

S P E E C H

OF

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of the Government of Maharashtra
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PART - I



Honourable Speaker,

Today is the day of Jagadguru Tukobaraya's *Vaikunthagamana*, i.e. *Tukaram Beej!* I Prostrate at the feet of *Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj*, who is the pinnacle of Bhagavata Dharma and who enriched Maharashtra with his thoughts and the message he gave...

पिक्वावे धन ।

ज्याची आस करी जन ॥

I present the budget of the State as per this Principle.

Yesterday was International Women's Day and tomorrow is Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj's birth anniversary as per Hindu Calendar and Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's memorial day. This is the Diamond Jubilee year of India's independence. The 750th birth anniversary of Saint Nivrittinath is going on. It is also the centenary year of the book 'The Problem of the Rupee', written by Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the great man, who not only gave India the Constitution, but also guided us on the economy. Many occasions have come together. I am delighted to present my first budget as Finance Minister as well as that of Maharashtra's Amrut kaal on this highest platform of democracy.

Shiv Rajyabhishek Festival 1. This is the 350th year, as per the *Shiv Shaka*, of the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the founder of *Hindawi Swarajya*. The government will make all efforts, as per the dream of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, to create *Surajya*. An outlay of Rs. 350 crores will be made available to organize the *Shiv Rajyabhishek Mahotsav* during the period from June 2 to June 9, 2023.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Theme Park 2. An outlay of Rs. 50 crores will be given for setting up 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Theme Park' at Ambegaon, Haweli Taluka, Pune District. Public parks with audio-visual media facilities will be developed in Mumbai, Amravati, Nashik, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar and Nagpur on similar lines. The life story of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj will be exhibited in these parks. An outlay of Rs. 250 crores will be made available for this purpose.

Shivneri Museum and Conservation of Forts 3. A museum on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj will be set up at Shivneri Fort, the birthplace of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. An outlay of Rs. 300 crores will be made available for the conservation of forts of Shivkalin era.

Economic Advisory Council, MITRA 4. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has resolved that India should emerge as a developed nation and from that perspective, the objective is to enhance the size of the Indian economy to five trillion dollars by 2027. We have planned to make the state economy one trillion dollars. An Economic Advisory Council has been set up for this purpose, comprising prominent people from industry.

'Maharashtra Institution for Transformation (MITRA)' has been established on the lines of NITI Aayog, to achieve rapid and comprehensive development of the State.

**Provision for
Maharashtra
in Union
Budget**

5. An outlay of more than Rs. 36,000 crores has been made in the Union Budget for various projects in Maharashtra. I express my heartfelt gratitude to Shri. Narendra Modi, Honourable Prime Minister, on behalf of the people of Maharashtra.

Panchamrut

6. The first budget of the State in the *Amrut Kaal* is based on five major goals, 'Panchamrut'. They are as follows:—

Amrut -(1) Sustainable Farming-Prosperous Farmers.

Amrut -(2) Inclusive development of all sections of society including women, tribals, backward classes, OBCs .

Amrut -(3) Development of infrastructure with substantial capital investment.

Amrut -(4) Employment generation: competent, skilled, employable youth.

Amrut -(5) Environment friendly development.

First Amrut -Sustainable Farming-Prosperous Farmers.

Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj says,

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मग भोगिले कर्णिस ॥

Once a seed is planted, many grains are produced from it. However, the Annadata is suffering today from numerous problems such as climate change and drought. Though there are many measures for sustainable agriculture, they require rightful guaranteed help. Our role is to always stand with the farmers. We will extend necessary assistance to the onion farmers who face distress this year.

Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi 7. For increasing the income of the *Annadata Baliraja*, I announce the '*Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi*' to supplement the *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Samman Nidhi Yojana*, conceived by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, with grants from the State. The State government will provide an additional amount of Rs. 6000 along with Rs. 6000 per farmer per year from the central government. In this way, an amount of Rs. 12,000 will be deposited in the farmer's account every year. This will benefit 1.15 crores farmer families. For this, an outlay of Rs. 6900 crores is proposed in 2023-24.

Crop insurance for One Rupee 8. There is a provision to pay two per cent of the insurance premium by the farmer in the Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme of 2016 by the Central Government. The insurance premium for their share will be paid by the state government itself and now even this burden will not be placed on farmers. Farmers can register on the Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Yojana portal by paying a nominal fee of Re.1/-. An annual outlay of Rs. 3312 crores will be made by the state government for this scheme.

Incentive under Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Farmers Debt Relief Scheme 9. Under Mahatma Jyotirao Phule *Shetkari Karjmukti* Yojana, farmers who regularly repay short-term crop loans have been given an incentive of up to Rs. 50,000, which was announced in the last two budgets, but not distributed. Under this scheme, an amount of Rs. 4683 crores has been directly disbursed to the bank accounts of 12.84 lakhs eligible account holders by the end of February 15, 2023.

Mahakrishivikas Yojana 10. Inclusiveness is absolutely essential for sustainable development of agriculture. Hence, I announce the '*Mahakrishivikas Yojana*'. Considering crop and fruit crop as the basic component, all aspects from production to value addition process will be financed by preparing an integrated crop-based project plan for taluka, district wise groups of farmers. This will substantially increase the income of farmers. An outlay of Rs.3000 crores will be made available for this scheme for the next five years.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shetkari Samman Yojana 11. Our government had started the *Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shetkari Samman Yojana* in the year 2017. Many farmers were not given the benefits of this scheme in the intermittent period. The remaining eligible farmers of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shetkari Samman Yojana will be given their benefits.

Incentive to paddy farmers 12. As per the existing scheme, bonus per quintal is given on the sale of paddy. It has been decided to provide an incentive amount of Rs.15,000 per hectare to the paddy farmers, based on the area of cultivation as entered in 7/12, for the Kharif marketing season 2022-23 without checking how much paddy has been sold under the new scheme.

Expansion of Magel Tyala Shettale Scheme 13. The '*Magel Tyala Shettale*' scheme, started in June 2015, is proposed to be expanded to provide components like orchards, drip irrigation, paddy fields, paddy linings, shed nets, greenhouses, modern sowing machines and cotton shredders to those who demand it. An outlay of Rs. 1000 crores is proposed for these various schemes in the year 2023-24.

Cashew Bondu Processing Centre for Konkan 14. A cashew board has been set up for Konkan with share capital of Rs. 200 crores. At present, the sale price of processed Kaju Bondu is about seven times higher than plain Kaju Bondu. Kaju Bondu processing centres will be set up in Konkan, for enhancing the income.

'Cashew Fruit Development Scheme' will be implemented in entire Konkan and Chandgarh and Azra talukas of Kolhapur district to assist farmers from cultivation to processing and sale of cashew nuts. An outlay of Rs. 1325 crores will be provided for this scheme in the next 5 years.

Gopinath Munde Shetkari Suraksha Sanugrah Subsidy Scheme 15. Gopinath Munde Shetkari Accident Insurance Scheme is implemented to provide insurance cover to the families of accident-affected farmers, through insurance companies. However, farmers have to follow up with insurance companies to get the insurance claim amount. To alleviate the hardship of the farmers, the State Government will now implement the 'Gopinath Munde Shetkari Suraksha Sanugrah Grant Yojana'. Under the revised scheme, the family of the accident-affected farmers will be given a grant of up to Rs. 2 lakhs.

Promotion of natural, organic farming 16. An area of 25 lakhs hectares in the state will be brought under organic farming in the next three years, to promote natural farming. The scope of Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Organic Farming Mission will be expanded by establishing one thousand bio-input source centres. An outlay of Rs. 1000 crores will be made available for this in three years.

