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MLAs ON  
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# FOREWORD

National Legislators' Conference, Bharat, documents select legislators' commendable practices on constituency development. This Compendium celebrates the legislators and their efforts to create a model of transformation. It recognises each effort as unique for the context constituency, it sees these efforts in the backdrop of emerging challenges where the role of legislators is uniquely positioned to drive progressive social changes in India. The Compendium provides insights into legislators' public lives that are making a positive impact on constituency development. These public lives underscore the powers and functions of the law-making body of India, its composition and how it functions in coordination with the other branches of government, namely, the executive and the judiciary. It also outlines the relationship between the different components of the legislatures.

These commendable practices document use of technology and innovation to create impactful solutions that are changing lives and communities from sustainable agriculture to healthcare to cleantech and education. For these transformations, the people's representatives have not only utilised the MLALAD funds and different policies of the Central and State Governments, but some of the representatives have also travelled beyond these contours and mobilised their own resources to fulfil the developmental needs of the constituency. This is truly commendable.

I hope this Compendium will connect legislators with their peers at the national and sub-national levels and their own constituencies to foster a network that would be inspiring the other MLAs/MLCs to think creatively and thus leveraging the power of social connections to help create a more equitable, sustainable, and just society for all.

I take this opportunity to thank and complement the work done by Professor Santosh Kumar and his faculty team, researchers and students from the School of Liberal Arts and School of Law in making this documentation a reality.

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# INTRODUCTION

National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat), as a unique avenue for legislators to exchange thoughts, will be conducted on the 15th, 16th, and 17th of June 2023. This has been planned to facilitate an intellectual exchange of Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) across the nation for the first time in India. The proposed domains for Conference sessions broadly range from welfare schemes; technology for economic well-being; commendable legislative practices, stress management in public life, and the impact of SDGs, among others.

Against this backdrop, the Conference releases a Compendium on the commendable practices of selected MLAs and MLCs on constituency development. In this regard, a detailed questionnaire was shared with them through the NLC website (<https://www.nlcbharat.org>) and coordinated directly with the legislators or their secretaries in various parts of India. The Compendium highlights the innovative practices on constituency development, thereby providing a platform to showcase the legislators' novelty in constituency nursing, management, development, and usage of resources for the betterment of the citizenry. Hence, the Compendium is expected to inspire the political and governance stakeholders to create positive change and connect with the legislators nationwide.

Thus, the documentation of best practices provided in this Compendium would offer the

legislators a chance for pan-India exposure and visibility amongst the MLAs and the MLCs. Consequently, networking opportunities exist for valuable partnerships and collaborations in uncharted territories. Moreover, the feedback and validation to gain credibility in the field through the NLC will offer a source of inspiration and motivation by being a part of a community of like-minded individuals. Hence, the Compendium comprehends the diverse examples of innovations in constituency management and citizenship development that have positively impacted national well-being, especially in healthcare, rural development, grassroots innovation, education, poverty alleviation and environmental sustainability. Consequently, it documents seventy-five case studies of innovative legislatures. The commendable practice is documenting the significance of legislators in strengthening the federal principles of governance in India. While the cases coincide with the seventy-five years of India's Independence, the studies had been categorized alphabetically according to their names.

## **Why do we need to capture the Commendable Practices?**

Innovations in governance documented across various dimensions ranging from their role in district aspiration plans and the women legislators' navigation of patriarchal structures offer the opportunity to celebrate legislators' achievements in complex governance structures in India. How the legislators negotiate with



the diverse political stakeholders will underscore the significance of this Compendium. For instance, the NLC Bharat allows peer learning in the three-day Conference. The Compendium's documentation for the stakeholders and how the legislators approach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will offer the necessary inspiration for exchanging their context-specific constraints. Consequently, this offers innovative dimensions to the public lives of the legislators.

Thus, the innovative practices documented across the cases indicate their efforts to navigate the challenges, constraints, and complexities of governance. This has established the necessary database to prepare the research reports by the Organisers to develop a national and international study on governance. For instance, the cases from the tribal, rural, and urban areas underscore the diversity of experiences. This has highlighted the challenges and indicated the complexities of governance in India.

### **Methods**

Collecting the cases was done by combining primary surveys with the questionnaire. The case-specific information was collected through the NLC website, where the relevant information was requested in the questionnaire. In addition, the secondary literature was consulted to enhance the scientific nature of the data collection and analysis. For instance, the legislators' credentials were checked through the publications of the Association of Democratic Reform (ADR). Furthermore, relevant websites (like myneta.com) have been referred to validate the best practices claimed by the legislators. Accordingly, seventy-five legislators' case studies were shortlisted based on the diverse mix of gender, region, religion, caste, and other governance factors. While the intention was to submit the national flavour to the readers of this Compendium, the data was collected through random tables to identify the legislators across the diverse regions. The systemic sampling, for instance, and the selection of cases are scientific, and the

Compendium offers many rich experiences across the dimensions mentioned above.

The procedural aspect of case studies and the analysis shall be mentioned here. The selection of legislators was based on public discourses across social media and other online sources. The background research was done to understand the legislator's contributions at the ground level. For this, the reference check from the constituency was done to the extent possible. The local opinion leaders, journalists, and other administrative actors were regularly consulted. In addition, the ADR reports and various public discourses were considered while documenting the case studies. Thus, the MIT WPU faculty members and researchers regularly checked the factual correctness in consultation with my leadership as the Dean (School of Liberal Arts) to submit to the Research Committee of the NLC Bharat.

The Compendium has aligned with the Conference's objectives of cross-learning and enhancement of legislative effectiveness at its core. The legislators' experiential learnings were documented, and the Conference's thematic discussions were curated through the plenary sessions, brainstorming parallel sessions to showcase the commendable practices. In addition, the informal interactions among the legislators, party leaders, and other stakeholders would provide a platform to enrich the national and regional flavours of governance. As this Compendium is just a beginning to capturing the commendable works of the legislators, the potential outcome of the Conference, in a nutshell, will pave the way for an intellectual dialogue across the political spectrum. Consequently, this will empower the Constitutional ideals of India. Hence, I consider this a precious contribution to the fact that the country is known for its tagline of the world's largest democracy in the post-truth realities of governance.

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**Disclaimer:** The commendable practices in the compendium are representative and many more will be compiled as part of co-learning.





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# 1. SHRI. ADITYA GOLAY TAMANG

Soreng-Chakung, Sikkim

## Introduction

Shri Aditya Golay Tamang is a politician from Sikkim, India, who represents the Soreng-Chakung constituency as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (M.L.A). He is a member of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) party, which is the ruling party in Sikkim. Shri Tamang is recognized for his dedication to his work and his efforts to improve the lives of the people in his constituency. He has been actively engaged in social and community development programs, particularly in education, healthcare, and infrastructure development. Shri Tamang started his political journey in 2017, when he participated in the Soreng-Chakung by-elections as a candidate of the SKM party and secured a victory with a margin of 4,928 votes. He is also the son of Sikkim's Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) and is the youngest legislator in the State Legislative Assembly of Sikkim. Additionally, Tamang serves as the Vice-President of the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM).

## Constituency Overview

Soreng-Chakung is one of the 32 assembly constituencies of Sikkim state of India. The place is in the West Sikkim district of the north-east Indian state of Sikkim. It is known for its largest production of vegetables, oranges, and flowers. The inhabitants are mostly dependent on agriculture, floriculture and tourism for their livelihood and are mostly Nepali. Most of the community follow Hinduism and Buddhism while the rest are Christians. It is about 45 kms. by road from Darjeeling and 102 kms. from the capital Gangtok. The region is an Ecotourism spot, and thousands of people visit every year. It is close to Daramdin. The area's major attractions are its landscapes, fisheries, views of Mount Kangchenjunga, flora and fauna, and white river rafting on the Teesta River. Currently, the M.L.A of Soreng is Aditya Golay Tamang (Sikkim Krantikari Morcha).

Table 1 – Constituency Overview

Constituency	District	Block	Total Villages	Gram Panchayat	Total Voters
Soreng Chakung	West District	Soreng	51	33	12,715 Males – 6,470 Females – 6,245

Sources: <https://villageinfo.in/sikkim/west-district/soreng.html>  
<https://eci.gov.in/files/file/11677-sikkim-legislative-assembly-election-2019/>



Table 2 – Soreng Chakung Constituency, Sikkim Assembly Election 2019 Results

Sr.No.	Name	Party	Votes	Votes Percentage
1	Aditya Golay (Tamang)	SKM	6580	50.00%
	Sancha Raj Subba	SDF	6372	48.00%
	NOTA	None of the Above	188	2.00%

Source: <https://www.oneindia.com/soreng-chakung-assembly-elections-si-7/>

## Initiatives

### Upgradation Of Limboo Cultural Bhawan

Aditya Golay, along with officials, visited the Limboo Cultural Bhawan in Tharpu to discuss upgrading and extending the existing properties. He mentioned that renovating the areas will generate more revenue and local employment opportunities while boosting community development and economic growth. Aditya Golay also emphasized the importance of safeguarding government assets and suggested proper advertising for more tourist visibility. Additionally, the team visited two proposed sites for constructing the Science City, and Aditya Golay suggested finalizing the lands after demarcation and proper negotiation with private landowners (refer Picture-1).

Picture 1 – Shri Tamang visiting the Limboo Cultural Bhawan in Tharpu along with officials.

Source: <https://www.northeasttoday.in/2021/08/04/sikkim-upgradation-of-limboo-cultural-bhawan-significant-for-tourist-inflow-says-mla-golay/>



### Indoor Gymnasium Building

The Sports and Youth Affairs Department organized a Foundation Stone laying ceremony for the construction of an Indoor gymnasium building at Soreng, West Sikkim. The Hon'ble MLA Shri Aditya Golay was the Chief guest and appreciated the project funded by Khelo India. He mentioned that the project would cater to the needs of young and talented players of not just the Soreng-Chakung Subdivision but the State as well. The Project consists of a facility for Multi-Purpose Indoor Games with accommodation for 20 Boys and 20 Girls for residential events (refer Picture – 2).

**Picture 2** – Inaugural Ceremony of the Indoor Gymnasium Building at Soreng.



Source:

<https://soreng-chakung.in/ProjectDetails.aspx?ID=2>

### Chartered Accountant's Office at Soreng

Shri Aditya Golay inaugurated a Chartered Accountant's Office in Daragaon, Soreng, on December 18, 2019. The event was attended by local businesspeople, government officials, members of local panchayats, and others. The KProfessional CAs, in partnership with local entrepreneur and social worker Kishor Kumar Sharma, began operations on the same day. Soreng residents and neighbouring areas can now access services such as GST filing, accounting, and auditing services, project report preparation, branding and trademark services, and investment consultancy services, among others. Mr. C.P Sharma, Advisor to the Chief Minister, was a special guest at the event. events (refer Picture – 3)

**Picture 3** – Inaugural Ceremony of Chartered Accountant's Office at Soreng.



Source:

<https://www.facebook.com/thevoiceofsikkim/posts/aditya-golay-inaugurates-chartered-accountants-office-at-sorengsoreng-saradshar/2676515149107964/>

### Inauguration of the GO Chakung Festival

Shri Aditya Golay inaugurated the two-day Great Outdoors Festival at Chakung, along with other officials. Initially, Shri Golay examined all the event sites and inquired about the precautionary measures being implemented by the organizers.

During his short conversation with the committee, he expressed his happiness in seeing the active participation of young entrepreneurs in promoting tourism and adventure sports in the state. The festival, organized by GO Chakung, aims to promote adventure sports and sustainable tourism in Soreng sub-division. It includes competitions such as MTB XC Race, Bouldering and Trail Running, as well as outdoor activities like Paragliding, Camping, Obstacle Course for kids, workshops, and games. Live music performances by renowned artists will also be featured.

**Picture 4** – Inaugural Ceremony of Inauguration of the GO Chakung Festival.



### Conclusion

In conclusion, Shri Aditya Golay, the MLA of Soreng-Chakung Constituency has contantly worked for the residents of his area. He has promoted his constituency through initiatives which promote eco-tourism and installation of administrative offices for the smooth functioning and deliverance of citizen services. He has also promoted health and fitness initiatives for the residents of his area.

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## 2. SHRI. AADITYA THACKERAY

Worli, Mumbai



**Shri. Aaditya Uddhav Thackeray** (born on 13 June 1990) served as a Cabinet Minister of Higher Education, and Cabinet Minister of Tourism and Environment for the Government of Maharashtra. He is the President of Yuva Sena, a youth wing of Shiv Sena. He was a Maharashtra Cabinet minister and was inducted as a cabinet minister in the state cabinet on 30 December 2019. He is the Vice President of WIFA – West India Football Association and President of the Mumbai District Football Association. He obtained a BA in History degree while studying at St Xavier's College in Fort, South Mumbai. He obtained his law degree from Kishinchand Chellaram Law College, in Churchgate, South Mumbai, where he earned his LLB degree.

### Details of Constituency

Worli Assembly constituency is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha (Assembly) constituencies of Maharashtra state in western India. It is one of the five constituencies of the Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha located in the Mumbai City district. It is a part of the Mumbai South (Lok Sabha Constituency) along with five other assembly constituencies.

### Major initiative undertaken by the MLA.

The Maharashtra Electric Vehicle Policy 2021, which seeks to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles in the state, was largely developed by Aaditya Thackeray as former state minister of the environment. Aaditya Thackeray has set a goal that by 2025, 10% of all new vehicles registered in Maharashtra will be electric vehicles (Evs).

**EV purchaser incentives:** The policy provides EV purchasers with a number of incentives, including exemptions from road tax, registration fees, and stamp duty as well as subsidies for the purchase of Evs.

**Infrastructure for EV charging:** Aaditya Thackeray has also emphasised the necessity of a strong infrastructure for EV charging in the state and has suggested several measures to make it easier to deploy charging stations throughout Maharashtra.

**Industry development:** The policy also emphasises fostering the growth of a robust EV industry in the state, with initiatives to support R&D, regional production, and the creation of new job opportunities.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Aaditya Thackeray started a programme to assist 1,000

Indian football coaches who were struggling financially. The programme offers the coaches financial support in addition to online training and educational opportunities to advance their qualifications. Mumbai District Football Association President Aaditya Thackeray is a strong proponent of the growth of football in India and has undertaken numerous initiatives in this regard from creating new football grounds in Mumbai to ensuring efficient match operations of the Western India Football Association zone.

Aaditya Thackeray, a former Maharashtra Minister for Environment and Tourism, has proposed that all development projects in Mumbai undergo a climate test. This means that any project that is being considered for the city will have to go through an evaluation of its potential effects on the environment. The proposal was welcomed by other officials in attendance and was discussed at a meeting of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA). Aaditya Thackeray emphasized the importance of the climate test in ensuring the sustainability and environmental safety of all development projects in Mumbai. Aaditya Thackeray said, "We often think that we are isolated from nature and are doing the planet a favour, that we are trying to save the planet. That's not so, we're trying to save ourselves."

His initiative to develop a cycling track along the Mahim Bay in Mumbai is a project in collaboration between the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation and the Mumbai Port Trust. It aims to create a recreational space for residents and tourists in Mumbai, while also promoting sustainable and eco-friendly modes of transportation. Giving due importance to public participation in the project by inviting feedback and suggestions from the public to ensure that the cycling track meets their needs and



preferences. This initiative is a part of Aditya Thackeray's larger vision to transform Mumbai into a more livable and sustainable city, with a focus on promoting public transport, cycling, and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. Aditya Thackeray stated that **"Development and environment walk hand in hand"**, while commenting on this project and several others he is working on.



He started the "Green Yodha" initiative to fight global warming. This initiative seeks to increase public awareness of climate change and to motivate people to make modest efforts to lessen their carbon footprint. As part of the initiative, "Green Yodhas"—volunteers—will receive training to raise awareness of climate change and motivate people to act by using public transportation, reducing plastic waste, and conserving energy. According to the article, the initiative has received support from a number of organisations, including the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and the United Nations Development Programme. The "Green Yodha" initiative is expected to engage young people and citizens in the fight against climate change and encourage them to take individual responsibility for reducing their carbon footprint.

Aditya Thackeray proposed initiatives such as the development of a bicycle-sharing system, the creation of a green lung in the city, and the establishment of an eco-friendly transport system. He also emphasized the importance of public participation in the development process, stating that citizens' feedback and

suggestions are crucial for the success of any city planning. Aditya Thackeray's initiatives aim to make Pune a more sustainable and livable city, with a focus on promoting eco-friendly modes of transport and preserving green spaces. Aditya Thackeray's commitment to sustainable development and environmental conservation is commendable. **"Cutting trees does not mean development. But it seems to be the only definition for this illegal government"**, stated Aditya Thackeray.

Aditya Thackeray has taken the initiative to save the Maharashtra Nature Park (MNP) in Mumbai. The park, which is spread over 37 acres, was facing the threat of being converted into a garbage dump due to the dumping of debris from nearby construction sites. He mobilized a team of volunteers to clean up the park and prevent it from being turned into a landfill. The volunteers collected over 45,000 kilograms of garbage from the park and planted thousands of trees and saplings to restore the green cover. Aditya Thackeray also started a signature campaign to save the MNP, which received support from over 40,000 people. His efforts eventually led to the park being declared a "no-development zone" by the Bombay High Court, thereby protecting it from further encroachment and destruction. The initiative showcases Aditya Thackeray's commitment to environmental conservation and sustainable development. He also has launched the Nashik Climate Action Plan, which makes it the 5th city in Maharashtra to have implemented a Climate Action Plan and a Climate Action Cell. Aiming



at Net-Zero by 2050, he has created a robust framework for climate change adaptation, mitigation, and resilience.

Recently, he visited Pune's 2 areas of concern for citizens: Vetal Tekdi and riverfront destruction, which proposed development for these places as the Pune Municipal Corporation has plans to build metros and flyovers that effectively destroy these areas without proper traffic study and EIA. He'll be writing in detail about this project and why they have chosen to oppose it.

### **Impact on the community post initiation of change:**

The initiatives implemented by Aditya Thackeray are simply humane and had beneficial effects. The adoption of electric vehicles in Maharashtra led to reduced air pollution and oil consumption. It has attracted investment from companies for infrastructure related to EVs like charging stations. Created job opportunities and promoted EV in public transport, that's affordable and accessible to the people of Maharashtra.

Aditya Thackeray launched an initiative during the time of covid-19, that was to provide financial aid to football coaches who were suffering from financial crisis to sustain themselves and educate people virtually and created online job opportunities. By incorporating a climate test, there will be an evaluation of projects on their potential environmental impacts like carbon emission, water management etc. The implementation of this policy, only those projects that are approved which are environmental friends, mitigate the negative effects of climate change and it will lead to a healthier and more resilient city with less carbon footprint.

The establishment of cycling tracks has encouraged people to use cycles as an alternate mode of transport, which leads to the reduction of congestion and pollution caused by vehicular traffic. Promotes physical activity and a healthy lifestyle for people and ensures safe and convenient cycling infrastructures.

The initiative Green Yodha, promoted the cause of awareness among individuals, collective responsibility and ownership and encouraged them to increase engagement in activities to reduce pollution and clean up public spaces etc. It reflects Aditya Thackeray's

vision of a cleaner, greener, and more livable Mumbai. Aditya Thackeray's initiative to save the Maharashtra Nature Park (MNP) in Mumbai has had a positive impact by preserving a valuable green space in the city. The MNP is an urban park that serves as a crucial habitat for a variety of plant and animal species and provides a natural respite from the concrete jungle of Mumbai. The park also serves as an important educational resource for visitors to learn about the importance of biodiversity and environmental conservation. Aditya Thackeray's efforts to protect the MNP from encroachment and degradation reflect his commitment to preserving Mumbai's natural heritage and promoting a sustainable and livable city for all residents.

Recently he visited Patwardhan Park in Mumbai, to support the local citizens standing up for it and against the BMC destroying this park. This formed solidarity among the local citizens against the BMC plan of converting a park into a parking lot. His standing up against the development of the metro, flyover, tunnel etc. by reconstructing and destroying Vetal Tekdi and the riverfront destruction, has helped to maintain a friendly environment and sustain it and look up to this collectively.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Aditi Singh** (born 15 November 1987) is an MLA from the constituency of Rae Bareli in the state of Uttar Pradesh, having won the seat in 2017 and 2022. She was one of the youngest members of Uttar Pradesh's 17th Vidhan Sabha (2017-2022). She left Congress and joined BJP in 2021.

Her father, Late Shri Akhilesh Kumar Singh was a five-time representative of Raebareli Sadar for multiple political parties. Aditi was educated in Delhi and Mussoorie before attending Duke University in the United States for a degree in management. She was involved in social work before her political career. She won the assembly election in 2017 by a margin of more than 90,000 votes on a Congress ticket. After she was suspended from Congress for her connection with BJP, on 24 November she officially joined BJP. She is married to Angad Singh Saini, an MLA in Punjab Legislative Assembly from Nawanshahr constituency.

**RAE BARELI ASSEMBLY**

Rae Bareli is an assembly constituency in Uttar Pradesh. In 2022, this constituency was won by the Bharatiya Janata Party. Rae Bareli Sadar comes under Rae Bareli district of Uttar Pradesh State. In 2022, Smt. Aditi Singh of the Bharatiya Janata Party won the seat by defeating R P Yadav of the Samajwadi Party with a margin of 7175 votes. Rae Bareli Assembly constituency falls under the Rae Bareli Lok Sabha constituency. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Indian National Congress candidate Sonia Gandhi won from Rae Bareli Lok Sabha (MP) Seat with the margin of 167178 votes by defeating Dinesh Pratap Singh of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

**INITIATIVES**

i. The regular cleaning and door-to-door garbage collection/route lighting, supply of pure drinking water in main roads/lanes/drains including cleanliness of slums of Rae Bareli Sadar has been initiated.

ii. Apart from this, by conducting special campaigns from time to time in the settlements under the body area, sanitization / spraying / anti-larva should also be done by conducting cleanliness and according to the roster.

iii. The roads for the pipeline and sewer lines are dug, the road should be repaired by filling

the potholes within the period, if there is such a problem anywhere. Immediately fill the pits. Strict action will be taken in case of any negligence or laxity in this.

iv. The work of cleanliness and cleanliness in rural areas should be made to the District Panchayat Raj Officer according to the roster, cleanliness and cleanliness work should be done.

