

JANUARY CURRENT AFFAIRS

- ✚ **Will provide horticulture implements at cheaper rates, says CM**
 - Government would offer quality horticulture equipment, fertilisers and pesticides at affordable rates through HP horticulture produce marketing and processing corporation (HPMC) from 1st Jan.
 - HPMC has reduced its profit from 15% to 9%.

- ✚ **IIIT- UNA to run skill development centre from Haroli village.**
 - HIMCAPES college of nursing and law being run in cooperative mode at Badheda village.
 - Work on ₹52 crore bridge over Swan River between Pandoga in Haroli segment and Tiuri in Kutlehar segment.

- ✚ **In Manali tourist dance to the tunes of DJ on Mall Road in biting cold.**
 - SDM urged tourist to enjoy winter Carnival, 5-Day event, 2nd -6th Jan, Manali is divided into 8 segments for security.

- ✚ **Shell out ₹20000 for traffic violation at one-way Barog by pass tunnel.**
 - As per solan, Additional SP, CCTV based intelligent traffic Management system being used by police to issue challan to the offenders.
 - The Barog by pass tunnel where driving wrong side will fetch penalty to commuters.

- ✚ **Fire incident caused Rs. 1.5 Crore loss to forest properties in 2023**
 - 162 cases recorded, over 1700 hectare of forest area affected.
 - Chamba- 31 cases – 740.5 hectares
 - Dharamshala- 21 cases – 120.82 hectares
 - Mandi- 17 cases – 106 hectares

- ✚ **The Yog Manav vikas trust YMVT, Baniket had decided to observe mobile fasting every Sunday and Tuesday.**

- ✚ **Fighting drug abuse a collective responsibility, say “Anirudh Singh”. (Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister)**
 - Inaugurating “[Tapas healing and wellness centre](#)” at [Bangludhar near Kufri](#).

✚ **Mandi resident is SAI's Deputy DG.**

- Lalita Sharma of Mandi has been posted as Deputy Director General of Sports Authority of India.
- First women officer to be nominated for this post.
- In 1985, she was crowned the "Sports Queen" of the State by then CM Virbhadra Singh.

✚ **CM Sukhu has directed Shimla, Solan DC to identify 40 bigha of suitable land to open school and college for children with special need.**

- A school for children with hearing and speech impaired was first open in 1976.

✚ **New traffic plan notified for Chintpurni Shrine.**

- As per a notification, automated traffic control barrier will be installed near Bew bus stand in Chintpurni, at Shambhu Barrier and Jai maa Chowk.

✚ **14 projects planned in Spiti sub-Division get centre's nod.**

- Under Vibrant Village Program 14 Project accounting Rs. 3.87 crore have been approved for the spiti sub-division 2023-2024.
- Central Government started this program to provide basic infrastructure to border areas and to promote culture and prevent migration of people.
- In first phase, approved construction of
 - a) Cafeteria and toilet, 10 street light, near Post office of HIKKIM.
 - b) Community hall and CGI roof construction work at HAL Village.
 - c) Community centre at Kaurik Village.

✚ **Digital Marketing of crops of HP will be done JICA- India.**

- This pilot project will be run in 4 Districts
- With the help of state government JICA-INDIA has started in Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu and Solan, by Making cluster for digital Marketing.

✚ **Fuel crisis loom as trucker protest new hit and run laws.**

- Under New law, driver can be jailed for 10 years for fleeing and not reporting a fatal accident. Earlier, Accused will be jailed for only 2 years under section 304A of IPC, which pertain to causing death by negligence.

✚ **Rs. 100 to Rs. 400 fees on tourist vehicle entering Kaza and Tabo.**

- 1028 Years old monasteries started charging entry fee.
- Rs. 100 for 2-Wheeler, Rs. 200 for 4-Wheeler, Rs. 300 for Pickup, Rs. 400 for Trucks.

✚ **Jakhu temple escalator's will be ready by Jan End.**

✚ **British Era Old Dhalli Tunnel to be developed as tourist spot.**

- State government want to preserve this architectural marvel [build in 1852](#).

✚ **Speaker lays stone of link road in Bhattiyat.**

- Kuldeep Singh Pathania led foundation of vasa Mod- Ghatta link road to be constructed at cost of 89 lakhs in the memory of [Kirti Chakra awardee, "Jagdish Chand" of Bhattiyat area of Chamba](#).

✚ **Rain-Deficient Rabi crops begin to dry up in Kangra.**

- Prolonged dry spell as not only started drying up their rabi crop such as wheat, mustard but also threatened to damage yield of citrus fruit.
- State got 85% less rain in December.
- Most rain deficit district are Kinnarur (99%), and Sirmaur (96%).