Shri Anna 17. The United Nations has declared 2023 as the 'International Year of Millets'. We have launched 'Maharashtra Shri Anna Abhiyan'. An outlay of Rs. 200 crores is proposed for this. Technology diffusion, crop demonstrations, mechanization processes, value chain development, promotion and publicity will be done for enhancing the production of Shri Anna. 'Shri Anna Excellence Center' will be set up at Solapur.

International Agricultural Facility Centre, Nagpur 18. An International Agricultural Facility Center will be established at Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Agricultural College, Nagpur, for deployment and dissemination of latest technology in agriculture and allied sectors. An outlay of Rs. 227.46 crores will be made available for this centre.

- Orange Processing Center** 19. Modern orange processing centers will be set up Nagpur, Katol and Kalameshwar in Nagpur District, Morshi in Amravati District and in Buldhana district. An outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been proposed for this purpose.
- Direct cash transfer to ration card holders** 20. Cash will be deposited now in the Aadhaar- linked bank account of orange ration card holder farmers in 14 disaster affected districts of Vidarbha and Marathwada, instead of food grains. It will be Rs. 1,800 per person per year.
- Assistance to farmers in natural calamities** 21. Farmers were given assistance at twice the rate of SDRF for losses due to natural calamities in the last season. Rs. 7093 crores were distributed to the affected farmers. Assistance was not given earlier for heavy rains in case they are not within the criteria. But now they will be categorized, and assistance will be given for crop damage with specific criteria. The increased rate of assistance to be given from SDRF has been implemented in the state from November 1, 2022.
- E-Panchnama** 22. E-panchnama will be done through mobile phone with the help of information technology, avoiding human intervention, so that Panchnamas of damage caused due to natural calamities are done in time, and there are no complaints by the farmers about panchnamas. A computerized system with the help of satellites and drones will be used for the survey so that the farmers can get help in a transparent manner and promptly.
- Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Shetkari Bhavan** 23. Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Shetkari Bhawan will be constructed for the farmers to stay at places where the Agricultural Produce Market Committees are located, and Shiv Bhojan Thali will be provided for them.

An outlay of Rs.3,339 crores is proposed for Agriculture Department, Rs.584 crores for Relief and Rehabilitation Department, Rs.1,106 crores for Cooperatives and Marketing Department, Rs.648 crores for Horticulture Department and Rs.481 crores for Food and Civil Supplies Department for Scheme expenditure in the year 2023-24.

Establishment of Maharashtra Goseva Commission 24. The facilities of embryo fertilization and transplantation will be enhanced to conserve, nurture and protect indigenous breeds of cattle. Maharashtra Goseva Commission will be established for proper implementation and monitoring of the existing law. The new schemes 'Govardhan Govansh Seva Kendra Yojana' and 'Gomay Mulyavardhan Yojana' will be implemented by the Commission.

Vidarbha-Marathwada Dairy Development Project 25. An outlay of Rs. 160 crores is proposed in the year 2023-24 to implement the second phase of the Dairy Development Project in 11 districts of Vidarbha and Marathwada.

Ahmednagar Government Veterinary College 26. A new veterinary college will be established in Ahmednagar district.

Raje Yashwantrao Holkar Mahamesh Yojana 27. Subsidy is given for sheep rearing under Raje Yashwantrao Holkar Mahamesh Yojana. Sufficient funds will be provided for effective implementation of this scheme.

Maharashtra Sheep and Goat Cooperative Development Corporation 28. Maharashtra Sheep and Goat Cooperative Development Corporation will be established to provide interest-free loans of Rs. 10,000 crores from the National Cooperative Development Corporation to the beneficiaries of Dhangar and similar tribes in the State for raising sheep and goats. The headquarters of this Corporation will be at Ahmednagar.

Various schemes for Dhangar community 29. The government had undertaken a program of Rs. 1000 crores for implementation of 22 schemes in 2019, on the lines of Tribal Sub Plan, for the upliftment of the Dhangar community. Sufficient amount will be made available from the General Plan to complete this programme. These schemes will be monitored by an Empowered Committee authorized by the Cabinet.

Policy for Project Affected Fishermen 30. Maharashtra is the first State to have a comprehensive policy to compensate project affected fishermen. '*Matsyavikas Kosh*' will be established with 2 per cent of the project cost or a maximum of Rs.50 crores per project for the welfare of fishermen families displaced or temporarily affected by the Project.

Diesel subsidy to fishermen 31. There was a limit of maximum of 120 horsepower engine for mechanized boats for diesel subsidy to fishermen. This limit has been removed by the government and therefore more than 85000 additional fishermen will now get the benefit of this scheme. The backlog of subsidy of the past years will be completely cleared this year, for which a provision of Rs. 269 crores is proposed.

Insurance Scheme for Fishermen 32. An umbrella insurance scheme of Rs. 5 lakhs will be launched from this year for the fishermen, involved in traditional fishing, with the help of the Central Government.

An outlay of Rs.508 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Fisheries Department in the year 2023-24.

Income to landowners from green energy and waste land 33. Under Mukhyamantri Solar Agriculture Vahini Yojana, annual lease rent will be given to farmers for private waste land made available on lease to energy companies, at the rate of 6 per cent of the price fixed for that year or Rs. 75,000 per hectare per year, whichever is higher.

Daytime electricity for agriculture 34. In order to supply electricity to the farmers during the day, 30 per cent of agricultural power lines will be solarized in the next three years and about 9.50 lakh farmers will benefit from it. Also, 1.50 lakh solar agricultural pumps will be installed in the next year under *Pradhan Mantri Kusoom Yojana*.

Agricultural pump power connection 35. Electricity connections will be given immediately for the pending 86, 073 applicants.

Power tariff concession for Lift Irrigation Schemes 36. The period of concession in electricity tariff for farmers under *Upsa Jalsinchan Yojana* ended in March 2023, this concession will be extended till March 2024.

Nirantar Veej Yojana 37. Many farmers are not getting protected on irrigation for their crops at the right time despite the availability of water due to faulty power transformers. As a result, farmers income decreases. *Nirantar Veej Yojana* will be started for immediate replacement of faulty transformers.

River Linking Project 38. River linking Project will be undertaken with the funds of the State Government to divert the water flowing from the sub-basin of Nar-Par, Ambika, Auranga, Damanganga, Vaitarna and Ulhas rivers in North Konkan to Mumbai city and Godavari basin. This Project will benefit Nashik, Ahmednagar and Jalgaon districts of North Maharashtra along with Marathwada.

Monsoon runoff from the Wainganga basin will be diverted through the Wainganga-Nalganga-Painganga interlinking project to the drought-prone areas of Nagpur, Wardha, Amravati, Yavatmal, Akola, Buldhana and Washim districts in Vidarbha.

After giving all necessary approvals in this regard, special funds will be raised for the project and works will be started soon.

Tapi Mega Recharge Project 39. The level of natural underground water reservoir in Tapi basin is decreasing day by day. Central Government will be requested to approve the Tapi Mahapunarabharan project which is important for irrigation of West Vidarbha and North Maharashtra.

Krishna-Marathwada Irrigation Project 40. The Krishna-Marathwada Irrigation Project will benefit 133 villages in Dharashiv and Beed districts. Revised administrative approval of Rs. 11,626 crores has been given to this project.

Irrigation projects 41. Thirty nine projects are planned to be completed in the year 2023-24, out of 268 irrigation projects which are in progress in the State. Our government has given revised administrative approval to 27 projects in the last six months.

Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchan Yojana, 9 projects have been completed so far and 6 projects will be completed in the year 2023-24, out of the 27 sanctioned projects.

