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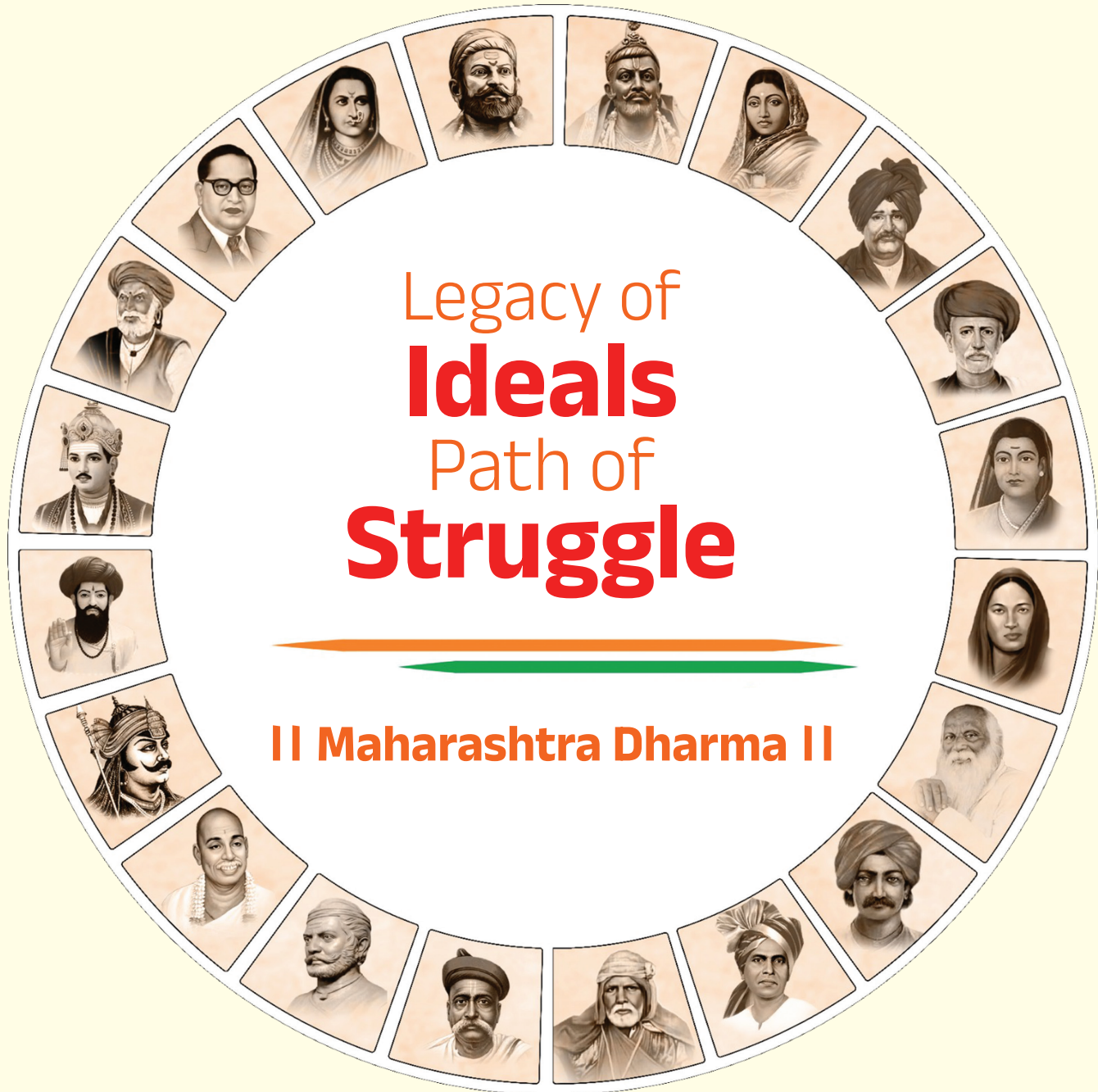


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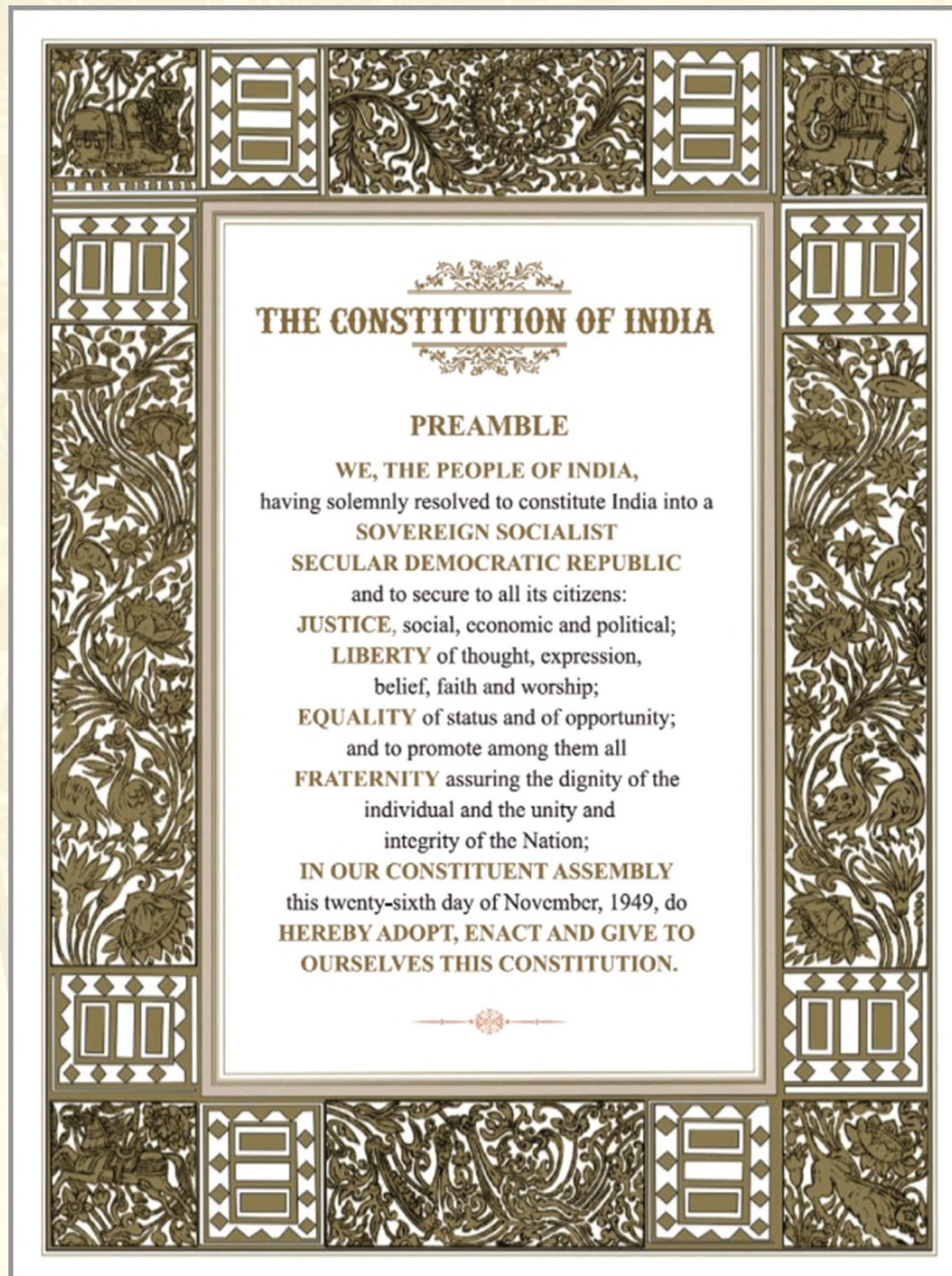


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Path of
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|| Maharashtra Dharma ||

Commitment to the Constitution





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PREFACE

We believe that providing a high quality of life for every person in Maharashtra and preserving its self-respect is the essence of Maharashtra Dharma. When our dignity is compromised and public welfare neglected, we cannot remain passive—decisive action becomes a necessity. The upcoming Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Election is such a moment of action. In the recent Lok Sabha election, the people of Maharashtra voted to uphold Maharashtra Dharma, sending a clear message. Now, in this Assembly election, a decisive mandate is essential. To understand why this vote is crucial, we need to reflect on the past five years in Maharashtra.

