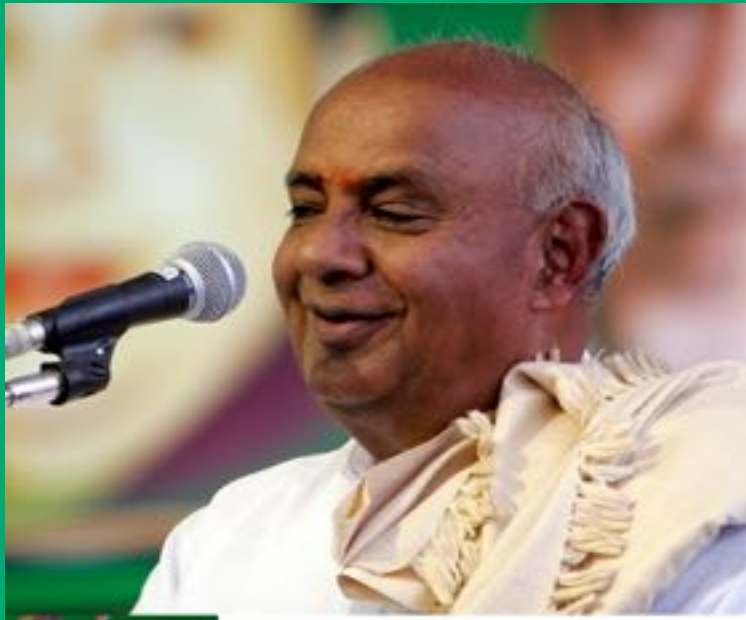




Janata Dal (Secular) Election 2013 Party Manifesto





My Appeal

Dear Voters of Karnataka,

My humble appeal is before you. As you are aware I am fighting for the cause of the poor and the downtrodden for the past 5 decades. While I am happy about the achievements and services rendered by Janata Dal (Secular) party, I realize that what has been done by our party is not enough and there is a lot more to be achieved. Janata Dal (Secular) has been fighting for equality and justice. We are seen in Karnataka as the true representatives of the agrarian and downtrodden communities. All this was possible as you have blessed our party candidates in the earlier elections.

You may ask us a question as what we propose to do in case we are voted to power in the ensuing election to Karnataka Legislative Assembly in 2013. We will give a “Clean and Transparent administration” free from corrupt practices. This apart, here is a summary of what we propose to achieve in various sectors of administration. I place before you, for your kind consideration, our party manifesto. Under the Indian constitution, the Indian States are expected to perform the role of Welfare state. Welfare means “Welfare of Everybody”. While some parts of Karnataka have witnessed some development over the last 50 years, these developments have had no effect on the lives of a large number of citizens. They continue to live in poverty. Our party is built on the foundations of “Equality and Justice” and the programme indicated in this manifesto reflects the same. We focus more on Welfare of our people, especially on those who are in distress and who need the helping hand of government.

Please consider the Manifesto that we have placed before you. To implement all these programmes we need your support. I request you give your valuable votes to **Janata Dal (Secular) party candidates** and give us an opportunity to serve you by forming our Government.

H.D.Devegowda



Our Contributions in the past

1. All loans of farmers up to 25000 were waived off.
2. Interest burden on all farming loans reduced by 4%.
3. Provided a relief package of Rs 7000 crore for the welfare of the farmers.
4. For preventing Farmers' suicides in districts of Belgaum, Hassan, Chickmagalore, Chitradurga, Shimoga and Kodagu Sri. Kumaraswamy formulated a special scheme and provided a relief Package of Rs.2689.64 Crore.
5. Sale of Arrack was banned.
6. Lottery was banned in the state.
7. 70% of the application received in janathadarshana were solved and relief amounting to Rs 25 crore Rupees were given in janathadarshana.
8. A novel scheme called "Bhagyalakshmi" was launched to protect the girl child and change society's attitude towards her. Under the scheme, an amount Rs. 10,000 is deposited in the name of each female child born after 31st March 2006
9. Land grabbing by mafia was prevented and cases of grabbing of about 40 thousand acres was detected. 13000 acres were recovered in Bangalore alone.
10. 'Suvarna Kayaka Udyoga Shikshana Yojane' was launched, where in the needs of the organized sectors for skilled man power in various trades was identified and youths were trained in those skills.
11. Jawaharlal Nehru national Urban renewal mission scheme for improving quality of life of slum dwellers was introduced.
12. The government led by Sri. H.D.Kumaraswamy launched the programme of Suvarna Gramodaya to transform 1000 villages every year into model villages.
13. Work on Alamatti dam was speeded up and it was also presented to nation.
14. Irrigation projects like Sigandalur project, Yaragol project in Kolar, Chimalagi project in Bijapur were commenced by the Government led Sri. HDK.

Our Contributions in the past

- 15.Upper Badra project was initiated to provide irrigation water to Tumkur and Kolar districts.
- 16.BBMP was created.
17. New districts of Ramanagara and chikkaballapura were created.
- 18.Special high court circuit bench was constituted in Dharwad.
- 19.716 primary schools 1000 high schools 500 pu colleges and 184 degree colleges 7 engineering colleges 6 government medical colleges were opened.
- 20.To motivate the Students of rural Karnataka towards school education bicycles were distributed to the students.
- 21.Udyogini, Asare , Amrutha programs were introduced for the welfare of women.
- 22.Gave loans at the rate of 4% interest to Stree Shakti groups to improve credit flow to self employed individuals.
- 23.350 hostels for the welfare of the SC/ST students were provided,350 new Morarji schools were sanctioned.
- 24.5 acre land worth Rs 90 crore was given to Haj committee to facilitate the Haj Pilgrims.
- 25.120 crore rupees were reserved for the welfare of minority communities.
- 26.Waqf board was given additional 9 crore rupees along with the 13 crore which was given every year.
- 27.190 Km of Bangalore road widening project was taken up.

Many more Citizen Friendly schemes were introduced by the Government led by Sri.H.D.Kumaraswamy.





Our Vision

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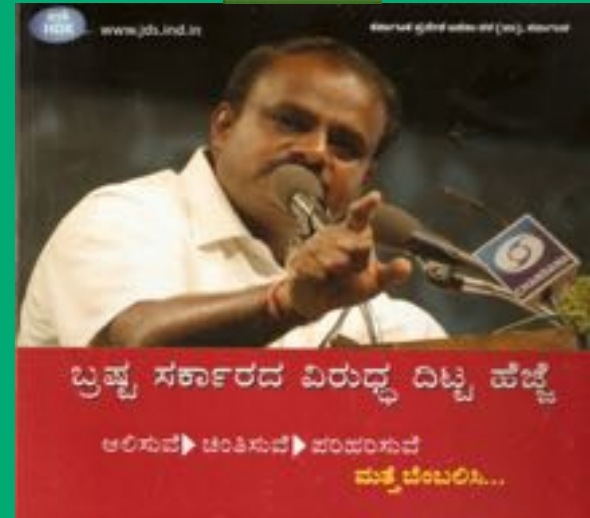
Next Five years

2013 to 2018

Karnataka

Public Interaction

1. **“Right to Services act”** will be introduced bringing all government functions under the ambit of the act.
2. It will be ensured that in all activities of Government
3. **“Citizens’ right”** will be stronger than the ‘Official might’. Every Department will have a **“Citizen’s Council”**, an apex body to review its functioning.
4. Expenditure programme of departments will be placed for **public consultation** before including them in budget estimates.
5. Functioning of Government offices will be monitored through a network of cameras. A separate body called the **“Third Eye”** will be constituted.
6. **“Jana Smaparka Sabhe”** will be held regularly at the State level as at the district and taluka level.
7. **“Grama Vastavya”** programme will be further streamlined.