As regards the water and ground water, some of the initiatives are as follows:

i. Mass awareness programmes be taken up to educate the user regarding declining of water level in many areas of the district and adopt appropriate cropping pattern accordingly.

ii. Many of the ponds and water bodies are in disuse because of poor maintenance. The formers in the vicinity of such water bodies can be organized on a group basis with a right to maintain and use the water.

iii. Anticipating water scarcity in the future, each villager/ cultivator/ former should be encouraged to take off recharging pits and trenches in their fields.

iv. Adoption of rainwater harvesting and artificial recharge in critical and semi critical blocks of the district to arrest surface runoff and augment ground water through check 20 dams, cement plugs, renovation, and construction of ponds with recharge shafts, recharge through dug well in rural area and in urban areas through roof top rainwater harvesting.

v. In areas where rise in water level is observed especially in canal command areas, the conjunctive use of ground water and surface water should be encouraged.



## Constituency Connect

Listening to the woes in Rae Bareilly Sadar

Words of consolation to the family members after the accident.



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**INTRODUCTION**

**Ajanta Neog** is an Indian politician who is currently the Finance and Social Welfare Minister in the Government of Assam. She is the first woman Finance Minister of Assam. She has been representing the Golaghat Assembly seat, currently, she is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party which she joined in December 2020. She was an influential minister in the previous Tarun Gogoi-led Congress government (2001-2016).

Neog, a law graduate from Gauhati University, had held the PWD department in the late Tarun Gogoi's government. She was introduced to politics by Gogoi after her husband Nagen Neog was killed by the ULFA in 1996.

Golaghat district is an administrative district in the state of Assam. Home to various attractions like Kaziranga National Park, it has an agro-based economy with its major crops being tea, rice, and sugarcane. The main communities of the districts are the Ahoms, Kalita, Assamese Brahmins, Tea-tribes, Misi, Chutiya, and Kachari. There is also a small population of Turung and Aiton people living in the district. The major languages spoken in this district are Assamese, Bengali, Boro & Hindi. It also plays an important role in the freedom struggle of India, with the highest number of women volunteers in the Civil Disobedience Movement in 1932 and major contributions to the Sepoy Mutiny in 1857.

**Initiatives Undertaken by the MLA**

Ajanta Neog, who was elected as an MLA from the Golaghat constituency in Assam, has focused on infrastructure development and agriculture. In her election campaign, she had mentioned that her priority would be to work on improving the road network and providing better connectivity in her constituency. She had also emphasized the need to promote organic farming and provide support to farmers in the area. Projects of Rs 100 billion are being undertaken as part of the NIDA initiative to develop infrastructure in the transportation, tourism, educational, and other social sectors. Several significant infrastructure projects would be finished between 2023 and 2024.

**Gunotsav** : This program aims to improve the quality of education in the state's primary schools by conducting an annual assessment of the learning outcomes of students in



government-run schools. Under Gunotsav Assam, all government-run schools in the state, including those in remote and inaccessible areas, are evaluated by a team of experts. The assessment is based on parameters such as academic performance, teacher-pupil ratio, attendance of students and teachers, classroom infrastructure, and availability of teaching aids." Gunotsav is an excellent initiative of the MLA to improve last mile education outcomes. In its 4th edition - 18,097 evaluators covered 44,531 schools enrolling 41.35 lakh students .75%+ schools are in A/A+ grade, compared to 46% in 2022", as stated by Ajanta Neog.

Swachh Zila Puraskar is an initiative of the Government of Assam, India, to recognize and reward the efforts of districts in achieving cleanliness and sanitation goals under the Swachh Bharat Mission. The Swachh Zila Puraskar is awarded to districts in the state that have made significant progress in achieving the objectives of the Swachh Bharat Mission, which include open defecation-free status, solid waste management, and promotion of hygiene and sanitation practices. Ajanta Neog state that "The Most Outstanding District Initiative award will be given to the district that ranks highest on cleanliness with parameters such as 100 per cent door to door collection, segregation of waste, setting up and functioning of solid waste processing plant, clearing of legacy waste, setting up on Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) and used water management, and shall be awarded Rs 100 crore for the same".

Underlining that child marriage is one of the prominent reasons for high maternal and infant mortality rates of the state, Neog also proposed a state mission to make the state free of child marriage by 2026- end and allocated Rs 200 crore for the purpose. Chief Minister Hemant Biswa Sharma said, "The

Budget presented today (March 2023) will be a milestone in fulfilling the hopes and aspirations of all sections of the society and that it will pave the way for Assam to reach its destined heights on all the fronts.” “ The 5000-crore allotment in the budget so as to provide self-employment opportunities to the state's two lakh youths is a revolutionary step and would prove immensely helpful in helping the youths of Assam stand on their own feet”, he added.

### **How the Community Benefited Post Initiation of Change**

Ajanta Neog has held several important portfolios, including the social welfare department and the public works department, and has made significant contributions to the development of Assam. As the PWD Minister of Assam, Ajanta Neog played a pivotal role in improving the infrastructure of the state. Under her leadership, Assam was adjudged as the Best Infrastructure Development State in the Big State category in the 13th States Conclave by India Today Group in November 2015. During her tenure, Assam witnessed a 17% increase in the length of pucca roads, which was much higher than the national average of 4%. To revive the movement around women empowerment, Neog also proposed Rs 1000 into bank accounts of women members of self-help groups to incentivize them to maintain an active bank account and develop business project proposal and on approval of the project, the woman will get Rs 10,000 in the subsequent year to develop her business into a successful home-based enterprise. Through this initiative, Neog plans to develop 30 lakh women entrepreneurs in the state.

In addition to her work in the PWD department, Ajanta Neog has also made significant contributions to the social upliftment of the weaker sections of society. She has granted financial assistance for setting up a pig farm, fishery, and a new panchayat office at Mokrong GP, among other initiatives. Her efforts have helped to create employment opportunities and improve the economic conditions of the local people. Ajanta Neog has also been a vocal advocate for a clean environment and has conducted cleaning drives in various wards to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. She has also initiated the Gunotsav program, which aims to

improve the quality of education in the state and help students achieve better learning outcomes. Her previous successes suggest that she is a capable and dedicated leader who is committed to the development and welfare of the people of Assam.

### **How this has improved people's confidence.**

Being the first female finance minister is something that encourages young girls to study hard and apply for office. This is surely a huge step for gender equality and women empowerment. With women legislators in office, it can be made sure that women are fully represented, and their issues are heard and talked about.

Neog has worked in areas like infrastructure development and social welfare, which are two of the most important points to be looked after in a socio-political setting- it is what provides comfort and safety to the citizens of a particular area. Her work during her tenure as the PWD minister- developing the infrastructure to a great extent- contributed to the overall development of the state, bringing out new opportunities for the people. When people see that these areas are being looked into properly, this automatically generates their confidence in the political officials elected to work for them.

### **Honours and Significant Achievements**

- She was given the Golaghat Ratna award by the United Chambers of Commerce, Golaghat.
- She won four consecutive Assam Assembly elections in 2001, 2006, 2011, and 2016 from Golaghat on a Congress ticket.
- During her term as the PWD Minister of Assam, she achieved huge success in developing the infrastructure of the place, as Assam was adjudged as the Best Infrastructure Development State.
- First woman Finance Minister of Assam.

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## 5. SHRI. ALPESHBHAI THAKOR

Gandhinagar South,  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat

### INTRODUCTION

Alpesh Thakor is a politician from Gujarat, India. He is a member of the Gujarat Legislative Assembly from Gandhinagar South. He was earlier a member representing Radhanpur. Formerly associated with the Indian National Congress party, he joined Bharatiya Janata Party in 2019. Born in 1977, he started his career as a social worker and political activist. He is a leader of the Koli community in Gujarat. He founded the Gujarat Kshatriya Thakor Sena as well as OBC, SC, ST Ekta Manch (OBC, SC, ST unity forum), a social platform to demand reservations for people of the respective communities, around which a movement took place in Gujarat shortly after the Patidar reservation agitation.

Thakor founded the Kshatriya Thakor Sena in 2011. He has led many movements for the rights of the Thakor community in Gujarat. In 2016, he floated a movement to rid the members of his community from liquor addiction. He has also demanded stricter laws against illegal trading of alcoholic drinks in Gujarat. The Kshatriya Thakor Sena has around 700,000 members as of October 2017. Rameshji Thakor, the former state vice-president of the Gujarat Kshatriya Thakor Sena, split from Alpesh Thakor to form his own outfit. He formed the Royal Kshatriya Thakor Sena in 2013 and was elected as the president of his society.

Thakor comes from the Thakor community in Gujarat. He rose to prominence and media attention after he launched a movement to counter the Patidar reservation agitation by Hardik Patel. He founded the OSS (OBC, SC, ST) Ekta Manch to unite all people of these communities for demanding reservation according to population of the specific community. He also said that the hidden motive behind the Patidar agitations is nothing but a game plan to scrape the reservation system, and that his movement will counter it to 'protect their constitutional right'. Thakor was arrested in September 2015 along with many others for organizing a meeting of all OBC communities in Mehsana district.

### ABOUT THE CONSTITUENCY

Gandhinagar South Assembly constituency - Gandhinagar South Vidhan Sabha (35) is in Gandhinagar district of Gujarat and comes under the Ahmedabad East Lok Sabha



constituency. As per the estimate of 2011 census, out of a total 363323 population, 39.85% is rural and 60.15% is urban population. The Scheduled castes (SC) and Scheduled tribes (ST) ratio are 7.07 and 0.96, respectively, out of the total population. As per the voter list of 2022, there are 364368 electorates and 348 polling stations in this constituency.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

Alpesh Thakor has been actively involved in various social initiatives aimed at uplifting marginalized communities in Gujarat. He has worked extensively in the areas of education, healthcare, and employment, focusing especially on the needs of youth and women.

As a social activist, Thakor has led numerous campaigns and protests on issues such as



land rights, minimum wage laws, and access to basic services like water and electricity.

He has also been a strong advocate for the



rights of farmers and has fought to protect their interests against powerful corporate interests. Thakor has also worked closely with local NGOs and community-based organizations to provide support and resources to vulnerable groups. Through his efforts, he has helped to empower countless individuals and families, enabling them to lead more dignified and fulfilling lives.

Over the years, Alpesh Thakor has organized and participated in several social events such as cultural festivals, sports tournaments, and community gatherings to promote the rich cultural heritage of Gujarat and foster a sense of community among the people. He has also been involved in organizing charity events and fundraisers to support causes he cares about, such as education, healthcare, and disaster relief.



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## 6. SHRI. AMRISHBHAI PATEL (MLC)

Dhule -Nandurbar,  
Maharashtra

### INTRODUCTION

Shri. Amrishbhai Rasiklal Patel belongs to BJP. He hails from the family directly connected to first Deputy prime minister and Home Affairs minister of Independent India Loha purush Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. His mother was the niece of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. He started his political career in the Shirpur as an independent politician and was the President of Shirpur Municipal Corporation. Shri. Patel was a four-time (1990 to 2009) legislator from Shirpur (Vidhan Sabha constituency) as an Indian National Congress candidate, who has never lost an assembly election, and was also a state government cabinet minister. He joined the Bhartiya Janata Party in 2019. He had also served as cabinet minister for school Education, culture, Sports & Youth Affairs (Govt. of Maharashtra) in the year 2003 -04 and served as Guardian Minister of Dhule District. He was declared unopposed elected Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council as an Indian National Congress nominee, representing Dhule and Nandurbar District.in 2009 and as a Bhartiya Janata Party candidate in 2021. Amrish Patel is Chancellor of SVKM NMIMS and President of Shri Vile Parle Kelvani Mandal, a Mumbai - based Educational Trust , which runs several institutions including Mithibai College, Narsee Monjee College of Commerce and Economics, SVKM NMIMS and Dwarkadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering. He is also the founder of Shirpur Education Society.

### Constituency Overview

Amrishbhai Patel started his Legislative career as MLA of Shirpur Assembly constituency which is one of the 288 Vidhan sabha constituencies of Maharashtra state in western India. This constituency is in the Dhule district and presently it is reserved for the candidate belonging to the scheduled tribes. It is a part of the Nandurbar Lok Sabha constituency. Currently he is serving as elected member of Maharashtra Legislative Council from Dhule - Nandurbar local Authorities constituency which covers elected representatives of local self-governing bodies in including zilla parishad, Municipal Corporation , Municipal Council & Nagar Panchayats in Dhule and Nandurbar district of Nashik division.

### Initiatives

- Amrishbhai Patel is also known for his



contribution to Shirpur for the implementation of ambitious irrigation project, started in October 2004, popularly known as the Shirpur Pattern of water Conservation was later adopted by Maharashtra Government in the form of Jalyukta Shivar Yojana. This water conservation and irrigation project brought high acclaim to Shirpur and permanently solved the issue of water for irrigation in rural parts of the region. Today farmers are growing High water consuming crops like sugarcane, papaya, cotton at large scale.

- Priyadarshini Spinning Mill was Founded by Amrishbhai at Shirpur which has Provided employment to over 5000 people of Shirpur and has successfully created a notable position on the national map of textile industries.
- Shirpur Education Society was established by him which owns 69 institutes of primary, secondary and higher education, imparting





education to more than 40,000 students from K.G (Kindergarten) to P.G (Postgraduate) level and employing lot of generous faculty members and non-teaching staff from region.

- He is also the founder chairman of Shirpur Peoples Cooperative Bank which provides Credit to a small, medium and large-scale business as well as to the farmers and all other individuals at humble interest rates.

### Awards

Achievement have been celebrated and launched across various platforms. Some of this include:

- Social Entrepreneur Award 2022: for contribution in the field of water Conservation. His work towards rainwater harvesting is known as the Shirpur Pattern across Maharashtra. The much-appreciated water conservation framework has been emulated in Bengaluru and other cities across India.



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## 7. SMT. ANITA BHADEL

Ajmer South, Ajmer,  
Rajasthan

### INTRODUCTION

**Smt. Anita Bhadel** is former Minister of Child and Woman Welfare in the Government of Rajasthan. She is a member of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly representing the Ajmer South Vidhan Sabha constituency of Rajasthan and a Bharatiya Janata Party politician. Smt. Bhadel belong to the Koli caste of Rajasthan.

Holding two postgraduate degrees, she passed her M. Ed from Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University in 1999 and MA from the same University earlier in 1997. Born on 23 December 1972, Anita Bhadel started her political career as a corporator in Ajmer in 1997 and within one year she became a Chairman of Ajmer Municipal Corporation. The next year she ran for the MLA in Ajmer East for the Bhartiya Janta Party, where she won by a margin of 10,000 votes, defeating Congress ex-Minister Lalit Bhati.

### ABOUT THE CONSTITUENCY

Like many other regions in India, Ajmer South Assembly Constituency too faces several challenges that need to be addressed for the overall development of the district. Let's take a closer look at some of the key challenges faced by Ajmer:

- **Water scarcity:** Ajmer district is in a semi-arid region and is prone to droughts. The district faces acute water scarcity during the summer months, and the groundwater level has been depleting rapidly over the years. The lack of adequate water supply has affected the agricultural productivity of the region and has led to socio-economic challenges.
- **Infrastructure:** Ajmer district lacks adequate infrastructure, particularly in the areas of roads, public transport, and healthcare facilities. The roads are poorly maintained, and the public transport system is inadequate, making it difficult for the people to access basic services. The healthcare facilities in the district are also inadequate, and there is a shortage of doctors and medical staff.
- **Education:** While Ajmer district has a rich history of education, there are still many challenges that need to be addressed in this area. The quality of education in the district is poor, particularly in the government-run schools. There is a shortage of teachers, and



the infrastructure of the schools is inadequate, affecting the overall learning outcomes of the students.

- **Unemployment:** Ajmer district has a high rate of unemployment, particularly among the youth. The lack of employment opportunities has led to social and economic challenges in the region, including poverty, migration, and crime.
- **Environmental degradation:** The rapid urbanization and industrialization in the district have led to environmental degradation, including air and water pollution. This has had adverse effects on the health of the people and the ecosystem of the region.

In conclusion, Ajmer district faces several challenges that need to be addressed for the overall development of the region. The lack of adequate water supply, inadequate infrastructure, poor quality of education, high





unemployment rates, and environmental degradation are some of the key challenges that need to be addressed for the sustainable development of the district.

#### INNOVATIVE INTERVENTIONS

In the 2008 MLA elections she again represented Ajmer South and won with a margin of 23,000 votes, but as BJP collapsed in Rajasthan, she did not get a chance to be a minister. In the 2013 elections she again represented Ajmer South and won with a margin of 23,000 votes. This time she was awarded the place of Minister of Women and Child Development in Rajasthan.

As an innovative governance measure, on January 24, 2016, conferring the Garima Balika Sanrakshan Samman upon the girls, Women and Child Development Minister Anita Bhadel gave charge of her post to Jashoda Gameti of Rajsmand, Sona Bairwa of Tonk, and Preeti Kanwar Rajawat for a day. The girls, after taking charge, approved the scheme of



distributing 10,500 mobile phones to Aanganwadi workers and iPads to 282 women supervisors.

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## SHRI. ARIF MASOOD

Bhopal (Central),  
Madhya Pradesh

### INTRODUCTION

Arif Masood is an Indian politician associated with the Indian National Congress. He represents the 153 Bhopal Madhya Assembly seat in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly. In 2018, he won a seat as an Indian National Congress MLA for the first time in the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly. Masood defeated incumbent BJP candidate Surendranath Singh by 14,944 votes. In Madhya Pradesh, he is one of just two Muslim legislators.

Masood began student politics after earning his law degree from State Law College in 1998 and while pursuing his master's at Government Benazeer College in 2000. He began his political career with the Congress Party before joining the Samajwadi Party in 2003. However, he returned to Congress in 2007.

### CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

The Bhopal Lok Sabha Constituency includes the Bhopal Madhya Vidhan Sabha, which is situated in Madhya Pradesh's Bhopal district. According to the 2011 census, 365068 people total, 100% of whom live in urban areas. The percentages of scheduled castes (SC) and scheduled tribes (ST) in the population are 10.57 and 2.49, respectively. According to the 2019 voter list, this seat has 295 polling places and 242147 registered voters. The voter turnout in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections was 59.55%, compared to 61.36% in the 2018 Assembly elections.

### INITIATIVES

#### Covid 19 help

There were some positive aspects to the Covid-19 pandemic, which had virtually stopped the globe and imprisoned humanity with lockdowns. Many NGOs, social organizations, and a select few people who understood the suffering of the poor, stranded migrant workers, and disadvantaged groups of the community stepped forward to appease their stomach's growling experience. Following the start of the city-wide lockdown, 91 kitchens were operating in various parts of Bhopal and its surroundings, feeding thousands of people who are in need. MLA Arif Masood supported 14 kitchens maintained by his fan club members in different parts of the city. Every day, cooked meals were given out to between 18 and



20,000 people, regardless of their caste, creed, or religion.

#### Madhya Vidhan Sabha Safai Abhiyan

The lawmaker of the city's central assembly area, Arif Masood, had been conducting cleanliness campaigns in his electoral area. The city's 35th and 43rd wards were being cleaned up. The lawmaker Arif Masood is waging a fight against the rising dengue cases in the city. Almost the whole assembly area, including Shahpur, PC Town, God City, Seven Number, Arera Colony, Shiva City, Jahanjarabadi, Berchadi, and Jinshi, had pesticide spraying from the legislator within a week. Additionally, cleaning was being done. There have been attempts to raise awareness among colony residents about dengue defense. More than 313 dengue patients were discovered in the city in January 2021. Arif Masood used spray equipment to administer the medication himself to kill the dengue larvae. The Central Assembly constituency's





wards 48, 50, and 51 were the locations where the MLA applied medicine.

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## 9. MR. AROORI RAMESH

Waradhanapet,  
Telangana State

### INTRODUCTION

**Mr. Aroori Ramesh**, MLA from Waradhanapet in Telangana State is an MLA from the Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) or the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS), is a leading political leader and social worker in the Telangana State. As a farmer and a dalit leader, he has been at the helm of Dalit politics in the state of Telangana through his direct involvement in politics through the BRS. Coming from a farmer's background, he has been implemented a number of development programmes implemented by the state government, in particular the programmes for supporting farmers otherwise known as the Rayot Bandhu Programme in his constituency Waradhanapet located in Warangal district in the state. Considering his achievements of promoting development programmes through political representation and participation, this case study highlights the important works carried by Mr. Aroori Ramesh and implications of these works on lives and livelihoods of the people in his constituency and in the state.

### Political Career and the Journey so far:

A postgraduate in Sociology from Kakatiya University in Warangal in Telangana, Mr. Ramesh started his early career as a student and a farmer in his native place and later came into active politics. He started his political career in 2009 through his association with the Praja Rajyam Party (PRP) in 2009 and contested from Ghanpur Legislative Assembly constituency during that period. Despite electoral debacle in 2009, he was active in politics and subsequently associated with the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) which is currently the BRS in 2014 and elected as an MLA from Wardhanapet Legislative Assembly Constituency in the year 2014. He continued as an MLA in 2018 from the same constituency as a BRS candidate. It is evident that Mr. Ramesh has been active in politics since the last decade and even before this period. As a prominent political leader from the Dalit Community, he has been achieved many milestones in the politics and social service in Wardhanapet and in the State of Telangana. As an MLA, he has served as Chairperson of various standing committees or the House Committees in the Legislative Assembly.

Profile of the Constituency and Demographic



### Features:

Wardhanapet Legislative Assembly Constituency is in Warangal District in Telangana and under the Warangal Parliamentary Constituency in state. As per information provided by the State Legislative Affairs department, the constituency is a reserved constituency for the Scheduled Caste (SC) Community since the SCs population more than others. The Assembly Constituency has six mandals (Blocks) namely, Wardhanapet, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Pravatgiri, Sangam and Warangal with a total elector (voters) of 2,39,132 of which 49.74% male voters and 50.26 % are women voters. There are 55 villages panchayats and four census towns under this constituency. The constituency is a continuum of rural and urban areas. People of rural areas of this constituency are dependent on Agriculture as a main source of livelihood whereas the people from the urban areas are mostly





dependent on small trades and business. People of rural areas of this constituency often migrate to the urban areas to Warangal town and Hanamkonda for wage earning. As most people of this constituency are farmers and wage earners, it has been important for an MLA to provide sustenance of agriculture and related farm activities (Poultry and goatery).

**Major Initiatives and Achievements:**

As an MLA, Mr. Ramesh has been taking various initiatives for the people of his constituency. Several development programmes based on the scheme of the state government have been implemented in the constituency. Development activities based on (i) infrastructure development, (ii) development programmes for farmers through Rayutu scheme and (iii) constituency development programmes of the state government through MLAs. He has also been instrumental in expanding the limits of the development programmes through the SCs Development Fund (SCSDF) and the STs Development Fund (STSDF) in the constituency for the year 2022-23. Under the Constituency Development Programme(CDP), a total amount of Rs.1.5 Crore was provided to this constituency in 2022-23 of which Rs. 65.57 lakhs were allocated for the SCs, Rs.20.87 lakhs for the STs and Rs.63.53 lakhs for the general category of people (Planning Department, Telangana, 2022).