Two and a half years ago, the Mahayuti government took power in Maharashtra through defection, theft of party symbols, MLA poaching and inciting divisions within families. This government, led by forces outside Maharashtra, has shown little regard for the state's welfare. Following their setback in the Lok Sabha election, the Mahayuti government began to feel the discontent of the people. On the eve of elections, they have resorted to tactics to mislead and appease the public, with a barrage of ordinances and a flood of promises. Meanwhile, the people of Maharashtra are facing rising inflation, unemployment, violence against women and girls and the plight of farmers. This indifferent, insensitive and corrupt government has, unfortunately, even failed to honour Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's legacy. Bringing about change in this government is essential for the future and welfare of Maharashtra.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi is committed to working tirelessly to restore Maharashtra's pride, uphold its dignity and re-establish Maharashtra Dharma. We are determined to bring a government inspired by the ideologies of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. This resolve is reflected in our manifesto, Maharashtra Nama, which we present to the people. The year 2030 will mark the 400th birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. As we celebrate this landmark year, we pledge to govern with a people-centred approach, as envisioned by Chhatrapati Shri Shivaji Maharaj. Maharashtra's progress will be built on five core pillars: Agriculture and Rural Development, Industry and Employment, Urban and City Development, Environment and Public Welfare. This Maharashtra Nama embodies that vision.

Jai Maharashtra!

Mallikarjun Kharge

Sharad Pawar

Uddhav Thackeray



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Entrepreneurial

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Biodiversity-Rich

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Inclusive

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Vibrant, Urban

Maharashtra





Pawar, Gandhi and Thackeray's Commitment

In the First **100** Days...



The United Nations has established 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which include poverty eradication, good health and overall well-being, quality education and social and gender equality. The Maha Vikas Aghadi is fully committed to implementing these goals.

Women

- ▶ A monthly allowance of Rs. 3,000 will be provided to women under the Mahalaxmi Scheme.
- ▶ Free travel on buses for women.
- ▶ Six cooking gas cylinders will be provided annually at Rs. 500 each.
- ▶ Framing a 'Nirbhay Maharashtra' policy and enforcement of the 'Shakti' law for the safety of women and children.
- ▶ Free cervical cancer vaccines will be given to all girls aged 9 to 16.
- ▶ Two optional leave days for female employees during menstruation.
- ▶ Establishment of a separate department for the empowerment of self-help groups.
- ▶ Formation of a dedicated Ministry for Child Welfare.
- ▶ Rs. 1,00,000 to be provided to girls upon reaching 18 years of age.



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Farmers

- ▶ Debt waiver for farmers up to Rs. 3,00,000; a Rs. 50,000 incentive for regular loan repayment.
- ▶ A review will be conducted to improve existing schemes and provide support for widows and children in families affected by farmer suicides.
- ▶ The government is committed to ensuring minimum support prices for farmers and will simplify the crop insurance scheme by removing burdensome conditions.

Youth and Education

- ▶ Unemployed educated graduates and diploma holders will receive up to Rs. 4,000 per month in allowances.
- ▶ Recruitment for 2,50,000 positions in the state government will commence.
- ▶ Establishment of a 'Youth Commission' for youth welfare.

- ▶ Scholarship funds provided through BARTI, Mahajyoti and Sarathi schemes to be doubled.
- ▶ MPSC (Maharashtra Public Service Commission) exam schedules will be announced, with results declared within 45 days.
- ▶ A Unified Smart Card will be provided, allowing candidates to pay the exam fee once and take all government exams under MPSC throughout the year.
- ▶ A single fee will be charged for all MPSC exams.

Healthcare

- ▶ The Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Scheme will be extended to cover all diseases, including accidents.
- ▶ Various Health Insurance schemes will be reviewed and will further expand healthcare facilities.
- ▶ Free medicines will be made available in government hospitals.



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Industry and Business

- ▶ A new industrial policy will be framed.
- ▶ A dedicated Ministry for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) will be established.
- ▶ Small shopkeepers and businesses will be charged with domestic electricity rates.

Social Justice

- ▶ Caste-based census to be conducted in Maharashtra.
- ▶ A law will be framed to ensure that the allocated budgets for Scheduled Castes and Tribal departments are utilised within the set timeframe.
- ▶ Each newly announced corporation representing various social groups will immediately receive an initial fund of Rs. 100 crore.
- ▶ A Welfare Corporation will be established for organised and unorganised sanitation workers.

- ▶ Income limit for the Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Scheme to increase from Rs. 21,000 to Rs. 50,000, with benefits rising from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 2,000 per month.

People's Welfare

- ▶ Immediate measures to control prices of essential goods will be taken.
- ▶ Monthly waiver of up to 100 units on electricity bills for consumers using up to 300 units.
- ▶ The prepaid electricity meter scheme will be reviewed in consideration of consumer opposition.
- ▶ Restoration of the old pension scheme for government employees.
- ▶ Honorariums for senior artists will be increased.
- ▶ Increase in Shiv Bhojan Thali scheme centres.



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Urban Development

- ▶ A 'State Urban Commission' to address the challenges of urbanisation and provide strategic direction will be established
- ▶ An authority to address climate change threats and implement necessary measures will be created.

Good Governance

- ▶ Timetables for local self-government elections will be announced.
- ▶ These elections will be conducted using a single-member ward system.
- ▶ Pending allowances and honorarium for Gram Panchayat members, sarpanches, and deputy sarpanches to be released.

Pride of Maharashtra

- ▶ Online and offline courses to teach Marathi to Maharashtrians abroad and non-native speakers in Maharashtra will be initiated.

- ▶ Action plan to complete the pending Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial at Chaityabhoomi, Dadar (Indu Mill) within set deadlines.
- ▶ Ordinances issued by the Mahayuti government from a partisan perspective will be reconsidered.
- ▶ Orders issued by the Mahayuti government regarding land allocations to private institutions and individuals will be reviewed.
- ▶ Strong demand to the central government for awarding Bharat Ratna to Krantisurya Mahatma Phule, Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe and Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil.

Mission 2030



Women

- ▶ Provide loans up to Rs. 5,00,000 at low-interest rate.
- ▶ Establish a dedicated department under the Ministry of Women and Child Welfare for self-help groups.
- ▶ Ensure strict enforcement of the 'Shakti' law.
- ▶ Establish a 'Nirbhay Maharashtra' where every woman and girl can live a fearless life. Initiate lessons in self-defense.
- ▶ Set up safe, clean and conveniently located public restrooms for women.
- ▶ Develop a roadmap for implementing the concept of safe cities for women, children, senior citizens and the disabled.

Farmers

- ▶ Implement the 'Maharashtra Millet Mission' to safeguard farmers and address climate challenges.
- ▶ Set milk prices annually, considering production costs for dairy farmers.
- ▶ Introduce Pink and Saffron Revolution to protect onion and tomato cultivators.
- ▶ Establish an independent Directorate for dryland farming.
- ▶ Allocate funds for the rehabilitation of degraded lands and update records.
- ▶ Develop permanent, graveled roads connecting farms to make access easier for farmers, with an allocation of Rs. 10,000 crore for road development.

The Constitution guarantees every citizen in the country social and economic justice. The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals also emphasise comprehensive development for every individual. Achieving this requires taking decisive action across various fronts and moving in the right direction. With a vision for Maharashtra in 2030, we pledge to advance toward these goals.

- ▶ Gradually reduce the population dependent on agriculture by creating alternative employment opportunities.

Youth and Education

- ▶ Create jobs for 1.25 million unemployed individuals over the next five years.
- ▶ Launch 'Maharashtra Youth Employment Mission' to provide updated information on job opportunities in various sectors domestically and internationally.
- ▶ Promote a 'Maharashtra Olympic Mission' to elevate Maharashtra's standing in sports.
- ▶ Aim to make Maharashtra addiction-free, using art and sports therapy to achieve this goal.
- ▶ Introduce a New Education Policy for Maharashtra.

- ▶ Gradually increase the budget for education to reach 6%.

- ▶ Strengthen laws against exam paper leaks.

- ▶ Conduct recruitment processes for key departments through MPSC, increasing its efficiency with additional members and staff.

- ▶ Introduce topics related to social responsibility and constitutional awareness in school curriculum to foster responsible citizenship.

Healthcare

- ▶ Adopt a policy for universal healthcare rights by strengthening public health services.

- ▶ Equip district hospitals with full facilities to ensure easy access to healthcare services.