Twenty four projects will be completed in the year 2023-24 out of the 91 projects approved under the *Baliraja Jalsanjevani Yojana*.

An outlay of Rs. 1500 crores will be made available for the Gosikhurd National Project in the year 2023-24. The project will be completed by June 2024.

A special action program will be taken up to create irrigation facilities in Konkan and the work of Kharbhumi dams will be accelerated.

An outlay of Rs. 15,066 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Water Resources, Command Area Development Department in the year 2023-24.

Marathwada Water Grid 42. To overcome the ongoing problem of irrigation and drinking water in Marathwada, process has been initiated for creation of primary, secondary and tertiary 'water grid' for Gangapur, Vaijapur and Paithan talukas of Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district from Jayakwadi dam; for Beed and Latur districts from Jayakwadi, Majalgaon and Urdhwamanar dams; for Dharashiv district from Ujani, Sina Kolegaon and Nimterana dams. The proposal for Marathwada Water Grid under Marathwada Water Grid scheme has been sent to the Central Government for approval under 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme.

Jal Jeevan Mission 43. It is proposed to give pipeline connections to 17,72,000 families under Jal Jeevan Mission, and an expenditure of Rs. 20,000 crores is proposed for this in the year 2023-24.

Water sustainable and clean cities 44. Water supply projects will be taken up, under Suvarna Jayanti Nagrotthan Mahabhiyan, to make all the cities water sustainable in the State. Under Swachh Maharashtra Abhiyan, 1656 MLD capacity sewage projects, 10,000 kilometers of sewage canals, solid waste management project of 4.55 crores metric tonnes of waste will be taken up. Twenty two civic local bodies will be given 124 mechanical road sweepers.

Solid waste and sewage management works will be completed in 15,146 villages.

An outlay of Rs. 3,545 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Water supply and Sanitation Department in the year 2023-24.

Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan 2.0 45. Monsoon rainfall is expected to be below average this year due to El Nino. Therefore, water conservation of every drop of rain is essential. Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan was implemented in 22,500 villages between 2015 and 2019. 20,544 villages became water-sufficient and 27 lakh thousand cubic meter water storage capacity was created. 39 lakhs hectares of agriculture got protected irrigation facility. This hugely popular and successful scheme was discontinued in the past. For the welfare of farmers, Jalyukta Shivar Yojana 2.0 will be started again, and it will be implemented in 5,000 villages.

Galmukt Dharan Galyukt Shivar 46. Under the *Galmukt Dharan Galyukt Shivar* launched in 2017, seven crores cubic meters of silt were removed from 8,500 water bodies. It was added in more than 12,500 villages, in the fields of more than 66,000 farmers. This achieved the twin objectives of increasing agricultural productivity and substantially increasing the storage capacity of dams. It is estimated that there are still 44 crores cubic meters of silt in the reservoirs. This scheme will be extended for the next three years.

An outlay of Rs. 3,886 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Soil and Water Conservation Department in the year 2023-24

A total outlay of Rs. 29,163 crores is proposed for scheme expenditure for First Amrut-Sustainable Farming-Prosperous Farmers. Now I turn to the second Amrut of the Panchamruta.

Second Amrut- Inclusive development of all sections of society. including women, tribals, backward classes, OBCs

Policy for Women 47. Honourable Speaker, International Women's Day was celebrated yesterday on March 8. Nation's progress is determined on the basis of women empowerment, and we will be soon announcing the fourth comprehensive policy for women.

Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj says,

लाडकी लेक मी संतांची।

मजवरी कृपा बहुतांची ।।

Lek Ladki 48. A new scheme called Lek Ladki will be launched for the empowerment of girls. For yellow and orange ration card holder families, a subsidy of Rs. 5,000 will be given after the birth of a girl child, Rs. 4,000 in class I, Rs. 6,000 in class VI and Rs. 8,000 in class XI. After completing 18 years of age, a cash amount of Rs. 75,000 will be given to the beneficiary girl.

Concession on bus travel for women 49. Women will be given 50 per cent. discount on ticket fares in State Transport Corporation buses.

Concession in stamp duty on house purchase for women 50. A woman buyer has been given a one per cent. concession in stamp duty for the purchase of a residential unit. As per the existing condition, a woman cannot sell a residential unit to a male buyer for a period of 15 years. The said condition will be relaxed. Other tax concessions for women will be announced in Part-2.

Rural Women Empowerment 51. Thirty seven lakhs rural women have been provided with means of livelihood through self-help groups. 'Bamboo Cluster' in Latur District and 'Kolhapuri Chappal Cluster' in Kolhapur District will be developed through Self Help Groups. Unity Mall will be established in Mumbai as announced by the Central Government in union budget.

- Increase in honorarium of ASHA volunteers and group promoters** 52. There are about 81,000 Asha volunteers and 3,500 group promoters working in the State. The present honorarium of Asha Pravartaka is Rs. 3,500 while Promoter gets Rs. 4,700 as honorarium. This monthly honorarium will be increased by Rs. 1,500 each.
- Increase in honorarium of Anganwadi workers** 53. The honorarium of Anganwadi workers will be increased from Rs. 8,325 to Rs. 10,000; the honorarium of mini anganwadi workers will be increased from Rs. 5,975 to Rs. 7,200 and the honorarium of Anganwadi helpers will be increased from Rs. 4,425 to Rs.5,500.
- Women-centric Tourism Policy** 54. A women-centric tourism policy will be formulated for safe and convenient travel and tourism of women.
- Hostels for Working Women** 55. Due to positively changing social and economic scenario in the country many women live in the cities leaving their hoes behind for employment. For such employed women, 50 new hostels will be started with the support of Central Government.
- Shakti Sadan Yojana** 56. Shakti Sadan, a new scheme for women in distress, liberated from sexual exploitation and facing domestic violence, will be launched with the assistance of Central Government, by combining 'Swadhar' 'Ujjwala' and another scheme. The survivors will get shelter, legal aid, medical care and counseling. Fifty new Shakti Sadans will be started under this scheme.
- Mata Surakshit Tar Ghar Surakshit** 57. Health check-up and medication will be undertaken of four crores women and girls under the 'Mata Surakshit Tar Ghar Surakshit' Abhiyan.

Recruitment of Anganwadi Employees 58. About 20,000 vacant posts of Anganwadi, Mini Anganwadi Sevikas and Helpers will be filled in the State.

An outlay of Rs. 2,843 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Women and Child Development Department in the year 2023-24.

Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Aarogya Yojana 59. I make a very important health announcement now. The treatment limit under Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Janarogya Yojana will be increased from Rs. 1.50 lakhs to Rs. 5 lakhs per annum. New 200 hospitals will be included in this scheme and the limit of kidney transplant surgery will be increased from Rs. 2.50 lakhs to Rs. 4 lakhs.

Aapla Dawakhana 60. After getting a huge response to the 'Aapla Dawakhana' initiative, in the name of Hindu Hridayasamrat Balasaheb Thackeray, in Mumbai, this scheme will now be launched in the whole of Maharashtra. We will open 700 clinics in the State which will provide free medical tests and treatment.

An outlay of Rs 3,501 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for the Public Health Department in 2023-24.

Increase in financial assistance under Special Assistance Scheme 61. Our government is always committed towards Antyodaya. That is why the financial assistance of the eligible beneficiaries of Sanjay Gandhi Destitute Grant Scheme and Shravanbal Seva State Pension Scheme is being increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 1500. An additional provision of Rs. 2,400 crores will be made for this. This assistance will be provided regularly in the first week of every month.