**Innovative Practices:**

The MLA has been involved in the development process in his constituency through adapting various good practices. A major has been taken up through the process of implementation of development programmes through targeting various

categories of people, the SCs. He has been instrumental for the cause of the farmers through Rythu Bandhu programmes which is otherwise known as Agriculture Investment Support Scheme. Effective implementation of these programmes in the constituency with an approach to support farmers and dalits is a key achievement of Mr. Ramesh as an MLA.

**Conclusion:**

Ramesh’s work as an MLA and a prominent leader from the Dalit Community has been impacted on the process of governance and development in many ways. As an MLA, he has been instrumental in implementation of several development programmes through the unique programme of the state government called as the Constituency Development Programme or the CDP. It has been an innovative way of approaching and mainstreaming development activities in a Legislative Assembly Constituency in the state which is otherwise known as the MLA Local Area Development (MLALAD) in other states. However, the creation of durable community assets through CDP has been added a new chapter in the process of sustainable development and many MLAs like Ramesh has involved them with community or citizens of their constituencies through this approach.



**INTRODUCTION**

**Advocate Ashish Shelar** is an Indian politician and cricket administrator belonging to Bharatiya Janata Party. He served as Maharashtra legislative Assembly member representing Vandre West since 2014. He is president of the Mumbai unit of the BJP. He was elected as Vice President of the Mumbai Cricket Association on 17 June 2015.

**DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY**

Vandre West Assembly constituency is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha constituencies of Maharashtra state in western India, since 2008. Vandre, also known as Bandra, is a suburb of Mumbai. Bandra is considered one of the most important constituencies in the Maharashtra Assembly Elections of 2019. In 2019, Vandre West legislative assembly constituency had total 297716 electors. The total number of valid votes was 131004. Bharatiya Janata Party candidate Adv Ashish Babaji Shelar won and became MLA from this seat. He secured a total of 74816 votes.

**COMMENDABLE PRACTICES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA**

- Inaugurated the keynote mural of the "Beautification through Street Art Initiative by 3 Art House". This collaborative initiative aims to breathe new life into urban spaces and inspire creativity. The mural is an homage to characters of the market who have been working there for decades. It's the story of a marketplace. By turning ordinary city spaces into captivating works of art, this initiative revitalizes the urban landscape and engages communities. MLA Adv. Ashish Shelar, a passionate advocate for the arts, graciously inaugurated the project, demonstrating his commitment to nurturing a vibrant artistic community. He expressed gratitude to the artists and local authorities for their support. The project transforms the city into an open-air gallery, inviting residents and visitors to explore and be inspired. By fostering a sense of pride and connection, the city hopes to attract art enthusiasts and stimulate tourism and economic growth.
- In a bid to promote eco-friendly transportation, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), as a part of its pilot project, is set to dedicate 24 spots across the H West ward to bicycle parking. According to the proposal, the locations



have a collective capacity to accommodate 250 bicycles. The proposal seeks to develop these locations into parking spots with the aim to control pollution and encourage commuters to use bicycles as a mode of transport. Each of these parking spots is slated to have the capacity to station five cycles at a time. The proposal for the upcoming project was pitched to the civic body by Cycle Chala City Bacha and Smart Commute Foundation along with BJP MLA from Bandra West Ashish Shelar. "This is one of the most fascinating and critical proposals to deal with the rising traffic woes. It will not only help deal with environmental issues but will also save on the parking space used by cars. It will also encourage commuters to consider cycling as a mode of transport to work, shopping and for recreational activities. The project will give us a clean and healthy Bandra," Shelar reported to media officials.





- Amid deteriorating Mumbai's Air Quality Index especially during the winter, the Mumbai BJP chief Ashish Shelar has urged the Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to set up an enquiry and fix accountability on errant officers.
- BMC will beautify the spaces under the metro bridge at Mahim Causeway and develop a decorative walkway, seating arrangements, illumination, and landscaping.
- CD Road and 16th road in Bandra (West) will also be beautified with street furniture, decorative lighting, and better footpaths as 'Model Roads' for the rest of the area. BMC is also likely to take up the beautification of Turner Road to improve its ambience and aesthetics.
- At Bandra Lake, the civic body will add a water aeration system, one entry and exit point, upgraded security, and a 'fishing kiosk'. BMC upgraded the lake precinct and opened it to the public in 2018.
- The Bandra Fort will be illuminated, and landscaping and street furniture will be installed.
- Started mobile reasonable vegetable centres known as 'Pulse Vans' for residents of Bandra west constituency near Podar School-Santacruz, Vittal Das Nagar-Santacruz, Khar Danda shop, opp BMC school, Nutan Nagar- Bandra, Mahasagar Ganesh Mandir- Bandra.
- In the aftermath of a devastating fire in Nargis Dutt Nagar, Bandra. Saifiya Shaikh, a dedicated student preparing for her graduation exams, lost her home and laptop

needed for her exam preparations. Understanding her situation and its urgency, provisions were made by the MLA office to provide her with a new laptop and financial assistance, ensuring her studies continued uninterrupted.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Atishi Singh, also known as Atishi Marlana, is an educationist, political activist, and MLA from Kalkaji, Delhi who has been transforming the lives of the people of Delhi. She is an inspiring leader who is a member of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of Aam Aadmi Party and presently serving as the Minister of Education, Delhi. Her story is worth sharing as it exhibits the might of hard-work, dedication and visionist leadership in influencing constructive change in people's lives.

Before skating on thin ice of Indian Politics, Atishi played an active role as an educator and a political and social activist working towards empowering communities to engage and collaborate on social and ecological issues. She is popular as the architect behind Delhi's Education Revolution. Before being elected as an MLA, she also worked as an advisor to the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia.

Her role, with regard to Delhi's Education Model, has ensured that the government schools of Delhi are at par with the elite private schools. This revolutionary and noble transformation has given almost 1,600,000 children the opportunity to acknowledge and utilize their full potential irrespective of their socio-economic conditions.

A Rhodes Scholar, an educationist, a grassroots activist, a policy reformer and most recently a popularly elected people's representative, Atishi has 360-degree perspective on governance issues. She is currently the Chairperson of three Delhi Assembly Committees- the Committee on Environment, the Public Accounts Committee, and the Standing Committee on Education.

**DETAILS OF THE CONSTITUENCY:**

Atishi Marlana represents the Kalkaji constituency in the Legislative Assembly of Delhi, India. The constituency is a part of South Delhi Lok Sabha constituency and incorporates residential, commercial, and industrial areas. Kalkaji comprises of a diverse population, with people from different socio-economic backgrounds, religions, and cultures. It has an electoral size composition of around 150,000 to 200,000. As per the voter list of 2020, there are 1,85,910 electorates and 161 polling stations in this constituency. Voter turnout was 55.75% in 2019 Lok Sabha



elections, whereas it was 57.91% in the 2020 assembly elections. In 2020, The AAP, BJP and INC got 52.28%, 41.63%, 4.64% votes respectively while in 2019 elections, the AAP, BJP and INC secured 24.22%, 56.47% and 16.64% respectively.

As of 2021, the Kalkaji constituency's total population was estimated to be around 500,000. The literacy rate was estimated to be around 87% which indicates that a major chunk of the population is literate and has basic education. The official sex ratio was estimated to be around 850 females per 1000 males which showcases the gender imbalance. The major religions in Kalkaji constituency include Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, and Christianity.

**KALKAJI'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONDITION BEFORE ATISHI TOOK TO OFFICE:**

Kalkaji is home to people from different walks of life ranging from daily wage earners to business owners. However, before Atishi took charge, Kalkaji faced numerous socio-economic issues. One of the most significant problems was that the area lacked the required infrastructure. The roads were in a dreadful condition, and the sewage system was obsolete, leading to waterlogging during the monsoon season.

A considerable slice of the population was employed in the unorganized sector. The literacy rate was comparatively low, with a significant number of children not attending school. The crime rate was also a factor of concern, with bothering cases of theft, snatching, and eve-teasing being reported frequently.

Education is an essential aspect of any society, and Kalkaji was no exception. Before Atishi Marlana became the MLA, the educational facilities in Kalkaji were average at best. There were a minimal number of government

schools, and the quality of education was subpar. The private schools were exorbitant for most of the population, and there were no measures taken to evolve and enhance the status. The dearth of quality education was a huge impediment to the development of the area, and it was crucial to address the issue.

#### **INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN:**

Atishi Marlena's tenure as the MLA of Kalkaji has been recorded by several initiatives aimed at addressing the socio-economic issues that the area was struggling with. One of her prime focuses was on upgrading the educational facilities in the area. She launched:

- **Mission Buniyaad** campaign, which aimed at improving the foundational literacy and numeracy skills of children in classes 3-9. Under this program, students are provided with remedial classes and additional support to improve their reading, writing, and mathematical skills. This has aided in building a strong and secure substructure for their future academic and professional triumphs.
- **Happiness Curriculum**, which aimed at promoting holistic education by focusing on the emotional and mental well-being of children. The curriculum involves activities such as storytelling, meditation, and group discussions, which help in reducing stress and anxiety levels and improving the overall mental health of students. This has received sweeping appreciation from parents, teachers, and students, and has been adopted by various schools across the country.
- **Chunauti** program, which focuses on improving the learning outcomes of students in government schools. According to their learning levels, students are separated into different groups under this program, and those who are falling behind receive extra attention. This has aided in lowering dropout rates and raising students' general academic performance.

The passing rate and student performance have greatly increased as a result of these programmes, improving the quality of education in Kalkaji.

Apart from the schemes, Atishi Marlena has also introduced several initiatives that have helped in transforming the education landscape in India. Peer teaching is one of

them; it encourages students to share knowledge and learn from one another. In this program, students are paired with peers and take turns teaching a multitude of topics. This not only boosts youngsters' academic success but also fosters social and collaboration qualities in them.

Atishi also spearheaded campaigns in the struggle against societal ills including patriarchy and prejudice. She started the Samanta campaign, which envisioned advancing women's empowerment and gender equality. Under this campaign, several initiatives were launched, including self-defense classes for women and awareness drives on issues such as menstrual hygiene.

#### **CHALLENGES FACED:**

When Atishi initially began working in Delhi's education sector, she was confronted with a range of challenges. The paucity of infrastructure in government schools was one of the most prominent concerns. Many of these schools were in bad shape, had subpar facilities, and used antiquated teaching techniques.

The scarcity of proficient educators in government schools was an additional problem. Poor academic outcomes have been attributed to a lack of training and competence on the part of many teachers.

Atishi also faced opposition from various stakeholders who were resistant to change. Many school administrators and staff enjoyed the status quo and resisted the adoption of novel teaching strategies. It was vital to identify a way to persuade them that transformation was essential for education to flourish.

She also faced resistance from vested interests, bureaucratic hurdles, and lack of funds.

#### **ATISHI'S APPROACH OF OVERCOMING CHALLENGES:**

Atishi tackled the challenge of improving infrastructure by launching a massive school renovation program. In Delhi, more than 8,000 government schools have been refurbished under the umbrella of this program and outfitted with cutting-edge amenities including air conditioning, clean restrooms, drinking water sources, libraries, and computer laboratories. This program enhanced schools' physical facilities while

simultaneously fostering a supportive learning environment for the students.

To address the shortage of qualified teachers, Atishi launched a teacher training program. By giving teachers regular training and workshops, this program is geared to expand their level of expertise and knowledge. A merit-based promotion system for teachers was further established by Atishi, encouraging them to develop methods for teaching.

To overcome resistance to change, Atishi engaged with stakeholders such as school principals, teachers, and parents. She had periodic meetings with them to gather their feedback and to explain the advantages of new initiatives. To engage with the public, streamline the process, and get support for her ideas, social media sites like Twitter and Facebook were put to use.

#### **IMPACTS LEADING TO TRANSFORMATION THROUGH DEVELOPMENT:**

Atishi has been involved in an array of initiatives that have transformed Delhi's educational landscape. The statistics and studies that have been gathered throughout the years show the influence of Atishi's efforts.

The establishment of the Happiness Curriculum in schools has been one of her most important efforts. The Happiness Curriculum has been adopted in government-run schools all around Delhi, and parents, teachers, and kids have all given it great reviews. According to research done by the Delhi government, students who went through the curriculum experienced a 14% decrease in anxiety levels. The study also discovered that students who underwent the curriculum gained higher levels of optimism and positivity.

Another significant project that Atishi has been involved in is the creation of the Mohalla Clinics. These clinics are designed to provide urban slum dwellers free access to basic healthcare. Over 2.5 million individuals have received medical care from the clinics since they opened, claims a study from the Delhi government. This has made it such that slum dwellers have access to high-quality treatment while also minimizing the load on public hospitals.

Furthermore, Atishi undertook a remarkable responsibility of escalating Delhi's government schools' interior and exterior

spaces. She has mapped out her plans in such a way that has ensured schools have access to cutting-edge amenities like computer laboratories, science labs, and libraries. The pleasant learning environment has encouraged more and more students to participate in learning activities. According to a study conducted by the Delhi government, the overall rate of success of students admitted to government schools rose from 82.61% in 2014–15 to 98.7% in 2020–21. This is an enormous development and a witness to Atishi and her team's efforts.

#### **RESTORING CITIZENS' FAITH:**

Atishi Marlena's administration has been victorious in winning citizens' faith by devising policies and programs that address their grievances.

The data and statistics serve as evidence as to how Atishi Marlena's work has shaped peoples' credence in the government. The public perception of the school system in the city has notably improved, according to a survey conducted by the Delhi government. According to the survey, 87% of parents were content with the quality of education delivered in the public schools. This is a concrete improvement above the 59% satisfaction rate noted in 2015.

Atishi's efforts to connect and interact with the citizens along with involving them in the decision-making processes has directly ensued by people feeling more empowered and participative. Her undeterred will and pensive solutions have kindled trust in the government's capability to guard the needs of the populace.

#### **HONOURS AND ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- a) Atishi Marlena has been acknowledged for her contributions to education and social activism.
- b) Dare to Dream Educational Activist by reThink India: She won the "Dare to Dream Educational Activist" award in 2018 for her contributions in bringing remarkable changes in Delhi's education system, including revamping of education in government schools.
- c) 'Career Change-Maker of the Decade' award: Atishi bagged the 'Career Change-Maker of the Decade' award in 2022 for her commendable role in transforming Delhi's educational spaces.



- d) BW Businessworld Social Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Atishi won the BW Businessworld Social Woman Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2020 for her various works and contributions which involved reviving Delhi's education system, leading the AAP's flagship Mohalla Sabha Project, and addressing the UN Sustainability Development Goal towards ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education.
- e) In addition to her work in education, Atishi has also been involved in social activism. She served as a consultant for the Right to Food initiative, which sought to guarantee all Indians access to food.
- f) Under her guidance, the Delhi government schools have undergone a major transformation. The Happiness Curriculum has been adopted in over 1,000 government schools in Delhi.
- g) Atishi has also been an advocate for women's rights. She has spoken out against the prevalence of sexual harassment in India and has called for greater protections for women.
- h) The Delhi government schools have outperformed private schools consistently since the inception of AAP under the mentorship of Atishi Marlana.
- i) 203 Government Schools Record 100% Passing CBSE Class 12 Exam.

### **AN INSPIRING POLITICIAN: TAKEAWAYS & QUALITIES**

“As cabinet ministers and representatives of the people, we are often caught up in political tussles and endless paperwork. But we must never forget who and what we are fighting for” – Atishi Marlana

Atishi Marlana is a name that has been making waves in Indian politics in recent years. Atishi's journey is an attestation to what a young, driven person with the right ambition and leadership skills may conquer. Atishi belonged to a middle-class family who performed exceptionally well in her academics and went on to get a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Oxford.

Atishi had an easy alternative of leading a well-off life by establishing a career in the corporate or academia, but she chose to use her potential to fight for a better India. She joined

Pratham, a nonprofit organization that strives to push the standards of education in India. She co-founded Parivartan, an organization that works to boost the government's transparency and accountability, in 2006. When Atishi started working with Parivartan, she realized the role and importance of power to bring in an effective and lasting change.

The path Atishi Marlana took to enter politics was not simple. She became a member of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in 2013 and contested for Delhi Assembly in 2015. She lost the elections, but it did not daunt her aspirations. She worked for the party and was selected to join the Political Affairs Committee, the AAP's top decision-making body. Her big break came in 2018 when she was appointed as the advisor to Manish Sisodia, the deputy chief minister of Delhi.

Atishi's insistence and endeavors on school reforms exhibit her visionary understanding of her goals which also serves as evidence for her optimism about India's future. Her ability to communicate and relate with the masses has resulted in her popularity among the youth and the middle class.

- Atishi Marlana's journey from a mathematics student to a successful cabinet minister is an encouragement to aspiring change-makers. India is not a country that lacks dreams, but rather, it lacks the riches and opportunities needed to reshape them into reality. Hence, it becomes necessary for the government to intervene in order to provide the resources needed. Works and narratives like that of Atishi's play an important role in encouraging youngsters and fighting for a better India.

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## PROF. BALJINDER KAUR

Talwandi Sabo, Bathinda, Punjab

### INTRODUCTION

**Baljinder Kaur** is member of the Punjab Legislative Assembly (MLA) representing Talwandi Sabo Assembly constituency. She is a member of the Aam Aadmi Party.

Kaur did her M. Phil. from Punjabi University, Patiala in 2009. Before entering politics, she was a Professor of English at Mata Gujri College at Fatehgarh Sahib. She married Sardar Sukhraj Singh in February 2019; who is also a politician from Aam Aadmi Party. She has one daughter.

In 2011 Kaur joined the Indian anti-corruption movement and in 2012 joined Aam Aadmi Party. The first time she contested bypoll election from Talwandi Sabo Assembly constituency in 2014 but lost the election.

### POLITICAL JOURNEY

#### First term (2017-2022)

She was elected as the Member of Legislative Assembly in the 2017 election when she defeated Sardar Jeetmohinder Singh of Shiromani Akali Dal with a margin of 19,293 votes.

In the 2019 Indian general election in Punjab, she was declared the candidate from Bathinda Lok Sabha constituency by the party. However, she lost the election and stood at third place.

She was the president of the women's wing of AAP Punjab.

### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF 15TH PUNJAB LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

She has been on various important committees of the Punjab Government, such as:

- Member (2020–21) Committee on Government Assurances.
- Member Library Committee
- Member Committee on Subordinate Legislation

#### Second term (2022-present)

The Aam Aadmi Party gained a strong 79% majority in the sixteenth Punjab Legislative Assembly by winning 92 out of 117 seats in the 2022 Punjab Legislative Assembly election. MP Bhagwant Mann was sworn in as Chief Minister on 16 March 2022.

### Committee assignments of 16th Punjab



**Legislative Assembly:** She has been appointed as the Chairperson (2022–23) Committee on Questions & References

The AAP government on Monday decided to give cabinet rank to party's chief whip. Two-time AAP MLA Dr. Baljinder Kaur was appointed AAP's chief whip in the Vidhan Sabha ahead of the last session in September.

### CONSTITUENCY

Talwandi Sabo Assembly constituency - Talwandi Sabo Vidhan Sabha (94) is in Bathinda district of Punjab and comes under the Bathinda Lok Sabha constituency. As per the estimate of the 2011 census, out of a total 212667 population, 79.71% is rural and 20.29% is urban population. The Scheduled castes (SC) and Scheduled tribes (ST) ratio are 31.18 and 0, respectively, out of the total population. As per the voter list of 2022, there are 157176 electorates and 179 polling stations in this constituency. Voter turnout was 71.93% in 2019





Lok Sabha elections, whereas it was 83.74% in 2022 assembly election. The AAP, the BJP, the INC and the SAD got 37.04%, 3.32%, 20.23% and 25.46% votes, respectively, in 2022 assembly election, while the AAP, the INC and the SAD got 8.32%, 43.27% and 37.91% in 2019 parliamentary election, respectively.

### INITIATIVES

She always wanted to do something for the cause of people, especially women as we see women hardly get opportunities in politics as there is no level playing field. As an MLA she has focused on improving the state of education in Punjab and her constituency. She has also worked towards reducing farmer suicides and helping farmers get better

price for their agricultural produce. In addition to that, she aims on improving the state of healthcare in Talwandi Sabo. India is a democracy and the only people who can bring about change is the "Aam Aadmi", says Kaur, "and my party and I will leave no stone unturned to make the country corruption free."

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## INTRODUCTION

**Bhimrao Tapkir** is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party. He has been member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from 2011 (Bypoll), 2014, 2019 from the Khadakwasla constituency assembly constituency in Pune. MLA Bhimrao Tapkir started his career in 2001 local body election of Pune Municipal Corporation. He was elected as the Corporator in 2001 election and was re-elected as the corporator in 2006.

## CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Khadakwasla Assembly constituency is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha (legislative assembly) constituencies of Maharashtra state, western India. This constituency is in Pune district. The constituency comprises Haveli taluka, Khed Shivapur area and Kothrud area.

## INITIATIVES

Mr. Bhimrao Tapkir has been representing Khadakwasla constituency since 2011. As a result of this long period of representation he got an opportunity to resolve the developmental issues in the constituency. The developmental works undertaken in his leadership in the constituency are:

- Expansion of the connectivity infrastructure such as construction of bridges for improved traffic management. For example, starting bridge construction from Sun City to Karve Road falling under his area of work.
- Beautification projects in the residential complex such as garden beautification.
- Concretization of internal roads.
- Efforts being taken for better management of water distribution such as through taking follow regarding canal expansion and tunnel building activities.
- Street lighting for safety and traffic management.
- Construction of underpass.
- Under his initiative the State government sanctioned a fund of Rs. 3.75 crore for developing basic infrastructure and facilities for tourists at Sinhagad fort. It will help increase tourism as well as maintaining the historical Sinhagad fort.
- He took the initiative for successful implementation of Jalyukt Shivar yojana in his constituency. As a result, 12 villages in constituency were selected for the scheme.



- He has taken consistent follow up for better waste management infrastructure in his constituency.
- He has been actively involved in raising the issues plaguing the constituency in Vidhansabha through sections such as points of attention.
- Worked for constant supply of the electricity in his constituency through initiatives such as installation of transformers.
- Worked for connectivity of the remote villages in Sinhagad fort.

There has been consistent development works undertaken by MLA. Bhimrao Tapkir in his constituency which has contributed to overall development of the constituency.

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## पुढारी



थोपटेवाडी येथे अंतर्गत रस्त्याच्या कामाला सुरुवात करताना आमदार भीमराव तापकीर व मान्यवर.