Tackling of Corruption in Governance

1. Institution of **Lokaukta** will be strengthened. Apart from the system of Lokaukta, **vigilance committees** will be constituted in each government department.
2. **‘Rules and Regulations’** will be modified and licensing system will be changed to a facilitating system.
3. JDS will introduce an annual **5 % staff culling policy** in each government department in all cadres
4. The CCA rules will be reframed to **recognize honesty and efficiency** in Administration.
5. JDS will stop the present practice of routinely **reappointing retired officers** to various positions in the state. All vacancies and positions are to be filled up by a predefined process, through advertisement.
6. **Charges in all cases of Trap or raids** are to be filed within 3 months from the date of conducting the trap or raids.
7. **Casual inspections of private establishments** by Government functionaries will be prohibited, as they normally end up in harassment. Notice to industrialists and traders must be routed through associations.
8. All Treasury bill payments will be done on a **“First in First out basis”** and Internet will be extensively used to indicate financial releases to persons and institutions.
9. Transfer of Government officers will be done by a Departmental Board set up for the purpose.
10. No Class 1 and Class II officer can be posted in his native district, except at Bangalore.
11. Property return statements of all the persons serving in Government and its undertakings will be published on the net. Non submission of property returns will be a cognizable offence.



Farmers, Agricultural laborers, Fisherman, Weavers and Rural artisans of Karnataka

1. **Annual Farmers Day:** In memory of Naragund and Navalgund martyrs Farmers day will be celebrated on July 21st of every year. On this day the progressive farmers will be honored.
2. **Raita & Koolikarmika Kalpavriksha Nidhi:** To help Farmers and Agricultural laborers, Fisherman, Weavers and Rural Artisans JDS led government will provide “ Rural Subsistence Allowance” of Rs 500 per family per month to all rural households irrespective of their class or creed. Voters list of rural area will be used to identify the households. The amount will be deposited in the Bank account of the Women head of the house.
3. **Waiver of loans of Farmers, weavers, fisherman and Artisans:** All loans availed by Farmers, Weavers, Fisherman and Artisans from Cooperative Societies and Public Sector banks upto 31-12-2012 will be waived off.
4. **Sudharita Pahani Karyakrama:** Steps will be taken to include photograph of the farmer in the Phahani. This will help to identify the land holder and prevent fraudulent transactions. The photograph of the crop grown will be indicated in the phahani as a proof of gainful cultivation or crop losses.
5. **Creation of Department of Pension to Farmers and agricultural laborers, Fisherman, Weavers and rural artisans:** A new department of “Farmers Pension” will be initiated on the lines of KGID. A new scheme for providing Contributory pension to Farmers and agricultural laborers, Fisherman, Weavers and rural artisans will be initiated on the NPS model. Half of the premium will be provided by the government. This will cover Death cum Accident Insurance, Health Insurance and retirement pension after 60 years.
6. **Fertiliser Subsidy:** After the Congress led UPA Government of India implemented the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) Policy from April 1, 2010 the price of DAP and SSP have increased from Rs 8000 per ton to Rs 22000. We will insist the Government of India to increase fertilizer subsidy. In addition the State government will provide subsidy of Rs 2000 Per ton on DAP and SSP.
7. **Additional Procurement price:** Additional procurement price of Rs 150 per quintal on all cereal crops and Rs 500 per quintal for pulses will be provided.
8. **On Spot Purchase Scheme:** Although Government of India has been declaring “ Minimum Support Price” to some crops, this scheme is not of great use to Karnataka farmers. The main problem is that there is no MSP shop at our APMC yards. A “MSP Purchase shop” will be established in all APMC yards so that a farmer will be in a position to sell his commodity at MSP prices. Payment will also be on the spot.
9. **JDS Farmers Relief Fund:** JDS will create a Farmer’s Relief Fund using the contributions of well wishers of JDS party. This fund will be utilized for providing medical relief and drought and flood relief to farmers as and when required.

Agriculture Horticulture and Animal husbandry Technology



1. **Seed Subsidy:** Seed subsidy will be raised to 75 %. Nursery seedlings being used by Horticulture farmers will also be brought under subsidy scheme.
2. **Support to Drip Irrigation:** We will provide 90 % subsidy on drip irrigation.
3. **Energisation of Agricultural pumpsets:** All pending requests for energizing irrigation pump sets as on 1st of March 2013 will be honored by energizing the pump sets with in October 2013.
4. **Support to water harvesting:** Increased support to water harvesting in agricultural lands. 100% subsidy for water harvesting structures in farmers' lands.
5. **Support to farm mechanization:** Increased support to farm mechanization and 75% subsidy provided for small tractors and 90% subsidy on agricultural implements.
6. **New Extension System:** The present Government agricultural extension system has not considered agricultural technologies developed by private sector. The present extension system will be revamped considering the requirement of the farming community.
7. **Creation of Farm Unions:** Farm unions composed of 20 to 25 farmers will be supported with seed capital of Rs 50000. This will help optimizing the use of agricultural mechanization. If need be suitable amendment to Land reforms act will be introduced.
8. **Problems of Sugarcane farmers:** JDS is aware that Sugarcane price that the farmers are getting is less than cost of production. Improper weighing is causing 5 to 6 tons loss per trip weighing 20 tons per trip despite of Government appointed staff for weighing. Sugar factories are reducing 2 to 3 tons per trip giving false reasons on the sugarcane content on Individual farmer basis. There is huge delay in payments causing farmers enormous problems on livelihoods (Some factories have not made payment since last year. In some areas Sugarcane has become excess because of defunct factories. Untimely cutting is causing loss in weight and is reducing yield for next crop. Sugarcane price is being affected from the consumer point of view and not from the view of the producer. JDS will address all these problems.



Horticulture, Animal husbandry Agro Processing Technology



1. **New technology and management systems in Horticulture:** New Horticulture technology will be introduced. The Horticultural Extension system will be revamped to make it globally competitive.
2. **On farm processing:** Rice and Sugar processing is almost standardized. Regarding many other products the processing activity has not matured. On farm processing of products like Tomato, vegetables, fruits, meat, grape etc will be promoted. Converting a farmer into an “Producer & Processor ” is a prime priority of JDS. Specific Agro industries with brands will be supported. Indi (Wine making), Bijapur (Wine making) Byadagi (Chili), Kundagol (Chili), Srinivasapura (Mango), Malur (Tomato purie, Ketchup), Mayakonda (Maize), Jewargi, Chitapur, Sedam (Dal Processing), Hassan (Potato processing), Poultry Processing (Hiriyur)
3. **Advanced cultivation methods:** Advanced methods of cultivating vegetables and fruits will be supported through modern agricultural technology. Facilities will be created for cold storage.
4. **Dairy farmers** who are supplying milk to KMF dairies will be provided with “Animal Development Assistance “of Rs one per liter of milk supplied to KMF subject to a maximum of 60 lts per month.
5. **Poultry farming and Sheep farming** activity will be promoted on lines of KMF: JDS recognizes that in terms of output value, poultry and sheep farming output is more than many agricultural crops. There are no strong breeding programmes. Product processing is also not well developed. JDS will take steps to promote Poultry and Sheep farming on the lines of KMF.
6. **KAPEC will be made effective:** KAPEC will be supported to do a business turnover of Rs 1000 cores per year.
7. **Tax measures for Agro Processing Industries:** All notified processed food products packed with non plastic materials or sold without packing will be exempt from VAT. A special incentive will be introduced to promote Agro Industries.