Vayoshri Yojana 62. The State Government will supplement Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana with its own funds to increase the number of beneficiaries in the State.

Leisure center for senior citizens 63. Leisure centers will be established in each municipal corporation area for senior citizens.

Anandacha Shidha 64. Beneficiary families, under the National Food Security Act, were given a ration of one kg. of semolina, chana dal, sugar and one litre of cooking oil for just Rs. 100 on the occasion of Diwali. Now, Anandacha Shidha will be distributed to more than Rs.1.63 crore families on the occasion of Gudipadwa-Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti. Rs. 473 crores will be spent for this.

We have always taken all the Social segments.. Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj also stated the same principle and in his own words

“ सकळांसी येथे आहे अधिकार ”

This is the motto of our government.

Increase in share capital subsidy of corporations 65. Adequate provision will be made for Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI), Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Research Training and Human Development Institute (SARATHI), Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Research and Training Institute (Mahajyoti), Maharashtra Research, Development and Training Prabodhini (Amrut), Sahityaratna Lokshahir Anabhau Sathe Development Corporation, Annasaheb Patil Economic Development Corporation , Mahatma Phule Economic Development Corporation, Shyam Rao Peje Economic Development Corporation, Maharashtra State Other Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, Vasant Rao Naik Vimukt Jati, Bhatkya Jamati Development Corporation, Maulana Azad Minorities Economic Development Corporation, Women Finance Development Corporation, Sant Senaji Maharaj Keshshilpi Corporation which are established for the upliftment of different social groups.

Establishment of Corporations 66. “Jagdhyoti Mahatma Basaveshwar Economic Development Corporation” will be set up for providing financial assistance to youth, educated unemployed and new entrepreneurs of Lingayat community for self-employment, “ Sant Kashiba Guru Youth Economic Development Corporation " for Gurava Samaj, " Raje Umaji Naik Economic Development Corporation” for the Ramoshi community and “Pailwan Kai. Maruti Chavan-Vadar Economic Development Corporation” for Vadar community will be established under Maharashtra State Other Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation. These corporations will implement various welfare schemes. An authorized share capital of Rs. 50 crores each will be made available for this purpose.

SARATHI 67. Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Institute of Research, Training and Human Development (SARATHI) will be given an outlay of Rs. 50 crores for setting up a divisional office, well-equipped classrooms and hostel for boys and girls at Nashik.

An outlay of Rs. 16,494 crores and Rs. 3,996 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Social Justice and Special Assistance and Other Backward Bahujan Welfare Departments respectively for the year 2023-24.

Establishment of Divyang Welfare Department 68. The Government has created a separate Divyang Welfare Department on 15th December 2022. This department will implement the programmes related to education, rehabilitation, employment and self-employment of the differently abled.

Upgradation of Government Ashram Schools 69. Upgradation of 250 Government Tribal Ashram Schools will be done as ‘Adarsh Ashram Schools’.

Research Fellowship for Ph.D course 70. Scholarship scheme will be started for 100 Ph.D students of Scheduled Tribe community every year.

Self Help Groups for Minority Women 71. About 3000 self-help groups will be formed in 15 districts for the economic development of minority women. Skill development training will be provided to women in self-help groups.

Increase in scholarship for minority students 72. The scholarship amount for students from minority communities, pursuing higher education, has been increased from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 50,000.

An outlay of Rs. 1,416 crores, Rs. 12,655 crores and Rs. 743 crores have been proposed under scheme expenditure for Disability Welfare Department, Tribal Development Department and Minority Development Department respectively, for the year 2023-24.

Rural Housing 73. 'Homes for all' is a very ambitious scheme of Honourable Prime Minister. A program of 10 lakhs houses is being undertaken in rural areas in the State as well.

Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 4 lakhs houses will be constructed this year. Out of this, 60 per cent, that is 2.5 lakhs houses will be for Scheduled Castes- Scheduled Tribes beneficiaries, while 1.5 lakh households will be for other categories.

In the *Ramai Awas Yojana*, 1.5 lakh houses will be constructed with an outlay of Rs. 1800 crores, out of which 25,000 houses will be for the Matang community.

One lakh houses will be constructed by spending Rs. 1200 crores in Shabri, Pardhi and Adim Awas Yojana.

In the Yashwantrao Chavan Mukht Vasahat Yojana, 25,000 houses will be built for the vimukt jathi and nomadic tribes and 25,000 houses for the beneficiaries of the Dhangar community. Rs. 600 crores will be made available for this.

Modi Awas Gharkul Yojana 74. A new Housing scheme '*Modi Awas Gharkul Yojana*' will be launched for construction of 10 lakhs houses for other backward class beneficiaries in the next three years. An outlay of Rs. 12,000 crores will be made available in the next three years. Of these, 3 lakh houses will be completed in the year 2023-24 at a cost of Rs. 3,600 crores.

Unorganized Workers' Welfare Board 75. Maharashtra State Unorganized Workers' Welfare Board will be set up to provide benefits of social security and welfare schemes to more than 3 crores workers in the unorganized sector.

Auto rickshaw and Taxi Drivers-owners Welfare Corporation 76. 'Maharashtra State Auto rickshaw and Taxi Drivers-owners Welfare Corporation' will be established to implement welfare schemes for auto rickshaw and taxi drivers in the state.

Sant Shiromani Goroba Kaka Maharashtra Matikala Mandal 77. Our Government has established Sant Shiromani Goroba Kaka Maharashtra Matikala Mandal in 2018, to promote employment generation by linking modern technology to clay craftsmanship. An outlay of Rs.25 crores is proposed for this in the year 2023-24.

An outlay of Rs. 1,232 crores and Rs. 156 crores have been proposed under scheme expenditure for the Housing Department and Labour Department respectively in the year 2023-24.

A total outlay of Rs. 43,036 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Second Amrut- Inclusive development of all sections of society including women, tribals, backward classes, OBCs.

Now I turn to the third Amrut of the Panchamruta.

Third Amrut- Development of infrastructure with substantial capital investment.

78. As the country moves towards 5 trillion dollar economy, Maharashtra too has decided to contribute its share of 1 trillion dollar economy. To boost state share from 14.2 per cent. to 20 per cent in national gross domestic product. Our emphasis is to boost infra creation, which will result in comprehensive development of the State.

Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samridhi Highway 79. Eighty-eight per cent. work of Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samridhi Highway work is complete. Out of this, phase from Nagpur to Shirdi was inaugurated by Honorable Prime Minister in December 2022. Over 10 lakh vehicles have used the highway by February, 2023. Now this highway will be expanded and a four-lane highway will be constructed from Sindkhedaraja node to Shegaon.

Nagpur-Goa Maharashtra Shaktipeeth Highway 80. Technical and Financial Feasibility Report of 760 km. Nagpur-Goa Expressway i.e. Maharashtra Shaktipeeth Highway from Pawanar in Wardha District to Patradevi in Sindhudurg District is being prepared. Mahur, Tuljapur, Kolhapur, Ambejogai *shaktipeethas* will be connected by this highway. Two Jyortinlings Aundha Nagnath and Parli Vaijnath, Takht Sachkhand Shrihajur Sahib Gurdwara at

Nanded, Maharashtra's reigning deity Vitthal Rukhmai at Pandharpur, Karanja Lad, Akkalkot, Gangapur, Narsobachi Wadi, Audumbar will also be connected. This highway passing through six districts namely Hingoli, Nanded, Parbhani, Beed, Latur, Dharashiv will give strong support to the economy of Marathwada. The development of Wardha, Yavatmal, Solapur, Sangli, Kolhapur, Sindhudurg districts will also get a big boost. Expected expenditure on this project is Rs. 86,300 crores.