## सिंहगड परिसरामधील विकासकामांचे भूमिपूजन

**खडकवासला : पुढारी वृत्तसेवा**  
सिंहगड किल्ल्याच्या परिसरातील खामगाव मावळ, मोगरवाडी, मणेरवाडी, थोपटेवाडी, गोन्हे खुर्द, वरदाडे, मालखेड येथे स्मशानभूमी, शिवकालीन मंदिर जोडरस्ते, वाड्यावस्त्यांतील अंतर्गत रस्ते आदी विकासकामांना आमदार भीमराव तापकीर यांच्या हस्ते सुरुवात करण्यात आली.

या कामासाठी तापकीर यांच्या प्रयत्नातून जिल्हा नियोजन समिती व इतर योजनांतून एक कोटी रुपयांचा निधी मंजूर झाला आहे.

तापकीर म्हणाले, 'सिंहगड किल्ल्याच्या डोंगरमाथ्यावरील तसेच गावातील वस्त्या चारमाही पक्क्या

रस्त्याने जोडण्यासाठी रस्ते केले जाणार आहेत. स्मशानभूमीकडे जाणाऱ्या रस्तेचे अंतर्गत रस्त्यांचे प्रश्नही मार्गी लागणार आहे.

कामाचा दर्जा चांगला व्हावा यासाठी स्थानिक ग्रामस्थांनी जागरूक राहावे.' भाजपचे जिल्हा दिव्यांग आवाडीचे अध्यक्ष बाजीराव पारगे, माजी नगरसेवक गंगाधर भडावळे, भाजपचे संपटक तानाजी थोपटे, माजी पंचायत सदस्य नितिन वाघ, जिल्हा उपाध्यक्ष विठ्ठल डाकर, माजी सरपंच शरद जावळकर, भाजप व्यापार आवाडीचे तालुकाध्यक्ष नंदुशेठ जावळकर, चंद्रकांत यादव, विजय जाधव, प्रशांत जाधव आदी उपस्थित होते.



## SHRI. BHUVNESHWAR GAUR

Manali (22), Kullu,  
Himachal Pradesh

### INTRODUCTION

Son of Smt. Uma Gaur and Late Shri Raj Krishan Gaur (former Cabinet Minister H.P. Government); born on 14th July 1974 at Katrain Distt. Kullu, H.P. He is a Graduate; married to Smt. Rashmi; has three daughters; Horticulturist.

He has been member, NSUI, 1993-1998; General Secretary, District Youth Congress Kullu, 1998-2003, President: i) BCC Kullu, 2004-2008, ii) BCC Manali, 2008-2018; Spokesperson, Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee, 2012-2018; Acting President, DCC Kullu, 2018; and General Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee, 2022.

Elected to the State Legislative Assembly in December 2022; and nominated as Member, Public Undertakings & Subordinate Legislation Committees.

**His special interest is in Social Work, and favourite pastime: Reading, writing and music. The languages known to him are Hindi and English.**

### INITIATIVES

He has worked significantly to improve Kullu and Manali as global tourist destinations, To this extent, he has raised concerns with the state government.

Falling market prices of apple, demand for a medical college, and support to tourism have emerged as key issues around which the major activities of Shri. Gaur revolves.

He inaugurated the bus service between Manali to Sari even during the day. He flagged off the bus from Sarwari bus stand and congratulated the villagers for getting the additional bus service in the afternoon as well.

In addition to the tourism and infrastructural development, he has also taken initiatives to protect the cultural heritage of the state, especially Kullu-Manali.

Bhuvneshwar Gaur's has been able to get a road, and an ice-skating rink and an indoor stadium built to promote tourism. He also been instrumental in building a bypass road from the national highway to Old Manali to decongest traffic. Two more sites have been developed in Kullu for paragliding and wayside amenities.

Slowly and gradually, Gaur has been able to establish himself as the people's leader.







**DR. BUDHAN MURMU**

Saraskana, Mayurbhanj,  
Odisha

**INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Budhan Murmu, MLA from Saraskana Legislative Assembly Constituency in Mayurbhanj District in Odisha is a Medical Practitioner or Doctor by profession and a social worker who is quite passionate to relate to people through treatment and care. He is associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and a First Time MLA who was elected to the Odisha Legislative Assembly from Saraskana Constituency which is reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (Sts). In 2019 Odisha Assembly Elections, he joined in the BJP and contested Assembly Election though previously he was associated with various social and political activities in the locality. A medical practitioner in profession, he entered electoral politics after resigning from his government service/job as a doctor (Medical Officer). He was a medical officer at Primary Health Centre (PHC) Bhaluki under Rangamatia Community Health Centre in Mayurbhanj District.

**Demographic Details:**

Saraskana Legislative Assembly Constituency is in Northern parts in Odisha within the geographical limits of the tribal dominated Mayurbhanj District in Odisha. Mayurbhanj district is also a Parliamentary Constituency which is a reserved constituency for the Scheduled Tribes (Sts). The Assembly Constituency is also reserved for the STs. It is one among the 33 seats reserved for the STs in the state of the 147 Legislative Assembly Constituencies. Surrounded by the State of Jharkhand in the West and West Bengal in the south, the geographical position of Saraskana Assembly Constituency is quite significant as far as geo-political scenario is concerned. The livelihood system of the constituency depicts that many people are small and marginal farmers whereas few people depend on small trade and business. A key problem associated with the agriculture system is lack of irrigation facility. As far as health and education facilities are concerned, infrastructural deficit and manpower shortage are two key concerns regarding this. However, since most people of this constituency are from tribal community and livelihood system mainly based on agricultural products, it has been challenging for an elected representative to support people on this issue.

**Political Participation and Representation:**

Born in the year 1965 in a Santhal tribal family, Dr. Budhan Murmu started his career as a Medical Practitioner before entering politics. He worked as a doctor or Medical Officer before entering politics and contesting elections in 2019. His resignation from a government job and interest in join politics and for contesting elections in 2019 was surprised many people, though it was not unusual, despite the reluctance of the state government to accept his resignation and reliving him to contest elections. Though he formally submitted his resignation to state government on 4th October 2018, but it was accepted on 4th April 2019 just few days before filing nomination paper for the Legislative Assembly Election, 2019. However, the BJP already informally announced his name as candidate for the constituency.

**Commendable Practices and Achievements:** Dr. Budhan Murmu, MLA, Saraskana Assembly Constituency is known as a doctor not only in his constituency but also in the Mayurbhanj District located in the northern part in Odisha. His voluntary support to the poor people, to the tribals, for health services has been acknowledged by many people not only in his constituency but in the district. However, despite being an MLA, he has still been continuing as a medical practitioner offering treatment free of cost not only to the people of his own constituency but also in other constituencies. For providing treatment, he has established a clinic located in his constituency and he devoted time on Saturday for treating patients of various parts of Mayurbhanj District. Not only providing treatment but also referring to the patients with critical illness to various other hospitals. For this purpose, and supporting patients, he has never charged any kind of treatment fee. Regarding sustaining agriculture, he has been supported for irrigation facilities and success to some extent. Also initiated various

infrastructure development programme, through utilizing MLA's Local Area Development Fund or MLALAD.

Conclusion: In conclusion, this case study concludes that Dr. Budhan Murmu, as an MLA has been a key person in promoting welfare of people through doing various activities. His works on promoting health and well-being among the people has been supported by many people in his constituency. His supports towards the citizens, to the people those who are affected by various diseases, has been appreciated by

many people. After his election to the State Legislative Assembly in 2019, he continued to work providing health services to the people.

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### INTRODUCTION

Dr. Budhan Murmu, MLA from Saraskana Legislative Advocate Carlos Alvares Ferreira, born on June 25, 1966, is a prominent politician and legal practitioner hailing from the state of Goa. He holds the position of member in the Goa Legislative Assembly, where he represents the Aldona Assembly constituency. Additionally, he has previously held positions as the Assistant Solicitor General of India, Public Prosecutor, and Advocate General of Goa. Ferreira successfully contested the 2022 Goa Legislative Assembly election under the Indian National Congress ticket and emerged as the winner (Goa Legislative Assembly, 2023). The candidate emerged victorious in the election by defeating the incumbent Bharatiya Janata Party MLA Glenn Ticlo, who had served two terms, with a margin of 1823 votes.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND EARLY CAREER:

Ferreira is a seasoned legal practitioner who operates within the jurisdiction of the Bombay High Court in Goa as well as the Supreme Court of India. Following his graduation from Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law in Margao, Ferreira commenced his professional trajectory as a legal practitioner in 1987 (The Goan Every day, 2019). Initially, he commenced his professional career by joining his father's firm, subsequently establishing his own practice in Panjim. He holds the distinction of being the most youthful Advocate General in Goa, having been appointed by Luizinho Faleiro, the former Chief Minister of Goa (The Goan Every day, 2019). He additionally worked as the Legal Advisor to the then Governor of Goa and Maharashtra, S.C. Jamir.

Ferreira served as the Public Prosecutor for Goa during the tenure of the Indian National Congress-led government headed by Digambar Kamat. Presently, he holds the position of chairperson for the Legal Cell of the State of Goa within the AICC (The Goan Every day, 2019).

### FERREIRA'S INITIATIVES:

Ferreira is dedicated to enhancing the welfare of the constituency, promoting the prosperity of its inhabitants, and preserving the aesthetic appeal of the state of Goa through various initiatives.

Congress MLA Carlos Alvares Ferreira has initiated discussions with multiple stakeholders to explore the feasibility of acquiring additional land for the construction of a larger market building in Aldona, as part of his efforts to expand the market's reach. According to Ferreira, the current market complex is in a state of disrepair and requires demolition (Times of India, 2023). The individual engaged in discussions with the extant vendors, the church fabrica, and members of the village panchayat to deliberate on the proposition of reconstructing the market with improved amenities for both vendors and purchasers (Times of India, 2023).

The significance of a large market for vendors lies in its ability to offer a broader customer base, expanded sales prospects, and elevated revenue potential. This facilitates the ability of vendors to access a wide range of consumer segments, capitalize on economies of scale, promote robust competition, and stimulate innovation. In general, a substantial market is a crucial factor in the prosperity and expansion of vendors as it provides them with enhanced market penetration, cost-effectiveness, and the opportunity to address a wider spectrum of customer demands.

### CONCLUSION:

Advocate Carlos is a highly distinguished individual who is widely recognized for his exceptional reputation as a legal professional. The constituents of Aldona are pleased to have a highly esteemed individual serving as their Member of the Legislative Assembly (Aires Rodrigues, 2022). The constituents perceive him as a symbol of optimism and a source of new perspectives in the realm of politics, which is widely regarded as contaminated by malfeasance and inadequacy (Times of India, 2022). It is further believed that Adv. Carlos

Ferreira's legal expertise would significantly contribute to the reinstatement of Law and Order in Goa.

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### INTRODUCTION

**Mrs. Chanda Bauri**, Age-30, is an MLA from Saltora Assembly Constituency of West Bengal. Studied up to 10th standard. Mrs. Chandana who is wife of a Masson, mother of three children with no previous political background, was elected to the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal in 2021 Legislative Assembly elections held in the state. She was elected from the Saltora reserved constituency as a BJP candidate which was quite surprising for many people since she did not participate in politics before this. She is among the poorest candidates with just Rs. 62,296.00 as per the report of the ADR. As a housewife by profession and wife of a daily wage labour (Masson), her election to the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal is an example of participation of common women in politics. She is a First Time MLA.

**Demographic Details:** Saltora Assembly Segment is a part of Bankura Parliamentary Constituency with a total geographical area of 671 sq.km. This Assembly Constituency is also part of Bankura District in the state. Saltora is a reserved constituency for the Scheduled Caste (SC) community with an estimated SC population of 33.39%. The estimated literacy level of the constituency is roughly around 70 %. In the 2021 elections, there were a total of 232158 eligible electors, of which 119191 were male, 112967 were female and the remaining were voters from the third gender community. The electorate gender ratio in Saltora in 2021 is 948.

**Table-1; Profile of Electors in Saltora Legislative Assembly Constituency**

Sr.No.	Year	Total Voter	Voter Turnout (in%)
1	2021	232158	86.45
2	2016	121955	86.04
3	2011	188606	86.57

**Political Participation and Representation:** The journey of Chandana's political career started as a village level worker in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and as a general secretary of the BJP Mahila Morcha in her village Kelai in Bankura District in West Bengal. She also actively participated in 2018 Panchayat Elections and has been active in politics since 2014 as a worker of the BJP. However, in 2021 Assembly Elections, she got ticket from the BJP to contest in the assembly election which was her first experience of direct participation in politics. For the first time she contested Saltora and won with a margin of 4000 votes which started her political career as an elected representative. The low-profile candidate invited praise from different quarters for her astounding performance. She defeated TMC heavyweight Sontosh Kumar Mondal by a margin of more than 4,000 votes. Bauri's husband is a daily-waged mason. He earns Rs 400 daily. According to her election affidavit, Bauri has Rs 6,335 cash in her bank account while her husband's bank account has just Rs 1,561 cash.

**Commendable Practices and Achievements:** As a grassroots political worker, she has been taking few specific initiatives for promoting economic development in her constituency. A key development issue in her constituency is lack of irrigation facility despite the presence of few major and minor irrigation facilities. Further, a major size of the total population belongs to the SC community who are traditionally deprived from the mainstream of development. As per the Human Development Report of West Bengal (2004), Banku is in 11th position in the indices of Human Development. As per the District Human Development Report (DHDR, Bankura, 2004) the total farmers constitute 32.6% of total occupational class whereas agriculture labour constitutes 37.1% and non-



agriculture labour constitutes 30.3% of total occupational class. This is same in the case of Saltora, since this Constituency is located in the rural part of the district with no urban areas. Till the year 2004-05, the daily wage rate for agriculture labourers was only Rs. 55.00 which indicates the low wage pattern in the constituency. Further, 34% of total population are BPL.

Considering all these issues, she has initiated various development activities in her constituency through funds available from various sources. A key source of finance is MLALAD funds, otherwise known as the Bidhayaka Elaka Unayana Prakalpa (BEUP) through which she has implemented various development programmes in the constituency. A key objective of the BEUP is to implement need-based and area specific development programmes with a primary focus on women through the Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Further, various other schemes and programmes for education, health, irrigation, water supply and sanitation and housing can also be implemented through BEUP. As an MLA, Chanda has also been implemented with a major focus on

drinking water supply, road connectivity and development of educational institutions with a particular focus on the SCs in her constituency. In some cases, she has been focusing on the women through the SHGs.

**CONCLUSION:**

Chnada Bauri, the first time women MLA from Saltora in Bankura district in West Bengal has been an example of women's political participation and representation and involvement of women in the development processes through representation. Her election to the WB Legislative Assembly as well as her involvement in the process of development in her constituency has been a key motivational factor for the women, dalits and youth for participation in politics and promoting good governance and development through political participation and representation. As far as the development processes in her constituency is concerned, her initiatives have impacted on women and SCs because of implementation of various development programmes.



**INTRODUCTION**

J. Chinchu Rani is an Indian Politician and the current Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Zoos in the state of Kerala. She was born in the Kottayam district of Kerala and completed her education in the same state. During her student days, she was a district-level athlete. Before entering politics, she worked as a teacher. She began her political career in the Indian National Congress and later joined the communist party of India. She has been an active member of the party for many years and has held several positions, including State Secretary of the All-India Democratic Women's Association.

In 2021, J. Chinchu Rani was appointed as the Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Zoos in the Pinarayi Vijayan-led government of Kerala. As the minister, she has been actively involved in promoting animal welfare and improving the state's dairy industry. She has also taken several measures to upgrade the zoos in the state and provide better facilities for the animals. She is known for her dedication to social causes and has been a vocal advocate for women's rights and gender equality. Her appointment as the Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Zoos is a testament to her leadership skills and her commitment to serving the people of Kerala.

**Details of Constituency**

Chadayamangalam is a legislative assembly constituency in the southeastern area of Kollam district in Kerala, India. It is one of the 11 assembly constituencies in the district. As of the 2021 assembly elections, the current MLA is J. Chinchu Rani of CPI. In the 2021 Kerala Assembly elections, the total percentage of voters in Chadayamangalam Assembly Constituency was recorded at 70.72 per cent. M. M. Naseer (INC), J Chinchu Rani (CPI), Vishnu Pattathanam (BJP) were the key candidates who contested from Chadayamangalam constituency in the 2021 Kerala Assembly elections along with many other independent candidates. Chadayamangalam Assembly constituency falls under the Kollam Lok Sabha constituency. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Revolutionary Socialist Party Candidate N. K. Premachandran won from Kollam Lok Sabha (MP) Seat.

**Initiatives**

1. Granting dairy farmers subsidies for the entire 2022-23 financial year in coordination with allied departments (with the Kerala government as a whole).
2. Made the decision with the government to use special trains to bring raw materials for making cattle feed to the state (Kerala). Rani said this after inaugurating a facilitation centre (FACE) of Kerala Feeds Ltd, which will update farmers on the latest trends and scientific practices in milk production.
3. Five new charging stations for electric vehicles were established at Chadayamangalam.
4. Provided financial assistance (the Kerala Cabinet) of Rs 3,000 to the families of fishermen in the wake of continuous natural calamities. 1,59,481 families benefited from it.
5. Veterinary nursing colleges set up in Kerala- speaking to the media after attending a meeting of senior officials of the Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ms Chinchurani said that the posts of veterinary nurses, like the posts in the health sector, would be created in the Animal husbandry sector to assist veterinary surgeons.
6. Initiated cow immunization drives tribal villages of Wayanad across challenging forest routes.
7. Part of the work progress of Sree Narayana Guru Cultural Complex near the Kollam Ashram Maidan. The cultural complex has been built on 3.5 acres of land at a cost of Rs 56.91 crore with state-of-the-art facilities. It consists of modern lighting, sound and projection systems. A V Theatre, Black Box Theatre, Indoor



Auditorium and Seminar Hall are the main attractions. It also includes a digital library, art gallery, classrooms, workshop space and a craft museum.

8. Has made several efforts to provide clean and safe eggs to the people of Kerala (including school-going children who did not have that facility before) to improve the nutrition count in their diet, through the proper rearing and development of poultry farming.

### **How this has improved people's confidence.**

J. Chinchu Rani has put in place numerous steps to increase people's trust in the government and its policies while serving as the Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, and Zoos in Kerala. She, for instance, made steps to enhance the welfare of farmers and animal owners, which has benefited their livelihoods and general well-being. She has also started initiatives to raise the calibre of dairy goods and encourage the expansion of the dairy business, demonstrating to the populace that the government is dedicated to improving their quality of life. She believes that she still has the sportsman spirit in her and that is greatly visible in the way she carries out her power to effectively help the citizens. In addition, J. Chinchu Rani's advocacy for women's rights and gender equality has raised people's confidence in general, especially among

women in the state. She has contributed to the empowerment of women and marginalized populations by trying to make society more inclusive and equal, which has boosted their self-esteem and confidence.

### **Honours and Achievements**

Chinchu Rani is the first woman from the Communist Party of India (CPI) who was appointed to be a Minister after 1964.

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### INTRODUCTION

**Chinnadurai** is from a lower middle-class family with no political background. He was born in 1965, the son of Marimuthu. After basic schooling, he started working and then got married. Though a less aspiring middle-class life was once the condition he was forced to live in, at present it is his choice to continue the same. Before his candidature, his wife was working for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme. Despite all the humiliations she has faced, she has continued to do the same, following Chinnadurai's policy to live simply and serve people.

### POLITICAL CAREER

Chinnadurai started working after his basic schooling and led a very normal life until 1985. He was then working for a private company for daily wages. In 1985, the workers of the company began a protest demanding a hike in wages, because of which they got suspended. Later, they got support from the trade union, and they could meet their demands. This was a turning point in his life since he decided to get involved in politics and work for the common people and their rights. He has been active in politics to date, for the last 35 years, and has held many positions in the party, including the district secretary position of the CPI(M). However, Chinnadurai stands out as a full-time politician for not being greedy to increase his personal assets. The 2023 legislative assembly election was his first election to the assembly, in which he contested from the Gandharvakkottai constituency of Pudukkottai district and won with a margin of 12721. Before and after the election, he was active in many political protests, especially for the rights of the deprived. He was at the forefront of the fight against the Vengaivayal incident. The water tank from which dalits used to fetch water was polluted with human excrement. He identified water issues as the basic issue of concern long before his victory and promised to provide pure drinking water to everyone. His participation in the Vengaivayal protest also showed his genuine concern for the same. Further, he has also led protests to make the Anganwadi workers permanent.

### UNIQUE INITIATIVES

Chinnadurai recognises that having no legal ownership over the land is the worst condition





someone can be in. Thus, he has been working on distributing Patta from the very beginning. His care and concern for the landless didn't come with his MLA career. Being an active CPI(M) leader, as he travelled through the state, he used to get applications and letters from the poor narrating their life stories without having ownership over land. This has prompted Chinnadurai to focus on the land issue with the utmost priority, for which he has used his legislative power to the core. More than 500 pattas have been distributed within the constituency so far, in the last two years. He is also planning a huge event on May 30th, at which the number will go up to 1000. Applications are invited from people who have been living on land for so long but have no legal documents to prove their ownership over the land. In the Gandarvaikottai thaluk alone, 300 pattas are given, and in the nearby thaluk Kadamakudi, it is 200 pattas. People who are not getting legal ownership over the land for reasons such as the fact that their land belongs to a wetland are the beneficiaries of the programme. The documents that they have, which prove they have been living there for so long, are not helping them in many ways. Realising this, Chinnadurai decided to address the issue and started the distribution of pattas. The initiative is not limited to his constituency alone. He is also pushing the government to do the same, in other constituencies as well, based on requests he

receives from different parts of the state. As a result of it, 184 pattas are distributed in Kadayanellur thaluk. He also makes sure that he is standing up for socially deprived communities when decisions are being made.

Chinnadurai has also put in efforts to make sure that he spends 100% of the development funds allotted to him as an MLA. Apart from this, he is well known and accepted in the constituency for basic infrastructure developments such as providing necessary equipment to the government hospitals and rebuilding maternity centres.





**INTRODUCTION**

**Mrs. Dansari Anasuya** is the MLA from Mulugu Assembly Constituency in Telangana State. She is popularly known as Seethakka among the constituents and is a veteran Congress Leader in the State. As an MLA, she has been elected twice to the State Legislative Assembly, once to Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly (when there was united AP) and once (in 2018) to the Legislative Assembly of Telangana. She is general secretary of the All-India Mahila Congress as well as the state in-charge of Chhattisgarh Mahila Congress. She is a prominent tribal leader who belongs to the Koya Tribal Community, an advocate, and a Ph.D. degree holder from Osmania University.

