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Today's Topics Covered

1) Chief Minister presides over 53rd Statehood day function at Hamirpur.....
Read in detail

2) Chief Minister calls on the Prime Minister...Read in detail



Topic: Chief Minister presides over 53rd Statehood day function at Hamirpur

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

Importance for Prelims: Himachal Current Events & History,

geography, political, art & culture and socio-economic development of Himachal Pradesh.

Importance for Mains Exam:

- **PAPER-IV: GENERAL STUDIES-I: Topic: History of Himachal Pradesh**

What is the news?

- Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu conveyed his greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of 53rd Statehood Day celebration held at **Hamirpur**.
- He unfurled the National Flag and took the salute from the contingents of Police, Home guards, the Jawans of IRB Skoh, NCC cadets, Scouts & Guides led by DSP Ankit Sharma during an impressive march past.



Shared by Chief Minister:

1) Initiatives towards Good Governance:

- As per the Government's pledge for zero tolerance against corruption, stringent measures were being adopted to eliminate this social evil.
- The suspension of Himachal Pradesh Staff Selection Commission, which was the hub of corruption and was selling jobs, was the first in this direction against corruption.
- "Now the selection will be ensured purely on the basis of merit, in a fair and transparent manner" reiterated the Chief Minister.

2) Old Pension Scheme:

- Despite all these challenges, the State Government has fulfilled its commitment to restore the old pension scheme, thereby benefitting 1.36 lakh employees, said the Chief Minister.
- He said, restoring the OPS was not a political decision, but the State Government intends to protect the self-esteem of the Government employees besides providing them the social security as they play a pivotal role in the development of the State.

3) New Scheme Launched:

- The Government has set up the Chief Minister's Sukh-Ashray Sahayata Kosh with an outlay of Rs 101 crore for providing higher education to beneficiaries of the Kosh for Vocational training in engineering colleges, IIIT, NIT, IIM, IIT, polytechnic institutes, nursing and degree colleges' etc.
- The state government will play the role of a guardian for the children living in old age homes and shelter homes, destitute women and children said the Chief

Minister, adding that an apparel allowance of Rs 10 thousand per person per year would be given to these inmates, besides Rs 500 as festival allowance so that they could also celebrate the festivals, like others, he said.

- The state government will play the role of guardians for the children living in old age homes and shelter homes.
- The government will provide clothing subsidy of Rs 10,000 per person per year to single women and special children.
- A festival allowance of Rs 500 per person is also being provided to the residents of Child Care Institutions, Old Age Homes, Nari Seva Sadan, Shakti Sadan and Special Homes for celebrating Lohri, Makar Sakranti, Holi and Other festivals.



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4) *New Schools:*

- The Government has decided to open Rajiv Gandhi Model Day-Boarding Schools in each assembly constituency in a phased manner for providing education to the poor children.

5) *Steps towards Employment Generation:*

- Stressing on the employment generation, the Chief Minister said that job-oriented education was the need of the hour, so the Government has decided to introduce

Technical courses, such as Robotics, Block Chain Technology, Cyber Security, Cloud Computing, Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the curriculum of ITI, Polytechnic, and Engineering Colleges.

- Besides, the Government intends to boost the tourism sector in order to provide employment opportunities to the local people on a large scale and the tourism projects will be linked to the start-up scheme for the youth.
- We are also trying to promote investment in the private sector and the government will bring a new investment policy, aiming at an ease of doing business.

6) Steps towards Clean Energy:

- The Chief Minister said that the government has set a target to harness hydropower, hydrogen, and solar energy in order to preserve the state's environment and to make Himachal Pradesh the country's first green energy state by the year 2025. Apart from this, impetus would be given to Agriculture and allied sectors.

About Himachal Statehood Day:

Which year was Himachal Statehood Day in 2023?

- Himachal Pradesh celebrated its 53rd Statehood Day with full enthusiasm across the state on January 25.

Why it its celebrated?

- On 18th December, 1970 the State of Himachal Pradesh Act was passed by Parliament and the new state came into being on 25th January, 1971. Thus Himachal Emerged as the eighteenth state of Indian Union. Himachal Pradesh has come a long way since then.

Historical Background:

- The Chief Commissioner's province of Himachal Pradesh came into being on 15th April, 1948.
- Himachal Pradesh became a part C state on 26th January, 1950 with the implementation of the Constitution of India.
- Bilaspur was merged with Himachal Pradesh on 1st July, 1954.
- Himachal Pradesh became a Union Territory on 1st November, 1956.
- Kangra and most of the other hill areas of Punjab were merged with Himachal Pradesh on 1st November, 1966 though its status remained that of a Union Territory.
- On 18th December, 1970 the State of Himachal Pradesh Act was passed by Parliament and the new state came into being on 25th January, 1971. Thus Himachal Pradesh emerged as the eighteenth state of Indian Union.
- Himachal Pradesh has come a long way since then. It has seen a number of full-fledged governments which have led the state towards economic self-reliance.

(Source: HP Government)

Topic: Chief Minister calls on the Prime

Minister

Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

Importance for Prelims: Himachal Current Events of Himachal Pradesh.

Importance for Mains Exam:

- PAPER-VI: GENERAL STUDIES-III : Topic: Infrastructure Development
- PAPER-VI: GENERAL STUDIES-III : Topic: Tourism policy, potential and initiative in Himachal Pradesh.

What is the news?

- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi today.
- Besides discussing issues of various development projects under implementation in the State, the Chief Minister also requested for liberal assistance from the centre for giving fillip to the ongoing development works.



What Chief Minister discussed with the PM?

- Chief Minister ensured the Prime Minister that the State government will effectively implement the centrally launched scheme name it as:

'Pradhanmantri Gati Shakti Yojna.

- ***Aim of this Scheme:***
- It is aimed to revolutionize infrastructure.

Other Scheme discussed was 'Parvatmala Yojna:

Purpose:

- It is for construction of ropeways.

CM shared:

- Both these schemes would immensely benefit the people of

the State, adding further that connectivity and infrastructure development were one of the main focus areas of the present government besides generating employment avenues for the people.

(Source: HP Government)



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