide legal services under one roof, the HP State Legal Services Authority (HPSLSA) has opened a single window establishment for providing legal assistance to poor litigants named ‘Nyaya Sanyog’ in the office of the HPSLSA.

Acting Chief Justice Sanjay Karol was supervising the working of the authority and taking all possible steps for providing legal assistance to the poor.

The ‘Nyaya Sanyog’ would be manned by a retainer lawyer and trained paralegal volunteers and would be assisted by the staff of the State Legal Services Authority.
Justice Abhilasha Kumar became first woman Chief Justice of any High Court from Himachal Pradesh as she was elevated as CJ of Tripura High Court.
Narinder Chauhan to be the next SCIC

A 1984 batch IAS officer Additional Chief Secretary Narinder Chauhan is tipped to be the next State Chief Information Commissioner (SCIC) as Select Committee headed by the Chief Minister gave nod for his appointment.

The post of SCIC has been lying vacant since March 23, 2016 when Bhim Sen’s term got over.

It is learnt that the Selection Committee has cleared the name of a retired Indian Forest Service’s Sushil Srivastava for the post of State Information Commissioner (SIC).
To recharge its depleted water bodies and underground aquifers, Waterman of India Rajinder Singh advocated a tripartite water conservation mantra and a 129-year-old water conservation model of the British.

The city needs ‘chaal’ (small water bodies), ‘khaal’ (small streams) and ‘taal’ (tank) that will hold Shimla’s water in Shimla itself and help recharge otherwise depleted underground aquifers.

Best example of this is a 129-year-old British-built water conservation catchment area near Dhalli, which is still serving residents in Shimla.
Tata’s give up Chamba power project

Tatas has written to the state government expressing its desire to give up the 450-MW Duggar power project in Pangi area of Chamba.

The project had been allotted to them in 2007-08 and it is after receiving the feasibility study undertaken by its consultants that the Tatas have decided not to proceed with it since they feel it would not be viable.

Besides this, the Jindal group, which has been allotted the 250 MW Kutehar power project in Chamba, has also intimated the Energy Directorate that it had put the project on hold for some time though the group has not cited any specific reasons.
It is the Jindal group which has purchased the Karcham Wangtoo and Baspa projects owned by JP in Kinnaur some time back. With the hydro-power sector not really picking up, the pace of new power projects being completed and operationalized has been rather tardy.
Una-Amb-Andaura rail line electrification begins

Work on the electrification of the 35-km Una-Amb-Andaura railway track has finally begun, which will enable the electric locomotives pulling the Himachal Express and the daily passenger trains to reach Amb-Andaura. At present, the electric locomotives have to be replaced with diesel ones at Nangal.

The work was expected to be completed within two to three months, adding that this would pave the way for the extension of other trains to Amb-Andaura, which at present terminate their journey at Nangal.
Lift water supply scheme - Kot-Dhawaal

Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of a lift water supply scheme, Kot-Dhawaal.

The scheme will benefit 77 habitations of eight panchayats of the area with a population of 8,500.

CM announced a double-lane bridge to be constructed over the Beas to link Bahari-Langana-Neri-Jogindernagar and to name it as the Lal Bahadur Shastri Bridge
‘Samman Rashi’ of freedom fighters up

The state government enhanced the ‘Samman Rashi’ of freedom fighters and widows of freedom fighters. It also increased the amount for performing last rites of freedom fighters and their wives.

Under the Himachal Pradesh Freedom Fighters Samman Rashi Yojana-1985, the ‘Samman Rashi’ of widows of freedom fighters had been increased from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 15,000 per month.

The amount for performing the last rites of freedom fighters had been enhanced from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 and the amount for performing the last rites of wives of freedom fighters had been enhanced from Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000
Solar lift irrigation a boon for farmers

The farmers of Jamluhi village in Fatehpur block of lower Kangra district won’t have to pay for power to irrigate fields.

The Agriculture Department has started solar lift irrigation scheme, which is being executed through the sub-divisional soil conservation office. Rs. 31.50 lakh were spent on the scheme, of which Rs. 9.50 lakh were contributed by the National Agriculture Development Board.

