HIMACHAL PRADESH

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

GSDP of Himachal Pradesh at Current Prices

GSVA Composition by Sector at Current Prices

FDI* inflow in Himachal Pradesh April 2000 - March 2020 (US$ billion)

Note: *- CAGR in Rs, GSDP - Gross State Domestic Product, GSVA - Gross State Value Added, Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics of Mizoram, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

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Tourist paradise
Known as the ‘Land of Gods’, Himachal Pradesh is famous for its topographic diversity & pristine natural beauty.

Pharmaceuticals and food processing hub
Himachal Pradesh has attracted investments in the pharmaceuticals, IT and engineering industries. Agriculture plays a significant role in the state’s economy. Himachal Pradesh has a robust food processing sector.

Rich labour pool and infrastructure support
In May 2022, the Himachal Pradesh government announced plans to allot 27 hydro power projects in the state’s Chamba, Kangra, Lahaul-Spiti, Kullu, Shimla, and Kinnaur districts, with a combined tentative generation capacity of 722.4 MW.

Policy and incentives
The state is implementing the ‘National Education Policy’ by undertaking initiatives such as ‘Strengthening Teaching-Learning and Results for States’ (STARS) project (backup by the World Bank).

KEY GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

In September 2020, the Himachal Pradesh government announced that the National Education Policy, 2020 will be implemented in the state with immediate effect.

Himachal Pradesh Industrial Investment Policy, 2019
To achieve environmentally sustainable and balanced industrial growth leading to more employment opportunities, income generation, and overall economic development of the state.

Swaran Jayanti Energy Policy 2021-22
To promote survival of new plantation leading to forest conservation, and promote the energy sector.

GOVERNMENT VISION - 2030 FOR THE STATE

Pharmaceuticals
Himachal Pradesh is one of the fastest-growing regions in the pharmaceutical industry in India. In FY22 (till February 2022), exports of drug formulations and biologicals from the state stood at US$ 975.08 million.

Agriculture
Agriculture is a key livelihood for the people of Himachal Pradesh and holds a significant share in the state’s economy. During 2020-21, 1,340 hectares of additional area was envisaged to bring under fruit plants, against which 2,589 hectares of area has already been brought under plantation.

Tourism
Tourism is one of the most important sectors for the state economy in terms of foreign exchange earnings and creation of employment opportunities.