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- ▶ Aim to raise the average lifespan in Maharashtra to 77 years while ensuring good health.
- ▶ Implement a comprehensive programme to control the spread of malaria dengue, chikungunya and tuberculosis (TB)
- ▶ Increase public participation and transparency in healthcare to make it more accountable.
- ▶ Gradually raise the healthcare budget to 8% as per national health policy.
- ▶ Set up enough recreation centers for senior citizens.
- ▶ Introduce 'Sanman Scheme' to support senior citizens and ensure that physically and mentally vulnerable seniors receive essential government services directly at their homes, upholding their dignity and respect.
- ▶ Will ensure that disabled, marginalised and LGBTQIA+ become a part of the mainstream.

Industry and Employment

- ▶ Restore Maharashtra's per capita income and industrial standing.
- ▶ Achieve a 12% growth rate in industry and a 15% growth rate in the service sector.
- ▶ Provide Rs. 1 crore in funding for innovative startups.
- ▶ Establish exclusive industrial zones for women entrepreneurs.
- ▶ Offer Rs. 1 crore grants to entrepreneurs from OBC, SC, ST and VJNT communities.
- ▶ Open special offices in Europe, the USA, the Gulf and East Asia to attract foreign investment in Maharashtra.
- ▶ Promote a 'Work from Hometown' policy.
- ▶ Will ensure a social protection for gig workers.



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- ▶ Repeal the government order allowing contract-based employment in government services.
- ▶ Reject the four labour codes imposed by the Modi government in the state.

Urban Development

- ▶ Develop 'Happy Cities' across the state encompassing public participation, parks, playgrounds and clean public spaces.
- ▶ Strive for a clean, green and pollution-free Maharashtra.
- ▶ Establish a 'Sustainability Cell' dedicated to achieving net-zero emissions in the cities.
- ▶ Formulate policies to address urban climate change impacts, such as unprecedented rainfall, flooding and rising temperatures.
- ▶ Address traffic issues by prioritising public transportation and creating multi-modal facilities, along with provisions for pedestrians and cyclists.
- ▶ Incorporate a large number of electric vehicles for public transportation in Pune, Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Amravati by 2030.
- ▶ Extend the 'SRA' scheme to large towns and talukas near cities.
- ▶ Enforce a commitment to provide 'Housing for All' in the state.
- ▶ Enact laws to protect hills from encroachments and preserve their integrity.
- ▶ Expand Maharashtra's current forest cover from 17% to 25% with a focus on urban forest expansion.
- ▶ Emphasise the conservation of Satpuda and Sahyadri ranges, rivers, streams, lakes, forests, grasslands and biodiversity, including animals, birds and insects.



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► Establish an independent Forestry University.

► Launch a 'Mission Saksham' to enhance the capacities of local government representatives and officials.

Social Justice

► While elevating Maharashtra to the top rank in per capita income, we aim to improve the state's Human Development Index.

► In line with the vision of Shri. Kanshi Ram ji, the leader of the oppressed, 'Representation based on numbers,' we will rectify the confusion surrounding Maratha, Dhangar, Muslim etc. reservations created during the Mahayuti government's tenure, ensuring justice for these groups.

► Implementing affirmative policies to increase SC, ST, OBC and minority representation in technology and industrial sectors.

► Make essential food items like cooking oil and tur dal available on ration cards, benefiting holders of orange ration cards.

► Launch a Health and Nutrition Mission specifically for the tribal community.

► Expand the 'Bharosa Cell' across the state to help resolve family disputes and strengthen family systems.

► Formulate an inclusive policy to ensure opportunities for differently-abled and LGBTQIA+ individuals across all sectors.



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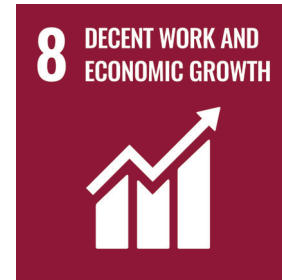
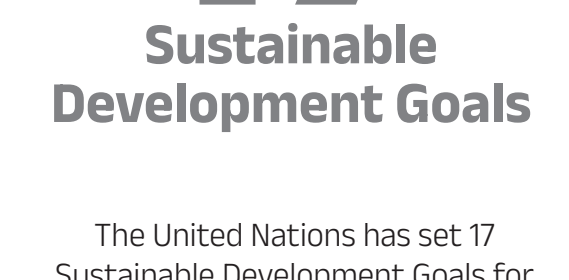
- ▶ Introduce policies to augment the stature of the Marathi language.
- ▶ Prioritise the resolution of the border dispute for Marathi-speaking communities in the Karnataka border areas.
- ▶ Conserve and maintain 39 forts and historical heritage sites under the jurisdiction of the Maharashtra government.
- ▶ Introduce the 'Maharashtra Majha' tag based on the 'Geographical Indication' (GI) concept.
- ▶ Accelerate the development plans for Sant Peeths (centres of saints).
- ▶ Develop the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Corridor, including all villages visited by Dr. Ambedkar in Maharashtra.

People's Welfare

- ▶ Foster an accountable and transparent government that actively encourages public participation, empowering citizens to engage in decision-making processes and contribute to policies that impact their communities.
- ▶ Audit meters and renegotiate electricity contracts to control high electricity rates from private power companies.
- ▶ Prioritise non-conventional energy production, such as solar power, wind energy and biogas from waste, making Maharashtra the top state in renewable energy in the country.
- ▶ Complete diversion bunds urgently; once local water needs are met, divert additional water to deficit areas. Complete the Wainganga to Nalganga river-linking project urgently.
- ▶ Doubling the Konkan railway line.
- ▶ Complete the pending work on the Mumbai-Goa highway within a stipulated timeframe.
- ▶ Promote tourism policies that are eco-friendly and generate jobs.



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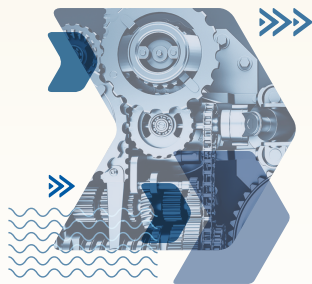
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Agriculture and Rural Development



Industry and Employment



Urban and City Development



Environment



People's Welfare





Agriculture and Rural Development

Policies



- ▶ We will establish a concrete programme for drought eradication and compensation for losses due to heavy rainfall, considering the state's natural and geographical conditions, available resources and climate changes.
- ▶ Promote sustainable farming and raise awareness of the impacts of climate change.
- ▶ Prepare an annual report on drought and create an actionable plan.
- ▶ Farmers often face recurring natural disasters. We will prepare a contingency plan to support them.
- ▶ Implement the 'Gorewala Committee' recommendation to waive the loans automatically in the fourth year if crops have been damaged for three consecutive years due to drought or natural calamities.
- ▶ Follow the Reserve Bank's guidelines to extend repayment terms for crop loans when farmers incur losses due to natural calamities.
- ▶ Establish a Directorate for Dryland Agriculture to support the development of rainfed farming, which is predominant in the state.
- ▶ Introduce crop insurance schemes for fruits like kokum, jackfruit, banana, coconut, areca nut and jamun and include sugarcane and other cash crops under crop insurance.



- ▶ Devise a comprehensive policy to boost fruit processing in Konkan and orange processing in Vidarbha.
- ▶ Consider village-level units instead of groups or talukas for crop insurance.
- ▶ Increase the proportion of farmers and land area benefiting from insurance schemes.
- ▶ Make available crop-wise data on availability, demand and supply. Based on the model of the US Department of Agriculture, prepare monthly reports on demand and supply for essential food grains and major horticultural crops.
- ▶ Adopt policies to break the monopoly of market committees, encourage contract farming, direct sales, private markets, online spot and futures markets and promote private investment.
- ▶ Abolish the cess outside the purview of market committees.
- ▶ Include private institutions and traders in the state procurement of agricultural produce.
- ▶ Introduce a dairy revitalisation policy for Maharashtra's white revolution.
- ▶ Set up a separate tribunal, akin to labour courts and MAT, to enable farmers to seek justice against grievances.
- ▶ Formulate policies to encourage farmers towards organic farming, goat rearing, beekeeping, mushroom farming, medicinal plant cultivation, floriculture and hydroponics.
- ▶ Press for the implementation of the 'Swaminathan Commission' recommendations with the central government.
- ▶ Control the prices of seeds and encourage the preservation of indigenous varieties.
- ▶ Encourage organic farming and develop a market for organic produce.
- ▶ Utilise advanced technologies like satellite imaging to expedite damage assessment processes for agricultural losses due to natural calamities, ensuring timely surveys and compensations.



