

AT A GLANCE

Himachal Pradesh Budget 2023-24



Sources of Funding, and Expenditures

- For the Financial Year (FY) 2023-24, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has proposed a budget of ₹53,413 crore.
- According to the Revised Estimates (REs) for FY 2022-23, the total Revenue Receipts are ₹38,945 crore, while the total Revenue Expenditure is estimated to be ₹45,115 crore. Similarly, the Revenue Deficit is estimated to be ₹6,170 crore for FY 2022-23.
- For FY 2023-24, the Revenue Receipts are estimated to be ₹37,999 crore and the total Revenue Expenditure are estimated to be ₹42,704 crore. Thus, the total Revenue Deficit is estimated to be ₹4,704 crore. Fiscal deficit, for the year, is estimated to be ₹9,900 crore, which is 4.61 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).
- For FY 2023-24, the state has proposed an outlay of ₹9,524 crore for the State Development Budget. Of this, ₹2,399 crore has been proposed for 'Scheduled Caste Development Program', ₹857 crore for 'Tribal Development Program' and ₹104 crore for 'Backward Area Development Program'.
- The state's budgetary resources have been adversely affected due to discontinuation of Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation after June, 2022. The Revenue Deficit Grant (RDG) from the Centre is to be reduced from ₹9,377 crore in FY 2022-23 to ₹3,257 crore in FY 2025-26.
- The growth rate of the economy is estimated at 6.4 per cent during FY 2022-23. Per capita income has been estimated to be ₹2,22,227 in FY 2022-23 with a growth rate of 10.4 per cent over previous year. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) is estimated to be ₹1,95,404 crore for 2022-23.

Note: Budget Estimates (BEs) are allocations by the government for any department or scheme for the upcoming financial year.

Revised Estimates (REs) are a mid-year review of projected amounts of receipts and expenditure until the end of the financial year.

Total Expenditure: Government expenditure can be broadly classified into two types — Revenue Expenditure and Capital Expenditure. Revenue Expenditure is the spending largely on account of administrative expenses, salaries, financing daily operation, subsidies, etc. It frequently includes a sizable portion for committed liabilities which the government is still required to pay in the event of resource scarcity. Capital Expenditure (or capex, in short) refers to the spending on asset creation, machinery and equipment, which creates value over the long term. For instance, roads and bridges, hospitals, school buildings, etc.

Social Sector

Education

- For FY 2023-24, a budget of ₹8,828 crore has been proposed for education.
- Rajiv Gandhi Government Model Day-Boarding Schools are to be constructed in every constituency. These schools will have classes from pre-primary to twelfth with indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A sum of ₹300 crore will be incurred on the scheme in a phased manner.
- To encourage student participation in sports, the diet money of players living in sports hostels will be increased from ₹120 per day to ₹240 per day.
- Mukhya Mantri Vidyarthi Protsahan Yojana will be launched with a proposed expenditure of ₹200 crore. Under the scheme, eligible poor children will be given education loans through financial institutions and banks at the interest rate of 1 per cent to pursue professional courses.



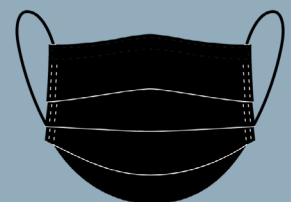
- ① As per our analysis, during FY 2022-23, till 30 November 2022, the state had received 41 per cent of the total Government of India share approved under Samagra Shiksha.
- ① In contrast to most large states, utilisation rate of Samagra Shiksha funds increased in FY 2021-22 as compared to the previous year. Expenditure as a share of approved budget increased from 55 per cent in FY 2020-21 to 60 per cent in FY 2021-22.
- ① The state registered the highest per-student expenditure in FY 2021-22 at ₹5,229.

- Digital library for competitive examinations will be started.
- Ten thousand meritorious students will be given tablet computers.

Health

- For FY 2023-24, the Health Department expenditure is estimated at ₹2,616 crore.
- One health institution in each Legislative Assembly Constituency will be developed as Adarsh Swasthaya Sansthan. These institutions will be provided with 134 types of laboratory test facilities, specialists along with medical staff, and state of the art MRI, CT Scan, ultrasound and digital X-ray facilities.
- The casualty department of all medical colleges of the state will be upgraded to Emergency Medicine Department. Critical Care Blocks (CCBs) of 50 bed capacity will be constructed in these institutions at a cost of ₹150 crore.
- Himachal Pradesh Medical Services Corporation will be established for procurement and timely supply of quality medicines, machinery, and equipment.
- Honoraria for para-workers have been increased by ₹500. The revised honoraria for Anganwadi Workers is ₹9,500 per month, mini Anganwadi Workers is ₹6,600, Anganwadi Helpers is ₹5,200, ASHA workers is ₹5,200, and Mid-Day Meal Workers is ₹4,000.
- Insulin pumps will be provided to pregnant women and children suffering from Type-I diabetes.