**Early Life and Work:**

Mulugu Assembly Constituency is part of Mulugu District and erstwhile Warangal district, and it is in the remote part of the state. There is one revenue division in Mulugu district, 9 mandals (Blocks) and 174 Gram Panchayats in it. Mulugu is a newly formed district Telangana state.

The district is mostly inhabited by the tribal population and once upon a time it was the hotspot of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE). Mulugu is largely inhabited by the tribal communities, the Koya Tribes who are mainly socio-economically backward and at the margin level of the process of development. As far as the demographic feature of the Mulugu Legislative Assembly constituency is concerned, it is a reserved constituency for the Scheduled Tribes(STs) since many people of the constituency belong to the ST community. There are 192765 voters in the constituency of them majority are STs. The livelihood system of the people is in many ways connected with farming and forest dwelling activities since many people are marginal farmers, daily wage earners as well as forest dwellers.

As per the information available, Anasuya was part of the Naxal Movement before joining politics. She joined the Janashakti Naxal group when she was 14 years old in 1987. She was quickly disillusioned with the movement and exited it after an eleven-year stint. She surrendered to the police under the general amnesty plan. She then pursued her studies and became a lawyer. In 2022, she completed her PhD in political science from the prestigious Osmania University.





### Career as a Political Leader:

Anasuya first entered politics in 2004 when she joined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) as she realised that TDP can create a space for her as a political leader and through a regional party she can be able to reach out to the people in her constituency as well as in the state. It was Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu who brought her to the TDP and gave her a ticket to contest in 2004 Assembly Elections in the undivided AP. She contested elections from the Mulugu Constituency but lost to her nearest rival. However, in 2009, she contested from it again and won the constituency through defeating to his nearest rival by a huge margin. She lost the constituency in 2014. In 2017, Anasuya left the TDP and joined the Congress Party. She won the elections for Mulugu constituency in 2018 as a Congress candidate with securing 52.71 percent votes. Recognising her work as a Congress Party leader and an MLA, the Congress party appointed her as the in-charge of the Andhra Pradesh Mahila Congress.

### Work for the People in the Constituency:

Anasuya as an MLA, a tribal leader and a women leader has been a pioneer of implementation of various development programmes in the constituency. Creating livelihood opportunities through farming and various petty trades and business has

been a received priority by her since the livelihood system is largely based on farm-based activities. Strengthening women through the Self-Help Groups (SHGs), as well as encouraging tribal people for education are the two key activities always focused by Anasuya.

She did exemplary work during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic through making an extensive visit to various villages and providing relief and medicine support to the people of the constituency. Anasuya had visited over 400 villages near the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border in 2020 during lockdown, providing relief to locals, distributing rice, dal etc., commodities and masks to people in need. Her efforts received tremendous support on social media, "I am doing this as my duty towards my people, for my own satisfaction," said Anasuya. Through her work she also highlighted the malfunctioning of the state government and continuous negligence of the government towards the tribal people.

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## 21. SHRI. DANISH ABRAR

SAWAI MADHOPUR (SAWAI MADHOPUR),  
Rajasthan

### INTRODUCTION

**Danish Abrar** is the member of legislative assembly of Rajasthan from Sawai Madhopur constituency. He won the elections for MLA in 2018 as a candidate of Indian National Congress. In 2018 general elections he beat ASHA MEENA of BJP by a margin of 25199 votes. Danish Abrar is 34 years old. His total assets are ₹11.30 crore. His profession is Transport Business. There are no criminal cases against him as declared by himself in affidavit.

### ABOUT THE CONSTITUENCY

Sawai Madhopur is a state Assembly/Vidhan Sabha constituency in the state of Rajasthan and is part of Tonk Sawai Madhopur Lok Sabha/Parliamentary constituency. Sawai Madhopur falls in Sawai Madhopur district and Matsya region of Rajasthan. It is categorised as a rural seat. There are a total of 2,35,153 voters in the seat, which includes 1,24,706 male voters, and 1,10,447 female voters. In the 2018 Rajasthan elections, Sawai Madhopur recorded a voter turnout of 68.58%. In 2013 the turnout was 77.72%, and in 2008 it was 61%. In 2013, Rajkumari Diyakumari of BJP won the seat by a margin of 7,532 votes (4.84%). Rajkumari Diyakumari secured 36.86% of the total votes polled. INC won this seat in the 2008 Assembly elections with a margin of 2,954 votes (2.67%), registering 34.24% of the total votes polled.

In the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, INC led in the Sawai Madhopur Assembly segment of the Tonk Sawai Madhopur Parliamentary/Lok Sabha constituency. In 2018, Danish Abrar of the Indian National Congress won the seat by defeating Asha Meena of the Bharatiya Janata Party with a margin of 25199 votes.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Danish Abrar gave maximum Rs 248 lakh from MLA fund for development works in the assembly constituency. He recommended Rs 153 lakh for Kovid-19 under the Area Development Plan 2021-22 and approvals were also issued. At the same time, Rs 105 lakh was recommended by the MLA for development works and approval of Rs 95 lakh was issued.

### INITIATIVES

1. **Water Supply:** Construction of CWRs & OHSRs including supply, laying, and commissioning with testing of DI & uPVC



pipelines and construction of pumping stations and replacing of leakage pipeline etc. for UWSS Sawai Madhopur





2. **Wastewater:** Design, construction, supply, erection testing, commissioning, and five years operation & maintenance of sewage treatment plant 10 MLD near Surwal village including all civil, electrical, mechanical, pumping, and other allied work and supply, laying, joining, testing, and commissioning of outfall sewer, various trunk sewers and lateral sewers connecting to out fall, along with all necessary manholes, appurtenances, etc. at Sawai Madhopur
3. **Urban Transport and Roads:** Construction of ROB at Kherda railway crossing and Construction of minor bridges on Latiya nala near Polytechnic college and another near the cremation Ground.
4. **Solid Waste management:** Development of sanitary landfill site and procurement of SWM equipment.
5. **Social Infrastructure:** Procurement of firefighting equipment
6. **Urban drainage:** Rehabilitation, desalting, strengthening and extension of existing drains.
7. **Support Infrastructure for Cultural Heritage:** Restoration of Bhairu Darwaja

Strengthening the Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao Programme in the District of Sawai Madhopur

**Achievements:**

- Engagement with 2488 girls (including 908

out of schoolgirls) ensured in 90 Gram Panchayats.

- Institutional mechanisms have been strengthened.
- Improved convergence in Organizing health check-up camps, training on self-defence, construction of toilets in schools are few decisions taken in DTF and executed at field level.
- 7 Girl Friendly Gram Panchayats are established.
- In all the schools of girl friendly gram panchayats complaint boxes are installed.
- The model of developing Girl Friendly Gram Panchayat is being adopted for replication in other areas too.
- Guidelines for developing girl friendly gram panchayat were developed and approved by the department.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Dr Shashi Panja** is a medical practitioner and politician who presently serves as the cabinet minister for Industries, Commerce, and Enterprises, as well as the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare in the West Bengal government. She was born in a Telugu family stationed in Calcutta. She earned her MBBS degree from R. G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, where she specialized in ultrasonography and infertility care. She is married to Dr Prasun Kumar Panja, the son of the renowned politician, Ajit Kumar Panja.

## Details Of Constituency

The Shyampukur Assembly seat is a Legislative Assembly constituency in the Kolkata district of West Bengal, India. She was elected to the West Bengal State Assembly from Shyampukur (Vidhan Sabha seat) in 2011 and re-elected in 2016 and 2021 from the same constituency. In December 2013, she was appointed the independent minister of state for Women and Children's Welfare and received induction into the West Bengal Council of Ministers. She was assigned additional responsibility for the Social Welfare division in May 2014. As a member of the 21st Council of Ministers for the state of West Bengal, led by Mamata Banerjee, she was sworn in as a cabinet minister in 2021, with the portfolios of the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare.

## Initiatives Undertaken

The Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme, which offers financial aid and other support to girls and young women, so that they can pursue education and other opportunities, was put into place with significant help from Shashi Panja. "Empowering women is not just a matter of rights, it is also a matter of good governance and economic development." - Shashi Panja at a press conference on women's empowerment, reported by The Telegraph, Kolkata, on March 16, 2022.

Nutritional Support to Children and Pregnant Women: To help pregnant women and children in her constituency, she started the Nutritional Support to Children and Pregnant Women programme.

Dr Shashi Panja established the Street Children Rehabilitation Programme to provide the homeless and vulnerable children with a place to live, an education, and other support services. She played a key role in the establishment of several Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) centres in her district to offer mothers and children health

and nutrition services. To encourage education and literacy among children, Dr Shashi Panja established a number of schools and educational institutions in her district. To offer housing, healthcare, and other support services to the elderly in her district, she has established an old age home too.

These initiatives reflect Dr Shashi Panja's dedication to enhancing the welfare of the weaker and more marginalized groups in society, particularly women and children, as well as her work to advance social welfare and development. We are making long-term social policy investments in infrastructure, services and schemes that increase people's access to basic services and reduce their vulnerability to economic downturns and social discrimination - states Dr Shashi Panja.

"West Bengal's success in developing infrastructure and promoting economic growth can be witnessed in the numerous projects kick-started by the government. The Tajpur Deep Sea Port is expected to bring in more than Rs 25,000 crore in investments while creating 25,000 direct jobs along with 100,000 indirect jobs. The High-Speed Industrial Growth Corridors, such as Dankuni Raghunathpur will boost logistics capabilities and create multiple prosperous economic zones in the interconnected cities. We have begun trial runs on the development of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, and this will place West Bengal as a key player in freight corridor connectivity."

Also, the Deoacha Pachami Coal mine, which is the largest coal mine of Asia, will undoubtedly be a great source of investment opportunities, employment creation, and manufacturing growth. Similarly, she pointed out, Calcutta Leather Complex (CLC), which is Asia's largest integrated leather complex with end-to-end leather value chain development aims to promote economies of scale and create jobs. "Jangal Sundari Karmanagari at Raghunathpur in Purulia is all set to emerge as an iron and steel hub with six leading companies in this sector already applying for



over 2000 acres of land," she added.

### **How Community Benefitted Post Initiation of Change**

She is passionate about offering everyone the same opportunities equally. Her attempts to bring about change have been impressive—particularly her efforts to make education for all a reality. She has upgraded infrastructure, made sure that all students receive shoes, uniforms, and appropriate educational inputs, and contributed to the Kolkata Municipal Corporation schools as the MMIC Education, redefining excellent education for kids. In KMCP classrooms, she has implemented computer-assisted learning. Dr Panja has concentrated her efforts on empowering girls since assuming independent charge of the Women & Child Development and Social Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

Till date, the project has been successful in benefitting more than 50 lakh girls across the state. She has laid emphasis on achieving the 6 aims of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) programme in the state. She introduced the assessment of nutritional status of malnourished children to combat malnutrition, introduced medical kits for all ICDS centres in the state and further modified the kit. She has also introduced guidelines for implementing the Child Protection Committees at the village, block, and ward levels. Her care and concern for disadvantaged communities are noteworthy.

### **How This Has Improved People's Confidence in Elected Representatives**

The lives of women in Shashi Panja's constituency have improved because of her advocacy for women's emancipation. For instance, the Kanyashree Prakalpa scheme has provided financial assistance to girls and young women so they can pursue their educational and career goals, fostering a sense of independence and confidence in them. Her efforts to promote literacy and education have made it possible for children from disadvantaged backgrounds to enroll in schools and gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life. Children and their parents both now feel hopeful and optimistic because of this. These initiatives have given people a sense of security and comfort by offering shelter, healthcare, and other support services, which has increased their confidence in their elected representatives. Shashi Panja's emphasis on transparency and accountability in government has contributed to a rise in

public confidence in the legitimacy of their elected officials. She has developed a relationship of trust and confidence with people by ensuring that funds are used for the intended purposes and by keeping in regular contact with her constituents.

Shashi Panja's initiatives have helped increase people's trust in their elected officials by meeting their basic needs and giving them the tools, they need to live better lives. She has motivated people to put their faith in their elected representatives and take part in the democratic process by serving as an example of responsible leadership. "Transparency and accountability are essential for good governance, and elected representatives must be held accountable to the people who have placed their trust in them." - Shashi Panja at a panel discussion on good governance, reported by The Hindu, Kolkata, on October 15, 2017.

#### **Honours And Significant Achievements**

**Banga Bibhushan:** In 2021, Shashi Panja was awarded the prestigious Banga Bibhushan award by the Government of West Bengal for her outstanding contribution to the field of social service.

**Sarojini Naidu Memorial Award:** In 2014, she was conferred with the Sarojini Naidu Memorial Award by the Indian Council for Child Welfare for her contribution to child welfare.

**UNICEF Award:** She was awarded the UNICEF Award for her work in the field of child rights in 2013.

**Panchashree Award:** In 2016, Shashi Panja received the Panchashree Award for her contributions to social welfare.

**Jana Kalyan Samman:** She was honored with the Jana Kalyan Samman by the Kolkata Police in 2017 for her contributions to social service.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has praised Shashi Panja for her efforts to improve the lives of underprivileged sections of society, especially women and children. Other politicians from the Trinamool Congress, such as Derek O'Brien, have also commended her for her work in the areas of healthcare, education, and social welfare.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Dr. Bharati Lavekar**, MLA – Versova Constituency is an award-winning social worker recognized for her work and dedication to the field. She has done M.A (Political Science), M. Phil. B.J (Bachelor of Journalism) and holds a Ph .D (Uniform Civil Code).

Active in public life for the more than 25 years, is highly sensitive to the plight of underprivileged women, and has made it her life's mission to fight for their rights. Her ultimate aim is the empowerment of women, both economic and social. In 2009, she established the TEE Foundation, a NGO with the singular aim of tackling women's issues related to female foeticide, sanitation, hygiene and women's education.

Dr. Bharati Lavekar has also been associated with various social platforms, amongst which, to name a few, are:

- President, 'Aapli Molkarin', Domestic Helpers Body.
- General Secretary, 'Marathwada Lok Vikas Manch', NGO.

## Constituency Overview

Versova (constituency number 164) is one of the 26 Vidhan Sabha constituencies located in the Mumbai Suburban district. The number of electors in 2009 was 251,940 (male 138,805, female 113,135).

Versova is part of the Mumbai Northwest Lok Sabha constituency along with five other Vidhan Sabha segments, namely Dindoshi, Goregaon, Jogeshwari East, Andheri East and Andheri West in the Mumbai Suburban district.

In 2019, Dr. Bharati Lavekar of the Bharatiya Janata Party won the seat by defeating Baldev Khosa of the Indian National Congress with a margin of 5186 votes.

## Initiatives

The TEE Foundation is an NGO that focuses on helping women. Since its founding in 2009, the foundation has worked tirelessly to combat issues affecting women, such as female foeticide, sanitation and hygiene, women's education, and enduring gender inequality, through well-thought-out programmes.

Some of the programmes implemented by the TEE Foundation under its 'Daughters of

Versova' initiative include:

- Beti Bachao Abhiyaan: A programme to fight against female foeticide and ensure that the girl child is well looked after.
- Free Distribution of Sanitary Pads.
- Installation of Free Sanitary Pad ATM's and Disposal Machines.
- Various awareness programmes to promote Sanitary Hygiene.
- Beti Bachao Abhiyaan:

The Tee Foundation is working to address the problem of female foeticide through their Beti Bachao Abhiyaan programme. The organization makes every effort to raise awareness of the problem and the potentially harmful effects it could have on our society. A further goal of the programme is to see to the welfare of the newborn girl child. In fact, Dr. Bharati Lavekar makes a point of visiting each household in her constituency that has a girl child to congratulate and felicitate the parents.

## Tackling Problem of Menstrual Hygiene:

The Tee Foundation has continually worked to help girls manage their periods in a healthy way that protects and respects their privacy and dignity. Technology has been created, and attention has been paid to the information, communication, and educational aspects as well as to creating an environment that promotes these aspects while empowering girls. They have spread knowledge about positive social standards and constructive attitudes about menstruation. A girl needs to be informed of the variety of reusable and disposable menstruation absorbents that are secure and hygienic. They have therefore concentrated on providing enough water, sanitation, and hygiene (wash) facilities, as well as disposal systems, and safe-hygienic materials to absorb menstrual blood.



**To tackle the issue of menstrual health and hygiene, the foundation has undertaken numerous activities, which include:**

- Free Distribution of Sanitary Napkins to underprivileged women and girls.
- Installation of Sanitary Pad ATM's and Disposal Machines.

The Automatic Sanitary Pad Vending Machine is one of the many activities being carried out by the TEE Foundation to promote sanitary hygiene. The ATM Machines are installed at places frequented by women and girls. Prepaid Smart Cards are issued, and they can be used to withdraw a monthly quota of sanitary napkins from the machine.

In addition to the vending machine, the foundation has also installed napkin disposal machines to ensure safe disposal of used napkins and avoid any environmental or health hazards.

This is especially important, considering the taboos associated with menstruation in our society.

Thus, the foundation works around sanitation and hygiene in following manner-

- Distribution of Free Menstrual Health kits to girl students.
- Promotion of hygiene practices among adolescent girls through seminars in schools and slum areas.
- Seminars with experts to promote awareness of the issue and its solutions.
- Counseling and support for girls on menstrual hygiene as part of life skills package.
- Promotion awareness on the issue across various digital and traditional media.

**THE SANITARY PAD BANK:**

The lack of access to sanitary pads is a real challenge. Thousands of women need efficient menstrual products, which are fundamental commodities that we see as necessities. The TEE Foundation has launched a novel programme called the "SANITARY PAD BANK" to ensure that women in need receive sanitary pads while also mobilising the public to build a self-sustaining system. The Sanitary Pad Bank is a straightforward concept, and its genius can be found in its simplicity. The project wants to act as a link between persons in need and volunteers, donors, and other stakeholders. The foundation makes sure that donations of sanitary pads and money reach those who need both.

**Awards won by MLA-**

Achievements have been celebrated and lauded across various platforms. Some of these include:

- Ahilyabai Holkar Award for Social Work by the Government of Maharashtra (year 2000-2001).
- 'Maharashtra Ratna Award' 2005 for Social Work by Asian Institute of Human Resources and Development.
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## INTRODUCTION

**Dr. Hiralal Alawa** is the MLA for the Manawar Constituency, which is a tribal constituency in Madhya Pradesh. He is a private doctor, having done his MBBS from Shyamshah Medical College, Rewa, and his M.D. (General Medicine) from Gajara Raje Medical College, Gwalior.

He is a member of the Indian National Congress, and this is his first time being a member of the state legislature. He belongs to the ST category and strongly believes in helping the underprivileged ST people in his constituency have equal and ample access to good quality health care. Dr. Hiralal Alawa, 38, is a young tribal leader and the national coordinator of Jay Yuva Adivasi Shakti (JAYS), a social organization of tribals in Madhya Pradesh. He was also an Assistant Professor of rheumatology at AIIMS Delhi. In 2011, Alawa established JAYS to nurture future tribal leaders in Madhya Pradesh. The social media site JAYS has become so popular in MP that it claims to have five million users.

## Constituency Overview

Manawar is a part of the Dhar constituency in Madhya Pradesh. Dhar is one of the largest districts in Madhya Pradesh, with an area of 8153 square kilometers. Dhar, Kukshi, Badnawar, Sardarpur, Gandhwani, Manawar, Dharampuri, and Dahi are the eight revenue blocks (tehsils) that make up the district.

There were 30,393 people living in Manawar as of the 2011 Indian Census. There are somewhat more men than women in this world (51% to 49%). The literacy rate of Manawar is 63%, which is lower than the national average of 74.04%; the literacy rate among males is 68% while the literacy rate among females is 58.7%. The percentage of children under 6 in Manawar is 13.5 percent.

Hindi is the main language spoken here, along with Marathi and Devanagari. Bhilali are also spoken.

## Initiatives

The following are Dr. Hiralal Alawa's initiatives that he has taken in Manawar.

### Building a hospital

The citizens of Manawar did not have access to a good hospital. The only sources of medical care were a few small clinics, where complex procedures could not take place and people would have to travel to a bigger city. A

significant problem in the village was that women who were pregnant did not have access to sonography machines. Therefore, a hospital is currently under construction for the people of Manawar. It will have medical equipment such as a sonography machine, a digital x-ray machine, and an advanced pathology department. As of now, 10 crore rupees have been invested in the building. Being a doctor himself, Dr. Alawa feels for people's health and their ample access to healthcare. The services provided at this hospital will be free of charge to the people of Manawar.

## Education

Dr. Hiralal Alawa is someone who belongs to the ST category, as are the people of Manawar. As is the case with most people in the ST community, the people of Manawar did not have good resources for education. Dr. Hiralal





Alawa has invested a total of 21 crores in getting the students of his village a more quality education. He has built a library in the village where students of all ages can study. This library is primarily used by students preparing for competitive exams such as NEET, IIT-JEE and the civil service exams.

### **Providing nutrition to women**

Another problem that Manawar faced, especially among the women of the area, was malnutrition. Hence Dr. Hiralal Alawa has ensured that women, with an emphasis on pregnant women, also get access to nutritious food. Since children get food at school through the mid-day meal scheme,

they have issued a type of mid-day meal scheme for women where they are given protein-rich food. This food is, of course, given to them for free, and it has been a successful initiative as they have seen a higher success rate of healthy pregnancies and, in turn, healthy children.

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## 25. DR VISHWAJEET PATANGRAO KADAM

Vadgaon, Kadegaon,  
Sangli, Maharashtra



### INTRODUCTION

In the era of empowered digitalization and increasing digital dependency, the village named Mohityache Vadgaon has worked wonders. The coronavirus-induced lockdown and the subsequent spell of online classes brought mobile phones into the hands of children for long hours even after school ended for the day, while television viewing hours of parents got extended. However, the world now watches in awe as everyone in the village turns off their televisions, cell phones, and other electrical devices for over an hour while the rest of the world plunges into the depths of digital hypnosis. Mohityache Vadgaon now serves as an inspiration for not just the conceptualisation, but also the accurate representation and implementation of digital detox. The story emerges into light as every evening, a siren goes off at 7 pm, signalling the people to turn aside their electronic devices for 1.5 hours followed by another siren that goes off at 8:30 pm signalling the end of the detox. The entire duration of this detox is supervised by a ward-wise appointed committee that goes door-to-door making sure that it is followed religiously.

### Details of the Constituency

With a total population of over 3100, Mohityache Vadgaon village is in Kadegaon tehsil of Sangli district in Maharashtra, India. It is situated 19km away from sub-district headquarter Kadegaon (tehsildar office) and 57km away from district headquarter Sangli. As per 2009 stats, Mohite Vadgaon is the gram panchayat of Mohityache Vadgaon village.

