

Himachal Pradesh Government Launches Community Development Scheme

# Himachal's community development scheme to uplift tribal population

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## Introduction

The Himachal Pradesh government has launched a new 'Community Development Scheme,' an initiative of the Rural Development Department for the tribal populace, with the goal of accelerating the process of development in tribal areas and bringing about socio-economic transformation through integrated development in the lives of people there. Only those projects that were supposed to be undertaken in areas with a tribal population would receive funding from the department.

## Objective

A major goal of the Community Development Scheme (for tribal communities) is to make significant advancements in the fields of connection, communication, rural health, and rural education.

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## About Scheme

1. Villages and tribal areas with a population of at least 40% tribal members will be given priority over non-tribal settlements.
2. The following preference will go to villages and wards in non-tribal areas with less than 40% of their residents being from a tribal group.
3. Construction or repair of new and old buildings for registered mahila mandals, yuvak mandals, roads, libraries, sports fields, walkways, small bridges or culverts, gyms, construction or repair of tar-spam bridge, yoga studios, public restrooms, bathrooms, restoration of natural drinking water sources, solid and liquid waste treatment plans, parking, irrigational channels (Kuhls), and any other work for the benefit of the community at large will fall under the scheme.
4. Such projects will receive project advisory committee approval in tribal regions, and the concerned Deputy Commissioner, Resident Commissioner, Additional Deputy Commissioner, or Additional District Magistrate will grant the necessary financial sanction and administrative approval.
5. The commissioner will receive proposals for these projects in non-tribal areas through the concerned deputy commissioners of the tribal development department, who will also approve them administratively and financially.

## Conclusion

The current state government's priority area is the welfare of the underprivileged segment of society, and the budget for 2023–2024 includes a number of measures in this regard. Reforms to raise the standard of living for society's most vulnerable groups are currently under process, and they will start to show results soon.