**Highways of
Development**

81. In order to reduce the traffic congestion in Pune city, the work of Pune Ring Road is going on at a cost of around Rs. 27,000 crores . In the year 2022-23, Rs. 1,000 crores were provided. Adequate funds will be made available for the land acquisition this year.

A revised cost of Rs. 6,695 crores has been approved for the construction of the missing link between Khopoli and Khandala on the Mumbai Pune Expressway. Sixty per cent. of this project has been completed.

The 126 km. long multi-modal corridor from Virar to Alibaug is an important route connecting several national highways, Navi Mumbai International Airport, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Mumbai Trans-harbour Project, Delhi-Mumbai dedicated Freight Corridor and Revas Port. The corridor includes bus rapid transit, metro rail, water supply lines, gas lines and sewage lines. The expected cost of the project is Rs. 40,000 crores and the work of preparing a detailed project report and financial plan is in progress.

The work of the coastal highway from Revas in Raigad district to Reddy in Sindhudurg district is underway and the total cost of the project is Rs. 9,573 crores.

Road Development 82. Under Asian Development Bank project phase II, 468 km. road works will be undertaken at a cost of about Rs.4,000 crores, and under Hybrid Annuity Part II road development works of 7,500 km. length will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 90,000 crores.

In the year 2023-24, an expenditure of Rs. 14,225 crores is proposed for roads and bridges, from which about 10,125 km. length of road improvement and 1,203 bridges and cross drainage works will be completed.

Integrated Traffic Management System 83. Mumbai-Kolhapur, Thane-Dhule, Nashik-Pune, Solapur-Beed, Nagpur-Chandrapur, Nagpur-Amravati, Ghodbandar-Achad, Ahmednagar-Pune and Akola-Washim highways will be implemented on the lines of Integrated Traffic Management System being implemented on Mumbai-Pune Yashwantrao Chavan Expressway and Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samriddhi Highway.

Rural Roads (P.W.D.) 84. In the financial year 2023-24, the road improvement works of 4,500 km. of other district roads and village roads at a cost of 3,000 crores rupees will be undertaken by the Public Works Department.

PMGSY and CMGSY 85. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana Phase III, a target of about 6,500 kilometers has been given to Maharashtra. Out of this works of 5,500 km. roads length are in progress. Cement concrete and new technology will be used while building sustainable roads under CMGSY.

Farm Road 86. A new scheme will be started by making improvement in Matoshree Gramsamrudhi Panand Shet Road Scheme.

Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation 87. Construction of hospitals, primary health centers, schools, Anganwadis will be done on priority through a special campaign by establishing the Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation.

Connecting Tribal Pade, Banjara Tande, Dhangar Wadas by All Weather Road 88. A new "*Birsa Munda Jodaraste Yojana*" to connect all tribal padas with perennial roads, a new "*Sant Sevalal Maharaj Jodaraste Yojana*" for all Banjara Tandas and "*Yashwantrao Holkar Jodaraste Yojana*" for all Dhangar wadya-vasti will be launched. A total provision of Rs. 4,000 crores will be made available for these schemes.

Scheme for Development of villages in border areas 89. A comprehensive program will be prepared to implement various schemes for roads, electricity, water, education, health and village development in the villages in the border areas of the state.

An outlay of Rs. 19,491 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Public Works Department, Rs. 8,490 crores for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department and Rs. 10,297 crores for Planning and Employment Guarantee Scheme Department in the year 2023-24.

Nagpur Metro Rail Project Phase-II 90. In the first phase of Nagpur Metro, 40 km stretch was opened for traffic. The second phase of expansion has been approved by the Central Government and work totalling 43.80 km. will be taken up in 2023-24 at a cost of Rs. 6,708 crores.

Hinjewadi to Shivajinagar Metro Rail Project 91. The estimated cost of 23.3 km length project from Hinjewadi to Shivajinagar Metro Rail in Pune is Rs. 8,313 crores and the work is in progress.

New Metro Project

92. New metro projects are proposed to be taken up and circular metro rail project of Thane city, Nashik metro neo rail project, Pimpri-Chinchwad to Nigdi corridor of Pune Metro and Swargate to Katraj metro project have been sent for the approval of the central government. After receiving the approval of the central government, the works of these projects will be taken up.

Railway Projects

93. Substantial provision of Rs. 13,539 crores has been made for railway projects in Maharashtra in the union budget which was never been done before. I thank Honorable Prime Minister for this on behalf of people of the State.

Financial participation in railway projects

94. In rural underdeveloped areas of the State, the government intends to speed up the completion of railway projects by adopting the policy of giving 50 per cent. State share, which was discontinued earlier. Works of Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath, Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded, Vadsa-Desaiganj-Gadchiroli, Nagpur-Nagbhid projects are in various stages and the central government has approved the new Kalyan-Murbad railway line.

Funds will be made available for the Nashik-Pune semi high speed rail project.

State share of Rs. 452 crores will be provided for 84 km. new broad gauge of Solapur-Tuljapur-Dharashiv line.

Similarly, the government will also provide 50 per cent. state share for four new railway lines namely Nanded-Bidar, Phaltan-Pandharpur, Khamgaon-Jalna and Varora-Chimur-Kampa.

Gate free Maharashtra 95. There are about 2500 railway crossings in the State. Flyovers, subways will be constructed under “Setubandhan” programme. At present 100 works are in progress and 25 flyovers will be commissioned by May 2023. Another 25 flyovers will be completed in 2023-24.

Upgradation of bus stands 96. Modernization, upgradation and reconstruction works of 100 bus stands of the Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation worth Rs.400 crores will be undertaken.

Airports 97. A new passenger terminal will be constructed at Shirdi airport at a cost of Rs. 527 crores.

A fund of Rs. 734 crores will be provided for land acquisition of Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar Airport.

Planning for expansion of Nagpur International Airport and new international airport at Purandar is in progress.

A fund of Rs. 100 crores will be provided for the MIHAN project in Nagpur. Development works of airports at Belora in Amravati and Shivni in Akola are being undertaken.

Various Infrastructure Projects in Mumbai 98. Our ideal, Mahamanav, Bharat Ratna, Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar's memorial at Dadar, Mumbai will be completed by April, 2025. The government has made available Rs.349 crores for this work and remaining funds of Rs. 741 crores will be made available.

The work of the first phase of the Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Memorial at Shivaji Park Dadar will be completed by May, 2023. State government will make available Rs. 351 crores for this purpose.

Mumbai Metro Route 99. The convenience of passengers in Mumbai, MMR and Thane area is our top priority. Therefore, 337 km. long metro network is being developed and 46 km. stretch has been opened for traffic. Another 50 km. stretch will be operational in the year 2023-24. The new metro projects being taken up in Mumbai are:

Mumbai Metro line 10- Gaimukh to Shivaji Chowk , Mira Road, total length 9.2 km. estimated cost Rs. 4,476 crores.

Mumbai Metro line- 11 Wadala to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus total length 12.77 Kms. estimated cost Rs. 8,739 crores.

Metro line 12-Kalyan to Taloja, length 20.75 km. estimated cost Rs. 5,865 crores.

These projects will be completed soon.

Mumbai Beautification Project 100. For beautification of Mumbai, 820 public utility improvement works have been undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,729 crores, out of which 121 works have been completed and the remaining works are in progress.

Works in Mumbai metropolitan area 101. The Parsik Hills Tunnel, water supply to Mira Bhainder, Mumbai Trans Harbour link projects and various flyover works will be completed this year by the Mumbai Metropolitan Area Development Authority.