- ▶ Advocate for the removal of GST on farming equipment.
- ▶ Implement measures to mitigate the problem of wild animal intrusions damaging crops.₹





- ▶ Commit to bringing all sugarcane cultivation under drip irrigation, aiming to save 10% of water usage without compromising production.
- ▶ Fund research by ICRISAT to enhance the productivity of traditional crops.
- ▶ Procure electricity from the open market to provide farmers with daytime power supply.
- ▶ Provide the required agricultural labour through the Employment Guarantee Scheme.

Infrastructure

- ▶ We will promote micro-warehouses and cold storage facilities.
- ▶ Provide grants for large warehouses to Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs).
- ▶ Establish systems to enable value addition and processing of agricultural produce, including fruit processing, at the village level to create local employment.
- ▶ Make spaces available in cities for consumer markets to sell vegetables, fruits and other farm produce.
- ▶ Spread scientifically-backed crop techniques for millet varieties like jowar and bajra and other pulses, while creating forward linkages by supporting processing industries.
- ▶ Set up a cotton research centre in Marathwada.
- ▶ Implement a policy to establish 100 textile mills in cotton-growing regions, focusing on producing textiles where cotton is grown, to create substantial employment opportunities.
- ▶ Develop a network of modern soil testing laboratories.

Agriculture-Related Industries

- ▶ We will encourage dairy farming, poultry farming, fisheries, goat rearing, beekeeping, medicinal plant collection and commercial bamboo cultivation.
- ▶ Provide a strategic framework and infrastructure to support the production of value-added dairy products such as milk powder, paneer, ghee and butter.
- ▶ Implement immediate measures to address issues in the dairy sector, including direct subsidies to farmers, incentives for milk powder exports, creation of a milk powder buffer stock, inclusion of milk powder in school nutrition and Anganwadi schemes and the supply of milk powder to underprivileged countries in place of financial aid.





Fair Prices for Agricultural Produce

- ▶ Advocate with the central government to secure profitable prices for pulses such as tur, gram and urad.
- ▶ Urge for an increase in government procurement of oilseeds, pulses and other crops beyond wheat and rice, ensuring they receive a minimum support price.
- ▶ Formulate policies to enable higher returns for farmers growing oilseeds like soybean, sunflower, groundnut, as well as cotton.
- ▶ Provide a guaranteed price of Rs. 3,000 per quintal along with a bonus of Rs. 500 for paddy (rice) in the districts of Wardha, Bhandara, Gondia, Gadchiroli, Chandrapur and Nagpur in Eastern Vidarbha.

Credit Support

- ▶ Develop a system to ensure regular, timely and adequate credit supply for agriculture.
- ▶ Advocate with the Reserve Bank to extend the same lending criteria to farmers as applied to other industries, where loans are given up to 70% of the asset's valuation.
- ▶ End the current practice of mortgaging the entire farmland for any agricultural loan. Instead, determine the collateral area based on the required loan amount and only take that portion as collateral.
- ▶ Distribute Kisan Credit Cards to women farmers.

Water

- ▶ Allocate significant budget provisions to address irrigation backlogs in Vidarbha, Marathwada, North Maharashtra and Konkan regions.
- ▶ Develop a programme to enhance the water-carrying capacity of old and outdated canals.
- ▶ Encourage farmers to remove silt from large, medium and minor irrigation projects and percolation tanks and apply it to their fields.
- ▶ Formulate an eco-friendly policy for water development and management.
- ▶ Computerise the irrigation management system.
- ▶ Bring 100% of sugarcane and banana cultivation under micro-irrigation.
- ▶ Provide 100% subsidy for drip and sprinkler irrigation systems.



Maharashtra Millet Mission

- ▶ Launch an independent 'Maharashtra Millet Mission' to promote the importance of millets. Under this initiative, announce minimum support prices for millets like jowar, bajra, ragi, varai, rale and rajgira, encouraging greater millet production and allowing dryland farmers to grow two to three crops.
- ▶ Short-duration millet crops will help mitigate the risk to crops and farmers from natural calamities due to climate change.
- ▶ Promote healthy eating by encouraging the inclusion of millet-based foods in diets.
- ▶ Integrate millet products into midday meal schemes, providing nutritious food options for students.



Pink and Saffron Revolution

Maharashtra is the largest onion-producing region in India and also leads in tomato production. The prices of these crops are highly volatile, often sold at extremely low rates. We are committed to setting a minimum support price for onions and tomatoes to stabilise their value. We will also help promote onion and tomato-based processing industries. We believe this will bring about a Pink (onion) and Saffron (tomato) Revolution in Maharashtra.

- ▶ Create a policy to protect the interests of water-scarce regions amid conflicts such as tail-end vs head, flow vs lift irrigation, upper vs lower dams, urban vs rural, irrigated vs non-irrigated and regional imbalances.
- ▶ Set cropping patterns based on water availability.
- ▶ Prevent unscientific water conservation practices.
- ▶ Prepare and implement a comprehensive plan for groundwater management, groundwater recharge and groundwater use through public participation.
- ▶ Impose a complete ban on indiscriminate sand extraction from river beds.
- ▶ Advocate with the Water Resources Department to preserve the agricultural water quota.
- ▶ Develop and enforce regulations related to irrigation laws.
- ▶ Restrict the commodification of water.
- ▶ Provide subsidies for plastic linings for farm ponds.

Technology

- ▶ Launch a comprehensive programme to modernise agriculture and empower the agricultural workforce with advanced technology.
- ▶ Encourage startups in the agricultural sector.
- ▶ Promote new employment opportunities in agriculture through the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Rural Development

- ▶ Develop a Development Plan (DP) for the planned and sustainable growth of villages through active participation of all village stakeholders, with periodic reviews for implementation.
- ▶ Boost agri-tourism, rural tourism and nature tourism to provide farmers with additional income sources and create jobs in rural areas.
- ▶ Implement a policy to provide single-phase DP electricity connections to all applicants.
- ▶ Plan to ensure access to clean drinking water for every village within the next five years.
- ▶ Implement underground or covered drainage systems in villages with populations exceeding 10,000.





- ▶ Relax the criteria for establishing primary health centres to a population of 10,000 in remote, hilly and tribal areas and 20,000 in other areas, from the current limits of 20,000 and 30,000, respectively.
- ▶ Increase the number of well-equipped 108 ambulance services to 2,000.
- ▶ Implement afforestation programmes on fallow land, with an audit system for tree plantation.
- ▶ Ensure effective and transparent implementation of the Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- ▶ Develop bypass roads in all talukas.
- ▶ Allocate budget provisions to pave and maintain farm access roads for year-round use.
- ▶ Introduce a water grid scheme to ensure ample drinking water supply per capita in talukas of Marathwada with rainfall below 30%.
- ▶ Plan to channel the surplus water from Koyna to benefit Konkan.
- ▶ Provide employment opportunities for rural youth and offer financial assistance for those interested in entrepreneurship.
- ▶ Reimplement the 'Sant Gadge Baba Village Cleanliness Scheme' and the 'Mahatma Gandhi Dispute-Free Campaign.'

Fisheries and Fisherfolk

- ▶ Abolish the royalty imposed on fisherfolks
- ▶ Establish the 'Jatiram Barve Fisherfolk Development Corporation' to ensure the holistic development of the fisherfolk community by providing them with modern technology and improved marketing opportunities.
- ▶ Offer low-interest loans to support fisherfolk.
- ▶ Set up 'Fish Production Marketing Committees' in every district, along with cold storage and processing centres.
- ▶ Pass the 'Maharashtra Fisheries and Aquaculture Act' to preserve marine biodiversity and promote the conservation of marine life alongside fishing.
- ▶ Freshwater fishing cooperatives will be granted leases without royalty fees.





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Urban and City Development



- ▶ Happy Cities Initiative: Social harmony and a high standard of living are essential prerequisites for happy cities. To achieve this, modern cities must integrate efficient transportation, quality education and healthcare services, a sense of security, confidence in growth opportunities, refreshing greenery, open spaces and playgrounds, entertainment centres, and preservation of heritage sites. We are committed to developing the best happy cities where every section of society, including women, seniors, children, and persons with disabilities, has a place.
- ▶ Programmes will be devised to audit each city's infrastructure capacity and assess future needs for organised, well-planned urban growth.
- ▶ A 'State Urban Commission' will be set up to drive advanced, eco-friendly, and progressive urban planning. This commission will focus on enhancing the quality of life for urban residents, making cities financially strong and capable of addressing global warming.