✚ **"Life saving Bank" to focus on pregnant Spiti Women's health care.**

- ["life saving bank"](#) is to provide comprehensive support to pregnant women particularly those who struggle to afford expense related to child birth.
- ₹100 for class-1, ₹50 for class-2 and ₹30 for class-3 and ₹20 for class-4 will be collected.

✚ **Sukhu launches two government portals.**

- Launched nations first ever "[report management portal \(RMP\)](#) and "[meeting management portal](#)" (MMP).
- Developed by [department of digital technology and governance \(DDTG\)](#).
- RMP is designated to [streamline the process of sending and monitoring various report across department](#), board and Corporation. It provides real-time data access one clicks SMS and email capability. RMP allow officer to upload their reporting format ensuring accessibility at different government level.
- MMP aims at [enhancing transparency, accountability and efficiency in the government functioning](#).
- MMP serves as a comprehensive solution for issuing meeting notice and proceeding and posting communication from secretariat to the field officer.

✚ **Vehicle influx up, but "1- min plan" keep traffic streamlined near shogi barrier.**

- In 2023, - 1,71,683 vehicles enter and exit from Shimla
- In 2022, - 1,32,296 vehicles enter and exit from Shimla
- And increase of approximately 23%.

- ✚ **State government may not need agree varsity NOC for land transfer.**
 - 100 acres of land for making " tourism village " at Palampur.
 - Land for Agriculture University was donated by former ruler of NADAUN IN 1968, initially, the university served as centre for P.A.U, LUDHIANA.
 - After formation of HP, the university became a centre of HP university before being established as independent Agriculture University of state in 1978.

- ✚ **Sports vital 4 over all development.**
 - MP khel MahaKumbh-2 at GHUMARWIN IN BILASPUR.

- ✚ **CM Sukhu meets shah, 6 fund for reconstruction work.**
 - CM requesting Union Health Minister to set up a cancer institute at Dr Radhakrishnan government Medical College, Hamirpur
 - 3 nursing college at Chamba, Nahan and Hamirpur

- ✚ **Shimla Heritage Town Hall: HC reserve order.**
 - HP high Court reserve its decision in case related to commercialisation of Shimla's Heritage Town Hall building by converting it into high end Cafe.

- ✚ **Rs. 9.5 crore bridge to provide link Road and Lahaul and Spiti village.**
 - PWD construct Bridge over Chenab River to provide road to Jasrath village of Nalda panchayat in Lahaul and Spiti.
 - Road bridge is sanctioned under NABARD scheme.

- ✚ **Border dispute: HP rights to Ladakh and J & K administration, press for meet**
 - HP raised issue of interstate boundaries with Jammu and Kashmir Ladakh with central government.
 - The border dispute at Sarchu in Lahaul-Spiti district and Leh, then a part of earth wild J and K state in 2013 sarchu.
 - Jammu has been flaming its right over churah in Chamba.
 - UT of Ladakh has raised fresh raw flaming grading right over the pastors in shinkula .

- ✚ **A first in Himachal: Man got detained under p i t n d p s at 1988**
 - Puneet Mahajan, resident of Basa village Nurpur under Section 8(1) of pIT ndps act, 3 month preventive detention.

✚ Nahan get ₹ 219 crore project.

- The CM provide ₹ 9.88 crore as first instalment for rehab of 1388 disaster hit families.
- He inaugurated Bridge constructed cost of Rs 16.62 crore over [Markanda river](#).
- Three residential accommodations for staff of [Dr Y S Parmar Government Medical College Nahan](#).
- Rs. 17.24 crore for irrigation scheme under HPSHIVA project for Nahan and Poanta block.

✚ Review the royalty and from Hydel project: CM to centre

- He said project should be handed over to the state after 40 years.
- Union minister agreed in principle that the state should get at least 12% minimum Royalty.
- He urged RK Singh to release 10 crores for two solar power projects of for 400 kW is in Pangi.

✚ Over 24k cases settle in Lok Adalat.

- First look Adalat held in last week of October 2023 and then in December.

✚ High Court restrains government from taking any coercive action against SJVNL.

- The issue is non - acceptance of term and condition as per Himachal energy policy. the state is left with no option but to take over these projects
- These projects are luhari stage 1 HEP (210 MW)- Nerath- (kullu- shimla)
- Dhola Siddh HEP (66 MW)- hamirpur
- Sunni dam HEP (382 MW)- shimla - mandi.

✚ 2 more snow robot for Shimla to keep City Road motorable under Smart City project ₹ 80 lakh for robot.

- PWD will use calcium chloride in state capital as well as higher reaches of Kinnaur, lahaul and Spiti, kullu and Chamba.