The scheme will help farmers irrigate 7.22 hectares of agriculture land without spending on power. It will help farmers grow cash crops and off season vegetables round the year.
Himachal Pradesh ahead of Kerala despite poor learning levels: ASER

Students of Himachal Pradesh stand ahead of that those of Kerala and the government schools in the hill state were doing better than other states in terms of learning outcomes, according to Status of Education Report (ASER)-2016. State Project Director of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, Ghanshyam Chand said ASER was the largest annual household survey of the children in India that focused on status of schooling and basic learning.
During the survey, ASER visited 15,630 government schools in rural India while 283 schools were visited in Himachal Pradesh during the survey and 15 organisations participated in ASER-2016 across the state. The report found that enrolment rate of students in the age group 6 to 14 in Himachal Pradesh was 99.8 per cent and the state secured first rank in achieving learning outcomes in basic reading and mathematics across the country.

In language category, the achievement level of government schools of Himachal Pradesh was 65.3 per cent as compared to the national level of 41.6 per cent. In mathematics, the achievement level of the state was 47.4 per cent as compared to the national level of 21.1 per cent. The government schools have performed better than private schools throughout the state in mathematics.

In learning of English language, significant improvement was observed in the state. At national level the achievement is 15.3 per cent whereas it is 44 per cent in case of Himachal Pradesh and the state ranked fifth in the country.
The growth rate of the state for the current financial year has been estimated at 6.8% while the per capita income is estimated at Rs1,47,277.

According to the report, GSDP of the state at current prices in 2015-16 increased to Rs1,13,667 crore from Rs1,04,177 crore in 2014-15, and as per advance estimates, it is likely to be about Rs1,24,570 crore in 2016-17.

The growth rate during the 12th Plan (2012-17) has been estimated at 7.2%, and Consumer Price Index for Himachal Pradesh has increased by 3.4% in December 2016.

The survey report has pointed out that there are over eight lakh unemployed youth in the state as on 31 December 2016.
The report said foodgrains production registered an increase of 1.6 per cent as during the year 2015-16, foodgrains production was 16.34 lakh metric tonnes against the achieved production of 16.08 lakh metric tonnes in 2014-15.

For 2016-17, it is anticipated at 16 lakh metric tonnes.

Apple constitutes about 84% of the total fruit production, and in 2016-17 (up to December 2016) 4.56 lakh tonnes of apple was produced against 7.77 lakh tonnes in 2015-16.

Out of the total assessed hydel power potential of 27,436MW, only 10,351MW has been harnessed up to December last year by various agencies, which is 37.73% of the total potential.
2,061 bank branches are functioning in the state as on 30 September 2016. This has increased by 106 banks from the previous year.

The Credit Deposit Ratio of Himachal Pradesh is 55.64. The average population per branch in the state comes to 3,330 against the national level of 11,000.

The total revenue of Rs4,634.01 crore have been mobilised up to December 2016.

During December 2015 to December 2016, the All India Wholesale Price Index shows an inflation rate of 3.4%.

The agriculture sector in the state generates about 10% to the total Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).
14 lakh kisan credit cards have been distributed up to September 2016.

Under the Weather-based Crop Insurance Scheme (WBCIS), 36 blocks for apple, 41 for mango, 15 for kinnow, and 13 for plum have been covered.

Two children of sheep breeders studying in classes 9 to 12 are provided with a scholarship of Rs 1,200 per year.

50% cattle subsidy is being provided in Solan, Hamirpur, and Kinnaur

About 6,098 fishermen in the state depend directly on fisheries for their livelihood.

33,471 handpumps have been installed up to March 2016. There are 576 medium and large-scale industries, and about 43,420 small scale industries presently working in the state.
The total road length was 36,256km in the state as on 31 December 2016, and 10,190 villages were connected with roads. An outlay of Rs912.73 crore has been provided for the year 2016-17.

HRTC has a fleet strength of 3,012 buses plying on 2,530 routes, covering a distance of 5.54 lakh km per day.

There are 63 operational helipads in the state.

184.51 lakh tourists visited Himachal Pradesh last year, which is 2.7 times its population.
Free education is being provided to girl students in the state up to the university level, including vocational and professional courses.

Under Beti Hai Anmol Scheme, 11,359 girls have benefited.

Under National Rural Livelihood Mission, assistance to 3,280 women SHGs will be provided.
Beti Hai Anmol Yojna:

This scheme is for girls of BPL families up to two girl children. After their birth, the department deposits rupees 10,000 per girl child in the post office/Bank account.

These girls get scholarship ranging from Rs. 300 to Rs.1200 from first to 12th Class for their books/dresses etc.
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