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- ▶ A framework will be created to regulate construction and develop infrastructure in villages surrounding large cities, with a focus on sustainable development.
- ▶ We will prioritise affordable housing and essential amenities to improve the quality of life for slum residents.
- ▶ We will ensure clean and equitable water to all.
- ▶ Substantial funds will be allocated for 100% waste processing (including wet, dry, e-waste, bio-waste, and construction waste), with decentralised collection and processing centres.
- ▶ Cities will aim to treat 100% of sewage, with substantial budget allocations for sewage treatment plants (STPs) and policies to reuse treated water.
- ▶ Plans will be developed for fully equipped public toilets in urban areas.
- ▶ Public transportation will be made safer, faster, and more comfortable while ensuring it remains environmentally sustainable.
- ▶ Infrastructure for cyclists and pedestrians will be enhanced, with a focus on making public transport more efficient through technology.
- ▶ Electric vehicles will be integrated into public bus fleets, and last-mile connectivity will be improved.
- ▶ In line with the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030, a comprehensive approach will be adopted to reduce road accidents, with better road designs, strict enforcement of laws, and emergency medical services.
- ▶ Residents will be encouraged to grow vegetables on balconies, terraces, and backyards, fostering urban farming.





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- ▶ Policies will be developed to conserve significant historical, natural, and unique city landmarks, with an aim to boost tourism.
- ▶ The arbitrary and haphazard UDCPR applied across Maharashtra's cities will be reviewed and appropriate steps will be taken to stop the inorganic growth of the cities. Each city's unique characteristics and capacity will be preserved democratically.
- ▶ Each municipal corporation will have a 'Town Planner' position to draft long-term development plans, filled by professionals trained in urban planning.
- ▶ Reports from the State Finance Commission and the Action Taken Report will be made public on the government's website, while municipal budgets and audits will be published on their respective websites annually.





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Climate Change

- ▶ With global warming concerns, cities will be required to review their current status and create roadmaps to manage rising temperatures and reduce carbon emissions.
- ▶ Focus will be on controlling emissions by reviewing carbon sources, expanding green cover with parks and urban forests, conserving biodiversity, promoting eco-friendly constructions, encouraging green roofs, implementing rainwater harvesting, and mandating waste and sewage treatment.
- ▶ Every city development project will undergo sustainability assessments. A 'Sustainability Cell' will be established in each city.

Urban Health

- ▶ Strong measures will be taken to prevent and eradicate diseases like tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria, dengue, and chikungunya, with provisions for free medicines, increased recruitment in the health department, and more 24-hour clinics.
- ▶ Dedicated healthcare services will be established in major cities for lifestyle diseases like cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and respiratory conditions.
- ▶ Special attention will be given to maternal and child health, with expanded vaccination programmes and effective family planning and reproductive health services.



Clean Rivers in Cities

Leading water experts in the state assert that it is time to prioritise river health along with human health. Accordingly, mapping of all springs will be initiated. For ideal water management, we are adopting a policy to use 70% of the tax collected from water charges for sewage treatment. Under this, we are determined to establish sewage treatment plants (STPs) in 131 cities across the state in the first phase. Incomplete sewage treatment projects will be completed immediately and malfunctioning projects will be repaired and operated at full capacity.



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Special Focus

- ▶ Efforts will be made to allow girls to complete primary and secondary education in the same school to reduce dropout rates.
- ▶ A comprehensive network of CCTV cameras with AI-enabled surveillance will monitor safety concerns in urban areas.
- ▶ A thorough review of municipal governance rules will be conducted, identifying issues and recommending necessary amendments to enhance efficiency.
- ▶ The 'Saksham' initiative will train local government officials and elected representatives on municipal laws, constitutional duties, various schemes, and best practices from other cities.
- ▶ Local body elections, mandated by the 74th Constitutional Amendment, will be conducted promptly using a single-member ward system.
- ▶ A study group will be formed to explore the feasibility of a Municipal Cadre, and actions will be taken if the idea is viable.





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Industry and Employment

Industry



- ▶ To restore Maharashtra's declining reputation in the industrial sector caused by the mismanagement of the Mahayuti government and to reclaim its top position in the country, we will implement a new industry policy focused on employment generation and worker welfare. This policy will prioritise attracting foreign investment, boosting exports and promoting micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- ▶ Establish a dedicated ministry for micro and small industries in the state.
- ▶ Formulate policies to bring 40% of foreign investment coming into the country to Maharashtra, ensuring that projects remain within the state and create maximum local employment.

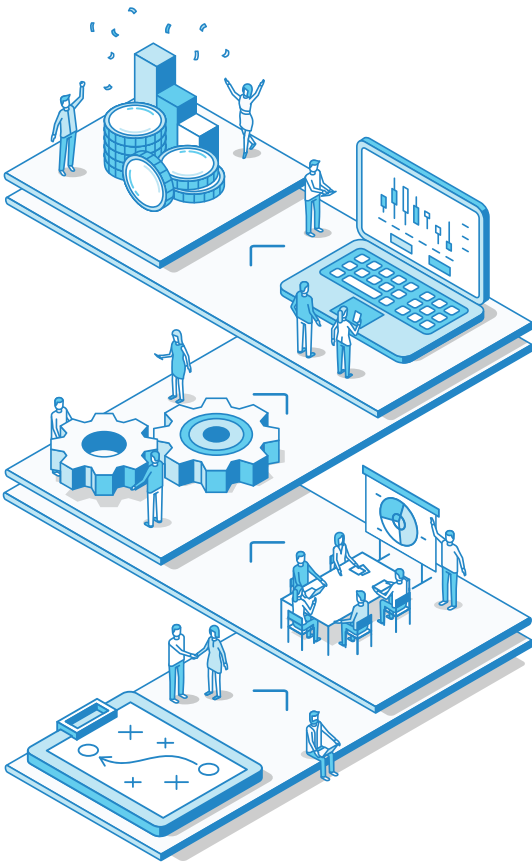




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- ▶ Create a new 'Golden Triangle' by connecting industrial centres in Marathwada, Vidarbha and North Maharashtra, generating new economic and employment opportunities.
- ▶ Encourage the development of private industrial estates.
- ▶ Start 50 research centres across the state through the 'Empower Maharashtra Startup Initiative,' providing an annual fund of Rs 1 crore for 200 innovative startups. In addition, establish a 'Cluster Seed Fund' with 25% grants for startups in smaller cities, giving priority to 20% of women entrepreneurs.
- ▶ Create policies to position Maharashtra as a leader in the semiconductor and lithium battery production sectors.
- ▶ Develop special industrial estates for micro and small industries.
- ▶ Promote the use of advanced technologies such as IoT, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Augmented Reality (AR), Visual Augmented Reality (VR), Automation and Robotics in the MSME sector.
- ▶ Facilitate the connection of industrial estates with main cities, ports and airports through roads and highways and encourage the construction of railway routes via the Railway Ministry, Maharashtra Railway Infrastructure Development Corporation, special authorities and local self-government bodies.
- ▶ Develop schemes to support food processing industries based on agriculture and horticulture in each district.
- ▶ Establish a 'biofuel hub' in Marathwada, Vidarbha and North Maharashtra, regions known for soybean production, by creating production centres that procure raw materials from local farmers, thereby developing a 'bioenergy supply chain.'

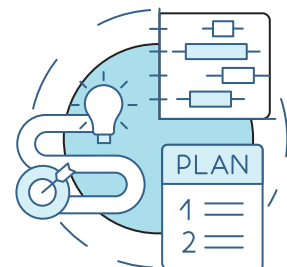
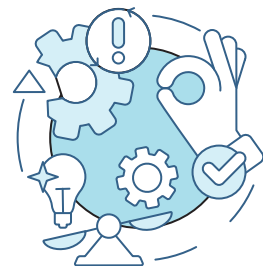
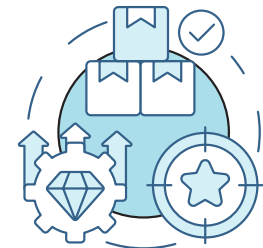




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- ▶ Frame an independent space policy for Maharashtra, recognising the potential in space research and development. This will benefit new startups and allocate special spaces for MSMEs interested in this field within new industrial estates.
- ▶ Establish a financial institution similar to NABARD to provide credit support for women, tribal, SC, ST, minority and other backward communities starting MSMEs.
- ▶ Establish independent industrial estates for women entrepreneurs.
- ▶ Support the silver industry in Hatkanangale by developing a silver cluster.
- ▶ Make special provisions for modernising the auto cluster in Pune.
- ▶ Pursue the expansion of the runway at Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar's Chikalthana Airport.
- ▶ Cancel the Rs 100 daily non-agricultural tax on tents in Sindhudurg district's accommodation and breakfast scheme.
- ▶ Explore the possibility of establishing a commercial complex on the Mumbai-Gujarat highway, similar to BKC.
- ▶ Permit amendments to the Mathadi Law to exclude registered entities in the production and service sectors.
- ▶ Focus on positioning Maharashtra as a leading state in religious and spiritual tourism, medical tourism, adventure tourism and trade exhibitions.
- ▶ Efforts will be taken to set up the first solar panel recycling plant in Nagpur.





