

MAIN EVENTS OF THE YEAR-2011

January 06, 2011

- Cabinet approves 3 percent reservation to the outstanding sports persons for winning Gold, Silver or Bronze Medal in All India and National Level School Games.

January 07, 2011

- Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) won Union Transport Minister's Trophy Award.

January 15, 2011

- Chief Minister administered oath of office, of making Himachal Plastic Free and total sanitation to the newly elected Pradhans and Up-Pradhans of the state.

January 19, 2011

- 44 projects worth Rs. 356.47 crore sanctioned under Integrated Watershed Management Programme for all the districts of the State.

January 23, 2011

- Chief Minister dedicates Rs. 36 crore Ropeway-cum-Ski-Centre at world famous Solang valley in district Kullu.
- Manali Winter Carnival Festival declared as a National Level Festival.

January 25, 2011

- 41st Statehood day celebrated at Hamirpur.
- Chief Minister announces 10 percent dearness allowance (DA) for employees and pensioners from first July, 2010.
- Setting up of most modern market yard in lower areas of Himachal Pradesh announced.
- Una-Haridwar Link Express from Una flagged off.

January 29, 2011

- Himachal bags three awards in tourism sector.
- In a nationwide survey of Outlook Magazine Himachal Pradesh gets 'Favourite Hill Destination - Manali'; 'Outlook Travellers Award - 2010' and 'Favourite Adventure Destination'.

February 24, 2011

- Himachal conferred CNN, IBN-7 Diamond State Award for its best performance in Environment, Poverty Alleviation and Employment generation.

February 26, 2011

- Approval to implement Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education, Act, 2011 given by the Cabinet.

March 1, 2011

- Planning Commission approves Annual Plan of Rs. 3300 crore for state for the year 2011-12.

March 18, 2011

- Three-day long First Shimla International Film Festival for Documentary, Short and Animation films begins.

March 27, 2011

- Chief Minister dedicates Rs. 88.09 crore ambitious Changar Mid Lift Irrigation Scheme at Dabat village in district Bilaspur.
- Foundation stone of Rs. 75 crore 5th India Reserve Battalion complex to house 701 women trainees of the First Women Battalion of the state at Bassi in district Bilaspur laid.

April 1, 2011

- Census-2011, Provisional Population Totals of Himachal Pradesh released.

- Provisional total population of Himachal Pradesh 68,56,509, 34,73,892 males and 33,82,617 females.
- Literacy rate of State 83.78 percent, Male literacy percentage 90.83 percent and Female literacy percentage 76.60 percent.
- Sex ratio 974 females per 1000 males with tribal Lahaul & Spiti district recording 1013 female per 1000 males, highest in the country.

April 8, 2011

- Honorarium of part time water carriers in Education Department increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1200 per month by the cabinet.
- Cabinet approves grant of salary during leave period to teachers, lecturers, Primary Assistant Teachers, Gramin Vidya Upasaks and para teachers appointed on contract basis from academic session 2011-12. 12,385 teachers to benefit from this decision.

April 10, 2011

- Atal Behari Vajpayee Government Engineering and Technology Institute at Pragti Nagar in district Shimla inaugurated.

April 15, 2011

- 64th Himachal Day celebrated at Thanakalan in district Una.
- Grant of 6 % Dearness Allowance to employees and Pensioners announced.

April 21, 2011

- Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh, gave away Prime Minister Award for Excellence in Public Administration for the year 2009-2010 to Himachal Pradesh.

May 3, 2011

- Himachal won National Award under National Health Insurance Scheme for third time.

May 22, 2011

- Himachal Pradesh signs an agreement on Emission Reduction Purchase with World Bank (Carbon Credit Project), a Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) Bio-Carbon Sub-Project of Himachal Pradesh under Mid Himalayan Watershed Development Project.

June 13, 2011

- One man commission under Justice D.P.Sood (Retd. Judge of Himachal Pradesh High Court) to enquire into the issues relating to benami land transactions in the State appointed.

June 18, 2011

- Cabinet approves 'The Himachal Pradesh e-Stamping Rules, 2011' to collect stamp duty electronically in addition to physical pre-printed stamp papers for greater convenience and accountability.

June 27, 2011

- e-tendering process for procurement of different commodities by major departments launched.

June 30, 2011

- Chief Minister dedicates landmark double lane 214 meter long Harsi Pattan bridge over Beas river, constructed at a cost of Rs. 17.69 crore benefitting 50,000 population of Mandi, Kangra and Hamirpur districts.

July 8, 2011

- Himachal Pradesh adjudged first in the implementation of 20-Point Programme during the year 2010-11.

July 20, 2011

- Provisional Population Totals for Rural Urban Distributions of Census 2011 for Himachal Pradesh released.

- Out of the total population of 68,56,509, rural population stands at 61,67,805 and urban population at 6,88,704.