✚ Speed up construction of 9 heliport Sukhu urges Sindhia.

- Urge Centre Government to expedite the expansion of Gaggal airport in district Kangra.
- Proposed expansion of Kangra Airport Runway from 1376 M to 3010 m able operation of A320 aircraft.
- Union Minister said that the proposal of helipad at Rakkad, Palampur, Chamba and Reckong Peo were being consider under UDAAN scheme.

✚ **Government move to take over varsity land for tourism village opposed.**

- University is left with 398 hectares only, including 100 hectares under tea cultivation, 75 Hectares of land for seed production unit: Mou signed with JICA.

✚ **Handover Wild Flower hall to government, high court tell Hotel chain.**

- Wild flower hall hotel at Chharabra near Shimla.
- The state government and east India Hotel Limited have been engaged in a protected legal dispute over control of colonial era hotel, spread over 100 acres amidst a deodar forest.
- The Heritage property build by Lord kitchen in 1925, was gutted in 1933, following which the state government And the Oberoi group tied up to set up a high-end hotel.
- BJP annulled the pact in 2002, and the arbitration award was given in the favour of government in 2005, which the company had challenged.

✚ **Fish production declined in Govind Sagar Dam.**

- A study conducted by ICAR- run centre in land fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Kolkata has indicated the decline in fish production in Govind Sagar lake is due to 800 MW Kol Dam, pong Dam Ranjit Sagar Dam and Chamera reservoir .
- Fresh production in other 4 Reservoir has increased.
- There is **total fishing Ban from July 15 to August 15 every year** when it is their breeding season.

✚ **“Mahanati” remain centre of at Manali carnival.**

- “Mahanati” performed by over 1300 women of 122 Mahila Mandal from the right Bank region at Mall Road remain centre of attraction.
- The cultural extravaganza continued at Manu Rangshala and open air auditorium.

✚ **Volunteers rule vital to rescue efforts say DC Chamba**

- 3 day workshop on disaster preparedness and response initiative
- 45 youth participated from Municipal Council.

✚ **Installing GPS in Apple ferrying vehicle reduce theft by 95% in Shimla.**

✚ **CM Sukhu trust the need for preserving cultural heritage.**

- He participated in three days **“Maha Yajna” being held after 36 year at Gawas in Rohru** assembly.
- Sukhu paid obeisance at temple of deity **Gudaru Ji Maharaj** and parade for happiness and prosperity of the state.

- ✚ **RS 10 CR water sport complex to come up at Andrauli village district Una on bank of Govind Sagar lake**
 - The fund will be provided by ADB.

- ✚ **Dharamshala street vendor oppose eviction drive.**
 - The street vendor alleged the MC dharmshala official were violating the secret vendor (protection of livelihood and regulation of street vending) act 2014 by forcibly removing them from the street and confiscating their goods.

- ✚ **HAS officer book depicts survival issue of leopards.**
 - “Sanjay Dhiman”, HAS, has penned a book “whispers of leopards” that depicts conservation and survival issue being faced by snow leopard in Indian subcontinent.

- ✚ **HIM GANGA in flow, HP to milk dairy sector potential.**
 - The government has formed public committee in first phase along with 201 milk cooperative society in Hamirpur and Kangra.
 - The government launched HIMGANGA milk Cooperative scheme of ₹ 500 CR
 - Automatic processing plant at Kangra Dhagwar.

- ✚ **HP a green energy state by March, 31, 2026.**

- ✚ **Government would establish National Cancer Centre at Hamirpur.**

- ✚ **Calcium chloride and brine plant inaugurated in Shimla.**
 - Mixture to help prevent black ice build-up on road.

- ✚ **The state tallest national flag to be unfurled in Dharamshala.**
 - 150-foot-tall pool.

- ✚ **A scholar of Dr Y S Parmar University of horticulture and Forestry has identified to new fruit fly tephritidae) species during survey.**
 - Named: Bactrocera Prabhakari and Tephritis Himalayae is mainly prevalent in mid Himalayas [solan and Shimla](#).

- ✚ **Gurugram student leads initiative to promote Kangra miniature paintings: Jaiveer**
 - Haripur, capital of Guler, regarded as birthplace of Kangra school of art under patronage of Raja Dalip Singh and Raja Govardhan Chand, Guler style of painting flourished.
 - Kangra art form depicts of Mahabharata Ramayana Radha Krishna Rajput chivalry, battle scene etc.
 - Raja Sansar Chand of dynasty was one of the rulers during whose reign, Kangra art flourished.
 - Kangra art promotion society (KAPS) at Delhi Haat.