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Work from Hometown Policy

The availability of a nationwide digital network and high-speed internet has created favourable conditions for the IT industry to establish itself in semi-urban and rural areas. Especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, the work-from-home culture has become well-established. Recognising this trend, steps will be taken to implement a Work from Hometown policy.

Currently, working from smaller towns often impacts productivity due to a lack of necessary facilities. To address this, co-working spaces will be developed in Maharashtra's talukas, offering shared office spaces for companies. This will allow IT employees to work from their hometowns comfortably. The government will take the initiative to establish such business centres, facilitating a higher quality of life while easing the burden on urban infrastructure.

Employment

- ▶ Generate 1.25 million new jobs through the state government over the next five years.
- ▶ Provide a minimum of 200 days of employment under MGNREGA.
- ▶ Implement an 'Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme' modelled on the rural employment guarantee scheme.
- ▶ Provide a subsidy for economically weaker sections for self-employment in auto rickshaws, taxis and similar ventures.
- ▶ Conduct a 'Skill Census' to identify the skills of Maharashtra's workforce, assess gaps and understand the skills needed by industries.
- ▶ Reserve jobs for Agniveers returning after their service period, with reservation benefits exclusively for Agniveers who are Maharashtra residents.





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Labour

- ▶ Repeal the four labour codes introduced by the Modi government.
- ▶ Set a minimum wage of Rs 21,000 for workers.
- ▶ Extend social security to workers like Anganwadi employees, domestic helps, construction labourers and workers from unorganised sectors.
- ▶ Extend social security and special legislation to gig workers
- ▶ Reverse the Mahayuti government's move to raise the Factory Act limit from 10 to 20 employees, bringing companies that fall outside the law's scope back within its purview.
- ▶ Increase the per-worker treatment cost under the ESI scheme and improve ESI hospitals and clinics across the state, expanding their services. Extend the 'Mahatma Phule Jan Arogya Yojana' to cover all diseases.
- ▶ Ban contractual hiring for 'C' and 'D' category government jobs.
- ▶ Prioritise the healthy living of solid waste management and sanitation workers.
- ▶ Grant full-time worker status to employees under the NEEM scheme.



Right to Disconnect

Due to the digital work culture, working hours and location have lost meaning. With the expectation of 24-hour employee availability, work hours now extend beyond regular time, impacting employees' health and family life. To reduce this stress, the 'Right to Disconnect' policy will be introduced, allowing employees to refrain from responding to emails and messages outside work hours. Maharashtra will be the first state in the country to implement this policy, recognising it as a matter of human rights.



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Environment



Climate change has brought forth numerous challenges for humanity, such as recurring droughts, heatwaves, and intense rainfall in short durations. To tackle these issues, it is essential for the entire world to come together and take collective action. In this spirit, 196 countries at the United Nations Conference held in Paris unanimously committed to reducing the adverse effects of climate change. We are all bound by this agreement. When considering environmental action, our goal in Maharashtra is to act with greater resolve and seriousness.

- ▶ Aim to meet the target of reducing carbon emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Agreement.
- ▶ Make substantial financial provisions to clean and make all rivers in the state pollution-free, prioritising the cleanliness programmes for Indrayani and Bhima rivers.

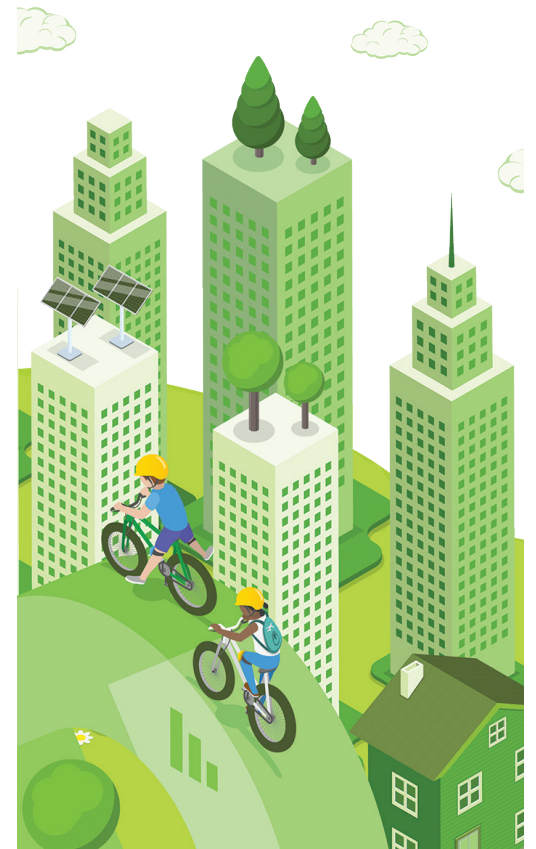




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- ▶ Define 'Red-Blue Lines' for all rivers, streams, brooks, lakes and natural water sources to prevent any encroachment within these zones.
- ▶ Provide grants and incentives for sewage treatment plants in cities and towns, ensuring that industrial wastewater is treated before being released into rivers, with treatment plants set up on a priority basis.
- ▶ Preserve open spaces in cities to absorb carbon dioxide and promote urban and semi-urban afforestation, expanding green cover.
- ▶ Focus on conserving biodiversity.
- ▶ Mandate the treatment and recycling of all types of waste, including medical, electronic and construction waste.
- ▶ Promote and prioritise clean and green energy projects to reduce air pollution.
- ▶ Establish specific criteria for sustainable, environmentally enriched villages and ensure 100% implementation.
- ▶ Set up centres at the taluka level to monitor air quality, with real-time air quality updates.
- ▶ Pay special attention to Mumbai's environment, taking strategic decisions to preserve mangrove forests, prevent marine pollution, curb encroachments along the Mithi River and halt environmental damage in the name of development.
- ▶ Target generating 40% of Maharashtra's electricity from renewable sources by 2040.
- ▶ Ensure all projects are environmentally sound before initiation.
- ▶ Provide special grants to NGOs conducting awareness and educational activities related to the environment.
- ▶ Allocate a climate fund in every budget.
- ▶ Formulate comprehensive policies to promote solar, wind and tidal energy generation on barren lands.



