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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BUDGET SPEECH DATED 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018**  
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**PART I**

- ❖ The budget has been presented with focus on weak and marginalised sections of the society, agriculture and employment generation.
- ❖ Increase in investment in basic infrastructure facilities and agriculture sector
- ❖ Assistance to logistic sector which plays a vital role in development of the State.
- ❖ Boost to Start up Sector for generation of self-employment
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 8 thousand 233 crores for water resources department. Target to complete 50 incomplete irrigation projects during current year
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 1500 crores for Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan.
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 160 crores for wells and farm ponds and Rs. 432 crores for micro irrigation projects.
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 750 crores for electrification of agricultural pump sets.
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 50 crores for Chief Minister Agriculture and Food Processing Scheme
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 15 crores for Agro -forestry
- ❖ Benefit of Horticulture Scheme extended to farmers holding agricultural land upto 6 hectares in rest of Maharashtra excluding Konkan
- ❖ Encouragement to organic farming
- ❖ Transportation of agricultural produce by Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 10 thousand 828 crores for road development in the State
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 7,235 crores for setting up power infrastructure
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 2255.40 crores for Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana

- ❖ Assistance of Rs. 404.17 crores to power generation projects to overcome power shortage
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 100 crores to give boost to Mihan project
- ❖ Priority to infrastructure projects such as improvement in suburban railway network, development of metro, Mumbai-Nagpur Samriddhi Corridor, MTHI, Navi Mumbai International Airport
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 700.65 crores for construction of court buildings and residential accommodation for judges
- ❖ Provision of Rs 926.46 crores for providing power subsidies to D and D+ category industries in Northern Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha
- ❖ Outlay of Rs. 2650 crores for package scheme of incentives for industrial development.
- ❖ Setting up of six skill development universities
- ❖ Setting up of Foreign Employment and Skill Development Center to help the youth of Maharashtra travelling abroad for employment or education
- ❖ Increase in the stipend of the students who are undergoing training for the Public Service Commission exams from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 4,000
- ❖ Outlay of Rs. 900 crore for Maharashtra Suvarn Jayanti Nagarotthan Abhiyan
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 2215.85 crores for Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana
- ❖ Outlay of Rs. 335 crores for Chief Minister Rural Sewerage Processing and Management Project
- ❖ Outlay of Rs. 964 crores for National Health Mission
- ❖ Establishment of multispecialty hospital in Sindhudurg
- ❖ Outlay of Rs. 576 crores for Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Aarogya Abhiyan
- ❖ Priority for tree plantation for protection of environment
- ❖ Outlay of Rs. 100 crores for Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Yojana
- ❖ Promotion of eco-tourism for protecting biological diversity in the forest and improving livelihood of tribals
- ❖ Allocation of Rs. 9949.22 crores for social justice department
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 121.27 crores for development of the four low Human Development Index districts of Gadchiroli, Nandurbar, Washim and Osmanabad
- ❖ Constitution Sant Shiromani Gorobakaka Memorable Matikala Board, at Wardha for development of pottery industry.

- ❖ Provision of Rs. 605 crores for benefit of Students from economically weaker sections of the society under Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj educational fees reimbursement scheme.
- ❖ Enhancement in amount of pension of Rs. 200 to 400 for persons with disability
- ❖ Two new schemes for divyang children in the age group of 0-5 years
- ❖ Launch of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Social Development Scheme for providing basic facilities in settlements of Schedule Tribes and Navbuddha communities.
- ❖ To promote self reliance amongst the specially abled in the state, it is proposed to provide free of cost eco-friendly mobile stalls
- ❖ Launch of Punyashlok Ahilyabai Holkar Community Halls Scheme
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 8,969 crores for Tribal development.
- ❖ Allocation of Rs. 378 Crores for education of tribal students in Prominent Residential Schools
- ❖ Provision for subscription of additional share capital in Shamrao Pagey Konkan Other Backward Class Development Corporation
- ❖ Provision of Rs. 922.68 crores for providing benefits of food security to farmers below the poverty line
- ❖ Establishment of Maharashtra State Rickshaw Owners and Drivers Corporation
- ❖ Increase in Grants for Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya and Natya Samellan from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs
- ❖ Celebration of birth centenary of renowned literary figures Late Shri. P. L. Deshpande and Late Shri. G.D. Madgulkar
- ❖ Providing assistance for construction of memorial for Kavivarya Mangesh Padgaonkar, Dramatist Machindra Kambli and Kvivarya G. D. Madgulkar
- ❖ Allocation of funds for development plan of pilgrimage center at Ganpatipule and Ramtek
- ❖ Establishment of fossil museum at Sironcha in Gadchiroli
- ❖ Patrol boats for protection of fishermen along coastal Maharashtra
- ❖ Launch of 'Lok Sanwad' programme for redressing the grievances, creating awareness about Government Schemes through toll free number
- ❖ Implementation of 7th Pay Commission for State Government employees.