- ✚ **NH-5: Parwanoo to Delhi.**

- ✚ **Travel distance between Pathankot and Mandi will reduce from 219 km- 171 km once road is complete.**

- ✚ **Phina singh irrigation project- Bhattiya- Chamba.**

- ✚ **UNA Deputy Commissioner Raghav Sharma plants a sapling at Bamboo Oxygen Park at Ghandawal village of district Una.**

- ✚ **RTI application can attend hearing online.**
 - RTI act 2005.

- ✚ **Una, Lahaul have better roads then Solan and Shimla.**
 - **Una, Kangra and Hamirpur district top the State Road index** which Chamba fares last position.

- ✚ **Record of 56 Hospital will be digitised**
 - Adarsh Swasthya sansthan will be set up in all 68 assembly constituencies.
 - 56, hospital will be digitised under health information management scheme (HIMS).
 - State has achieved the target of preparing 73% digital health card in first phase.
 - Government has deputed 6 specialist doctors in 35 hospital and remaining 33 will get soon under Adarsh Swasthya Sansthan.
 - Established robotic surgery in three medical college.
 - IGMC Shimla, Atal Institute of Medical super speciality, Chamiana(shimla), Tanda Medical College(Kangra).

✚ **Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla urge PM to improve the rural infrastructure in border village of the state under vibrant village program.**

✚ **Shimla development plan 2041.**

- Area of operation 22,450 hectare
- Population 2011 census: 2,41,429
- Projected population for year 2014: 6,25,127
- 4 satellite Township at Ghandal, Naldera, Faagu and Chamiyana.
- Green belt: 17(414 hectare).

✚ **Shimla tops urban local bodies in state: Swachh sarvekshan 2023**

- Shimla rank 188th in swachh sarvekshan, 2023 among the cities having population more than 1 lakh.
- City is however has been ranked first among all urban local bodies in the state.
- Shimla code 100% in remediation of dumpsite, 84% for cleanliness for residential area, 83% for cleanliness in public toilet, overall: 4450 points.

✚ **"Sullah" villagers protested against illegal Mining in "neugal".**

✚ **Kangra's " Praveen" honoured with Tenzing Norgay award.**

- Conquered over 25 peaks, including Mount Everest twice.

✚ **Heritage Town Hall can't be turned into a food court :HC**

- Town Hall situated in Mall Road Shimla
- Town Hall originally house a library, a few public utility offices. Post independence it housed Shimla Municipal Corporation.
- Town Hall has been renovated at a great cost of investment by Asian Development Bank.
- It is built in 1860 in gothic architectural style.

✚ **8 years on, monkey sterilization centre in Una district (Ispur) still not functioning.**

✚ **HP government shoot of notices to 24 water cess dues.**

- 25 power project of government undertaking have deposited about ₹ 27 CR.
- HP government reduces water cess charge from hydro power project
- Earlier government collects water cess from Rs 0.1 to 0.5 per cubic meter. It then reduced to rupees 0.06 to RS 0.3 per Cubic metre.
- HP water cess hydro power generation act 2023.

✚ **Cabinet clears film policy to attract investment, create jobs.**

- Cabinet approve HP film policy 2024.
- Government will set up film facilitation cell in the information and public relation department.

✚ **Widow, single women to get ₹ 1.5 lakhs for construction of houses.**

- Cabinet approved to draft " Mukhyamantri Vidhva and Akal Nari Awas Yojana" 2023 to provide ₹ 1.5 lakh to widow and single women for construction of house.
- **Cabinet decided to increase marriable age girl from 18 year to 21 year and carry out important Amendment Act.**
- Cabinet gave approval for signing and MOU for consultancy service from National Dairy development Board of an automated 1.5 litre per day, expendable up to 3 lakh litre per day, milk processing plant with value added product at Dhagwar in Kangra district.
- **It also decided to grant maternity leave for 180 days under Maternity Benefit Act 1962.**

✚ **Cabinet gave approval to extending the third phase of HP Sadbhavna Legacy case resolution scheme 2023 from 1st Jan to 31st March 2024 to settle the pending assessment cases and arrears, which were under litigation or were yet to be assessed under the law, subsumed under GST.**

✚ **" Courts can't usurp function of Executive, legislature: Supreme Court verdict on Shimla Development Plan 2041.**

- A bench, which Up held the Shimla Development Plan vision 2041 and allowed HP and its instrumentalize to proceed with implementation, this approved of the NGT action saying it transgressed its limitation and attempted to encroach upon the field reserved for the enactment of a delegated legislation.
- HP Town and Country planning act 1977.
- The court cannot assume a supervisory role over the rule making power of the executive under article 309.
- It is settled position of law that neither the High Court while exercising power under Article 226 of the Constitution nor this court while exercising power under Article 32 of the Constitution can direct the legislature or its delegate to enact a law or subordinate legislation in a particular manner.
- The Constitution does not permit the court to direct or advise the executive in manner of policy or to sermonize qua any matter which under the constitution lies with the sphere of Legislature or the executive.
- It also settles that the court cannot issue direction to the legislature for enacting law in a particular manner or for amending the act.