When it comes to administration, Mohityache Vadgaon village is administrated by a sarpanch who the elected representative of the village by the local elections is. As per 2019 stats, Mohityache Vadgaon village comes under the Palus-Kadegaon assembly constituency & Sangli parliamentary constituency. Karad is the nearest town to Mohityache Vadgaon for all major economic activities, which is approximately 37km away.

### MLA of the Constituency

Dr. Vishwajeet Patangrao Kadam is the unopposed MLA of Palus-Kadegaon (Vidhan Sabha Constituency), son of former congress leader Patangrao Kadam (founder of Bharati Vidyapeeth) and was born and brought up in Pune. His secular ideology, passion for development, noteworthy social work and

qualifications earned him a ticket as the Congress candidate for 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election & he won the election by huge margin of 1,50,866 votes from Palus-Kadegaon. Kadam has a B.E., MBA and PhD in Management and has also completed Management and Leadership in Education from Howard University. Some know him as the Working President of the Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee. Others know him as a member of the AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) and many more know him as the Secretary of Bharati Vidyapeeth.

### Impact and change brought about by the initiative.

The mastermind and brains behind the Digital Detox are its sarpanch Vijay Mohite supported generously by the MLA of their constituency Dr Vishwajeet Kadam. When asked about the initiative, the sarpanch, Mr Vijay Mohite said, "When physical classes resumed, teachers realised children had become lazy, did not want to read and write and were mostly engrossed in their mobile phones before and after the school hours. There weren't separate study rooms in the homes of the villagers. So, I put forth the idea of a digital detox." Further, he iterated, "I had proposed a one-and-a-half-hour period at first. Initially, there was hesitancy as people were wondering if it was possible to keep away from mobile and TV screens. On Independence Day, we convened a gram sabha of women and decided to purchase a siren. Then ASHA workers, Anganwadi Sevikas, gram panchayat employees, and retired teachers went home to home to create awareness about digital detox." "Mohityanche Vadgaon has been home to freedom fighters, has won awards for cleanliness from the state and central governments and is known for maintaining social harmony, with the focus always being



on development works" states the Sarpa.

Living in the era of unhinged and unrestricted digitization, while the government itself leans towards e-governance, it is crucial that one keeps their daily dose of digital toxication in check. For this very reason, this initiative marks a very definitive stance in the stronghold that is technology. It was noticed that after implementing the entirety of this plan, teachers had greater ease in teaching their students as the students themselves had a better grasp over their concepts due to the undivided attention they dedicated to their studies. A greater increase in quality time and familial bonds was observed as the women, elderly and children of the house switched off their devices and spent time talking, working, or simply connecting with each other rather than being glued to their devices.

Emphasising the need for such a move, student Gayatri Nikam said her peers and others were glued to phones and television sets during the lockdown, even during power outages, with hardly a glance at course books and other study material. Another person said women in the village's households would be busy watching television serials and there wasn't much parental supervision over children. "Now, from 7 pm to 8.30 pm, children study while parents read and write. There is no disturbance as everyone goes about such productive activities," the villager

added. The initiative undertaken by the village sarpanch has been receiving a positive response from the villagers and it is expected that other villages in the state shall also follow the suit and implement the digital detox initiative. This project has garnered international media's attention and applause too.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Founder of YouthNet. she is the only woman from Nagaland to get the highest civilian honour of Nari Shakti Puraskar on International Women's Day, 2018. Hekani Jakahlu Kense is an alumna of Lady Sri Ram College in Delhi where she pursued BA in Political Science, followed by an LLB from Delhi University and an LLM from University of San Francisco, USA. She is also an alumna of Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education. She also has a wide spectrum of training and experience at the American University in Washington, DC, Amnesty International, US, and the United Nations headquarters in New York, US. Jakhalu in her election manifesto has shared a vision for Youth Development, women empowerment, minority rights, and model constituency.

**Details of Constituency**

Dimapur III is one of the 60 Legislative Assembly constituencies of Nagaland state in India. Previously part of Dimapur District it is now a part of Chumoukedima District and is reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribes. It is also part of the Nagaland Lok Sabha Constituency.

**Initiative undertaken by the MLA and her team.**

Founder of YouthNet. She is the only woman from Nagaland to get the highest civilian honour of Nari Shakti Puraskar on International Women's Day, 2018. Realising the immense challenges of youth empowerment and unemployment in India's Northeast region, Jakhalu quit her practice as a lawyer, and founded YouthNet Nagaland with support from a group of like-minded young professionals. Under the global Youth Employment Summit (YES) campaign in Egypt, YouthNet was designated as the YES Nagaland Chapter and made serious commitments to engage youth productively and improve the livelihood of the current and future generations. Since its inception in 2006, YouthNet continues to be one of the premier youth organizations in Northeast India.

As the work began, the team had to face the challenge of mass apprehension in the state. "Being in a politically disturbed area, people were apprehensive and scared to step out of their homes after sundown. Thus, a regular job seemed an impossibility, driving many out of the state to search for jobs," she pointed out.



"You can talk volumes about changing the world, but you can't do so without food in your stomach. So, our goal was to empower the youth to earn their bread and butter, and be independent without having to leave their homes," remarked Hekani. In the next few years, the organization branched out across the state and beyond to impact more than 1 lakh youngsters. From simple job centres where locals would be recruited in hospitality and retail sectors, to RTI awareness campaigns to weed out corruption contributing to the unemployment scenario, YouthNet worked on multiple objectives. The organisation also emphasised skill development, youth consultation, and entrepreneurship programmes.

**Impact and change brought about by the initiative.**

In 2013, YouthNet partnered with the State Government to begin a 5-year-long programme called the 'Impact 5000 by 18'. The agenda focused on entrepreneurship awareness campaigns, career guidance sessions, and opportunities to acquire seed money to initiate or bolster state-based ventures. "Unlike the rest of the country, where startups are primarily technology-based, here in Nagaland where basic infrastructure like internet and electricity is scarce, our entrepreneurs focus on other areas like organic agriculture products, packaging, upskilling, and transporting food products, among others," she added. This success paved the way for Made in Nagaland—a one-stop shop for all Nagaland-made products—launched in 2018.

"We plan to expand Made in Nagaland further into Made in Northeast, by roping in other NE states as well. It's a collective effort of the organization and the government, as governments need to strengthen the core of their regions to make this a success. Presently,



made in Meghalaya is all set to soar,” she informed. What began as a response to her true calling has now transformed into a giant magnet of change that hopes to elevate the Northeastern Region (NER) from its current state and position its strength on the national and global map. “Most people often encourage you to dream big. But if you truly want to achieve it, then you can’t keep your eyes closed. Look around you, understand your environment and act upon your aspirations right now! One thing that I have learnt with experience is that dreams don’t magically come true. They need initiative!” is what the MLA had to say.

### **Honours and Significant achievements of MLA**

Hekani Jakhalu conferred the prestigious Schneider Electric Prerna Award 2021. The Prerna award institutionalised in 2015 recognises and honours courageous women who challenge society’s status quo facing all odds to make pioneering sustainable contributions towards innovation and empowering other women in society.

In her acceptance speech, Hekani Jakhalu expressed that the Award “is a great motivation for our cause, and it means a lot to me and everyone at YouthNet.” Reiterating YouthNet’s work on youth empowerment, employment, and livelihood through intervention in the education sector, skill development and entrepreneurship programs she noted, “We have been making a significant impact by reaching out to over one lakh young people and especially as we turn 15 this year, this recognition is definitely a wonderful honour.” In her message to all future lawyers, entrepreneurs, and women, Hekani Jakhalu voiced “Let us not only focus on excelling in what we do but live with a purpose in life. Let us make it our personal responsibility to make a positive impact in someone’s life and our planet.”

She also received the Nari Shakti Puraskar for 2018 from the President of India.

### **How this has improved people’s confidence in elected representatives.**

Nagaland has a poor record of women’s representation in politics, even though women play a very important role in both the economy and in social organisations in the state. Village councils have women

members, but the popular perception of their role is that they are there merely to do chores that have to be done to cater to council members during meetings. Women tend to vote according to the directions of either the head of the family or the head of the village and rarely engage in discussions about the state of politics, though in many families they are among the earning members.

According to the Ashoka University’s Trivedi Center for Political Data, a total of 21 female candidates have contested in eight of the 21 assemblies and by-elections (preceding the current Assembly election) held in Nagaland since the formation of the state. The state has had only two women MPs to date. This is, even though at 76.11 per cent female literacy rate, Nagaland is above the national average of 64.6 per cent and women’s organisations — like the Naga Mothers’ Association, a civil society organisation — yield considerable influence. The election of Hekhani Jakahalu is not only historical in the electoral sense but also in terms of the political vision for youth development, women empowerment, minority rights, and the model constituency that she stands by and has a lot to offer about.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Jignesh Mewani**, a popular Dalit Right Activist and a political leader comes from Ahmedabad Gujarat. He is a twice-elected MLA from Vadgam Constituency of Banaskantha District of Gujarat. He won his first election in 2017 as an independent candidate and later he joined INC and won as an INC candidate in 2019 from the same constituency.

Mewani rose to prominence as a leader of the Dalit movement in Gujarat. In 2016, he led protests in the aftermath of the Una flogging incident, where four Dalit men were beaten by a group of cow vigilantes. Mewani's protests drew attention to the issue of caste-based violence and discrimination in India and helped to galvanize the Dalit movement across the country.

Mewani is from a non-political Dalit family. He completed his LLB from Gujarat University in the year 2013, also he holds the Post Graduate Diploma in Journalism from Bhartiya Vidhya Bhavan Rajendra Prasad Institute Year 2004, along with BA From H K College Ahmedabad 2003.

His journey as political and social activist began with his active engagement in Dalit rights and social justice issues. He was born into a Dalit family in Gujarat, which gave him first-hand experience of the discrimination and inequality faced by Dalits in India. In 2015, He co-founded the Rashtriya Dalit Adhikar Manch (RDAM) (National Dalit Rights Forum), which aimed to mobilize Dalits across Gujarat to demand their rights and fight against caste-based discrimination. The organization gained prominence following the Una flogging incident in 2016, where four Dalit men were beaten by a group of cow vigilantes. Mewani led protests the incident, which drew national attention to the issue of caste-based violence and discrimination in India. The protests sparked a nationwide movement, with Dalit activists and supporters organizing rallies and demonstrations in several cities across India.

Mewani has also been involved in various other social and political movements in India, including the farmer's protest and the movement against the caste system. He has been an active participant in various protests and movements, advocating for the rights of marginalized communities and against social

injustices. Mewani's work as a social activist has earned him several awards and accolades, including the "Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award" in 2018. He continues to be a vocal advocate for the rights of Dalits and other marginalized communities in India.

## Constituency Overview

Vadgam constituency is one of the 182 assembly constituencies in Gujarat state which is a SC reserve assembly seat. It is situated in Banaskantha district and is one of the 7 assembly segments of Patan Parliament Seat. As per 2011 census this constituency has a total population of 270557 which includes 14.85% (40,178) of SC voters, 3.35% (9064) of ST voters, 7.2% (19,480) of Muslim voters. The constituency is a rural constituency where 92.15% of the population is rural population and only 7.85% is urban population. The assemble seat has been a INC seat, where in 2017 Jignesh Mewani contested and won as an independent candidate supported by INC, later in 2019 as an INC candidate.

## Election Result 2019

S. No	Name	Party	Votes
1	Jignesh Mewani	Indian national congress	94765 (48%)
2	Manibhai Jethabhai Vaghela	Bharatiya Janata Party	89837 (45.51%)

## Initiatives

Sanitary Pads to Women - Maasik Jodey Mitrata or the Befriending Menstruation campaign

March 6, 2018, Jignesh Mewani MLA launched



an initiative to produce and distribute the sanitary pads to women in his constituency Vadgam. The intention of this initiative is to break the stigma linked with menstruation. Jignesh Mevani told to an English newspaper that this initiative intends to provide the healthy and hygienic lives. A pilot project was launched in one village to see the response. This project is at the heart of women's overall health and hopes to provide some relief during their monthly cycles. Mevani thinks that even after 70 years of independence women in rural area of our country uses rags of synthetic fabric during their monthly cycle. We live in a patriarchal society where women related health issues are neglected, and it has seen as taboo. He believes that menstruation period is a natural process, and it should be linked with public health, education, cultural and as Mevani thinks, is linked with caste system as women are considered untouchable during their period.

The sanitary pads which were distributed were made of eco-friendly cottons. Mevani installed swings machines with the help of medical experts which are being used by women to make sanitary pads.

### **Oxygen Plant**

As an independent MLA in his first tenure, he has established a large oxygen plant in his

constituency Vadgam, which lacks the basic health facilities. During the covid -19, when big cities of Gujarat were struggling for oxygen, Mevani installed a huge plant which has a capacity of 13,000 liters and can refill 800 jumbo cylinders. It was installed at a primary health centre in Chhapi town in the Banaskantha district which is backward district of Gujarat. Mevani has been pursuing the establishment of the plant following the devastating second wave of covid-19 in Gujarat.

Despite facing obstacles from a hostile state government and frozen NGO accounts, Mevani was successful in using funds from his MLA grant to build the plant. The inauguration of the plant is a significant step towards accessible healthcare infrastructure for the people of Vadgam, and Mevani hopes that other legislators will follow his lead in proactively managing the COVID-19 crisis.

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### INTRODUCTION

**Jitu Patwari** is a politician from Indore, India. He is the Working President of the Indian National Congress in Madhya Pradesh. Patwari is a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) representing the Rau constituency in Indore. He is active on social media with 192K followers on Instagram. He was born on 19 November 1973 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India. Patwari comes from a non – political family and has been actively involved in politics since his college days and has held various positions in the Indian National Congress party.

He contested his first unsuccessful assemble election in 2008 and later in 2013 and 2018 he won from the same constituency and became an MLA. In 2018 when INC formed the government in state, he was inducted as a cabinet minister in Kamal Nath led government. He was given very important portfolios such as Higher Education, Sports, and Youth Affairs in the government.

Patwari is known for his work in promoting education and sports in the state. He has also been vocal in raising issues related to farmers and has been actively involved in various social welfare programs. As for his education, Jeetu Patwari completed his BA and LLB from Devi Ahilya University Indore

### CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Rau assembly constituency is one of the 230 assembly constituencies in Madhya Pradesh state. It is a general category assembly seat located situated in Indore district and is one of the 8 assembly segments of Indore Parliament Seat. Rau is a constituency with a mixed demographic and comprises both rural and urban areas. It has a significant presence of the Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class communities. It has total 305697 voters out of which SCs voters are around 18.4%, STs voter are around 13.05%. Rau has around 44.43% of voters are from rural area, whereas around 55.57% of voters are from urban area as per the 2011 census.

S. No	Name	Party	Votes
1	Jitu Patwari	INC	107740 (49.95%)
2	Madhu Verma	BJP	102037 (47.31%)
3	None of the above	Nota	2475 (1.15%)

### INITIATIVES

Rau assembly constituency is a demographic mixed constituency, so the problem is also mixed. Rural area has problems like roads, employment, and infrastructure whereas the urban area of constituency has problems like cleanliness drinking water issue and employment.

1. Social Connect – Jitu Patwari has a great social connect in his constituency, his regular meeting with the people of the constituency has makes him people's MLA. Anyone can find him on a morning ride on his bicycle where he meets people and address their problems. His social media connect with the people on public issue has more than anyone else the state of Madhya Pradesh. He raises his voice using social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, twitters etc. As an opposition MLA he has been very vocal on the issues like un-employment, and farmer. He has been actively taking part in some movements.

### BASIC FACILITIES – ROAD, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

After becoming second time MLA from Rau constituency, Jitu Patwari ensured the great infrastructure connect of the rural part and urban part of the constituency with Indore;



the metro city of Madhya Pradesh. The connect provided the opportunity to the people of the constituency to explore the new job opportunity. Apart from this Rau constituency is one of the rare constituencies where you have five university out of which four private university opened during his tenor as MLA and Minister of Higher Education in Madhya Pradesh. Along with universities there are 40 government and private schools and colleges. In assembly, he has raised maximum questions on his constituency related issue and issue like crop insurance, MSP and Jobs in university and collages.

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**INTRODUCTION**

Kalvakuntla Chandrashekar Rao, popularly known as KCR, was born in Chintamadaka, Medak Dist, Telangana, India to Sri Raghava Rao and Smt. Venkatamma on February 17, 1954. After leading the Telangana movement to its desired end, he became the first Chief Minister of the State. He is also the founder and President of Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) which was at the forefront of the movement for Statehood to Telangana. He has been a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from Siddipet (1985-2004, four terms) and Gajwel (2014-18) constituencies. He is currently representing Gajwel constituency in the 2nd Telangana Legislative Assembly. He was also a Member of Parliament from Karimnagar (2004-09) and Mahabubnagar (2009-14) and held the position of Cabinet Minister for Labour and Employment (2004-06).

**DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY**

Gajwel Assembly constituency is a constituency of Telangana Legislative Assembly, India.

It is part of the Medak Lok Sabha constituency and is one of 10 constituencies in the erstwhile Medak district. It is located around 64 km from the state capital Hyderabad.

Initiative undertaken by the MLA and his team.

Telangana Ku Haritha Haram, a flagship programme of the Telangana Government envisages increasing the present 24% tree cover in the State to 33% of the total geographical area of the State. The thrust areas to achieve the above are two-fold; one, initiatives in notified forest areas, and the other, initiatives in areas outside the notified forest areas.

230 Crore seedlings are proposed to be planted in the State during the next three years. Out of this, 130 crore seedlings are proposed to be planted outside the notified forest areas (10 crores within HMDA limits, and the remaining 120 Crores in the rest of the State). It is also proposed to plant and rejuvenate the

viable rootstock to achieve 100 crore plants inside the forest areas by way of intensive protection of the forests. With the

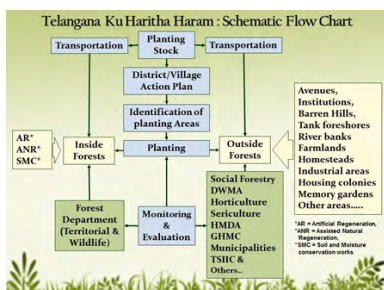
objective to enhance and deepen the fruits of the massive plantation activity and provide sustainability in the long run, on 01.10.2021 on the floor of the Assembly the Hon'ble Chief Minister announced "Telangana Haritha Nidhi (Telangana Green Budget)" a dedicated Green Fund for Telangana State. GO Rt no 139 dt 16.12.2021 was issued in this regard. "Telangana Haritha Nidhi" would receive contributions from various sources namely, public representatives, Government employees and other sections of the society, a predefined portion of taxes, fees and other levies that the State Government imposes. So far, an amount of Rs.15.63 crore has been contributed to Haritha Nidhi's account.

It can be emphatically concluded that the programme has been received very well by all, as it has garnered appreciation from all sectors of society. Telangana Ku Haritha Haram, meaning green garland to the State of Telangana" is the largest afforestation programme in the world after Brazil and China I, conceived by CM KCR and is being implemented in the state, by the Govt of Telangana since 2015-2016. One can easily perceive the changes in the green cover of the entire state.

**Impact and change brought about by the initiative.**

Block plantations are taken up in the forest areas where old eucalyptus plantations are harvested, in the retrieved encroached areas and in the open areas. These Block plantations are taken up in Semi mechanical method (SMM) and Labour-intensive method (LI). Total achievements till 2021-22- 54,623 Ha.

Most of the forest areas in Telangana state are in degraded conditions and to improve the quality and density of the forest, treatment of degraded forest is given under Aided Natural Regeneration. In this method operations like Peripheral trenches, soil moisture conservation works, cultural operations and the creation of fire lines etc. are taken up. Till





2021-22 – 5.113 lakh Ha area has been treated under this method.

Soil and Moisture Conservation works are taken up to improve the moisture in the forest area which will help in the rejuvenation of the viable rootstock. Forest blocks adjacent to major cities and towns are being developed into urban parks which are acting as urban lung spaces for the local people. So far, 55 urban blocks have been developed.

During this year the new concept of seed bombing has been introduced under Telanganaku Haritha Haram to take up greenery on slopes, hillocks, and remote areas. Seed balls are prepared with earth, manure, and other nutrients for this purpose.

As per the Forest Survey of India Reports Cumulative increase from ISFR 2015 to ISFR 2021 in the state of Telangana is: Green Cover (GC): 7.70% increase in forest + tree cover from 2014-15 to 2020-21. 3.07 % increase in forest cover between 2019-20 to 2020-21.

Other noteworthy projects were initiated and implemented by the MLA and his team.

Telangana Government launched yet another pioneering initiative 'KCR Nutrition Kits' in December 2022, which is aimed at reducing Anaemia and improving haemoglobin levels in pregnant women. Each kit contains a kg of Nutritional Mix Powder, a kg of Dates (Khajoor), three bottles of Iron Syrup, 500 grams of Ghee and a Cup. The kits were distributed to pregnant women in nine districts of Telangana where the prevalence of anaemia was high.

Mana ooru – Mana badi' programme aimed at the allround development and creation of effective infrastructure in schools across the State by setting up digital classrooms, construction of additional classrooms and taking up repairs to schools to benefit 19.84 lakh children of 26,065 schools in the state of Telangana.

Hon'ble CM Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao formally launched the Dalit Bandhu scheme in Shalapally of the Huzurabad Assembly constituency in Karimnagar District on 16th August 2021, journey to solve the issues and problems faced by the Dalits in the State with the introduction of the 'Dalit Bandhu Scheme'. The scheme provides a one-time grant of Rs. 100,000/- to the beneficiaries thereby instilling a sense of financial security and hope for a better future. The Telangana Government will handhold the beneficiaries judiciously utilising the financial assistance, and many more such welfare schemes for the

underprivileged sections of Telangana state.

### **Honours and Significant achievements of MLA and his team**

Hyderabad is the only Indian city to have been selected and bagged the award for the World Green City-2022 at the International Association of Horticultural Producers, held in Jeju, South Korea Recently. According to CM KCR, these international awards have only further strengthened the reputation of Telangana and the country which rests on the evidential proof of the state government relentlessly implementing massive plantation and urban development programmes. The award ceremony was conducted in association with IUCN at Jeju Islands of South Korea on October 14, 2022, which was received by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority Officials.