Water Transport in Mumbai Metropolitan Region 102. A project worth Rs. 424 crores is being undertaken to connect Thane and Vasai creeks for water transport around Mumbai.

A project costing Rs.162.20 crores has been approved for construction of jetty and related facilities for passenger water transport at Radio Club near Gateway of India. This will facilitate passenger transport from South Mumbai to Kalyan, Dombivli, Thane, Vasai creek and Navi Mumbai.

An outlay of Rs. 9,725 crores has proposed under scheme expenditure for Urban Development Department, Rs. 3,746 crores for Transport and Ports Department and Rs. 1,310 crores for General Administration Department for the year 2023-24.

A total outlay of Rs 53,058.55 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for third Amrut-Development of infrastructure with substantial capital investment. Now I turn to the fourth amrut of the panchamruts.

Fourth Amrut- Employment Generation : Competent, Skilled, Employable Youth

Logistics strategy

103. A new State logistic policy for Maharashtra is being prepared. The government intends to create a logistic hub on 1000 acres of land in Nagpur, which is the central place for communication and transportation in India.

Circular Economy Park

104. The government intends to create circular economy parks, at six places in the State namely Nagpur, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Pune, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Nashik and Ratnagiri, in accordance with the principles of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle of the central government.

Textile Industry, Mining Policy

105. Government will announce new policies in 2023-24 to boost textile and mining sector.

Investment and Employment Generation

106. Investment MoUs worth more than Rs. 1,50,000 crores have been signed at the local level as well as at Davos for investment in the industrial sector. In the financial year 2023-24, more than Rs. 1,00,000 crores foreign direct investment will be received, which will generate massive employment.

Training and Research Institute 107. The government intends to set up a residential training and research institute at Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai, for the training required to launch startups.

Policy on Gems and Jewellery 108. A new policy is being prepared by the state government for gems and jewellery. A Gems and Jewellery Park is being set up at Navi Mumbai. Special incentives will be given for lab grown diamonds and gems.

Honey Village 109. Maharashtra State Khadi and Village Industries Board has developed an innovative concept of "Honey Village". Manghar village in taluka, Mahabaleshwar has become famous as honey village. The people of the village have got permanent employment through bee keeping. This initiative will be implemented in other districts of the State.

An outlay of Rs. 934 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for the Industry Department and Rs. 708 crores for the Textiles Department for the year 2023-24.

Skill development is the soul of employment in today's modern times.

Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj says,

असाध्य ते साध्य करितां सायास।

कारण अभ्यास तुका म्हणे।।

Employment Fair 110. By the end of December 2022, 29,870 candidates were selected through 317 employment fairs. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with entrepreneurs, in a program organized at Raj Bhavan to provide employment to 1,25,000 candidates.

Skill Development of Farmers 111. More than 4.85 lakh youth completed training under Pradhan Mantri Kaushalya Vikas Yojana. More than 2.81 lakh farmers were trained-certified for employment as Group Farm Practitioners. This has culminated in formation of 300 farmer producer groups.

Skill Development Program in Gram Panchayat 112. Skill development program will be started in 500 Gram Panchayats for local level employment and self employment, to stop migration from villages to cities.

Skill Training classes 113. Skill training classes will be started in Municipal Corporation and Zilla Parishad schools to create interest in skill education amongst children. The training will be started in 200 schools in Mumbai from the academic year 2023-24.

Upgradation of Industrial Training Institutes 114. In order to make the youth employable through skill development, an additional investment of Rs 2,307 crores will be made in the next three years to upgrade 500 Industrial Training Institutes in the State. A project worth Rs. 610 crores will be implemented to modernize 75 Industrial Training Institutes.

Maharashtra State Skill University 115. Maharashtra State Skill University was inaugurated on November 1, 2022. Academic programs like BBA in Retail Management, MBA in Innovation and New Venture, Cyber Security are being conducted at the university.

An outlay of Rs. 738 crore is proposed under scheme expenditure. Skill, Employment, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Development Department for the year 2023-24

- Total investment in education sector** 116. An amount of Rs. 1,00,866 crores has been invested in education from Aanganwadi till higher education, in the year 2022-23. This includes expenditure of school education, higher and technical education, tribal development, social justice, divyang welfare, women and child development and other backward and bahujan welfare departments. The provision has been upwardly revised to Rs. 1,11,285 crores in the year 2023-24.
- Recruitment of Vacancies in Government** 117. On the occasion of the Amrut Mahotsav of Indian Independence, a mission has been undertaken to fill up 75,000 vacant posts in government establishments.
- Increase in Scholarship amount** 118. The amount of scholarship will be increased from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000 for 5th to 7th standard and from Rs. 1,500 to 7,500 per student per year for 8th to 10th standard.
- Uniforms for students** 119. Uniforms will be distributed by the government to students irrespective of categories up to class VIII studying in local government schools in the State.
- Honorarium hike of Shikshan Sevak** 120. It has been decided to raise honorarium of primary and higher primary education sevaks from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 16,000, that of secondary education sevaks from Rs. 8,000 to Rs.18,000 and that of higher secondary education sevaks from Rs.9,000 to Rs.20,000.
- Grants to private Schools** 121. The process of bringing the private aided schools on grant is underway in phased manner. This year a provision of Rs. 1,160 crores has been made for grants to partially aided schools.
- PM Shri Schools** 122. As per the National Education Policy, 2020 “PM Shri Schools” scheme has been started and Rs. 1,534 crores will be made available in the next five years to develop 816 schools as “PM Shri Schools”.

An outlay of Rs 2,707 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for School Education Department in the year 2023-24.

Center of Excellence 123. It is proposed to establish ten centers of excellence for employment generation through the creation of technically trained manpower required for industries, effective coordination with industries and research.

Special Grants for Reputed Institutions 124. Government will make available Rs. 500 crores in the financial year 2023-24 for providing special grants to following reputed institutes. These institutes are –National Law University, Nagpur, Deccan College Postgraduate and Research Institute Pune, Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj University Nagpur, Government Vidarbha Institute of Science Amravati, College of Engineering Pune, Gondwana University Gadchiroli, Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar University Solapur, Dr.Homi Bhabha State University and Mumbai University. Apart from these, the Lakshmi Narayan Institute of Technology Nagpur, will be conferred status of deemed university and necessary grants will be provided.

An outlay of Rs. 1,920 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Higher and Technical Education Department in the year 2023-24.

Construction of Government Medical Colleges 125. Fourteen Government Medical Colleges will be constructed at Satara, Alibag, Sindhudurg, Dharashiv, Parbhani, Amravati, Bhandara, Jalgaon, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Wardha, Buldhana, Palghar and Ambernath in Thane districts.

Center for Mental Wellness and Deaddiction 126. In view of the growing problem of mental illness and addiction, new de-addiction centers will be commissioned at Jalna, Bhiwandi, Pune and Nagpur. State-of-the-art Psychiatric hospitals are proposed at a cost of Rs. 850 crore in Thane and Kolhapur.

An outlay of Rs 2,355 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Medical Education and Drugs Department in the year 2023-24.

Employment in Tourism Sector 127. At least 500 youths from each district will be trained in water tourism, agro tourism, caravan tourism, adventure tourism, sustainable tourism and hospitality, to make them employable.

Sant Dnyaneshwar Udyan, Paithan Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar 128. Necessary funds will be made available for the development of Sant Dnyaneshwar Udyan at Paithan on the lines of Futala Lake at Nagpur.

Tent Cities 129. "Tent cities" will be set up at ten tourist spots through Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation, to provide better accommodation for tourists.