- ✚ **Kangra Private hospitals up in arms over dues.**
 - Threaten to suspend services provided under 2 government schemes.
 - Him care: Launched on 1st Jan 2019: Cashless treatment coverage up to ₹ 5.00 lakh per year per family for five member
 - Aayush Health Scheme.

- ✚ **Solan MC gets " ODF " ++ status under swachh Bharat mission(SBM)- urban for 2023.**
 - Solan was upgraded into MC in 2020.

- ✚ **Forest Ministry give nod for 191 MW power project on Beas (right Bank)**
 - Project clearance for construction of **191 MW Thana plaun Hydel project on Beas in Mandi district.**
 - 40679 hectare land will be diverted in the name of hppcl by Forest Department

- ✚ **CM to launch " Sarkar Gaon Ke Dwar" campaign on Jan 17.**

- ✚ **All 15-year-old government vehicle to be scrapped.**

- ✚ **Kullu villages oppose Mini Hydel project on Himri water stream(1.5 mw project)**
 - The resident of Raisen, bainchi and shirad panchayat apprehensive That setting up of power project on water stream will dry their drinking water source and irrigation.

- ✚ **HP government to send youth to Japan for agriculture training.**
 - The initiative is taken under Himachal crop diversification promotion project funded by JICA.
 - By 2026 the state government would send about 150 youth to Japan.

- ✚ **50 years after it was first proposed Utrala Holi road only exist on paper.**

- ✚ **7 EV charging station ready, 45 more in pipeline.**
 - Having setup 7 electric vehicle charging station on kiratpur, Bilaspur, Mandi, Kullu, Manali, kelong green corridor, the transport department has initiated tender for 45 more EV charging station.

✚ **150 feet high tricolour fiddlehead culture unveiled in Dharamshala.**

- It is highest fiddle head sculpture in the world. We apply for registration under the Guinness World Record: Sudheer Sharma
- The fiddle head sculpture had been crafted by a team of 5 artist, headed by Anil Kumar from Kota in Rajasthan.

✚ **Tb patients getting fiscal aid for nutrition support.**

- A common tuberculosis (TB) patient is being provided and amount of ₹ 500 every month for nutrition during treatment period, while for multi drug resistant tuberculosis (MDR -TB) patient, the amount was ₹ 1500, which was transferred directly to the patients bank account.
- The financial assistance of ₹ 1500 per month is provided to HIV infected person
- ₹ 300 to 800 per month financial assistance to children of HIV infected parent till the age of 18 year.

✚ **Forest Department slashes Triund tracking fee by half.**

- Forest department has reduced the entry fees for the Triund track from ₹ 200 to 100 per day.

✚ **Case registered for removal of solar light along Temple track.**

- The forest officials had removed solar light on the Plea that these were put up on forest land without permission.
- Himani Chamunda Temple

✚ **Government to oppose HP demand for more royalty for power project.**

- The state government has now Sought 15% royalty for 12 years, 20% royalty for 18 years and 30% royalty for 10 years.
- As per power policy the power project should be handed over to the state after 40 years.
- Baggi power project (42 MW), mandi, had been floated by BBMB.
- Dehre power house (6*160 MW) (960 MW) under BBMB
- Question whether these projects are under the policy or not?

✚ **Governor pays homage to soldiers on army Day: 15 Jan 2024, 76th army Day.**

✚ **Artificial Glacier to meet water need in Kinnaur**

- The resident of Hango village in Hangrang valley of Kinnaur device a unique way of conserving water by creating artificial Glacier.

- ✚ **Widow, single women to get rupees 1.5 lakh 4 for house construction**
 - Vidhva Avam Akal Nari Awas Yojana .

- ✚ **Startup ranking 2022; hP recognised as " best performer" in B category(having population less than 1 crore)**
 - Department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT) of the central government organised the states start up ranking 2022 in New Delhi
 - Director industries, Rakesh Kumar Prajapati received the certificate of appreciation awarded to state department of industries in New Delhi at Bharat Mandapam.

- ✚ **8 new Green Belt notified in Shimla planning area**
 - Total number of green belts will go up from 17 to 25.
 - 8 New Green Belt: Retreat, Mashobra, Band Tukda Andri, Shiv Mandir Andri, Tal and Giri demarcated protected forest (DPF), Khalini, BCS -MIST chamber and pari Mahal.