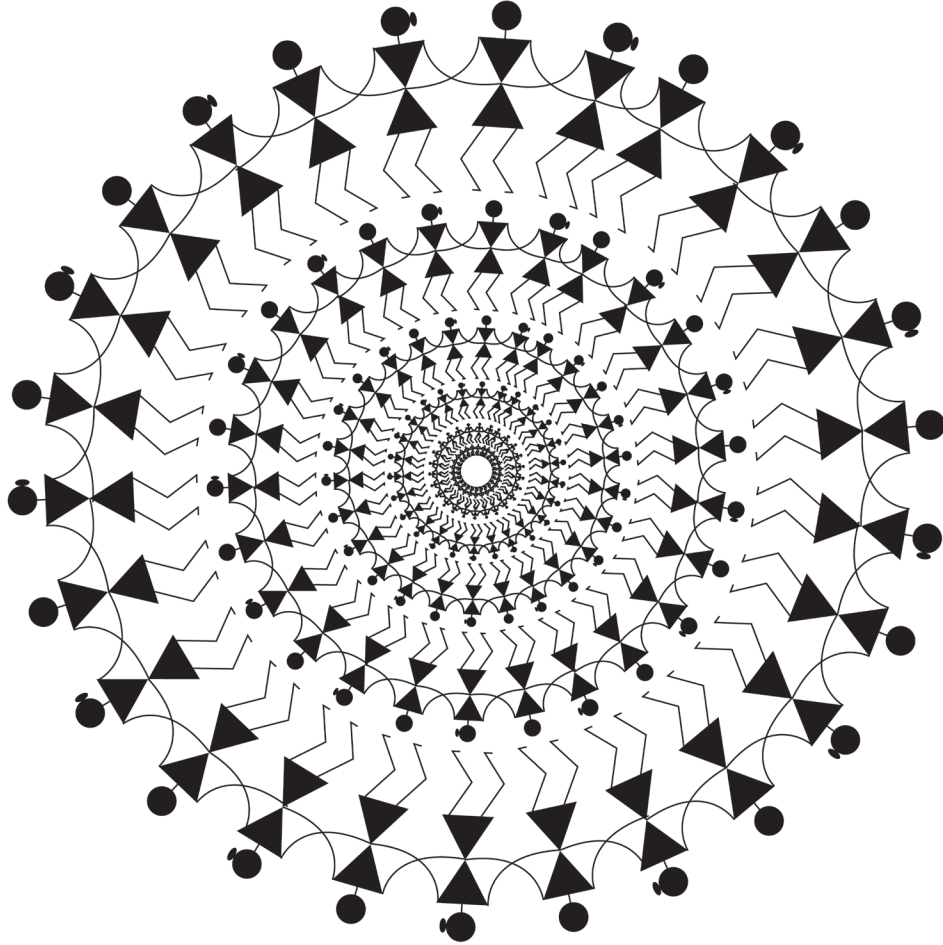


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People's Welfare

Society, the state and the nation are shaped by its people. Every citizen of Maharashtra, without any discrimination based on caste, religion, colour, language, sect, or region, should have equal opportunities for holistic development and progress. Our vision is that the entire state should live harmoniously and in unity. Every individual deserves access to quality education, economic progress, healthcare and social dignity in keeping with the changing times. We prioritise integrating Marathi culture and traditions with a modern lifestyle, ensuring that Maharashtra remains ever-progressive.





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Social Justice

- ▶ Implement suitable recommendations from the Bapat and Renke Commissions addressing the issues of nomadic and denotified tribes.
- ▶ Make budgetary provisions proportional to the population of backward, marginalised and tribal communities, ensuring full utilisation of the funds. Enact legislation to secure the budget for these categories.
- ▶ Ensure health services for the tribal community with a special focus on nutrition.
- ▶ Establish a research and training institute in the name of Rafiq Zakaria, modelled after 'Sarathi', to promote the economic and educational progress of minorities.
- ▶ Set up the Tanda Development Corporation.
- ▶ Significantly increase funding for 'Maharashtra Research Advancement and Training Institute' (AMRUT) and 'Tribal Research and Training Institute' (TRTI) to support the holistic development of economically weaker students and tribal students.
- ▶ Increase the business loan limit offered by all development corporations
- ▶ Offer Rs 10 lakh interest-free loans for business purposes to educated unemployed individuals from the Banjara community through the Vasant Rao Naik Corporation..
- ▶ Provide special funds for higher and overseas education for nomadic and denotified communities.
- ▶ Make deliberate efforts to provide technical skills to economically weaker and school-dropout students, enabling them to access employment and self-employment opportunities.
- ▶ Introduce subjects like English, Mathematics and Science in madrasas as part of their development and modernisation.
- ▶ Grant local authorities the right to limit property taxes for houses given under the 'Ramai Housing Scheme.'
- ▶ Provide state funds for repairs of housing units under the 'Ramai Housing Scheme' that have completed 20 years.



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- ▶ Build shelters within municipal corporation limits for urban poor residents.
- ▶ Ensure strict enforcement of the Prohibition of Manual Scavenging Act, with a commitment that no community shall have to perform such tasks by hand. Mechanise the work and give priority to existing workers in the transition.
- ▶ Prioritise the protection of tribal forest rights and document and preserve traditional tribal forest knowledge. Formulate a policy to safeguard the ownership rights of tribal knowledge.
- ▶ Accept documents from the maternal lineage for caste validity certificates for caste groups within nomadic-denotified communities that follow a matriarchal family structure.



Education

- ▶ Will insist on filling the vacancies as a top priority in all government and private schools as well as colleges.
- ▶ Extend the age limit for free education under the Right to Education Act.
- ▶ Regulate fees for schools, colleges and private coaching classes.
- ▶ Increase the current budget allocation for education to improve the quality of government schools.
- ▶ Set up digital classrooms in all government schools across the state.
- ▶ Provide free sanitary napkins, bicycles and transport services for all girl students in local self-government schools.
- ▶ Reverse the decision to close Zilla Parishad schools. Ensure no school is closed due to low enrolment and keep all schools under the purview of the RTE.
- ▶ Formulate policies for parental awareness and child education, considering that a child's intellectual, social and cultural development progresses rapidly in the first six years of life.
- ▶ Open government engineering and medical colleges in every district.



A Student Rights Commission will be established to address issues related to admissions, examinations, and results for students.



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- ▶ Offer interest-free educational loans for higher education.
- ▶ Ensure immediate release of scholarships for OBC students post-Class 10 and create a grievance system to address delays, resolving issues within 21 days.
- ▶ Construct 3 hostels for OBC students pursuing education beyond Class 10 in each district.
- ▶ Increase the number of scholarships under the Rajshree Shahu Maharaj Scholarship and relax eligibility criteria.
- ▶ Increase the scholarship fund provided through 'BARTI', 'Mahajyoti' and 'Sarathi'.
- ▶ Operate ITIs in two shifts for those who have not passed Class 10 and 12, given the severe unemployment situation.
- ▶ Facilitate joint efforts between the Maharashtra State Skill Development Society and IIT Bombay to enhance employability and skill creation.
- ▶ Schedule MPSC exams in a fixed timeline similar to UPSC, ensuring results are declared within 45 days and waiving the entrance exam fee.
- ▶ Establish 3 libraries in each district and one study room in each taluka, totalling 358 air-conditioned study rooms for competitive exam aspirants.
- ▶ Review the anti-ragging law and strictly implement the 2012 'Harassment-Free Maharashtra' policy.
- ▶ Establish a 'Fishing and Marine Science' University in Konkan.
- ▶ Set up a College of Planning and Architecture in Pune.
- ▶ Develop a 'Teacher Training University' to produce skilled educators.

Healthcare



- ▶ Run the 'Niramay Maharashtra' campaign to promote physical and mental wellness for Maharashtra's population. Under this campaign, encourage initiatives on yoga, exercise, diet planning and regular health check-ups, organised by public, voluntary and local self-government organisations.
- ▶ Implement a Right to Health policy to ensure free and quality healthcare services for all, improving healthcare standards across various levels.



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Right to Healthcare

A Right to Healthcare policy will be developed for the state of Maharashtra, aiming to improve service standards across various levels as per healthcare benchmarks. This will ensure that diverse types of government healthcare services are easily accessible to people in both rural and urban areas. The healthcare budget will be increased to support these improvements. By reforming and expanding the healthcare system, a framework for Universal Health Care will be established. Through this system, every resident of Maharashtra will have access to quality healthcare services at no cost, not only in government hospitals but also in selected private hospitals on the government's panel.

- ▶ Equip every sub-district hospital and establish mohalla clinics in all cities.
- ▶ Construct a 100-bed modern hospital in each taluka.
- ▶ Make healthcare services more accountable and transparent by involving representatives and social organisations in community-based oversight and planning, activating community health committees with public participation.
- ▶ Gradually increase the health budget to 8% of the state's budget, following the National Health Policy.
- ▶ Develop a 'Health Workforce Policy' for the state, filling all vacant positions in the health department. Regularise nurses appointed on a contractual basis.
- ▶ Increase the remuneration to ASHA, Anganwadi workers and assistants.
- ▶ Provide all essential medicines free of cost to all patients, supported by a comprehensive medicine procurement and distribution system and increase the number of generic medicine centres.
- ▶ Provide 'Jijau Kits' with essential medicines for newborns and mothers to reduce infant and maternal mortality rates.
- ▶ Launch the 'Stree Shakti' initiative to reduce anaemia in women and seriously address child malnutrition. Offer free HPV vaccines for all girls and young women aged 9 to 26 and provide free treatment for women with breast, cervical and ovarian cancer, as well as subsidised cancer screening.
- ▶ Establish a Malnutrition Control Board with a goal to make Maharashtra malnutrition-free.
- ▶ Establish a Tribal Health and Nutrition Mission, coordinating with relevant departments with a special budget provision. Implement awareness programmes, genetic testing, counselling for couples, healthcare provisions and medicine supply in health centres to mitigate the effects of sickle cell anaemia.