As part of a series of awards and rewards, Hyderabad was also recognized for the '2020 Tree City of the World' award and the '2021 Tree City of the World award by the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Hyderabad was also ranked the best city to live in India in Mercer's 'Quality of Living (India) Rankings-2019'. All this became possible due to the massive plantations taken up under various components in Hyderabad City. These include Roadside multi-layered avenue plantations, greenery on road central median, tank bund plantation, development of urban parks, urban forest blocks, dense plantations, colony/street plantations, institutional plantations, vertical gardens, block plantations, landscaped gardens, rain gardens, theme parks, nurseries, planting homestead, flowering, and ornamental plants.

How this has improved people's confidence in elected representatives.

Through the active engagement of high-school children and adults in the massive afforestation program, the masses are being made aware of the necessity of conserving nature and our green geographies. Educational institutions are actively engaging themselves to closely understand several good governance practices adopted by the MLA and its teams thereby leading to be active participants in its initiatives for a greener future while getting to know their leaders on various fronts.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Shri. Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao**, popularly known as KTR, is a cabinet minister in the Government of Telangana, the 29th State of India. He has been the Member of the Legislative Assembly from Sircilla Constituency since 2009.

Serving as the Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Industry & Commerce, Information Technology. The inclination towards public life was always there for KTR who grew up under the influence of his father, K. Chandrashekhar Rao serving as the first and current Chief Minister of Telangana.

Born in Siddipet on 24 July 1976 grew up in a politically active family and completed his schooling from St. George's Grammar School, Hyderabad before going to Nizam College, Hyderabad. He studied M.Sc. in Biotechnology from University of Pune and holds an MBA degree in Marketing and E-Commerce from City University of New York, NY.

KTR's never-fading interest in the upliftment of the socio-economic conditions drove him to politics. Working under the leadership of his father he joined Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and strived to not only bring Statehood to Telangana but also embarked on a mission to see Telangana flourish.

KTR made its political debut by winning from Sircilla Assembly Constituency in 2009. He was re-elected from the same constituency in 2014, in the first elections to Telangana Assembly, and took on the charge of Cabinet Minister in the Telangana Government. At the age of 46 KTR has already left an indelible imprint on the growth path that the State of Telangana has embarked on. It's only the beginning for him.

### About the constituency

Rajanna-Sircilla is a district in Telangana, India was carved out of erstwhile Karimnagar district and was formed on 11 October 2016 and has an area of 55.87 km sq and population of 83,186 as of 2020. The name Sircilla is derived from a Telugu word sirishala meaning centre of wealth. The district is located on the banks of the Manair, a tributary of Godavari River which is the main source of its water supply for irrigation and drinking purposes. It is popularly known as Textile town due to the

presence of many power looms, textile processing and dyeing units. It is the biggest textile hub in the state of Telangana with over 40,000 power looms. Which is the primary source of income for the constituency.

After 67 years of Indian independence the state of Telangana was formed on 2nd June 2014. Capping the decades-old struggle in the region. Telangana is officially the 29th states of India. The state has embarked on a new journey for development in socio-political and economic sectors, with a new government, a new vision and a new plan with Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) now Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) as the ruling party. The potential for development is indisputably high and lies in the hands of the government to unleash its potential.

### WORK DONE BY THE MLA

Nepotism is often seen as a feature of politics, particularly Indian Politics where power trickles down in a family with power. The growing adoration and want for KT Rama Rao to take his father's place as the head of the state is not an outturn of nepotism but one of sheer hard work and competence.

As the world moves ahead and technology permeates into every sphere of life, KT Rama Rao believes that information technology is going to rule for the next couple of decades. Hence, his vision is to develop Telangana and India to be the hub of technological advancement.

- IT Revolution in Telangana
- KT Rama Rao has embarked upon an aggressive path to develop the IT and High-Tech Industry in Telangana. Ever since his election has led successful projects which have doubled the IT exports in the state. He has taken several initiatives:-
- Creation of proactive policies- Business-friendly policies which aid Industries, IT and



Electronics by facilitating electronic manufacturing ecosystem in the state.

- Creation of T Hubs- India's largest incubator for startups T-Hub provides a platform for startups and entrepreneurs to nurture their ideas, access mentorship and connect with investors. It has played a crucial role in promoting the growth of the startup ecosystem in Telangana, ultimately in boosting entrepreneurship throughout the country.
- Telangana Academy of Skill and Knowledge (TASK)- Offers quality education and training to the public to generate skilled workers.
- Telangana State Innovation Cell (TSIC)- for rapid processing of clearances required for setting up industries based on self-certification. KT Rama Rao played a pivotal role in the establishment of TSIC. The cell was formed with the objective of fostering innovation and creating an ecosystem that supports startups and technologists.
- Building of the Start Up State
- As K T Rama Rao said "Relations related to investment decisions do not happen overnight, they must be nurtured and built over a period. Networking, positive publicity and representation is the foundation for the development of any organization, state or government and the MLA has done exactly that in his short tenure. KT Rama Rao is a face known internationally; hence Telangana is a state known internationally. Some of them being: -



- The World Economic Forum, Davos being one of the platforms where K T Rama Rao connected with investors and was successful in sensitizing them about the pulsating potential present in Telangana.
- Centre For Industrial Revolution focused on Live Sciences- As Telangana is the Live Sciences Capital of India and the World, producer of 9 billion doses of vaccines, home to India's largest Med Tech Park. It was inevitable that a Live Sciences center for The World Economic Centre be set up in Hyderabad.
- As of 2022 KT Rama Rao had a conversation with Bill Gates in BioAsia Future Ready forum discussing the opportunities lie ahead of Telangana to further promote its

**आंध्र प्रदेश का पुनर्गठन  
REORGANISATION  
OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

श्री. मनमोहन सिंग की सरकार का अंतिम निर्णय और संसद की दो सत्रों में शिथिलता के बाद, श्री. के. टी. रामा राव ने 2014 में आंध्र प्रदेश का पुनर्गठन किया, जिससे आंध्र प्रदेश और तेलंगाना दो अलग-अलग राज्यों बने। श्री. के. टी. रामा राव ने श्री. के. टी. रामा राव को 20 सत्रों में 2014 में आंध्र प्रदेश के अंतिम सत्रों में एक नया राजा बनाया। 2 जून 2014 को यह निर्णय आधिकारिक बनाया गया।

The last decision of Dr. Manmohan Singh's government was the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and the creation of a new state called Telangana. The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 defined boundaries, divided assets and named Hyderabad as the capital of Telangana, with Andhra Pradesh given time to build its own new capital. The legislation was passed in both Houses of Parliament on 20 February 2014. The new states were formally born on 2 June 2014.

tag as the Vaccine capital of India and the world.

- Sricilla District secured first rank in four-star category under Swachh Sureksha Grameen for 2 consecutive years under the leadership of KT Rama Rao. KT Rama Rao believes in the motto of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan “Cleanliness starts at home”.
- Under the guidance of KT Rama Rao, the district has focused on various initiatives to improve waste management and sanitation practices. Some notable efforts include: -
- Solid Waste Management- Sircilla has implemented effective solid waste management practices, including proper waste segregation, collection, and disposal. The district has emphasized the importance of recycling and reducing waste generation.
- Sanitation Infrastructure- Sircilla has invested in the development of sanitation infrastructure, including the construction of public toilets and community sanitation facilities. This has contributed to improved sanitation access and hygiene practices in the district.
- Behavioural Change- The district has undertaken extensive awareness campaigns and behavioural change programs to promote cleanliness, hygiene, and the use of toilets. These efforts have helped in creating a positive impact and encouraging sustainable sanitation practices among the community.
- Community Participation- Sircilla has

actively involved the local community, self-help groups, and other stakeholders in its sanitation initiatives. This participatory approach has led to greater ownership and sustainability of the sanitation programs implemented in the district.

- Emancipation of Women- WE Hub
- WE Hub is a state-lead incubator for women entrepreneurs, it creates an environment which helps women to expand their business. The main aim is to promote women ultimately making them economically independent and breaking the societal barriers. The WE Hub plans on meeting this goal via supporting innovative ideas, aiding with solutions, and exploring unexplored sectors in the field.
- Minister KT Rama Rao said, “WE-HUB will promote women-led, women-owned enterprises in Telangana. It is a platform which is open to all kinds of innovations including a tech start-up, a start-up in social innovation or an idea which is completely and radically different. It will not only provide women with access to mentors and capital but also aspire more women to become entrepreneurs.”
- Haritha Haram Mission
- Haritha Haram, also known as the Green Necklace Program, is a flagship initiative launched by K. Chandrashekhar Rao, Chief Minister of Telangana. KT Rama Rao has been actively involved in the program. The program aims to increase the green cover in the state by undertaking extensive





plantation drives, promoting environmental conservation, and creating a sustainable ecosystem. KT Rama Rao has been a strong advocate for environmental conservation and spearheaded the Haritha Haram initiative. He has actively promoted and encouraged citizen participation in the tree plantation drives across the state.

### CONCLUSION

KT Rama Rao is a celebrated leader and has won the trust of his people in the whole of Telangana. He has the vision to understand and forecast the technological trends, to be ready for the impact. His goal is to embrace technological advancement whilst ensuring employment stability. KT Rama Rao is one of those leaders who will guide India to its "Amrit Kaal".

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## 31. SHRI. KAWASI LAKHMA

Konta, Bastar,  
Chhattisgarh

### INTRODUCTION

Kawasi Lakhma popularly known as 'Lakhma Dadi' in his region comes from Bastar area of Chhattisgarh. He has represented the Konta constituency of Bastar region for four consecutive terms. Lakhma is from a non-political, modest tribal family. Lakhma originates from the Naxal-hit Bastar region of Central India. The presence of Naxal's in the area has caused several upheavals and political unrest in the area. This has posed a threat to democracy in the region, as elections and many developments related activities have been boycotted by the Naxals, emergence of Lakhma as a tribal leader from the region inspire people to participate into democratic electorate process to ensure the democracy in the region.

He began his political career as a village sarpanch, and he was awarded the Best Sarpanch award. He later won a landslide victory in 2003, winning with 51.54% of the vote, and was elected to the Member of the Legislative Assembly, CG. Eventually, in 2008, 2013, and 2018, he earned the trust of the people and was re-elected as an MLA. He is currently the Cabinet Minister of Trade, Taxation (Excise), and Industry.

Lakhma made headlines during the 2013 Naxal attack in Darbha Valley, when Naxals killed more than 30 INC leaders. Throughout 2013- 18 as an opposition party MLA, he has voiced concerns about the quality of



developmental activities undertaken in the Naxal affected Sukma district. He is an outspoken political leader on people's issues. He has been the voice of the tribals of Chhattisgarh's Bastar area.

### CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

The constituency is in the Bastar region of Sukma Dist in Chhattisgarh and is dominated by the tribal community. Sukma district is a part of the 'Red corridor'. With over 10,000 personnel deployed, it is one of the most heavily fortified districts in the nation. The Naxalite-Maoist insurgency is particularly severe in this part of India.

The Konta constituency is reserved for ST candidates. From its creation, the Indian National Congress has consistently won this constituency. Lakhma is a four-time MLA who represents the Chhattisgarh district of Sukma and is a member of the INC.

Constituency	Dist	Block	Total Villages	Gram Panchayat	Total Voters
Konta	Sukma	Konta	385	135	1,64,744 77,812 male & 86,932 female voters

### Election Result - 2018 Assembly Election Result

Sr.No.	Name	Party	Voters
1	Kawasi Lakhma	INC	31933 (35.05%)
	Dhaniram Barse	BJP	25224 27.68%)
	Manish Kunjam	CPI	24549 (26.94%)



## INITIATIVES

Konta, Dist Sukma is a tribal dominated constituency, and mostly people are dependent on the forest for their survival. Sukma is 65% forest cover Dist. Literacy rate of Sukma Dist. is nearly 29% in which male literacy rate is 49.69% & female literacy rate is 23.33%. Education, Employment, basic infrastructure, and livelihood are some of the major issues which the people of Konta must phase.

As per the news report the area has serious development related issues like malnutrition, illiteracy, and Naxalite violence, and it has undergone a great transformation in just two-and-a-half years. The current govt and the current leaders from the areas have worked together to ensure a different approach of development for Baster region of the state. The new approach has kept people's aspirations and needs in mind. Sectors like education, health, connectivity are important in policy formation.

## EDUCATION

Sukma district is underdeveloped around Education. One of the reasons could be lack of opportunities and other reason could be the Naxalism. Due to this standard of education is not very up to the mark. There is a greater amount of scarcity of specialized teachers at higher schooling levels such as Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and English. Keeping in view of this aspect it is necessary to open Ashram Shalas (residential schools) in such well-connected villages where children of

nearby 4 to 5 remote and unconnected villages can be educated. Many schools had been shut down because of the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency in the rural, are started functioning in 2018-19. Before 2006, a total of 275 primary and 66 secondary schools were operated under the development block but many schools were damaged by Naxalites. As a result, 102 primary and 21 secondary schools had to be closed or shifted.

After the initiatives taken by Minister, the CG govt. has sanctioned construction of 60 school buildings and 34 additional rooms. Construction of 22 buildings has been completed. As per the govt records the total no. of schools is 1054, in which many schools are residential schools.

## SWAMI ATMANANDA ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOL

The scheme to set up English medium school in the towns of Chhattisgarh was launched on 1 Nov 2020 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Shri Bhupesh Baghel. The main aim of the scheme is to provide the quality education to students from the economic weaker areas. Currently 279 Schools have been launched which have state of the art infrastructure such as library, ultra-modern computer labs, science labs and a highly trained team of teachers and school heads ensuring all round development of child along with opportunity to pursue one's passion. One Swami Atmananda English Medium School has started in the Konta constituency of Sukma Dist. Apart from this English Medium



Schools 36 new Anganbadi centers were launched in the interior areas of the district to ensure the health of pregnant women and child. Konta also has one govt ITI for skill learnings.

### **PRIMARY HEALTH**

Health has been a serious concern of this area, Because of the dense forest cover and logistical challenges primary health care system was not up to the mark. The government has taken some measures to rebuild the health infra in the region. Govt hospitals and Primary health care system are the only source of the medical care for the people of Sukma, hence govt has taken steps to improve the quality of health system by filling up the vacant positions of medical staff in the dist. Konta has 2 community health center, 6 primary health center and 34 sub health centers. No of Health workers (ANM & ASHA) has improved considerably. In 2018, only 1303 Mitanins were serving, now the number is 1.446. In 2018, 70.3 percent of deliveries were done in hospitals and medical centers. This figure rose to 91.6 percent in 2020-21. This functioning Primary Health care system in the region is an outcome of the efforts made by the Minister.

### **LIVELIHOOD**

As 65% of the area is forest cover, and only 11% of total land is agricultural land, people depend on the forest for their livelihood. Due to the lack of development in the area and the lack of opportunities, people find the forest their main source of livelihood. The CG

government has initiated and promoted the collection of Tendu Patta, in which mostly tribals from this region are involved. This initiative has come as a ray of hope for many, as they can earn money from it. The collection of Tendu patta has increased drastically and has become one of the main sources of income for the people of the region. Due to the closure of other livelihood options amid a COVID-induced lockdown, forest dwellers are getting employment by gathering forest produce. In the process, they are also contributing to Chhattisgarh's economy in a major way. Till 2018, Rs 2500 was paid each sack of tendu patta. However, after the Congress party took power in the state in 2018, the price was doubled to Rs 4,000.

### **LOCAL GOVERNANCE**

Sukma has been known for the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency, which has been a threat to democracy in the region. Lakhma, coming from the same region and experiencing all sorts of threats to democracy in his life, chose the democratic path to address the issues faced by the people of his region. He started his political career as a village sarpanch, where his work was acknowledged by the people and by the government as well. He was awarded the Best Sarpanch award two times.

Implementation of PESA Act-

PESA stands for Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996. The Chhattisgarh govt in a significant step, has notified the rules for implementation of the PESA act in the state. It says – “the power of the Gram Sabha





will increase with the implementation of the PESA Act. 50% of the members of the Gram Sabha will be from the tribal community. Out of this 50 percent, 25 percent will be women members. They will also have the right to take decisions in the development of villages and to settle mutual disputes,"

This was one of the promises made by the tribal leaders of the state to the people. During the election INC made this as an important point in their manifesto, which the govt after resuming the power implemented on August 9, 2022, on the international tribal day.

### CONCLUSION

Kawasi Lakhma's contribution to ensuring democratic practises in the region has motivated people to participate and exercise their rights as citizens of this country. He emergence set an example of how to fight against the Naxal issue in the areas that are highly affected by the Naxalite-Maoist insurgency. It shows that by building trust between the people, their leaders, and the government, many problems can be solved. Lakhma has been a strong supporter of an increase in the reservation of ST at the state level. Coming from a marginalised part of society and an underdeveloped region of the state to become a cabinet minister is an inspiring story for many who wish to become the people's leader and contribute into the process of democratisation of the country.

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## INTRODUCTION

K. K. Shailaja, a politician from Kerala who was born on November 20th, 1956, comes from the Kannur district. In the 15th Kerala Legislative Assembly, Shailaja was the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the Mattanur seat. She is a member of the Communist Party of India's Central Committee (Marxist). Shailaja received recognition from the UN in June 2020 for her work combating the coronavirus pandemic. She held a position as a high school physics teacher prior to entering active politics.

## DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY

She has previously been chosen to serve as the MLA for the Peravoor constituency in 2006 and the Kuthuparamba constituency twice, in 1996 and 2016. In the first Vijayan ministry, she held the positions of Kerala's minister for health, social justice, and women's and children's development (2016–2021). However, Shailaja won the 2021 election for the Kerala Legislative Assembly by the greatest margin ever (almost 60,000 votes) in those elections' history. In her younger years, she participated in CPIM's Youth Wing.

## CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY PRECEDING THE ELECTION OF THE MLA

Political killings were a common happening in Kannur. KK Shailaja and her party were strongly against it, and they made it clear they would like to work on addressing that issue. They recognized the seriousness of the situation, since it is said that about 69 political killings took place. She regrets the fact that the families of the killed had to go through this, which is something that keeps her going to do better.

## INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA

She explained that she wanted to work on the development of the area, in Kannur. Near the Kannur airport, the government had taken up a few acres of land, she planned on starting a few IT projects there. Supporting business (small and big), working on tourism aspects, promoting medicinal plant cultivation, and setting up an international Ayurveda Research Centre were a part of the mentioned plan.

## OBSTACLES THE MLA CONFRONTED AND OVERCAME

She found tackling the Covid-19 pandemic

harder than the Nipah virus outbreak, because even when Nipah had a higher mortality rate, Covid-19 was highly infectious, it could spread easily and therefore slowly increase the mortality rate.

Keralites migrated out of the state and the country in search of employment before the pandemic took its toll. Keeping this in mind, the government knew that the migrants would come back home when the pandemic worsened, to be with their families. This would obviously increase the number of people at risk.

The healthcare infrastructure had a lot of scope for improvement to handle a situation as big and serious as this one. And Kerala has one of the oldest populations, so they are automatically more vulnerable to situations like this.

To counter these issues, they worked upon “delaying” the pandemic- they used the buffer time to improve the infrastructure and train the frontline workers to tackle the problems.

## HOW COMMUNITY BENEFITTED POST INITIATION OF CHANGE

The members of Covid brigade were trained to test and trace, monitor those in quarantine and isolation, and provide social and psychological support for the vulnerable. They have fed nearly 9 million people through 1,300 community kitchens. The measures by Health ministry and frontline workers along with financial support of ₹2bn have proved to be successful in to ensure lower mortality rates and the Case Fatality Rate (CFR) peaked in May at 0.8%, and since then it has fallen by about half – compared with a national average of 1.5%

## HOW THIS HAS IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



In the truest sense of the phrase, KK Shailaja, or Shailaja Teacher as she is popularly known is "a people's leader." She had grown in popularity for the way in which she handled the Nipah virus outbreak. Although there were only 4 preliminary infections, they might have caused 75 casualties all by themselves.

"We were scared, but we couldn't afford to be afraid" remarked KK.

Shailaja. In such a situation it is crucial to ensure that the public does not panic. She therefore frequently addressed the media to comfort the public and let them know that the government is effectively handling the crisis. Such interactions are essential for maintaining the trust of the public on authorities and professionals. Moreover, because of the basic human nature, people tend to listen more to public figures like KK Shailaja as compared to experts, because she is more in proximity to the citizenry. Thus, she became a mediator between the public and the experts.

Three toll- free numbers were set up for people to give information and get clarifications. About 2000 potentially contaminated individuals were to be tracked using this strategy. A Call Centre and team was set up who camped and worked round the clock for four days. One of the toll-free numbers was handled by KK Shailaja herself. She believed in working with a team rather than to just dictating instructions.

After the outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020, the people of Kerala grew to be more confident as they knew from their past experiences, that

they were in good hands. Prior to the first case being reported in India on January 30, 2020, KK Shailaja was the first Health Minister to announce a state of emergency and establish a COVID-19 war room. She won popular appeal by conducting daily briefings about the pandemic on live TV. She also served as the principal advocate for the Kerala government's coronavirus awareness campaign, "Break the Chain".

Despite being the first state in India to report a case of COVID, Kerala saw the lowest fatality rates of any state in India due to good management by the state government and frontline staff (COVID brigades).

#### **HONOURS AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF MLA**

1. KK Shailaja was awarded the Open Society Prize in 2021 in order to recognize her commitment to public health services. The Open Society Prize is the highest civilian recognition by the Central European University which is annually awarded to persons of exceptional distinction who serve the ideals of an open society. She along with her dedicated staff of the public health service demonstrated to the world that determined leadership, community-based public health and effective communication can save lives.
2. In June 2020, Shailaja was honored by the United Nations for her efforts to tackle the coronavirus pandemic.
3. She was also awarded prestigious Janani Awards in the category of Public Health Leadership. Janani Awards, instituted by



the Integrated Health and Wellbeing (IHW) Council is to celebrate the exemplary contribution of women leaders in the making of a healthier nation on the International Day of Action for Women's Health.

4. To honour Shailaja, Vogue changed its Twitter display picture to Shailaja's photograph, featuring her on the cover page and on their list of Women of 2020. The Guardian described her as a "coronavirus slayer" and a "rock star health minister". BBC News featured her among a list of Asian Women Corona Fighters. The British Magazine Prospect selected her as the world's 'top thinker' for COVID-19 in 2020, topping the Prime Minister of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern.
5. She was also given the Ramon Magsaysay award. However, with due respect to the award she rejected the same because it is always given to an individual independently and not any political party member as such and moreover, combating Nipah as well as Corona was a collective work and can't be attributed by an individual alone.

#### **NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY MLA**

1. Proper handling of covid 19: Kerala's covid model was based on the strategy of trace, quarantine, test, isolate and treat. It proved to be successful in reducing the number of mortality rates and delaying the peak, despite being the first state to report a

covid case. CM Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the functioning of the Negative Pressure ICU facility at the Kottayam Government Medical College. This state-of-the-art facility is set up at a cost of Rs. one crore with 12 beds. It will aid in limiting patient-to-patient infection transmission. A system like this is necessary for the treatment of patients with infectious diseases like TB, Covid, and Nipah.