- ✚ **Baddi - most polluted town in India**
 - AMBIENT air quality index of Baddi: 416, while Delhi: 371.
 - As per air quality index: Pm 2.5 is 416, while pm 10- 360.

- ✚ **Ice skating enthusiasts' chairs as Shimla's iconic rink hold winter carnival after 6 years.**
 - Carnival at the iconic Ice-Skating ring built in 1920.

- ✚ **HPCL to setup ethanol plant in Una district**
 - Ethanol plant will be set up at jeetpur behari in Una district.
 - Plant would generate a monthly income of 21 crore.
 - Produce 1.5 lakh litre per day of ethanol.

- ✚ **State to be first to start bus ticketing through UPI credit card.**

- ✚ **Damaged last year, Larji Dam unit resume power generation.**
 - One unit of 126 megawatt Larji dam in Mandi district has started generating electricity.
 - The three unit of Larji hydro power plant were damaged during flash flood.

- ✚ **Solan police station adjudged best in the state for 2023.**
 - Criteria like law and order, registration of cases under NDPS act and Exercise Act, preventive action, execution of warrant, speedy disposal of cases, low pendency, higher conviction rate, arms and service is adopted to choose the best police station in a particular year.

✚ **Pragpur to be upgraded as tehsil, say CM.**

- He presided over this "Sarkar gaon ke Dwar" program at Nakki village in pragpur district Kangra.
- He inaugurated for project worth ₹ 11.3 Cr. for Pragpur namely the
 - 1)Mandwara-Karol Road,
 - 2)baba balotu mandir link road,
 - 3) cross way over Nalsuhah khad,
 - 4) two bridges over bani-pragpur road (at lagbaliana and sehri Khad).

✚ **Tourism activity in Pong Dam area.**

- Government stands firmly with people on the issue of the notification of areas surrounding the Pong Dam as an eco-sensitive zone.
- Efforts being made to promote tourism activity in the Pong Dam area and worth ₹ 100 crore projects are being planted.

✚ **Government to acquire 100 hectares more for Jathia Devi project.**

- The state government will acquire 100 hectares more for setting up a satellite Township at Jathia Devi near the Shimla airport.
- Government has sent a ₹ 1374 CR proposal to Union Ministry of housing and Urban Development for project approval.

✚ **HPAU vice chancellor: Steps taken to promote cultivation of pulses, millets.**

- Dr DK Vatsa, V-C, Himachal Agriculture University, set various steps taken to promote the cultivation of pulses, millets and vegetable in Bilaspur district through its Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Research substation at Berthin.

✚ **Chamba gets fully automatic immunoassay analyser.**

- DC Apoorv Devgan, who the chairman of the district Red Cross Society inaugurated a fully automatic immunoassay analyser machine at Red Cross laboratory Chamba.
- The installation of analyser, the facility of clinical test related to thyroid, antithyroid peroxidase (TPO), cancer, prostate vitamin, and terminal Pro B type netriuretic peptide (NT-pro B-NP) test and hepatitis would be available.

✚ **Facing difficulty in annual migration, Chamba Gujjar tribal seek forest right.**

- Gujjar tribals of the Chamba district have been facing difficulties during their annual migration for the past 6 year as they do not have forest rights in Salooni area of Chamba.
- Sum of pastures are now part of wildlife sanctuary in district.
- Forest Department of Salooni area has now settled their forest right, due to which they have no permission to migrate to many areas of their traditional grazing pastures.
- Gujjar tribal in Chamba faced problem when **the Saibahi gagmul forest sanctuary** was created in gram panchayat.
- Forest right act, 2006 had given legal recognition to the people depend on forest for their livelihood.
- Forest right committee formed in gram sabha of panchayat in 2012.

✚ Generation at Hydel project dips by 85% in rain- deficit HP.

- With the rain deficit of 99.7 percent so far in January, there is significant decrease in the water level in states 5 perennial river Basin Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Satluj and Yamuna.
- The river has potential to produce 27436 MW of power annually.
- So far this year 11,153 MW has been harnessed of which 7 to 6% is under the control of Himachal government.
- The rest is harnessed by centre.
- Production in winter usually decline by 40% in all river projects, but this time the generation has dropped by 90% in nathapa-jhakri 1500-megawatt hydel plant.
- The largest underground hydro power project in the country with six turbines.
- It is run by Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVNL).

✚ Plan to tackle human Tuskar conflict in Paonta Sahib Nahan belt.

- The elephant corridor from the Rajaji National Park Uttarakhand to Kalesar in Haryana is connected to Simbalbara park in Paonta Sahib.
- To minimize the human elephant conflict and to provide safe Passage to tusker's project elephant is introduced in Paonta Sahib Nahan belt of district Sirmour.
- A sum of Rs 87 lakh covering, Nahan Ponta division has been approved under the scheme. Preparation work at Majra and Girinagar forest range in Paonta subdivision have begun.