Primary Education

1. **Support to State Syllabus Schools:** JDS led Government will provide 75 % salary grant to Urban pvt schools imparting instruction as per state syllabus.
2. **Opening of new high schools and PU colleges:** We will support opening of 87 PU colleges with Science Arts and Commerce by Education trusts with 90% salary grant. We will support opening of 241 high schools under grant in aid scheme.
3. **Nya Talim:** We will revise our Education system to accommodate the principles of “ Nya Talim” education system propounded by Mahatma Gandhi.
4. **Introduction of English Medium in Government Schools:** Quality of teaching in Government schools have not been to the satisfaction of parents. Knowledge of English opens up opportunities. Children from economically weaker sections are suffering for want proper English education in government schools. JDS proposes to introduce English medium in Government Schools from 5th Standard.
5. **Introduction of Spoken English In Government Schools:** The subject of “Spoken English” will be introduced in all Government schools.
6. **Imparting Computer Education:** “Computer Education “will be provided in all Government Schools from 5th standard.
7. **Hostels for Girls:** Girl students from minority communities are finding it very difficult to find accommodation when they come for higher studies. We propose to construct hostels to girls from minority communities at the rate of 50 in Bangalore, 3 each in other corporation cities and one each in each of the remaining district head quarters of the state.
8. **Implementation of RTE directives of Supreme Court:** We will ensure that the directions given by the Hon’ble Supreme court under RTE act are implemented through citizen bodies.
9. **Revision in School Admission norms:** Getting admission in schools has led to bad business practices. A law will be enacted to reduce the menace of high fees and donation payment at the time of admission to schools. Parent and Children interviews at the time of admission will be prohibited. Territorial limits on admission of children will be introduced similar to the practices in western countries.





Higher education

Continued education” for technical manpower: This will be for ITI and diploma holders. They will be given training once in 4 years on skill up gradation.

2. **Kannada in higher education:** We will ensure that marks scored in “Kannada” in 2 nd PUC is considered for calculating of rank in CET exams for candidates seeking Medical, Engineering, MBA and other technical courses and under “ Kannadiga” quota and “Horanadu Kannadiga” quota.

3. **New Universities:.**



1. **University of Home land Security:** About 2 lakh persons are functioning as security guards in Karnataka and about 40 % are at Bangalore. Most of the personnel functioning as guards are from informal sector and do not have formal qualifications. A new University called “University of Home land Security” will be commenced with an officer of the rank Major General as the Vice Chancellor. All the staff of the University will be drawn from the pool of “Ex- Defense Personnel”. Students are selected on the basis of physical fitness criteria and not on marks of a formal examination. The graduates of this university will get employment as security personnel in Industrial establishments, hotels, banks, housing colonies both within India as well as abroad. They will also be eligible for selection as police constables.

2. **University of vocational education:** This University helps the skilled workers in the informal sector to become highly skilled graduates so that skilled and educated man power is available in the job market. Students are selected on the basis of physical fitness criteria. A three year course will lead to award of a formal degree after evaluation.

3. **University of Sports and fitness:** We will start University of sports to enable students to get degrees in various sports as well as other skills for living.

4. **University of Urban Planning and Development:** Urbanisation is fast expanding. Unfortunately management cadre for managing urban affairs is not yet in place. Courses relating to urban development will be provided by this university along with conducting research assistance for the municipalities of the state.

5. **University of Tourism & Hospitality:** Tourism is emerging as a major economic activity. Unfortunately skilled manpower is not available to harness this potential. JDS will support the creation of University of Tourism and Hospitality to develop skilled human resources to manage this sector.

6. **University of Economics:** The new University will focus on providing 5 year integrated courses on banking economics, Health Economics, Education economics, Public finance, Developmental economics, Transport economics, Tourism and hospitality economics, Insurance economics etc.

4. **Internet Libraries** will be introduced in all our Public Libraries. Similarly Internet facility will be provided for public use in all Panchayat offices.

5. **Fee subsidy scheme for Engineering and medical courses:** We will provide Scholarship for children of Sc/St, backward classes and minorities to pursue higher education. Children of Farmers will get 50% fee concession in higher education.



Health & Family Welfare



1. **New Health Care Delivery System:** In order to ensure proper access to healthcare to all citizens we will introduce a "New health care delivery system" on the lines of NHS, UK.
2. **Free distribution of Drugs:** Medicines will be distributed freely to all citizens at all health care institutions of Karnataka provided the prescription is in the form of "Generic Drugs".
3. **Opening of Generic drug stores:** "Private Pharmacists" will be supported with 80 % subsidy for opening of Generic drug stores. Branded drugs will carry 14% VAT. Generic drugs will be tax free.
4. **"Karnataka State Medical Assistance Fund"** will be created with funding from Government as well as Private bodies and Philanthropists. The fund will be managed by a Trust composed of "Padma awardees". Fund will be used for the following purposes.
 - All diabetic and BP affected patients will be provided free "Generic drugs" on a monthly basis.
 - All families up to Rs. 2,00,000 per annum income eligible for treatment of catastrophic illnesses such as cancer, heart failure, neurological diseases, kidney disorder etc. at any of the CGHS notified hospitals of the State at CGHS rates. The Scheme will be administered by the trust.
 - An assistance of Rs 6000 per month to all patients requiring Dialysis.
 - An Assistance of Rs 6000 per month per patient will be provided for all cases of Dementia, Alzymers, Parkinson Disease, Paraplegia & Hemiplegia, ALC, Ankylosing Spondylitis (Stage iv), Spastic cases.
5. **New Medical and Para Medical Colleges** will be opened in all districts. Fee assistance to students will be provided.
6. **New specialty hospitals** will be established at Mysore, Hubli, Belgaum, Gulbarga for critical care of cancer, kidney and heart patients.
7. **Healthcare services will be decentralized** and district hospitals would be equipped with Cardiac intensive care unit, kidney dialysis centre and neonatal intensive care unit.
8. **Assistance to Mothers:** A pregnant mother will be provided with an assistance of Rs 5000 per month for 6 months before delivery. and 6 months after delivery. Madilu Programme started by JDS led government in 2007 will be continued

Crushes at village level. For every child between age of 8 months to 2 years, admitted to the crush on daycare basis an amount of Rs 1000 will be provided to the Stree Shakti Sangha. The crush should

Irrigation Development



1. Notification of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal Award

2. This is a death blow to farmers of Cauvery Basin as well as citizens of Bangalore. Inaction on the part of MPS of Congress I party is the sole reason for the injustice done to farmers of Cauvery basin. JDS will ensure that injustice done to Karnataka is rectified. We will see that tribunal is reconstituted and 50 TMC of water assigned to Bangalore for Drinking water.

3. Irrigation projects in Cauvery basin;

- a. Modernization of canal system will be undertaken in Cauvery basin to increase irrigation efficiency. Water flow will be monitored through SCADA system.
- b. Modernization of VC canal will be done in two years. This will help tail end irrigated areas of Malavalli and Halgur region. Our government had initiated this work when JDS was in power.
- c. Anekats constructed by Maharajas of Mysore will be modernized to improve irrigation efficiency.
- d. Tank rejuvenation work will be undertaken in Kaveri basin.
- e. Kanva LIS will be completed.