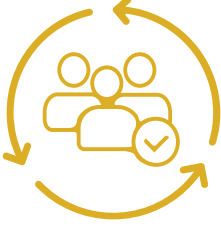
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- ▶ Enforce the Patient Rights Charter in all private and government hospitals, mandating the display of pricing information as per regulations. Set up grievance redressal cells in each district and a toll-free helpline for patient assistance.
- ▶ Provide free medication and testing for diabetes and high blood pressure patients. Initiate extensive programmes to curb the rising rates of malaria, dengue, chikungunya and TB. Offer free dialysis services for the underprivileged.
- ▶ Partner with private hospitals in the 'Amrut Blood on Call' scheme to promptly address blood shortages.
- ▶ Increase the availability of air ambulances for accident and critical patients.
- ▶ Launch a state-wide 'Telemedicine' helpline.
- ▶ Run the 'Nirmal Jal' campaign to provide clean drinking water in Marathwada, Vidarbha and North Maharashtra, using advance technologies.
- ▶ Set a goal to raise Maharashtra's average life expectancy to 77 years, ensuring a healthy and robust population.
- ▶ Establish counselling centres to address mental health issues arising from a competitive, fast-paced lifestyle, excessive online gaming and digital addiction, tackling problems like loneliness, depression, negativity and aggression.
- ▶ Implement stringent policies to address deficiencies in services provided by government hospitals.
- ▶ Take necessary precautions to prevent assaults on doctors.



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LGBTQIA+

- ▶ Remain committed to integrating LGBTQIA+ individuals into the mainstream.
- ▶ Propose reservation for LGBTQIA+ individuals in government jobs and implement a special scholarship scheme for their education.
- ▶ Form a new advisory committee under the Law Commission to address the specific needs of the LGBTQIA+ community and take steps to amend and reform relevant laws.
- ▶ Establish dedicated health and counselling centres to address the mental and health challenges faced by the LGBTQIA+ community.
- ▶ Set up special facilities for skill training to create livelihood opportunities for LGBTQIA+ individuals.



Safety of the Women

- ▶ Aim to build a 'Nirbhay Maharashtra' for the safety of women, girls and boys.
- ▶ Under 'Nirbhay Maharashtra', provide self-defence training for women and encourage girls to participate in sports to build confidence and bravery.
- ▶ Strictly enforce the 'Shakti' law to prevent violence against women and girls.
- ▶ Adopt strict policies to curb violence and abuse against women and girls.
- ▶ Rehabilitate women who have been victims of sexual abuse and create public awareness to prevent violence against women.
- ▶ Establish at least one all-women police station in every district.
- ▶ Launch a dedicated helpline to prevent digital crimes against women, with expedited resolution through fast-track courts.



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- ▶ Develop a roadmap for implementing safe cities for women and provide additional facilities for women commuting to work.
- ▶ Conduct safety audits in schools to ensure the security of girl students.

Respect for Women

- ▶ Audit the implementation of the gender budget for women-centric financial planning.
- ▶ Strive to enforce laws that ensure equal pay for men and women in the unorganised rural sector.
- ▶ Advocate for senior care centres in government and private offices, recognising that many families now face the challenge of leaving elderly members alone at home.
- ▶ Develop special schemes to support women who had to leave their careers due to family or personal reasons, helping them restart and contribute to national progress.
- ▶ Create a policy to offer two days of optional paid leave for women during menstruation, acknowledging the associated discomfort.
- ▶ Take steps to ensure justice and respectful treatment for widows and enact laws to prevent forced adherence to harmful practices imposed on widows.
- ▶ Prioritise employment for widows and single women.
- ▶ Establish an independent department for Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to foster leadership skills and provide market access for their products.
- ▶ Construct hostels for girls in each taluka.
- ▶ Review and update the women's policy every three years.



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Dignity of the Elderly

- ▶ Establish a 'Senior Citizen Welfare Association' to address the security, health, economic and social needs of senior citizens.
- ▶ Introduce an 'Honour Scheme for Senior Citizens' to uphold their dignity and respect, ensuring that physically and mentally vulnerable elderly citizens receive government services at their doorstep.
- ▶ Strengthen a skilled system to provide quality and respectful healthcare services to ensure seniors live with dignity in old age.
- ▶ Set up facilities in all cities to deliver healthcare services to senior citizens at home.
- ▶ Establish care centers for seniors across the state. Create facilities where daycare centres for children and care homes for the elderly are located within the same complex, offering a shared space for both generations.
- ▶ Develop sufficient recreational centres for senior citizens.



Persons with Disabilities

- ▶ Provide 'BPL' benefits for severely disabled individuals.
- ▶ Advocate for the removal of GST on assistive devices and equipment for persons with disabilities.
- ▶ Prioritise commercial and residential spaces for severely disabled individuals in organisations like 'MHADA' and 'HUDCO'.
- ▶ Substantially increase the minimal existing funding to provide free artificial limbs and assistive devices for persons with disabilities.
- ▶ Strictly enforce accessibility regulations to ensure ease of movement for persons with disabilities in public spaces.



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For Abhijat Marathi

While preserving the prestige of the Marathi language in Maharashtra, policies will be developed to strengthen the language's economic foundation. As part of this initiative, shops will be made available for 'Books for Every Village' to promote Marathi literature. Efforts will be made to ensure there are bookstores in every district across the state. Steps will be taken to make the 'Book Purchase Scheme' more transparent through government initiatives. Recognising the importance of librarians, a minimum salary target of Rs. 20,000 will be set. Advocacy will be pursued to eliminate GST on books to make them available at affordable prices. A white paper on Marathi schools in the state will be released. Additionally, support will be provided to organisations working for Marathi in Greater Maharashtra.

Literature and Culture

- ▶ Provide grants of Rs. 5 lakh, Rs. 10 lakh and Rs. 1 crore, respectively, for Marathi literary conventions at the district, state and national levels.
- ▶ Triple the funding for government-recognised libraries.
- ▶ Establish Marathi book libraries in every Gram Panchayat.
- ▶ Develop the 'Marathi Asmita Tab' containing the Marathi Encyclopaedia, Marathi Cultural Encyclopaedia and classic Marathi literature, making it available at an affordable price.
- ▶ Increase the current funding for Marathi films by 20%.
- ▶ Launch special scheme for technicians, artists, backstage workers and their families, after assessing their concerns.
- ▶ Strictly enforce laws to prevent piracy of films and books.
- ▶ Establish research centres to preserve Marathi dialects such as Ahirani, Khandeshi, Varhadi, Powari, Banjara, Malvani, Katkari and Halbi.
- ▶ Initiate a project for documenting folk arts.
- ▶ Provide grants for producing Marathi documentaries.
- ▶ Launch a state-level Prabodhan Award, inspired by the Jnanpith Award, to honour contributions in literature and intellectual fields.
- ▶ Develop a cultural tourism plan connecting Maharashtra's significant forts.
- ▶ Create government art galleries in major cities for art presentations.
- ▶ Encourage the Marathi Literary Katta initiative in urban areas.

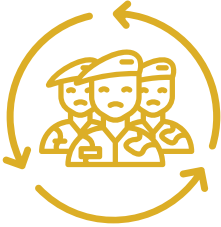


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Sports

- ▶ Launch the Maharashtra Olympic Mission to support Marathi athletes in reaching the Olympics.
- ▶ Double the sports budget allocation in the state budget.
- ▶ Develop modern sports complexes in Nashik, Amravati, Nagpur, Raigad and Sambhajinagar, modelled after Balewadi (Pune).
- ▶ Establish advanced sports medicine centres in Maharashtra's eight regional complexes.
- ▶ Provide health insurance for athletes participating in school sports competitions.
- ▶ Implement the 'Sports Ground for Every Village' scheme.
- ▶ Engage youth vulnerable to drugs and illicit activities in sports and arts to divert them from such habits.



Security

- ▶ Implement a zero-tolerance policy against any behaviour causing harassment, disrespect, or shame to women.
- ▶ Expand the CCTV network at schools, colleges, public places and religious sites.
- ▶ Ensure that all reserved positions for women in the police force are filled to full capacity.
- ▶ Create an additional 50,000 positions in the police force.
- ▶ Equip the police with modern technology and weaponry to strengthen the security system, following the recommendations of the Ram Pradhan Committee.
- ▶ Advocate with the central government to establish a 'Cyber Security Hub' in response to rising cybercrime.
- ▶ Establish a 'Forensic Science University' in the state.
- ▶ Commit to preserving constitutional rights for all and creating an environment where no one feels unsafe.
- ▶ Adopt a strict policy for immediate and severe action against those making statements that incite religious hatred.
- ▶ Enforce strict policies against mob lynching.

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