✚ Two vehicle impounded for illegal Mining in Sarsa river.

- Sarsa river bed at Basot Rampur paswala village in Nalagarh on Himachal Punjab border.

✚ Villagers protest against power firm, 70% jobs.

- Villager in upper area of Palampur held a protest against a company that is executing 4.5 MW hydroelectric project in the area.

✚ Government declares 22 Jan 2024 as holiday.

- On the account of consecration ceremony of the idol of Lord Ram temple, Ayodhya.

✚ PWD plans bypass to decongest Nahan.

- The construction of a bypass has been a outstanding demand of Nahan resident as the NH-907-A comprises several black spots.

✚ Indo German workshop dwells on Sustainable resilient development.

- IIT Mandi in collaboration with Leibniz university Hannover, organised three days' workshop on "engineering for sustainable and resilient development".
- The workshops sponsored by Indo German Science and Technology Centre.

✚ Rs 24 CR Action Plan finalized under Horticulture mission for Kangra district.

- Action Plan of Rs 24 CR for next fiscal (2024-25) under integrated Horticulture Development Mission (IHDM).
- Under IHDM, growers are encouraged to develop fruit orchards, cultivate flower, vegetables, a spicy crops and mushroom so that they can ameliorate their farm income.
- IHDM barks this mission in 2003 to 2004.

✚ Rock-cut Masrur temple in Kangra phase neglect.

- They are known as Ellora of Himachal Pradesh.
- Tourist coming to have a glimpse of this 8th century marble feel disappointed with condition of road.
- Masrur has been included in " Swadesh Darshan ", ab government initiative to promote tourist destination but connectivity seems to be a serious concern.

✚ Wheat sowing area dip by 7,500 hectares in Himachal Pradesh.

- Wheat is major crop in Himachal, grown in mainly kangra, hamirpur, una, mandi, solan, sirmaur.
- Himachal is the only state in the country that cultivate this crop in both Rabi and Khari season.
- Wheat is so on in 31,500 hectares in past 2 years.

✚ Tulip from Palampur Adom Ayodhya temple.

- CSIR- institute for Himalayan bio resource Technology, tulip Garden which is first in Himachal and second in the country.

✚ NHAI, SJVN ink pact on slope protection.

✚ To promote start-ups Government ink MoUs with AIIMS, IIM.

- The industries development today in memorandums for understanding with AIIMS Bilaspur and IIM Sirmaur for on boarding new incubation centre.
- IIM Sirmaur will assist the new startups in strategy formulation I, understanding networking and market outreach along with providing other relevant support.
- AIIMS Bilaspur will provide assistant to the startups in the Healthcare sector.

- ✚ **Notification for New Shimla Township at Jathia Devi issued.**
 - 177 villages from Shimla, Shoghi, Kandaghat area to be part of it.
 - HIMUDA proposed to setup mountain Township at Jathia Devi to function as a satellite Township to the state capital.

- ✚ **Sumdo-Kaza-Gramphu road to be widened, said to cost Rs 1400 CR.**
 - Will promote tourism, allow Army easy access to China border.
 - Bro has divided this road widening Project into four sections.
 - Sumdo-Kaza, Kaza-Losar, Losar-Batal, Batal-Gramphu.

- ✚ **Halda fest celebration begin in Lahaul- Spiti.**
 - The first celebration begins in Gahar and Tinan Valley of Lahaul- Spiti.
 - Festival will continue till first week of February.
 - To celebrate the festival, villagers cut thin cedar branches into pieces and tie them into bundles to make a torch called 'Halda'. The torch is lit at a house where villagers gather to perform various rituals besides singing and dancing.

- ✚ **HP, Centre ink MoU for Bijli Mahadev ropeway (50:50 profit share).**

- ✚ **Hold revenue Lok Adalat in last two days of every month.**

- ✚ **CM greets People on statehood day**
 - Sukhu has congratulated the people on occasion of 54th statehood day.
 - Indira Gandhi provided full statehood to Himachal on 25 Jan 1971.
- ✚ **Holi-Utrala Road which was to connect Holi with Utrala in Baijnath subdivision Kangra was first proposed in 1972 by "Shri Ram".**

- ✚ **Exercise with Kyrgyzstan begin at Bakloh.**
 - The 11th edition of the Indian Kyrgyzstan joint exercise named "Khanjar" commenced at Special Force Training School at Bakloh.
 - Indian Army comprising 20 personnel is being represented by the true from the parachute regiment (special forces) while Kyrgyzstan contingent having identical number of personnel represented by Scorpion brigade.