4. Kolar- Chikkaballapura water scheme; 60 tmc.

We will bring 60 TMC of water from western Ghats to provide water to Tumkur, Tiptur, Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Chitradurga, Davanagere. JDS will commit to implement the project on a bigger scale than limiting itself to Yattinahole project alone.



Rehabilitation of Irrigation project affected people



1. All the families who have lost land by way of acquisition since 1980 for irrigation projects, power projects and rural housing project will be provided a life time compensation of Rs 2000 per acre per year. The amount will be provided to the person who sacrificed the land for the irrigation project. Further, the amount will be provided for the family members for twenty year subsequent to demise of the land holder. This amount will not be provided in cases where compensation was revised by way of a court settlement.
2. Our government will treat land acquisition for irrigation on par with land acquisition for industries so that farmers will get better compensation.
3. We will devise R & R policy which will ensure that living standards of affected families will be better than project beneficiary families. All project affected families will be eligible for life time pension, free health insurance, children education assistance, job assistance and housing benefits apart from the present compensation awards.

Irrigation In Krishna Basin



1. JDS will take steps to prevent injustice done to Karnataka by way of KWDT -2 award.
2. The following projects will be implemented on Fast track basis:



1. **Bheema LIS** is a very important project and aims to irrigate 22000 ha. This project not been given adequate importance. We will take up Bhima LIS project on fast track and create 20000 hc of irrigated area.
2. **Hippragi project** should have provided irrigation to 74742 acres. About 30000 hc of land is yet to get irrigation. We will take up Hiparagi project on fast track and will ensure that the whole planned area is brought under irrigation.
3. **Ramathala LIS** will be completed in next 18 months providing irrigation to 25000 ha.
4. **Singatalur Project** will be implemented on Fast track and the remaining 100000 ha will be irrigated.
5. **Upper Tunga Project** is a very important project. Although Dam was completed when Sri. Kumaraswamy was the Chief Minister irrigation area development in subsequent period has not been satisfactory. In the last 10 years only 25000 ha have been provided with water. Another 55000 ha are to be developed. JDS will complete this work in next two years.
6. **Upper Bhadra Project** was commenced when JDS was in power , but in the last 5 years no irrigation potential has been created. On completion this project will irrigate 100000 ha of land. JDS will put all our resources for completion of this project in next three years.
7. **Timmapura LIS** is expected to provide irrigation to 20000 ha. No water has been provided so far. We will take up this project on fast track and ensure that 20000 ha of area is brought under irrigation within next three years.
8. **Sonti LIS** will be completed in one year bringing irrigated area under this project to 16000 ha.
9. **Varahi udupi Manjra barrage project** will be on fast track and we will ensure that 10000 ha of land is brought under irrigation under this project.
10. **Modernization of Tungabhadra** canals will be completed.



3. Completion of Lingered Projects

- a. Amarja, lower Mullamuri and Ddodganga projects have been lingering for more than 30 years. These projects will be assessed for technical correctness and steps will be taken to realize the full irrigation potential within two years.
- b. The following lingering small projects will be completed;



1. Y-Kaggal,
2. Kenchanagudda LIS,
3. Bhakri Halla,
4. Javalahalla,
5. Bellay nala LIS,
6. Bennehalla,
7. Tilavalli LIS
8. All the barrages on Bhima river will be completed in next two years.

4. Funding of irrigation Projects:

- a. We will provide Rs 40000 crores over five years for irrigation works alone.
- b. We will seek additional fiscal deficit of 1 % of GSDP for next five years for speedy completion of irrigation projects.



Industrial Development



1. **Industrial Corridors:** Specific corridors of industrial development connecting the key cities in the State will be taken up (Hospet-Bellary-Raichur; Tumkur-Bangalore- Hosur-Mysore-Mandya; Belgaum-Hubli-Dharwad-Davangere-Harihar; and Goa-Karwar-Mangalore). Industrial zones will be established near smaller towns and cities so as to encourage the development of those areas, allowing them to emerge as growth centres.

2. **Power Supply to Industries:** JDS will take steps to provide quality and uninterrupted power to industries.

3. **Problems of Peenya Industrial estate:**

- i. In order to ensure proper functioning of this major industrial area we will set up Peenya Industrial Township Authority.
- ii. In all industrial estates including Peenya, a system will be evolved for collection of effluent and process it by a common effluent treatment plant. Till such a time the Pollution Control Board will be asked to hold punitive measures already initiated.
- iii. Industrial sheds constructed in revenue lands will be regularized.

4. **Support to Industrialists:** Developed Industrial land and Industrial sheds will be provided on lease basis to the industries. Lease rent will be much less than market charges. Land leased to an industry will continue to be used by the industry as long it wants to use the same. Selling, sub leasing or misusing industrial lands will not be permitted.

5. **Ready to use Industrial Sheds:** Ready to use industrial sheds will be developed and provided on lease to SME units in industrial sheds.

6. **The Problem of trade license:** JDS will modify the law to exempt industries in Industrial estates to obtain trade license from civic bodies.

7. **Talent creation for industries:** We will device programmes specifically for the skilled workers in the informal sector.

8. **Abuse of Power by Government Functionaries:** We will prevent abuse of power by government officials. Before issuing a notice to an industry the lapse must be communicated in unambiguous terms to the industry through the Industry association.

9. **STPL policy:** JDS will restore STPL policy in Bangalore.

10. **Establishment of SEZ** at Chitradurga, Belgaum, Mangalore, Gulbarga and Hubli.

11. **Settle all pending Industrial Investment subsidy** and exemption claims.





Power Sector



1. **Thermal Power:** Thermal generation capacity of the state will be improved by 18% within next three years. The approach will be to improve the capacity of Thermal power stations already functioning in the state. This will avoid further transmission infrastructure cost.
2. **Hydel Generation:** Hydel Generation capacity will be improved by 8% in next three years. The approach followed by JDS led government is shown below;
 - i. Modernization of hydel units will be taken up to improve the generation capacity by 4.3 %.
 - ii. Unutilised “ Head” will be put to use for generation of power. This will improve Hydel capacity by 2.3%.
 - iii. Mini hydel projects: The unused PPA will be cancelled and new entrepreneur will be allowed to take up mini Hydel projects.
3. **Drawl from Central Power Grid:** JDS will ensure that drawl of power from Central grid is increased by 8%.

4. Stress on Renewable Sources of Power:



1. The JDS government will take steps to invest Rs 3000 crores over next five years to generate Solar Power for rural feeders. 400 Panchayats will be made self sufficient in matters of Power requirement.
2. Solar Energy management will be transferred to panchayats so that they can levy fees for further development of power sector in their respective areas.
3. Units proposing to manufacture Solar power panels will be given “ Most Preferred status” in the state.
4. Installation of Roof top Solar systems to generate captive power will be a must for all Engineering and Medical colleges.
5. All buildings which have a constructed area of more than 6000 Sq ft must install roof top Solar systems to generate power. Solar power generated must be in proportion to the built up area. The production point can be either the existing building or in any remote place in the state.
6. Farmers will be allowed to rent out their agricultural land to Private power producers for installation of solar photovoltaic panels and wind mills. To this extent an amendment will be introduced in the land Reforms act.
7. Solar power, wind power, bio power will be exempted from all kinds taxes for 15 years.
8. Excess energy wheeled to Power Grid will be paid at the rates indicated by KERC.