- ① As per our analysis, seventy per cent of families are covered by a health insurance scheme in the state. The state has low coverage for Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) at 32 per cent, but this has been enhanced through state schemes (38 per cent).
- ① Approximately half of the claims made under AB-PMJAY in the state have delayed payments of more than 45 days. According to the National Health Authority, all claims should be processed within 15-30 days.
- ① The state has one of the lowest numbers of eligible families per Empanelled Health Care Provider (EHCP). There were 1,774 eligible families per EHCP as of January 2023.
- ① Most states have met their targets for construction of AB-HWCs (Ayushman Bharat- Health and Wellness Centres). Himachal Pradesh is one of the five remaining states with 85 per cent of the target achieved.



Rural Development

- For FY 2023-24, a budget of ₹1,916 crore has been proposed for the Department of Panchayati Raj.
- Daily wages under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme are to be increased from ₹ 212 to ₹240.

- ① As per our analysis, average wages paid in Himachal Pradesh (₹211) were slightly lower than the notified rates (₹215) under MGNREGS.
- ① When there are delays in MGNREGS payments, workers are entitled to compensation along with the due wages. The state has paid 94 per cent of the approved compensation as of December 2022.
- ① Employment provided as a proportion of demand was only 75 per cent in the state in FY 2022- 23, till 4 January 2023.



- The state will start laying of Optical Fibre Cable to provide 4G services to uncovered villages.
- Him-Ganga scheme was announced to develop the state's milk-based economy with a proposed outlay of ₹500 crore. The scheme will ensure that milk producers are protected from regional and seasonal price fluctuations.
- Credit will be extended to farmers, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), and Farmer Interest Groups (FIGs) at an interest of 2 per cent for encouraging start-ups in agriculture, animal husbandry, horticulture, and fisheries.
- To increase the income of farmers in the state, 80 per cent subsidy will be given for construction of fish ponds.
- Two hundred and ten posts of Panchayat Secretaries and 164 posts of Technical Assistants will be filled up in the year.
- The honoraria of PRI representatives has been increased by ₹5,000 per month for Chairman and Vice-Chairman Zila Parishad, and by ₹500 for Zila Parishad members.
- Him Unnati scheme was announced to ensure integrated development of agriculture in the state. A survey-based action plan will be prepared to increase income of the beneficiary families and existing schemes will be converged with this scheme.

Youth

- For FY 2023-24, a budget of ₹361 crore has been proposed for technical education in the state.
- Labour and Employment and Technical Education departments, in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam, will organise job fairs on monthly basis for various trained and certified candidates across the state, as per market requirement.
- Kaushal Vikas Nigam will train 500 youth in drone sector, 500 youth in Electric Vehicles (EV), 500 youth in solar energy sector, and 5,000 graduate students in English, Employment and Entrepreneurship.

Women Empowerment

- With an outlay of ₹416 crore per year, the state has promised a monthly pension of ₹1,500 per month to 2.31 lakh women who are presently getting pension at the rates of ₹1,000 and ₹1,150 per month.
- A new housing scheme, Mukhya Mantri Vidhwa Evam Ekal Nari Awas Yojana was announced, under which ₹1.5 lakh will be provided to eligible widows and single women. Seven thousand eligible citizens will be covered under the scheme in FY 2023-24.
- The state announced a ₹25,000 subsidy for 20,000 girls to buy electric scooty to aid their higher education.



Green Energy

- The state announced a subsidy of 50 per cent for purchase of e-buses and e-trucks (with the maximum limit of ₹50 lakh) and establishment of charging stations by private operators.
- With an outlay of ₹1,000 crore, the state announced that 1,500 diesel buses under Himachal Road Transport Corporation will be replaced with e-buses in a phased manner.
- To develop as a 'Green Energy State' by March 2026, two panchayats in each district of the state will be developed as Green Panchayats on a pilot basis. In these Panchayats, solar power projects with capacity ranging from 500 KW to 1 MW capacity will be set up.
- The state government announced that HP will be developed as a 'Model State for Electric Vehicles' state. The state will encourage the use of e-vehicles and develop six green corridors to reduce emissions.

Social Security and Welfare

- Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Ashray Kosh has been set-up with the provision of ₹101 crore for the Mukhya Mantri Sukh-Ashray Yojana, a scheme for welfare of orphaned and disabled children.
- A sum of ₹2,233 crore has been allocated for social security and welfare of women, child, and 'other weaker sections'.
- The state announced the removal of income limit and Gram Sabha recommendation conditions to enable all widows and disabled persons to get pension, with an additional outlay of ₹12 crore.
- A sum of ₹857 crore has been allocated under the Tribal Area Development Program (TADP) for FY 2023-24.
- An outlay of ₹335 crore has been proposed in the Central Schemes under 'Tribal Area Development Programme'.
- Under MGNREGS, daily wages in tribal areas will be increased from ₹266 to ₹294.

Others

- Under Mukhya Mantri Green Cover Mission, plantations will be started on 250 hectares of barren hills in the state to provide green cover.
- A sum of ₹817 crore will be spent with the help of Development Bank of France- AFD for improving drinking water supply schemes in Manali and Palampur.
- The state announced the increase of MLA Area Development Fund from ₹2 crore to ₹ 2.1 crore per constituency.
- From July 2023, an e-office system will be established in all sections of the state secretariat to expedite government work.
- The state will develop a DBT portal to eliminate delay in data transmission and management.

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