- ✚ **Sirmaur girl to take part in Republic Day parade.**
 - NCC, under Officer Santosh, a resident of Balar village in Sirmour will take part in the parade at Kartavya Path in New Delhi on Republic Day 26th Jan 2024.
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✚ **HP assemblies budget session begin from February 14 to 29.**

✚ **Sukhu announced Mini secretariat, community Health Centre, indoor Stadium for Chintpurni.**

- Rs 10 CR to be spent on strengthening swan embankments.

✚ **Speaker attends presiding officer's conference.**

- Speaker " kuldeep Singh Pathania " reached Mumbai to participate in 84th all India presiding officers conference.
- The main objective of the conference is to connect the ideology of one state with ideology of another state and provide a platform for solving the problems through dialogue and discussion.

✚ **Religious beliefs' help protect forest property '.**

- A study conducted by the great Himalayan National Park has revealed that religious and cultural belief of local community in deities have been paying a crucial role in protecting the forest property in Kullu.
- Protected area established in 1984, formerly declared a national park in 1999.
- It was inscribed on the list of UNESCO World Heritage site in June 2014 with area of 1171 sq.km.
- A study conducted in 25 villages of 7-gram panchayat in the Eco zone of great Himalayan National Park to SS the status of Sacred tree and Groves.
- During study 21 sacred trees were found in the park of which 17 are of tree species and 4 of Shrub species.

✚ **State registered 10% dip in the use of chemical fertilizers.**

- The consumption of major fertilizers (Urea, NPK 12:32:16, NPK 15:15:15, SSP, MOP, DAP etc) has come down around 1.20 lakh tonnes in last two financial years from 1.34 Lakh tonnes in 2020 to 21.
- Meanwhile the demand of pesticide remained stable for past few years.
- Overall demand of pesticide is 3000 tonnes and it hasn't increased over last 5 year.

✚ **Swachh Survekshan: Solan Civic body slips ranking.**

- Solan MC attain 12th rank in the state in the Swachh Survekshan 2023 ranking while slipping from the top position attend in 2022
- It scored point 2063 against 2962 points in 2022.
- It has also slip in zonal ranking from 31st to 147 rank among the northern state.

✚ **Hold meet to settle claim of Pong Dam outsees, BBMB told.**

- 7743 land allotment cases pending.
- Due to construction of Pong Dam 20,722 families in various subdivision of Kangra district were affected.
- The process to provide land to 16352 affected family has been started in Rajasthan.
- Cultivable land has been provided to 8,609 affected family.
- A lot of problems are arising due to silt near the historical Kaleshwar Mahadev temple and during rainy season the water of Reservoir reaches to Kaleshwar temple complex.

✚ **Over total budget, 17% kept for development: Himachal Pradesh CM.**

- The total budget of Rs 54000 CR, this government will spend Rs 16000 CR for salary of employees and Rs 10000 CR for pension.

✚ **Governor listens to PM "Pariksha pe Charcha" program at late captain Vijayant Thapar Government Girls Senior Secondary School Arki.**

✚ **Underground' sensor ' dustbins in Dharamshala to be Junked.**

- Rs 12 CR spend on 225 such bins.
- Promised Tech never supplied by the firm of Holland.
- Underground dustbin was installed in Dharamshala in 2016.

✚ **Governor, CM pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary on 30th Jan.**


- Gandhiji was assassinated on Jan, 30, 1948 and observed as martyr's day.

✚ **Memorandum of understanding worth ₹ 2300 cr. inked at "Arab health event" in Dubai.**


- MoU were signed in key sector such as medical devices, tourism, aayush and green energy.
- Leading to series of successful business -to- government(B2G) meeting with potential investors.
- Break-up
- Bulk drug- 1100
- Medical device - 295
- Tourism - 350
- Green energy 350
- Healthcare- 250

✚ **Calibration lab setup to issue accurate weather forecast.**

- A calibration laboratory setup by the defence Geo-Informatics research establishment at its research centre in Manali will relay crucial role in issuing the accurate forecast and warning of national disaster related to flood, avalanches and glaciers in North East India from Manali to Siachen.
- This is first lab in India for Avalanche sensor.

 **Winged guests boost tourism in Sirmour.**

- 14 new exotic species of bird arrived in Asan wetland on bank of Yamuna.
- Interstate border of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand is abuzz with exotic Birds.
- So far about 5000 exotic birds have arrived in the area this year

 **Four Congress councillors contest disqualification from Solan MC.**

- Mayoral pole claims no whip was issued by party.
- A counsellor of the Solar MC who were served show caused notices for disqualification by DC for voting against the Congress whip have contested their disqualification