July 22, 2011

- Himachal Pradesh awarded a National Performance Award in socio-economic upliftment of the backward classes during the year 2009-10 for ranking third in the country.

August 4, 2011

- Himachal Pradesh Private Educational Institutions Regulatory Commission set up.

August 6, 2011

- 'Shimla Heritage Museum' at historic United Services Club (US Club) to acquaint the tourists to the glorious past of the town inaugurated.

August 14, 2011

- Rs. 321 crore Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Project being implemented with Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA) assistance launched.

August 15, 2011

- 65th Independence Day function organised at Badsar in district Hamirpur.
- Chief Minister announces enhancement of Samman Rashi of freedom fighters from Rs. 4000 to Rs. 5000 per month.
- Chief Minister announces grant of social security pension to cover all eligible persons in the state.
- Setting up of two new separate departments, one for Women and Child Development and another for Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities announced.
- Enhancement in daily allowance of Home Guards from Rs. 170 to Rs. 200 announced.

August 19, 2011

- Chief Minister launches 'Har Gaon Ki Kahani', first volume of 12 stories from villages selecting one each from every district in the State, aimed at giving boost to the rural tourism.

August 29, 2011

- Most modern and latest facilities equipped Inter-State Bus Stand in Shimla (Tutikandi) constructed at a cost of Rs. 80 crore inaugurated.

September 1, 2011

- Work on H.P. Technical University campus at Daruhi in district Hamirpur begins.
- Rs. 18 crore State Hotel Management Institute at Salasi in Hamirpur district inaugurated.

September 9, 2011

- Cabinet decides to launch 'Mukhya Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojna' (Model Village), aimed at integrated development of selected two villages in each Assembly Segment in the State having more than 40 percent Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes population to create infrastructural facilities of road network, water supply, sanitation and street lights etc.

September 12, 2011

- Chief Minister lays foundation stone of Rs. 8.66 crore HPTDC hotel and National History Museum and Geo Park at Kasauli.

September 16, 2011

- State Government signs an MOU with the Future Group for providing direct market linkages to the agriculture and horticulture produce of the State across Big Bazaar stores.

October 6, 2011

- Chief Minister dedicates the biggest rural drinking water supply augmentation scheme in Changer areas of Kangra district at Kangehan covering tehsil Dehra, Khundian, Jaisinghpur and Palampur completed at a cost of Rs. 68.33 crore. To benefit 1,31,293 population of 564 habitations in 35 gram panchayats besides augmenting 27 existing schemes in the area.
- Foundation stone of 132 KV Electrical Sub-Division and electrical line laying estimated to cost Rs. 28.74 crore, at Kangehan, in Jaisinghpur Sub-Division of district Kangra laid.

October 28, 2011

- 4.5 MW Bhawa augmentation Power House Project at Katgaon in district Kinnaur constructed by H.P. State Electricity Board at a cost of Rs. 56 crore inaugurated.

November 4, 2011

- Himachal Pradesh conferred Best State Award in Infrastructure development.

November 5, 2011

- Chief Minister dedicates newly constructed Himachal Sewa Sadan constructed at a cost of Rs. 10.5 crore in Chandigarh to facilitate the referred patients from different health institutions to Chandigarh.

November 18, 2011

- Himachal Pradesh conferred with three National awards CNBC AWAAZ Travel Award 2011 in Tourism Sector by CNBC for its outstanding achievements in field of Tourism development. These awards are- Consumer & Trade Category-Best State To Travel in India, Consumer Category-Best Mountain Hill Destination: Shimla and Jury Category-Emerging Trends/Hot New Trends: Innovative work done in Eco Tourism –Ecosphere Spiti, Himachal Pradesh. Till date state has won 50 awards.
- Cabinet approves Himachal Pradesh Public Services Guarantee Rules, 2011 of 13 departments aimed at providing time bound services to the people by different departments.

November 29, 2011

- Foundation stone of two multi-storey parking slots creating additional parking facilities for 1088 vehicles at a cost of Rs. 65 crore in Shimla laid.
- Himachal Pradesh awarded by India International Travel Mart for promoting Rural Tourism.

December 2, 2011

- Eco-Friendly Organic Farming Policy for the state approved.
- Draft Mukhya Mantri Grameen Parivahan Scheme approved.

December 4, 2011

- Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) won Renuka legislative assembly seat and Indian National Congress (INC) Nalagarh legislative assembly seat in the bye-elections.

December 5, 2011

- Chief Minister inaugurates Aryabhatta Geo-Informatics & Space Application Centre (AGiSAC) in Shimla.

December 17, 2011

- Foundation stone of Information Centre, Parking and Camping Site at Pong Dam in district Kangra under Asian Development Bank (ADB) funded Infrastructure Development Project laid. 95 million US dollar project approved for developing tourism related infrastructure in state by ADB.