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DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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HPMC processes record 1,545 MT apple juice concentrate.



- There are 3 plants of HPMC in Himachal Pradesh.
 1. Fruit Processing plants with installed capacity to process 18000 MTs apple at Parwanoo.
 2. Fruit processing plant to process 2000 MTs apple at Jarol (Sundernagar).
 3. apple fruit processing plant at Parala (Theog), District Shimla.
- The Market intervention scheme this year, a total of 29,200 MT of apples have been procured in the state.

- ❖ H.P. Horticultural Produce Marketing & Processing Corporation (HP State Government Undertaking) popularly known as HPMC was incorporated on 10th June, 1974 with the financial assistance of World Bank.
- ❖ HPMC was established with the objective of marketing of fresh fruits and processing of all types of surplus fruits. It has developed the most modern system of marketing in the country. The unique characteristics of this organization are that It provides supplies of horticultural inputs, tools and implements besides apple grading/packaging and storage facilities to the growers.

Government plans steps to push horticulture.

- The state Govt. has taken a series of farmer- centric initiative including delivering six lakh premium saplings and building the World's first geothermal storage facility, to transform the horticulture sector in Tapri, Kinnaur.
- The State has partnered with Iceland to introduce the World's first controlled- environment storage using geothermal technology, to be constructed in Tapri, Kinnaur.
- Reduction of GST on apple carons from 18% to 12%.
- The ambitious HPSHIVA Project, with budget of ₹1292 crore, the project will cover 6000 hectares across 7 districts by 2028, introducing scientific cultivation technique and planting 60 lakh fruit saplings.
- The project aims to revolutionise subtropical fruit farming, boosting high-income crops like dragon fruit, avocado and macadamia nuts.

About HPSHIVA project.

- ✚ The Himachal Pradesh Subtropical Horticulture, Irrigation, and Value Addition (HPSHIVA) Project aims to increase the income of farm households in seven districts (Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Kangra, Mandi, Solan, Sirmour and Una) of subtropical areas of Himachal Pradesh. The project will expand climate resilient subtropical horticulture plantation area along with assured irrigation and market access through value chain development.
- ✚ The State Government of Himachal Pradesh, with the financial assistance from **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, is implementing the HPSHIVA Project, which envisages increasing the income and improving livelihood of at least 15,000 farm households (around 90,000 direct beneficiaries in these households) in these seven districts. **The total outlay of this project will be USD 163 Million (approx. INR 1300 Crores)**. Asian Development Bank will provide the financial assistance of USD 130 Million for this project and Himachal Pradesh state government will provide remaining USD 33 Million. The duration of the project shall be 5 years (from FY 2022-23 to 2027-28).
- ✚ Under the project, plantation will be done in 400 Clusters covering an area of 6000 Hectare in 28 development blocks of project districts. The irrigation facility shall be ensured through 162 Irrigation schemes. The Farmers in these clusters will be organised in the form of CHPMA Cooperative Societies / FPOs to be registered under the Himachal Pradesh Cooperative Society Act, 1968.
- ✚ In the long-term, the HPSHIVA project will contribute to (i) increased income of rural households in Himachal Pradesh; and (ii) strengthened climate resilience in Himachal Pradesh.

Vultures falls in the international union for conservation of nature (IUCN) Red list of critically endangered species.



Tariff same as Punjab's, HP units suffer power Pangs.

- The Cost of transportation and labour in HP is already higher than the adjoining states.
- The power tariff in HP ranges between ₹5.45 to ₹ 7.58 per unit for small and large industry.
- 🚩 **The Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board was constituted on 1st September, 1971 in accordance with the provisions of Electricity Supply Act (1948) and has been reorganized as Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. w.e.f. 14.06.2010 under company act 1956.**

New Tariff Rates applicable w.e.f 01.04.2024										
TARIFF CATEGORY	Slab (Units/month)	Normal Energy Charges (Rs/unit)	Peak Energy Charges (Rs/unit)	GoHP Subsidy on energy charges (Rs/unit)	Effective Energy Tariff after subsidy (Rs/kwh)*	Effective Peak Energy Charges (Rs/unit)	Fixed Charge (Rs/con/month)	GoHP Subsidy on Fixed Charge (Rs/con/month)	Effective Fixed Charge (Rs/con/month)	Demand Charge (Rs/kVA/month)
Agriculture	Up to 20kVA	5.12		4.82	0.30		105	0	105	
Non-Domestic Non-Commercial (NDNCS)	Up to 20kVA	6.42		1.00	5.42		145	0	145	
	Above 20 kVA	6.16		1.00	5.16		0	0	0	140
Commercial Supply (CS)	Upto 20 kVA	6.52		1.00	5.52		145	0	145	
	Above 20-100 kVA	6.31		1.00	5.31		0	0	0	110
	Above 100 kVA	6.21		1.00	5.21		0	0	0	170
Small Industrial Power Supply (SIP)	Up to 20 kVA	5.92	7.99	0.75	5.17	7.24	155	0	155	
	Above 20 kVA- 50 kVA	5.81	7.11	0.75	5.06	6.36	0	0	0	100
Medium Industrial Power Supply (MIP)	50-100 kVA	5.81	6.91	0.75	5.06	6.36	0	0	0	120
Large Industrial Power Supply (LIPS)	EHT 220 kV and above	5.66	6.96	1.00	4.66	5.96	0	0	0	425
	EHT -132 kV and above	5.71	6.96	1.00	4.71	5.96	0	0	0	425
	EHT - 66 kV and above	5.76	6.96	1.00	4.76	5.96	0	0	0	425
	HT-1 (up to 1 MVA)	6.06	7.16	1.00	5.06	6.16	0	0	0	250
	HT-2 (More than 1 MVA)	5.81	7.16	1.00	4.81	6.16	0	0	0	400