Tourism Festival 130. An annual calendar of festivals in the State has been prepared to promote tourism. It includes various festivals like Bhagwan Birsa Munda Festival of Jawhar, Veer Bal Divas Festival at Nanded and Shiv Janmathotsav at Shivneri.

Mission Lakshvedh 131. "Mission Lakshvedh" will be implemented to enhance performance of the athletes. A Sports Science Center will be developed at Balewadi, Pune.

Sports University 132. Sports University has become operational at Pune. A new sports university will be established at Walunj in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district at the cost of Rs. 50 crores. Hanuman Vyayam Prasarak Mandal, Amravati, a well-known institution in the field of sports, will be conferred with the status of deemed sports university and grants will be provided to it.

Divisional Sports Complex, Nagpur 133. An outlay of Rs. 100 crores will be made available for the works at Divisional Sports Complex, Nagpur.

An outlay of Rs. 491 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Sports Department and Rs. 1,805 crores for Tourism Department in the year 2023-24.

A total outlay of Rs. 11,658 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for fourth Amrut- Employment generation: competent, skilled, employable youth. Now I turn to the fifth amrut of the panchamruts.

Fifth Amrut - Environmental Friendly Development

See how Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj described environment in 5 words...

झाडे झुडे जीव सोईरे पाषाण.....

134. Measures will be taken to achieve net zero emission target of the state. The state is mainly focusing on the green energy sector and MoUs worth Rs. 30,000 crores have been made in the solar, hydro and wind energy sectors. An investment of Rs. 75,000 crores is expected in the field of green hydrogen, green ammonia, solar and wind energy.

- Green Bond** 135. The central government has decided to raise Rs. 16,000 crores from green bonds to combat the problems of climate change. The State will raise Rs. 5,000 crores by the year 2024 through green bonds. Activities such as renewable energy, green buildings, green hydrogen, electric mobility and charging facilities will be taken up from it.
- Green Energy** 136. Solar power projects will be implemented in 20,000 gram panchayats in the State to reduce their dependency on conventional energy.
- Green Hydrogen** 137. Twenty cubic meters per hour of green hydrogen will be produced using 500 kilowatts of solar energy at Bhusawal.
- Seaweed and Algae Farming** 138. Maharashtra's coastline is rich in seaweed and algae. Algae and seaweed farming will be encouraged to reduce carbon emissions, considering the usefulness of these algae in wastewater treatment, biofuels and industrial applications. A study group will be formed for this purpose.
- Non-conventional Energy** 139. Power will be generated through floating solar panels in the Nathsagar Reservoir at Jayakwadi Project.
- Vehicle scrap policy** 140. Fifteen or more year old vehicles owned by government, semi-government, local bodies and public enterprises are being scrapped. A tax rebate will be given for the purchase of a new vehicle if private vehicles are voluntarily disposed of within 8 and 15 years of their age.
- Green Transportation** 141. A total of 5,150 electric buses will be added to the fleet of Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation. A network of charging stations will be set up and 5,000 diesel buses will be converted into liquefied natural gas fueled vehicles.

Environmental Services Scheme 142. 'Environmental Services Scheme' is being implemented in 50 Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools in 12 districts. It will be implemented in 7,500 schools in the next 5 years.

State Lake Conservation and Amrut Sarovar Scheme 143. A total of 75 new lakes will be taken up for environmental conservation on the occasion of Amrut Mahotsav of Independence, under the *Sarovar Sanvardhan Yojana*. The Amrut Sarovar scheme will be completed by August 15, 2023.

Amrut Van Udyan, Bel Udyan, Panchayatan 144. 'Amrut Van Udyan' of religiously important and medicinal trees will be created in every city. In rural areas, "Panchayatan" will be created by planting five environmental friendly trees namely *neem, wad, umbar, native mango and bel*. Deorai will be raised in the vicinity of religious places.

Hi-tech nursery 145. Fifty hi-tech nurseries will be established for production of certified saplings of medicinal, ornamental and commercially important tree species.

African Safari 146. An African Safari and Bird Park will be made functional next year at the Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada Zoo. Leopard safari will be started at Shivneri, taluka Junnar in Pune district.

An outlay of Rs. 2,294 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Forest Department, Rs. 224 crores for Environment and Climate Change Department and Rs. 10,919 crores for Energy Department in the year 2023-24.

A total outlay of Rs. 13,437 crores has been proposed for fifth Amrut-Environment friendly development.

Forensic Science College and Mobile Unit 147. Directorate of Forensic Scientific Laboratory will be strengthened for scientific investigation of crimes and enhancement of convictions. Forensic Science College will be established. State-of-the-art Forensic mobile units will be set up at 45 places in the State.

Mumbai City CCTV-2, Cyber Security 148. Phase-2 of the CCTV project will be taken up for security and crime prevention in Mumbai. Maharashtra Cyber Security Project will be implemented to curb the growing cyber crimes.

New Jail Building, Juvenile Home 149. Two new modern prisons will be constructed to reduce increasing pressure on existing prisons. A fully equipped juvenile home of 500 capacity for boys and girls will be built at Deonar-Mankhurd, Mumbai.

Modern System for Land Survey 150. All land surveyors will be provided with modern rover machines. The process of land measurement will be done online and the measurement will be completed within 90 days of application.

Non-Agricultural Permission 151. The facility of payment of non-agricultural conversion tax will be provided with sanction process by the planning authority. Non-Agricultural permission will be automatically issued, without a separate application, along with the building permission.

Increase in honorarium of Kotwals 152. Currently, Kotwals are paid honorarium of Rs. 7,500 to Rs 15,000 per month depending on the length of their service. All 12,793 Kotwals will be paid an honorarium as Rs. 15,000 henceforth.

An outlay of Rs. 2,187 crores has been proposed under scheme expenditure for Home Department and Rs. 434 crores for Revenue Department in the year 2023-24.

- Memorial of Shri Sant Sevalal Maharaj, Pohradevi, Washim** 153. Shri Sant Sevalal Maharaj memorial, at Pohradevi in Washim district is a pilgrimage site for Banjara community. The works in the development plan of Pohradevi and Umari shrines worth Rs. 500 crores will be completed by providing adequate funds.
- Jyotirlinga Shrine and Complex Development** 154. Very ancient and Jagrut *Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga* which is mentioned in Shivpuran is situated in Sahyadri mountain ranges on the banks of Bhima river, which is directly related to Shivashankar. *Bhimashankar Jyotirlinga* Dist. Pune will be developed along with other jyotirlingas namely, Trimbakeshwar Dist. Nashik, Ghrishneshwar Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar, Aundha Nagnath Dist. Hingoli, Vajinath Dist. Beed. All the five Jyotirlinga shrines and area development works will be taken up. Works of conservation of ancient temples will also be taken up. A provision of Rs. 300 crores is being proposed for this.
- Shri Kshetra Jyotiba Campus Conservation Authority** 155. Shri Kshetra Jyotiba Campus Conservation Authority will be established and a fund of Rs. 50 crores will be made available for it.
- Development of Shri Sant Gadgebaba Pilgrim Places** 156. The government will provide Rs. 25 crores for development of Gadgenagar as "*Samadhisthal*" and Runmochan, as "Karmbhumi".
- Shri Chakradhar Swami 800th Birth Anniversary** 157. This is the 800th birth anniversary year of Shri Chakradhar Swami. Substantial provision will be made for the development of shrines such as Riddhapur, Katol, Bishnoor, Jalicha Dev, Pohicha Dev, Nanded, Panchaleshwar, Paithan etc. which are important places for *Mahanubhava Panth* in Maharashtra.