2. **Nuclear Power Plant:** JDS will not support installation of nuclear power plant.

3. **Energy Audit:** JDS will introduce polices to ensure that all buildings with a built up area of 6000 Sq ft or consuming more than 600 KW must undergo Energy audit once a year and produce a certificate to that effect. Production of energy audit certificate will entail an organization to claim 3 % rebate in the power bill.

Ecology and Environment



1. **Mining and Environment:** To ensure transparency in award of mining leases the system of “On line” application for mining leases will be introduced. Mining activity will be regulated to prevent environment degradation. All mining areas will be rehabilitated in the state.
2. **Renewable Sources:** In urban as well as rural areas use of renewable energy like wind energy, solar energy and bio energy sources are effectively harnessed. On production of bills 20% of the cost of installation of solar panels, wind mill or bio energy convertor will be reimbursed.
3. **Encroachment of forest area, tank beds** and public lands will be prohibited.
4. JDS will introduce policies that enable **cultivation of trees in agricultural lands**. Law will be amended to allow citizens to plant and cut tree of their choice in their private lands.
5. 50 % subsidy will be provided for establishment of **gasification plants** and the gas sold will be exempted from sale tax and VAT.
6. **Solid waste management** will be given highest priority in both urban areas as well as rural areas. Solid waste management will be done through legislative, technical and operational measures.
7. Steps will be taken to **eliminate open defecation** in all the Corporation areas, CMC and TMC areas in next 5 years.
8. JDS will **ensure Zero Tolerance on vehicle emission** standards throughout the state.
9. Karnataka's share in countries **CER will be raised to 6%.**

Land Administration

1. **Prevention of land grabbing:** Anti land grabbing measures will be taken up to prevent illegal grabbing of Government lands. Special courts and police force will be established to try land grabbing cases. Deputy Commissioners of the district will be directly responsible for recovery of grabbed lands.
2. **Providing of land for Industries:** Industrial lands will be provided to industrialists on very cheap monthly lease basis. The land lease by the government to the industry will continue to be in force as long as the industry wants it. The industrial lands will not be sold to the industry. No diversion of industrial land for other purposes will be permitted.
3. **Land transactions in Bangalore** will be made transparent.
 - a. JDS will introduce reforms to place land transactions details (by grant, lease or sale) in public domain. This will apply to all transactions involving private individuals, trusts, companies, and Government agencies.
 - b. In case of a civil dispute over a sale transaction raised by any claimant on the side of seller, it will be mandatory to register a criminal case against the seller.
 - c. All cases of denotification will have to be examined by a Committee headed by the Chief Secretary and will have to be approved by the Cabinet.
 - d. JDS will introduce laws to ensure that civic amenity sites and industrial sites can be given on lease and not on sale. Selling of “Civic Amenity sites, Industrial sites” will be prohibited. In case the original allottees is not able to use land for the assigned purpose it will have to be surrendered to the authority which granted the same.





Tourism Development



1. **Export House Status to Tourism:** JDS will grant “export house” status to the tourism sector and provide incentives like of Entertainment tax exemptions, interest subsidy for promoting private investment.
2. **Tourist Infrastructure Accreditation Council:** An autonomous accreditation body, outside the Government, for tourist hotels will be set up for monitoring the service standards.
3. **Asset light Tourism:** On a 30 to 50 years lease JDS led government will provide land to Investors to build an “Asset Light Tourism Infrastructure”.
4. **NRI Investments:** We will support 100 per cent non-resident Indian investment.
5. **Codification of rules:** JDS will simplify rules regarding the grant of approval to travel agents, tour operators and tourist transport operators. Misguiding, conning, cheating of a tourist will be cognizable offence.
6. **Tourism Police:** We will create special Police force for major tourist places. They will function on 24 X 7 basis.
7. **Supporting Tourism trade:** We will allow all endowment and non endowment tourism centers to open souvenir shops, cafeteria, freshness points and budget hotels.
8. **Development of Specific tourism centers:** Chitradurga, Mangalore, Bidar, and KGF will be developed as major tourist centers. Major tourist centers will have hotel capacity of 2000 rooms, a helipad, with good road and rail connectivity. Multilingual tourist guides, multicuisine restaurants, fitness centers, 24 X 7 transport, Museums, amusement parks, well guided tours of historical places, shopping centers will be promoted in all these places. These places will be tax free centers for international tourists. VAT reimbursement will be available at International port of embarkation.
9. **Development of Chikkaballapura:** Chikkaballapur district will be developed as a “world class Tourist Destination”. Its nearness to Bangalore, closeness to Nandi hills, International airport, Bangalore city will be effectively utilized to promote this city as a tourist’s paradise. An exhibition of “Indian arts”, Amusement park on lines of Disney land, A folk art theater, a Karnataka custom practices show, a science museum, will be star attractions. It is proposed to provide room capacity of 2000 at Chikkaballapura city for tourists.
10. **“Sea World amusement park”:** Karwar will be the most prominent “Sea World amusement park” of Asia. Apart from providing investment subsidy this place will enjoy exemption from entertainment tax and luxury tax for ten years. VAT refund facility will be available for foreign tourists.
11. **Gulbarga- Bidar Tourist hub:** Bidar and Gulbarga offers enormous scope for Tourism Development. Kamalapur area will be developed as “Tourism city”.
12. **Non English Foreign language Hotels:** Non English Foreign language specific hotels will be allowed to be established all over Karnataka. These hotels will enjoy 100 % exemption from Luxury tax and entertainment tax for 10 years when established outside Bangalore and Mysore.



Urban Development



1. **State Urbanisation Commission** : State Urbanisation Commission will be created in place of the State Town Planning Board for preparing State Spatial Perspective Plan and Regional Development Plans.
2. **The Urban Development Authorities** will be abolished, and their functions transferred to Metropolitan Planning Committees in Bangalore, Hubli-Dharwad and Mysore, and to District Planning Committees elsewhere.
3. **Reorganizing ULB structure**: The separation of powers between a deliberative, legislative council and an executive commissioner will be replaced by a system where political accountability and responsibility go together.
4. **Constituting Ward Committees**: Ward committees will be constituted in Class I cities (by direct election) and Neighborhood Committees in all municipal areas.
5. **Time bound delivery of Public Services**: Urban Services Regulatory Authority will be established to monitor the effectiveness of Urban local bodies in service delivery.
6. **Devolving functions**: JDS will devolve functions to ULBs as per XII Schedule.
7. **Karnataka Urban and Regional Planning Act**: This will replace KTCP act
8. **Urban Poverty Alleviation cell**: This cell will be created in each ULB.
9. **City Mobility Plans**: City mobility plans will be prepared for all district head quarters and Corporation areas of the state. JDS will provide special assistance to Municipalities for construction and maintenance of urban roads.
10. **Municipal Revenue administration**: Property tax administration will be improved, particularly in terms of coverage and collection. Various exemptions are granted to educational and charitable institutions, as also government properties, will be reviewed. A number of alternative sources of funding will be considered.
11. **Municipal Personnel Policy**: New policy will be in place to guide recruitment, postings, promotions and training. Provision will be made for availing "Contracted services".
12. **Expert (Kasturirangan) Committee Report** on Urban Governance in BMR will be implemented.
13. **Drinking Water**: JDS will ensure providing of safe drinking water to the urban areas.
14. **Underground Drainage**: JDS will ensure that UGD facility is introduced in all the towns and cities of Karnataka.
15. **Solid Waste management**: A scientific system will be introduced for collection and processing of Solid Waste in the Municipal area.
16. **Construction of Working Women's hostels**: Women from minority section are finding it difficult to get accommodation in urban areas. We will support construction of Working Women's hostel for minority women in all cities.
17. **Assured Power supply**: JDS will assure that uninterrupted power for at least 20 hours in Urban areas of the state.

