



## Environment / Economy / Agriculture

Under the **Green to Gold** initiative, Himachal Pradesh has allowed regulated cultivation of **industrial hemp**, positioning it as part of a bio-economy that supports sustainable growth and farmer incomes.

In construction, **hempcrete** serves as a lightweight natural insulator and can be carbon-negative over its life cycle, making buildings more climate-friendly.

In paper and packaging, hemp provides recyclable and biodegradable pulp that uses fewer chemicals and reduces dependence on plastics and forest-based paper.

APSC relevance: Sustainable development, climate-smart agriculture, circular economy, and state policy innovation.