**Shri Santh
Namdev
Maharaj
Kirtankar
Sanman
Yojana**

158. Shri santh Namdev Maharaj's *abhang*.

नाचू किर्तनाचे रंगी ।

ज्ञानदीप लावू जगी ॥

The Varkari community has given a rich legacy to Maharashtra. Many kirtanakars, preachers, nirupanakars have imbibed spiritual teachings in the society. They are creating national character by making fundamental contributions in the field of deaddiction, elimination of superstitions and education. Shri Santh Namdev Maharaj Kirtankar Sanman Yojana will be implemented for all these volunteers of nation building.

**Memorial of
Pragyachakshu
Sant
Gulabrao
Maharaj**

159. Funds will be made available for the memorial of Pragyachakshu Sant Gulabrao Maharaj in Amravati district.

**Martyrs
Memorial
At. Ashti
Dist.Wardha**

160. Inspired by *Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj*, freedom fighters sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle of 1942. To keep their memories alive and to inspire future generation a grand and befitting memorial will be built at Ashti, in Wardha district.

**Jungle
Satyagraha
Memorial**

161. When Mahatma Gandhi started "Salt Satyagraha", Jungle satyagrahas were held in Vidarbha. Jungle Satyagraha memorials will be erected at three places in Maharashtra.

Nirmal Vari

162. Along with the *Palkhis* of Sant Dnyaneshwar Mauli and Sant Tukobaraya, a fund of Rs. 20 crores will be provided for the *Nirmal Vari* of Sant Sopan Dev, Sant Nivrittinath and Sant Muktai.

- Gahininath Gadh, Dist. Beed** 163. A fund of Rs. 25 crores will be provided for the conservation and development of Gahininath Fort in Beed district.
- Mhaismal, Ellora, Khultabad, Sulibhanjan Development Plan** 164. Necessary funds will be provided for Mhaismal, Ellora, Khultabad and Sulibhanjan development plan in Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district.
- Memorial of Swarajya Rakshak Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj** 165. A development plan worth around Rs. 270 crores has been approved for the monument *Swarajya Rakshak Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj*, "Balidaan Sthal" Mauje Tulapur, Haveli and "Samadhi Sthal" at Vadhu (Bu.) in Shirur, district Pune. We are determined to build a memorial worthy of Maharaja's gallantry by providing necessary funds for it.
- Bhidewada National Memorial** 166. India's first girls' school was started at Bhidewada, Ganjpeth in Pune city. A fund of Rs. 50 crores will be provided to build the Gnyanjyoti Savitribai Phule National Memorial at this place.
- Memorial of Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe** 167. A fund of Rs. 25 crores will be provided for the memorial at the birth place of Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe at Wategaon, Taluka Walwa, Dist. Sangli.
- Memorial of Late R.S.Gavai** 168. A fund of Rs. 25 crores will be provided for the memorial of late R. S. Gavai at Amravati.
- Memorial of Late Narhar Kurundkar** 169. Necessary funds will be provided for the memorial of Maharashtra's famous thinker and critic Late Narhar Kurundkar, at Nanded.
- Memorial of Late Shivajirao Deshmukh** 170. A fund of Rs. 20 crores will be provided to construct a memorial to Shivajirao Deshmukh at Kokurud, Shirala, Dist. Sangli.

- Sant Jaganade Maharaj Art Gallery** 171. In order to introduce the life of Sant Jaganade Maharaj to the new generation, a fund of Rs. 6 crores will be provided for setting up of Shri Sant Jaganade Maharaj Art Gallery at Nagpur. An amount of Rs. 25 crores will be provided for development of his “*Samadhi Sthal*” in Sudumbare Taluka Maval, dist. Pune.
- Marathi Language University** 172. Srikshetra Riddhapur in Amravati district is not only the birthplace of *Mahanubhava* cult, but also of the Marathi literature. Chakradhar Swami wrote the first manuscript in Marathi *Leela Charitra* in this land. A Marathi language university will be established at Riddhapur.
- Marathi Language Youth Circles** 173. Buildings for *vishwakosh* office will be constructed at Wai, District Satara and Marathi Bhasha Bhawan, Sub Centre, at Airoli. Marathi language youth circles will be established to propagate Marathi language.
- Theatre Halls** 174. An amount of Rs. 25 crores will be made available for the construction of a new theatre at Sangli. Rs. 50 crores will be earmarked for the maintenance and repairs of all theatres in the state.
- Development of Film City** 175. An outlay of Rs.115 crores is proposed for construction of modern facilities and studios of international standards at Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Goregaon, Mumbai and Chitranagari at Kolhapur.
- Maharashtra Artist Welfare Board** 176. Maharashtra Artists Welfare Board will be established for preservation and conservation of endangered art forms and maintain up to date information on artists and art forms.

- Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Nagpur** 177. A grant of Rs. 10 crores will be provided on the centenary year of Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, Nagpur.
- Marathwada Mukti Sangram Amrut Mahotsav Varsh** 178. Various programs are being organized on the occasion of Marathwada Mukti Sangram Amrut Mahotsav year. Sufficient funds will be made available for this purpose.
- Journalist Welfare Fund** 179. Late Shankarrao Chavan Golden Jubilee Journalist Welfare Fund will be increased to Rs. 50 crores.

An outlay of Rs. 190 crores has been proposed for Finance Department, Rs. 1,085 crores for Cultural Affairs Department, Rs. 65 crores for Marathi Language Department, Rs. 694 crores for Law and Judiciary Department, Rs. 1,342 crores for Information Technology and Information Public Relations Department and Rs. 500 crores for Maharashtra Legislative Council Secretariat under scheme expenditure in the year 2023-24.

- Revised Estimates 2022-23** 180. The revenue receipts was fixed at Rs. 4,03,427 crores in the budget estimates of the year 2022-23. The revenue receipts for the year 2022-23 have been projected at Rs. 4,30,924 crores in the revised estimates. The budget estimate of total expenditure for the year 2022-23 is Rs. 4,95,404 crores and the revised estimate is Rs. 5,28,285 crores. There has been an increase in total expenditure as per the revised estimates due to the financial relief given to the people in natural calamities.

- District Annual Plan 2023-24** 181. A provision of Rs. 15,150 crores has been made under the District Annual Plan for the financial year 2023-24, which is Rs. 1,810 crores higher than the year 2022-23.

**Annual Plan
2023-24** 182. In the year 2023-24, the outlay for scheme expenditure has been fixed at Rs.1,72,000 crores. It includes an outlay of Rs 13,820 crores for Scheduled Caste Plan and Rs. 12,655 crores for Tribal Sub Plan.

**Budget
Estimates
2023-24** 183. As per the budget estimates of 2023-24 the total expenditure has been projected at Rs. 5,47,450 crores. Revenue receipts are estimated at Rs. 4,49,522 crores and Revenue Expenditure at Rs. 4,65,645 crores, resulting in a revenue deficit of Rs. 16,122 crores.

**Fiscal
Deficit** 184. The State has always been at the forefront of fiscal reforms. According to the Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Management Act, the revenue deficit of the state has consistently remained below one per cent of the gross state domestic product. The Government has been successful in keeping the fiscal deficit below three per cent of the gross state domestic product. The fiscal deficit for the year 2023-24 is estimated at Rs. 95,500.8 crores.

**Participatory
Budget** 185. The special feature of this year's budget is that it is a Participatory budget. I had sought suggestions from the people of the state about the budget. I am happy to inform that about 40,000 suggestions have been received in seven days. All suggestions have been carefully scrutinized and some of them are included in the budget. I express my gratitude to the people who have whole-heartedly participated in this exercise.

Now, I turn to Part II of the Budget.