Rural Development



1. Rural Housing:

- a. JDS would create 10 lakh housing sites in rural areas. Special incentives and schemes will be drawn to encourage farmers to provide lands to the Housing Schemes. 11.20 lakh houses measuring 450 Sq Ft in rural areas will be constructed in well developed housing layouts at a cost of Rs 39000 crores. All houses under this programme will be allocated to married families and the Property will be registered in the name of the woman of the family.
- b. Nava Badavane Scheme: A Scheme called Nava badavanae scheme will be implemented in all Hobli Head qarters. Well planned housing layouts will be developed to remove congestion in present village habitations. Water supply, Sanitation, all weather roads, street lights, parks and civic amenities will be developed in these layouts.
- c. Suvarana Grama Yojane: Suvarana Grama Yojane will be implemented in all panacahayats.

2. Village Roads:

- a. Village Roads: The main road in the village as decided by the Panchayat will be fully developed with drainage, street lights, foot paths and asphalted.
- b. Rural Roads: Special grant for rural roads will be provided apart from the normal grants.

3. Drinking Water:

- a. It has become difficult for the borewell system to provide drinking water in villages. JDS will change the very approach towards drinking water problems in villages. It aims to provide piped drinking water from nearest large reservoirs to villages.
- b. Effort will be made to prevent carrying of water over long distances by providing piped water at door steps.

4. **Sanitation:** JDS will promote “Clean Toilet Programme” in villages to prevent open defecation and pollution of open water sources.

5. **Tank rejuvenation Programme:** Tanks in villages have become dry as their inflow has been cut off. JDS will start a programme called “Jeevas Sale” with the objective of filling up every tank from the nearest irrigation project reservoir.

6. **Power to rural feeders:** Quality power is not available to the farming community. A separate “Rural feeder” will be created to ensure availability of quality power to irrigation pump sets. Solar power will be harnessed for water heating and lighting. Establishment rural gassifer stations will be promoted.

7. **Old age homes:** Every Pancahyat will be promoted to establish and run good quality Old Age Homes.

8. **Direct Involvement In healthcare:** A new system of healthcare delivery on the lines of NHS UK will be introduced.

9. **Direct Involvement in Agriculture:** Agriculture extension will be directly under the Panchayat. Panchayats will oversee the functioning of “a new system input delivery called the “Agriinput chain”.



Housing

1. JDS will launch Massive housing programme at a cost of Rs 46150 crores over the next five years.

2. Urban housing Programmes;

1. 5 lakh one bed room flat of 350 sq ft will be constructed in Bangalore, Mysore, Hubli-Dharwad and Gulbarga. These houses will be allotted to Garment workers, Hamals registered at APMCs, Hotel & Restaurant workers, teachers of private primary schools and auto drivers over next five years. The scheme will be implemented at a cost of Rs 15000 crores. 3 lakh houses will be constructed in Bangalore and another 2 lakhs will be constructed in the three other towns.
2. 11.20 lakh houses measuring 450 Sq Ft in rural areas will be constructed in well developed housing layouts at a cost of Rs 22000 crores.
3. 3.50 lakh houses measuring 350 sq ft in Taluka hqs towns excluding corporation areas at a cost of Rs 8750 crores.
4. Sakrama Scheme will be implemented for regularization of unauthorised constructions in urban areas.
5. Well planned layouts will be developed in all urban areas.

3. Rural Housing Programmes;

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3. 11.20 lakh houses measuring 450 Sq Ft in rural areas will be constructed in well developed housing layouts at a cost of Rs 39000 crores.
4. All houses under this programme will be allocated to married families and the Property will be registered in the name of the woman of the family.

4. **Nava Badavane Scheme:** A Scheme called Nava badavanae scheme will be implemented in all Taluka and Hobli Head quarters. Well planned housing layouts will be developed to remove congestion in present village habitations. Water supply, Sanitation, all weather roads, street lights, parks and civic amenities will be developed in these layouts.

Slum Development

1. Since the very origin of slums is due to the lack of availability of suitable low-cost housing for the poor, an extensive program of housing development focused on this section of the population will be developed.
2. Legislation to recognise the tenurial rights of the urban poor in slums will be enacted.
3. Public-private partnerships that allow an effective transition from slum housing to properly developed alternatives will be put in place.



Transport sector

1. Assurances to KSRTC employees:



- a. KSRTC workers have been observing strike demanding a proper and justifiable transfer policy, effective implementation of labour laws apart from seeking improvement of service conditions. They are demanding Pension also. JDS is aware of the hardwork being performed by the KSRTC staff. We assure them that their demands will be sympathetically considered.

2. Assurances for auto Drivers:



- a. Bangalore has at least 90,000 autos in the city. There is a demand for increasing the auto fare by the auto union. JDS will ensure that Auto meter charges will be indexed to Fuel Price and inflation. A formula will be in place to revise the auto fare once in a quarter.
- b. SMS for auto: Each auto will also be set up with global positioning system so that customers will also have an auto calling system. By texting to a number, the customer will be given the numbers of a few auto drivers who can be called to take the customer to a destination.
- c. Hybrid kit to cut pollution from Autos: All new autos will be provided with four-stroke engines.
- d. Diesel based auto: Diesel based autos have been prohibited by the BJP government. Some auto drivers have been driven out of profession. JDS will provide 50 % subsidy for conversion of Diesel autos to LPG autos.
- e. Housing for Auto Drivers: Auto Drivers will be provided with houses under “ Urban Housing Schemes.



3. Assurances to Taxi Drivers of Bangalore:



- a. All women taxis will be introduced in Bangalore.
- b. The movement of Taxis will be tracked using a GPRS device.
- c. A special programme will be introduced to train Taxi drivers on the lines of London Taxi Drivers training course.
- d. A special housing programme will be initiated to cover auto drivers and taxi drivers in Bangalore.



Social Security & Inclusive Development



- 1. Monetary assistance for the Aged:** Widow Pension and Old age pension amount will be raised to Rs 1500 per month. All persons aged above 70 years will be provided with Rs 5000 Per month and persons aged above 80 years will be provided with Rs 8000, provided they are not admitted to any other government scheme and should not be having income less than Rs 10000 per month from any other source.
- 2. Old age homes;** “ Old Age Home” of the capacity of 100 will be constructed at all Panchayat Head quarters. Panchayat will be given power to administer and run these Old Age Homes.
- 3. Relief for Persons injured in Natural Calamities and by wild life:** When a person loses his or her life in a natural calamity or by a wild life attack, compensation of Rs 5 lakhs will be provided. In case of permanent disability an amount of Rs 3000 per month will be provided as relief upto 65 years. In cases of partial disability pension assistance will be provided on par with handicapped persons.
- 4. Relief for families affected by Hit and Run cases:** When an adult person loses his or her life in a hit and run accident government will provide a life support assistance of Rs 5 lakhs to the affected family.
- 5. Relief for children of Widows and Physically handicapped persons:** Children of all persons who are being provided with Widow Pension or handicapped pension will be eligible for fee reimbursement. Education assistance will be provided only when the total family income does not exceed twice the assistance being provided by the government.
- 6. Free Education to Children of BPL families:** Free education will be provided to Children of all BPL families irrespective of caste or creed.
- 7. Fee concession to Children of Farmers:** 50% fee concession is provided to children of all small and marginal farmers for pursuing higher studies.
- 8. Problems of Nomadic People:**
 - a. JDS will constitute a commission to look into problems and issues relating to Nomadic families.
 - b. JDS will review and notify the revise the list of Nomadic castes.
 - c. JDS will constitute a Development Corporation exclusively for the Nomadic families.
 - d. JDS will provide special assistance to the children of nomadic families.
- 9. Opening of Subsidised Canteens :** JDS will open subsidized canteens in district Head quarters and Corporation areas where Idli will be served at one Rupee per Idli. Rice and Sambar will be served at Rs 5 per plate. Ragi Mudde and Rotii will be served at Rs one per unit. This scheme will be implemented with the help of NGOs and Stree Shakti Sangha. Government will pay the marginal cost.
- 10. Protection of Hawkers:** Steps will be taken to regularize hawking. Identity cards will be provided to street side hawkers. Using net work of Cooperative banks financial assistance will be provided to them. Hawking areas will be notified with timings.



Minority Development



1. **Justice Sachar Committee:** JDS will make best efforts to Implement the recommendations of Justice Sachar Commission. A corpus of Rs 2000 crores will be created for this purpose.
2. **Support for Muslim Working Women and Muslim Girl Students:** To support education of Muslim Women and education of Muslim Women JDS will take the following steps.
 - a. We will create 100 Women's' hostel for women in Bangalore and ten each in each district. These hostels will be for students only.
 - b. Similarly we will create 100 Working Women's' hostel for in Bangalore and ten each in each district.
3. **Strengthening of District Wakf Committees:** An office will be provided to District Wakf committee in the premises of the District Office. An officer of the rank of Thasildar will be posted to aid the district Walk Committee. Rules and regulations will be modified in consultation with the Wakf board.
4. **Involving Wakf and Darga Institutions in Education:** JDS will support establishment technical institutions by Wakf and Darga Institutions.
5. **Coaching classes To Muslim Students:** The Muslim representation in government is much below their population percentage. We will start coaching classes exclusively for Muslim children.
6. **Constituting District level Zakat Boards:** Interest free co-operative banks will be established with the Zakat boards for helping small artisans and traders.
7. **Protection to place of worship of Minorities:** All places of worship of Minorities like churches and masjids will be provided with adequate protection. A committee headed by a retired District Judge will examine the correctness of cases filed against members belonging to minority community.
8. **Interest Subvention;** Interest subvention by 4 % will be provided to all loans provided to minorities from Cooperative institutions and Finance corporations.
9. **Waiver of loans:** Interest on all the loans availed by minorities from Minority Development Corporation will be waived off if half of the due principle amount is paid.
10. **Pension to Pesh Imam and Mouzans:** Pesh Imam and Mouzans who retire after serving in masjids will be given Rs 1000 per month as pension.
11. **Providing space for Burial Ground:** Space will be provided for establishment of burial grounds in villages wherever they are not available.
12. **Construction of Urdu Bhavan at Bangalore:** Rs 10 crores will be provided for Construction of Urdu Bhavan at Bangalore.



Women Welfare

1. Problems of woman in distress:

- i. **Addressing domestic violence against women:** Present laws and procedures are not sufficiently addressing the problem of domestic violence. JDS will enact suitable legislation to address domestic violence.
- ii. **Hostel for Women In distress:** Lacking of Social support infrastructure for women is the main cause of their exploitation. A hostel for women in distress will be opened in every taluka. Any women suffering from domestic violence or thrown out of families can utilize these hostels for temporarily for a period of one month till the problem is addressed.
- iii. **The Widow pension amount will be increased to Rs 1500 per month.**
- iv. **All women police Stations:** All woman police stations will be established in all talukas.



2. Programme for empowering women:

- i. When properties registered in the name of Women a special rebate of 50% in registration fee will be provided.
- ii. Interest subvention of 5% will be provided on all the personal loans availed by a women entrepreneur from commercial banks or Industrial financing institutions.
- iii. 50% exemption will be provided to a women entrepreneur while submitting in Bid Security deposit in any government bidding activity.
- iv. All Janata Houses and Sites distributed by Government under its housing programme will be registered in the name of the Women of the house.
- v. **Stree Shakti sangha** will be assisted for discharging "woman Safety and Empowerment" Functions. They will be facilitated to open
 - i. Destitute woman houses,
 - ii. Hostel for girls,
 - iii. Prison for Under trail women,
 - iv. Transport facilities for women.



3. Programmes for girl child:

1. **Safety of Girls:** Apart from continuing the programmes like Bhagyalaxmi, Bicycle programme physical safety of the girl child will be assured. All woman bus service will be organized by KSRTC in all district head quarters from 8 Pm to 11PM. Girls will be dropped at the homes.
2. Abuse of girls in schools will be dealt with seriously.
3. Eve teasing will be dealt with very seriously.
4. Scheme for distribution of Sanitary pads to adolescent girls in Schools will be introduced.



4. **Anganwadi Workers:** The honorarium of Anganwadi workers will be increased to Rs 6000. JDS will find ways for making the services of Anganwadi workers permanent and will make them eligible for pension benefits.



Sc & St Welfare



1. **Constitution of Special courts:** BJP government in Karnataka has failed to properly implement the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act of 1989. Karnataka has 27 districts but only seven special courts under the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, 1989 have been set up in Bijapur, Belgaum, Gulbarga, Tumkur, Mysore, Kolar and Raichur districts to try cases of atrocities on Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Section 14 of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities Act), 1989 stipulates setting up of at least one special court in each district to try the offences under the Act. JDS will ensure that Special courts are constituted in each district.
2. **Ensuring functioning of monitoring committee:** The atrocities have been continuing because of the lack of vigilance and monitoring as required under Section 16 of the SCs and STs (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules, 1995. There is a committee constituted under the Sc St Atrocities act and it has to meet once in 6 months to review the cases of atrocities reported. The High Power Vigilance and Monitoring Committee headed by the Chief Minister could not hold a single meeting since the BJP came to power in 2008 till 2012. JDS will ensure that monitoring committee functions as contemplated in the act.
3. **Made snana will be prohibited;** Socially unacceptable practices like “ Made Snana” will be prohibited not only at Udupi but also in all other places where ever they are being observed.
4. **Implementing Justice Sadashiva Ayoga recommendations:** JDS is committed to implement Justice Sadashiva Ayoga report.
5. **Hostels for Sc & St Students;** JDS will construct 125 hostels for Sc & St Students.
6. **Providing Caste Certificates along with SSLC marks cards:** All Caste certificates are given to students along with result of 10th class to relieve both parents and students from approaching various offices. Information on caste certificate will be placed on web so that the concerned can down load the same. Verifying authorities may use this data base for verification.
7. **Waiver of loans availed from Sc & St Development Corporations:** All the loans below one lakhs availed from Sc & St Development Corporations will be waived off.
8. **Interest Subvention;** Interest subvention by 4 % will be provided to all loans provided to Sc And St beneficiaries from Cooperative institutions and Finance corporations.
9. **Promise to implement Secular credentials:** JDS will lay foundation for creation of a casteless society as per its secular credentials. Voluntary cession of Caste will be promoted.
10. **Priority in Rural Housing:** Minimum 25 % of the sites created in rural areas will be distributed to members belonging to Sc and St categories.
11. **Inclusive Development of Sc, ST:** The Special component plans will be implemented to support total inclusive development.



Development of Backward Classes

1. JDS lays great emphasis on **Education and employment** of members belonging to Backward classes.
2. **Hostels for Backward classes students;** JDS will construct 100 hostels for students of Backward classes.
3. **Providing Caste Certificates along with SSLC marks cards:** All Backward class Caste certificates are given to students along with result of 10th class to relieve both parents and students from approaching various offices. Information on caste certificate will be placed on web so that the concerned can download the same. Verifying authorities may use this data base for verification.
4. **Waiver of loans availed from the Devraj Urs Backward Class Development Corporation:** All the loans below two lakhs availed from **Devraj Urs Backward Class Development Corporation** will be waived off.
5. **Interest Subvention;** Interest subvention by 4 % will be provided to all loans provided to beneficiaries from Cooperative institutions and **Devraj Urs Backward Class Development Corporation**.
6. **Fee Concession:** 100% fee concession will be provided to all the backward class students pursuing technical education.
7. **Special Coaching Classes:** Special coaching classes will be conducted to train children of Backward classes to take up competitive examinations. Travel allowance will be provided to help them to attend interviews.



Assistance for the Physically handicapped

1. Education of the disabled:

- i. Free education from primary to vocational education will be provided .
- ii. 100% reimbursement of fees incurred on the education of a disabled.
- iii. Welfare center for disabled will be opened in all universities.
- iv. A special scheme will be introduced to facilitate the study of disabled students abroad. Air fare concession will be provided to students.
- v. University for the handicapped Persons: An University for disabled persons will be initiated. It will have hostel facility also. A special "Engineering Department" for research and development of equipment required for the handicapped persons will also be created.

2. Healthcare of Disabled:

- i. Special hospitals for disabled: Special hospitals exclusively for the disabled will be opened at four regional revenue head quarters. In addition a separate wing exclusively for the care of the disabled will be established at all district hospitals.
- ii. Special rehabilitation centers: Special rehabilitation centers will be established in all districts.
- iii. Medical assistance: Life time free medical assistance will be provided for disabled.
- iv. Insurance for disabled: Both life insurance coverage as well as health insurance coverage will be provided to the disabled. Cashless health card will be distributed.
- v. Tax Concessions: All equipment used by the disabled persons will be tax free.

3. Financial assistance to the disabled:

- i. Monthly assistance for physically handicapped will be increased to Rs 2500 per month.
- ii. A Special CM's Relief fund will be created to provide assistance to disabled persons under special circumstances.

4. Employment assistance to the Disabled:

- i. JDS will introduce the system of "back log" to the vacancies reserved for disabled.
- ii. Reservation for Disabled in Private aided education institutions will be mandatory.
- iii. The post of District Welfare officer will be created.
- iv. Employment fair will be observed twice a year to support employment of disabled in private institutions.
- v. Reservation of shops at bus stands; JDS will ensure providing of 50% reservation of shops at bus stand to the disabled.

5. Social inclusion of Disabled:

- i. When a disabled boy is married by a normal girl Rs 50000 is given. When a disabled girl is married by a normal boy Rs 100000 is provided.
- ii. Government led by JDS will celebrate an annual day for the Disabled to improve the outlook of the society towards the disabled.
- iii. A samudya Bhavan with lodging facilities and hospital facilities will be established at Bangalore. This will house the offices dealing with the Disabled persons and will act as a "Single Window" agency.
- iv. Total free travel facility in KSRTC buses will be provided to the disabled.
- v. 50 % rebate in rental charges will be provided when institutions involved in the welfare of Disabled use Government community halls for their functions.
- vi. Reservation of 5 % will be provided to disabled persons while distribution of sites.
- vii. Cooking Gas Subsidy: Special cooking gas subsidy of Rs 2400 will be provided to families headed by the handicapped.



Employment, Training & Labour welfare



1. **Supporting employment of Women:** PF and ESI charges paid to women employees functioning in Garment sector , transport sector and sanitation sector would be reimbursed by the Government.
2. **Skill improvement of Workers:** JDS lays special emphasis on skill improvement. In the years to come salaries are paid for skills and not merely for man power. Hence JDS aims to create 30 lakh skilled manpower over next 5 years.
3. **Karnataka Skill Improvement Commission;** With the involvement of Entrepreneurs “ Karnataka Skill Improvement Commission” will be established. This will be a permanent commission and it is entrusted with the following responsibilities.

- i. It will estimate the annual requirement of various skilled persons over the next 10 years. The emerging employment pattern will be published every year on 15th of February. In order to ensure the availability of skilled man power it can direct opening of “Apprentice training programmes” in technical institutions.
- ii. The Commission has to ensure that those who do not have formal qualifications will get a chance to improve their skills. Hence the commission will have to develop its own criteria and select the candidates for apprentice training programmes. The parameters of Skill Development training will have to be developed by the commission. Some sectors identified by JDs for such special skills are Retail malls, Jewellery shops, taxi transport services, security services, Car washing services, computer data entry operators, bill clerks in retail outlets, courier service providers, home assistants for sickly, domestic assistants etc.
- iii. After training “Skill cards” are provided by the Commission and the data on the trained candidate will be placed over the web.
- iv. The commission will ensure that data on such trained persons are made available on “Employment sites” like naukari.com etc.
- v. The Commission will organize sector wise “ Placement Events”.
- vi. The trainee candidates are provided with 3 months of living assistance during the time of training and for another three months after training. Assistance will not be provided if placement is shown by the commission.
- vii. For those who are being placed outside India the Commission will issue testimonial and verifications.

4. Training:

- a. Special coaching classes will be conducted to trains children of farmers to take up competitive examinations. Travel allowance will be provided to help them to attend interviews.
- b. Lawyers who are beginning to practice in Supreme court will be provided with stipend of Rs 15000 per month . Similarly Rs 10000 per month will be provided for young lawyers practicing in Karnataka high court.

5. **Minimum wages:** Minimum wages of laborers will be increased.
6. **Registration of workers of unorganized sectors:** Workers functioning in unorganized sectors like Catering, Hair dressing, tailoring, waste disposal, washing of cloths, fruit vending will be given government support for better quality of life.
7. **Special housing programme:** Special housing programme for garment workers, transport workers, teachers of private schools and “Beedi Karmikaru” will be implemented.



Our Appeal

Janata Dal (Secular) (JDS) is fighting for the cause of equality and Social justice. It has exhibited very high secular credentials. It has the blessings of all citizens of Karnataka. JDS has a dream of establishing a “Welfare State” on the foundations of “Equality and Justice”. We believe that everyone needs to be together and that everyone together can achieve more. We are focused on building a community that helps everyone. The state and the country succeeds when everyone gets equal opportunities, when there is no discrimination, when everyone contributes their due to the country. JDS is led by our beloved leader and National President Sri. H.D.Devegowda, the former Prime Minister of India. Our dream for building a strong Karnataka is presented in this manifesto. **Please cast your valuable votes in favor of JDS candidates and bring us to power.** We assure you that we will not fail in our duties.

H.D.Kumaraswamy