2. Improving health infrastructure: To improve the health infrastructure, a seven-storey super specialty block- Ernakulam General Hospital (Govt.) was constructed at a cost of Rs. 57.95 crore. KK Shailaja inaugurated the Ernakulam GH equipped with Bhabhatron tele cobalt unit, microbiology lab, Karunya Arogya Sureksha Padhathi (KASP) kiosks and skill lab, which were dedicated to the public by the minister, it has become the first super specialty General Hospital in the state. Mother & Child Govt Hospital in Vaikom that will cater to the needs of the entire Kottayam region, was also inaugurated by KK Shailaja.
3. Assisting people with hearing disability: Keltron is a company that develops quality products for the consumers at an affordable cost. The main product, SHRAVAN, is a 10 Channel hearing aid with 64 Band Filters and is quite aggressively priced. Due to its comprehensive features, this product is widely accepted by clients of all age groups not only in India but also





internationally. The Kerala government has ordered a huge bulk of Shraavan hearing aids from the company to distribute it among the 1000's of people.

4. Empowerment of Transgenders: The Social Justice Department has implemented several transgender friendly welfare schemes in the state with the goal of integrating the transgender community and protecting their rights. A Transgender cell has been constituted under the Directorate of Social Justice. The primary goal of the Transgender Cell is to assist and support the work of the state transgender justice board and district transgender justice committees. The cell would also devise and coordinate the Department's transgender welfare initiatives.
5. As part of a new initiative, the Social Justice Department, and the Kerala State Women's Development Corporation (KSWDC) will provide financial assistance to transgender population to help them launch self-employment ventures. Transgenders can apply for a loan of up to Rs. 3 lakhs from KSWDC to start their own businesses. Through this initiative, transgender people can earn a living and live a normal life like any other person and become financially stable.
6. A step towards achieving SDG 5: Gender equity.
7. KK Shailaja has attended the 2nd edition of International Conference on Gender Equality titled "Gender in Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Social Business: The Mediating Role of Empowerment" organized by The Gender Park and The UN Women. To take this partnership ahead and accelerate gender equality initiatives, an MoU has been signed between Kerala Government (The Gender Park- Initiative by Social Justice Dept) and UN Women. According to the MoU, three key areas of cooperation will be the establishment of the Gender Data Centre at The Gender Park, the launch of the second edition of the International Conference on Gender Equality, and increased engagement in global normative frameworks on gender equality and women's empowerment.

#### **LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF THE MLA**

KK Shailaja has a charismatic leadership style



and is always approachable to the public. She is well-known for her ability to think quickly and act instantly. She has also proven to be an excellent strategist by anticipating and planning for future challenges. This is evident from the fact that she declared a state of emergency prior to the deterioration of the situation to establish proper institutions that would facilitate delaying the peak and use this buffer time to make the state capable of dealing with even the worst circumstances. One of the characteristics that distinguishes KK Shailaja from other politicians is that she works with the team rather than just giving them commands.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

KK Shailaja's contribution has been effective in combating the Nipah and covid crises and improving Kerala's health infrastructure. This disaster management and development model can be adopted by other states and the country, which may benefit a larger proportion of the population. It is well beyond the time to ensure greater representation of these segments of society in our democratic structure. As a result, we shall strive for women representation in parliament, which is also one of KK Shailaja's motos.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Kimneo Haokip Hangshing** is a member of the Manipur Legislative Assembly from Saikul, representing Kuki People's Alliance since March 2022. Her profession according to the election affidavit filed with the Election Commission is: Ex-Committee Officer, Assembly Secretariat, Manipur Legislative Assembly & Social Worker. She completed her Master of Arts in Political Science from Bangalore University in the year 2013.

## Details of Constituency

Saikul is a legislative assembly constituency in Manipur. Saikul constituency is one of the 60 assembly constituencies in the Indian state of Manipur. It is in the Kangpokpi district and comprises of Saikul sub-division and part of the Saitu sub-division. The constituency is reserved for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Tribe (ST) category. With around 2800 population, it observes over 98.8% ST population, with a literacy rate of 69.9%.

## Initiatives undertaken by the MLA.

- Launched a free Essential Diagnostic Service in Saikul under National Health Mission to provide comprehensive, affordable, accessible, and quality health care service to the citizens. Speaking on the occasion, Kimneo Haokip stressed on how timely detection and treatment have emerged as the need of the hour. In an events' press conference, she said, "Are we sincere in taking care of our children's overall health development? Are we equipped enough to deal with complications faced by pregnant and lactating women? Do we have enough facilities to deal with emergencies?". Further, she exclaimed, "If we still do not have satisfactory answers to these questions, then the celebration of 75 years of Indian Independence will not be fruitful, and we all should introspect ourselves on our responsibilities to realize where the problem actually lies."
- Launched the Chief Minister's Health for All (CMHA) Scheme in Kangpokpi district on the occasion of World Heart Day, 2022, at CHC Saikul. The CMHA aims to provide door-to-door health screening for primary healthcare and chronic disease management such as Diabetes, Hypertension, Breast Cancer, Oral Cancer, Cervical Cancer, respiratory diseases, etc. Putting emphasis on the situation, she said,

"Diagnosis has not probably received so much attention and acclaim as it has now, during a worldwide pandemic when detection and timely treatment have clearly emerged as the need of the hour as it helps improve patient care, contributes to protecting a patient's health and in some cases even helps limit healthcare spending."

- Officials from The Northeastern Council (NEC) along with her workers have successfully conducted a survey for the development of roads between Sagolmang to Saikul. The development will include repaving, widening, and other improvements to ensure the safety of the citizens.
- Delivered (with her team) relief materials to Mr. Jangminlal Haokip of N Mollen village, Island block under Saikul A/C whose home was destroyed by a devastating fire.
- Distributed uniforms under the Samagra Shiksha Manipur scheme for students under Saikul Assembly Constituency at the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Saikul. Two uniform pairs and a T-shirt each, for a total of 4945 students, were distributed at the event.

## Impact on the community post initiation of change:

The quintessential masterclass that Kimneo brings to light can be seen in the way she chooses to take care of the citizens of Saikul. To make sure that Saikul is at the pinnacle of the Autonomous District Council, she pointed out that reformations at the block level are necessary. She adopted nine TB patients after she launched the CMHA, reflecting her ambitions in the health sector. Within the hands of Kimneo, Saikul has seen over 80% reduction in poppy farming, thereby supporting the government's War on Drugs campaign. Further, the education sector has been in a boom with her initiating the meetings between the representatives of 62



Anganwadi Centres, under her vow to streamline them. The community, in and all, has been under a constant wave of unhinged development since the arrival of Kimneo that is well set in motion for the future to come. The major impact of having a women legislator, in a developing district like Saikul, is of great importance to the upliftment of women's ambitions that have been kept dormant for so long. It is of great emphasis that the women take a leap and try to gain a more inclusive forefront in the administrative activities of Saikul.

**Improvement in people's confidence about their leaders:**

Historically, women have been underrepresented in politics and decision-making roles in Manipur, as well as in many other parts of the world. However, over the past decade, there has been a significant increase in the number of women elected to political office in Manipur, including in the state assembly and local government bodies. The presence of women legislators has helped bring women's issues and concerns to the forefront and has led to the development of policies and programs aimed at promoting gender equality, protecting women's rights, and addressing issues such as domestic violence and discrimination. Women legislators have also played a key role in advocating for increased representation of women in politics and decision-making positions. By increasing the visibility and influence of women in politics, the increase in women legislators in Manipur has helped build confidence among the indigenous women and girls of the state and has inspired many to pursue leadership positions in their communities and beyond. This has created a



more diverse and representative political landscape, which is essential for a functioning and inclusive democracy.

**Honours and Significant Achievements of the MLA:**

- Kuki People's Alliance felicitated Kimneo Haokip Hangshing at Saikul village ground to honor the recently elected MLA of Saikul Assembly Constituency,

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### INTRODUCTION

**Ms. Krishna Gaur**, MLA- Govindpura Constituency is a businesswoman and social worker who won the elections in 2018 as a candidate for BJP. She has a post-graduation degree in Geography from Devi Ahilya University, Indore in the year 1988. She is the daughter-in-law of Babulal Gaur who was elected ten times to the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly and served as the 16th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh for a brief period (23 August 2004- 29 November 2005).

### CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Govindpura (constituency number 154) is one of the seven assembly constituencies in Bhopal Lok Sabha. The other six are Berasia, Huzur, Bhopal Uttar, Narela, Bhopal Dakshin Paschi, and Bhopal Madhya.

Her father-in-law Babulal Gaur had been elected eight times consecutively to Govindpura assembly constituency (1980 to 2018). Preserving the legacy, in 2018, Ms Krishna Gaur, defeated her nearest rival, Girish Sharma of the Indian National Congress by 46,359 votes.

### INITIATIVES

Expanding the vision of her late- father-in-law Babulal Gaur, Ms Krishna Gaur has worked rigorously in improving the infrastructure of Govindpura. Her focus is on increasing the connectivity in her area through road projects paving the way for new avenues of self-employment for the people of Govindpura.

She has gained the approval of over 16 infrastructure development projects having



an estimated budget of around 115 crores. The project includes: -

- Elevation & repair of roads
- Road widening
- Installation of streetlights
- Construction of the new bypass and highways to reduce and manage traffic.
- Establishment of a new RTO building to promote development and self-employment.
- Construction of bridges – Babulal Gaur Setu
- Building of a new sewage and drainage system in Govindpura Industrial Area
- A proposed International Bus Stand to promote public transport.

In the health sector, with an estimated budget of 20 crores, the construction of a 100-bed hospital in Anand Nagar is in progress while 11 sanjivini clinics are proposed in different locations.

In the education sector, 440 students are trained by international coaches on various





skills development programs in the Global skill park city center while 7 senior secondary schools under a budget of 221 crores are approved for construction.

Under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana, a government flagship program under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched in 2015 aims to provide accommodation to the unprivileged section of society, 5719 Awaas or accommodation have been created with a total budget of 55921 lakh

Bhanpur Khanti once known as the “Dumping Ground of Bhopal” was notorious for its pollution and stinky foul smell has now been converted into one of the cleanest areas of the city. Now it is being promoted as a picnic spot to local people by the authorities and it is a notable work credited to the willpower of Ms Krishna Gaur.

Ms Krishna Gaur is highly committed to solving the woes of local people related to sewage dumps, drainage system, and drinking water crisis in her constituency hence 5 treatment plants, 3 pipe stations, and a 620 km long pipeline is proposed for construction. A 1200 m railway bridge along with 8 flyovers is also proposed as a vision for the path of progress in Goviandpura.

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**SHRI. LAKHESHWAR BAGHEL**

Bastar, Jagdalpur, C G  
Chairman of Bastar Vikas Pradhikaran

**INTRODUCTION**

Lakheshwar Baghel, a prominent tribal leader from the Bastar division of Chhattisgarh, has held the position of MLA since 2013. The Bastar division is predominantly inhabited by the Bhatra tribes, and Baghel hails from the Bhatra community, where he enjoys a strong influence. He actively engages with the community and holds a significant position within the INC organization. Baghel is widely recognized as a key figure in tribal leadership within the INC in Chhattisgarh. He completed his graduation from Government PG College Jagdalpur.

Although Baghel initially began his political journey with the BJP, he later switched to the INC. He previously served as a member of the Zila Panchayat in the Bakawand block and held the position of Zila Panchayat Ahyaksh. Following the delimitation in 2008, he contested the assembly elections on an INC ticket from Bastar but narrowly lost by a margin of 1201 votes. However, in 2013, he emerged victorious from Bastar on an INC ticket, winning by a substantial margin of 19171 votes. In 2018, he secured his re-election from Bastar with an even larger margin of 33471 votes. Presently, Baghel serves as the president of Bastar Vikas Pradhikaran and has also held the position of District President of the INC Bastar district unit.

**CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW**

The assembly comes under Bastar division. The assembly seat is dominated by the tribal community and reserved for ST. The assembly is majorly divided into administrative blocks,



Bakawand and Bastar. Politically Bakawand is divided into two parts, Bakawand and Karpawand and Bastar is also divided in two parts, Bastar and Bhanpuri. However, Bastar block is also divided between two assemblies, Bastar and Narayanpur. 42 GPs out of 72 GPs come under Bastar assembly constituency. The assembly came into existence after 2008 delimitation.

As per the census out of total population, 95.45% of the population is rural and 4.4% of the population is urban population. The SCs and STs ratio are 1.62 & 65.53% of the population. As per the voter list there are 155591 electorates. IN 2018 assembly election total turnout was 84.03% out of which INC got 58.01% of votes and BJP got 31.91%.

**INITIATIVES****Education**

For the past decade, education has been the central focus of development in the district, leading to numerous accomplishments. The implementation of PORTA cabins in the district has effectively addressed the





concerning issue of high dropout rates. Additionally, the establishment of an Education City has garnered widespread recognition for providing free, high-quality residential education to more than 7,000 students within a single campus, spanning from kindergarten to postgraduate levels.

Innovations such as Chhoolo Asman and Lakshya have emerged as game-changers, expanding the realm of opportunities for the youth in this remote tribal district. The Chief Minister DAV Schools, Modern Schools, JNV, and Kendriya Vidyalaya are actively working towards offering quality education to the children of the district. They are complemented by modern educational techniques such as smart classes, Tinkling Labs, and virtual education, further enhancing the learning experience.

#### **Community Halls & Gods (Dev)**

As vulnerability of tribes are a question of concerns where they deal with the questions of land or space for their rituals and festival celebrations. As their representative, Baghel has inaugurated many community halls for the people of the region. It is noted that these community halls ensure safe and collective rituals and festive celebrations.

Apart from this tribes also struggle with the question of their identity as a tribe. This is being questioned by the popular cultural where Sanskritization is taking place in the local areas of tribal community. This has looked like an attempt to homogenize the cultural practices of different tribal



communities. Baghel has supported the diversity of tribal communities by giving the public place to install their community's god (Dev) to restore their cultural practices.





### INTRODUCTION

**Shri. Laxman Munda** is the Member of the Odisha Legislative Assembly from Tribal Dominated Bonai Legislative Assembly Segment in the Parliamentary Constituency and district of Sundargarh in Odisha. He has been elected to the Odisha Legislative Assembly Constituency three times-in 2004, in 2014 and in 2019 as a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) or the CPM from the tribal dominated Bonai Constituency which is around 500km away from the state capital of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. As a member of the communist party or a comrade, he has been associated with the issues of Land, Water and Forest (Jal, Jamin and Jungle) from a very early part of his life.

### PROFILE OF THE ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY:

Bonai is in the western part of Odisha and has been an epicenter of peasant and tribal movements for the case of self-governance and against rapid industrialization and mining activities. The constituency, which is a reserved constituency for STs has witnessed many environmental movements and protests, mostly due to rapid expansion of the Iron Ore Mines in the area. Located nearly 500 km away from Bhubaneswar, the state capital of Odisha, these social movements and protests happened during various periods have produced local leaders, many of them are tribals, and these leaders have come into the forefront mainstream politics and Laxman Munda, the MLA of Bonai and a veteran Communist Leader (CPI-M) is one among those people.

As per census 2011, there are four CD Blocks in Bonai Assembly Constituency such as Bonaigarh, Gurundia, Lahunipada, and Koida, together have a population of 215,736. The constituency has 988 females in 1000 males.

Approximately 56% of the population is a scheduled tribe. Literacy rate is 61.2%, much less than the state and national average. Out of the entire population, only 47.49% are employed as regular and marginal workers. The main occupations of the people of the area are agriculture and working in mines situated in various parts in the constituency.

### EARLY LIFE AND WORK:

Mr. Laxman Munda, the lone CPI(M) MLA in the Odisha Legislative Assembly belongs to the Munda Tribal Community, has been spanned a rich political career from very early stage of his life. Entering politics through the route of trade unions has been a key strategy, as the constituency is dominated by Iron Ore Mines and small steel and power plants. The industrial town of Rourkela, which is only 70km away from the Bonai Assembly Constituency and the hub centre of trade union politics in Odisha, working of the trade unions in Rourkela as well as in Bonai, in many ways motivated people to be associated with these unions and enter formal politics, and Mr. Laxman Munda has been inherited this legacy.

A graduate in education, he started his political career as a Sarpanch in Gopana Village Panchayat (Gram Panchayat) in 1992 and as a member of the Central Industrial Trade Union (CITU), an affiliated trade union of the Communist Party of India, Mr. Munda has

**Table-1; Bonai Assembly Constituency Election Results, 2019**

Sr. No	Party	Candidate	Votes	%
1	CPI(M)	Laxman Munda	59,939	35.0
2	BJD	Ranjit Kissan	47,909	28.0
3	BJP	Anil Kumar Barla	37,266	22.0

Source; The Election Commission of India, 2019



been a prominent political leader in the politics of Odisha. He was also elected as Chairperson of the Koira Panchayat Samiti (Intermediate Panchayat) from 1997 to 2002.

**IMPLICATIONS OF THE WORKS ON PEOPLE AND SOCIETY:**

After election to the Odisha Legislative Assembly in 2004, he mostly focuses on the land rights of the STs in his constituency through systematically mobilizing people against acquisition of tribal lands for the purpose of mining and industries. Since the constituency is mostly located in a dense forested area and many mines are in operation, Mr. Munda mostly focused on the effective implementation of rehabilitation and resettlement plans in these cases. Further, he prioritized the issues of safe drinking water, health, and education, since due to mining activities, safe drinking water has been a problem in his constituency. Utilizing the money from the District Mineral Fund (DMF) and MLALAD, he has sorted out the problem of drinking water supply in many villages of his constituency.

His participation in protests and movements organized by the industrial workers for minimum wage and his struggle to provide the status of Bonai as an Urban Local Body has been in many ways impacted to the people of his constituency.

**CONCLUSION:**

Shri. Laxman Munda is known as the leader of common people in his constituency. His association with people through collective decision making and regular movements for the mining and industrial workers has



created a new identity for him and made him the leader of the masses in the constituency. Started his career as a Sarpanch, he has been a prominent tribal leader in the state and has been able to sort out many important issues related to health, education and drinking water in his constituency, Bonai which is distantly located from the state capital, Bhubaneswar.

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## INTRODUCTION

**M. V. Govindan**, who hails from a modest peasant family in Morzha, has been involved in politics since his school days. He initially worked as a physical education teacher at Iringal AUP School in Kannur after completing his education. Nevertheless, when the party requested his full-time involvement in politics, Govindan resigned from his job and has since been serving the party in various capacities.

### M V Govindan as an MLA:

Having begun his political career as an MLA from the Taliparamba constituency in the Kannur district of Kerala in 1996, Govindan contested in the 2001 assembly election and continued to represent the same constituency until 2006. After a decade of serving as an MLA of the Taliparamba constituency, he had to take a break from legislative practices as his party requested his involvement in other responsibilities. In 2021, Govindan contested once again from the same constituency and emerged victorious, winning by a majority of 22689 votes. While appointed as the minister for Local Self Governance and Excise during the government formation, he stepped down from his position one and a half years later, after being elected as the state secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist). Nonetheless, Govindan continues to serve as an MLA of the Taliparamba constituency.

Taliparamba constituency spreads across seven Grama Panchayats and two municipalities. The constituency has 2, 13,096 voters (as per) in about 179 local wards.

Unique Initiatives:

**Educational Sector:** M.V. Govindan's contributions to the education sector of the Taliparamba constituency have been multifaceted. He has given utmost priority to the development of public educational institutions by utilising government funds for infrastructure enhancement. In addition, he has spearheaded several innovative projects that focus on equipping students with the necessary skills and knowledge through a comprehensive approach that includes recreational activities and consistent guidance.

In 2021-2022, Govindan allocated 100 crore rupees for the infrastructure development of educational institutions. During his tenure as the minister of local self-governance, he took the initiative to establish a higher education institution under the Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA). The International

Centre for Leadership Studies was inaugurated on June 13, 2022, in Karimbam of Taliparamba constituency. The institute offers three post-graduate courses aimed at promoting the best democratic approaches to leadership, governance, and development. The course offered by the institute include MA in Decentralisation and Local Governance, MA in Public Policy and Development and MA in Social Entrepreneurship and Development.

**Turning Point:** M.V. Govindan has initiated a unique project, the Turning Point Educational Expo, aimed at strengthening the public education sector in the Taliparamba Constituency and guiding and enlightening students about their higher education opportunities. In 2022, around 10,000 students participated in the program, which showcases the excellence of public education and highlights career opportunities through a variety of programs. One of the key features of the expo is an exhibition of selected centres of excellence from public schools and colleges in the constituency, showcasing the projects implemented and infrastructural improvements in these institutions. The expo also includes seminars and career guidance workshops that focus on supporting 10th and 12th-standard students in making informed decisions about their higher education careers.

In the Turning Point 2023 expo, a special feature will be the organisation of special sessions for 600 differently abled students. This initiative highlights Govindan's commitment to promoting inclusive education and providing equal opportunities for all students in the Taliparamba Constituency.

### An Initiative for Complete Digital Literacy:

The Complete Literacy Movement initiated in Kerala in 1998 under the slogan Education for All, Education for Ever is one of the educational activities that gained world attention. Special mention must be made of the impact these activities have had in



making Kerala's general literacy rate one of the best in India. The Complete Digital Literacy Mission is an activity initiated by MV Govindan in the Taliparamba constituency by adopting the model of these activities. The digital literacy mission is carried out with the view that the digital literacy rate needs to be perfected at the grass root level to address and overcome the problems caused by the second-generation digital divide in the current social situation.

The Digital Literacy Mission is now in its infancy. The digital literacy survey in the constituency was the first step in these activities conducted in the constituency. Through this survey, the information about the digital literacy rate in the constituency was collected and the people in need of digital literacy were divided into different categories. The second step was to find and train the master trainers needed to implement the project. Then 20 volunteers per ward were selected from the 179 wards of the constituency and they were groomed as trainers. Training for ward-level trainers has also been completed in the constituency. From June 2023, Digital Literacy classes will be started for the people.

**Happiness Festival:** The Happiness Festival is one of the remarkable activities initiated by MV Govindan to raise the mental health and happiness index of the people of the Taliparamba constituency. The festival is organized as an amalgamation of arts, sports, and cultural activities. The first chapter of the Happiness Festival was held at Dharamshala from 18th to 31st December 2022.

Though the Happiness Festival was a 13-day centralized event held at Dharamshala, it was also a multi-month-long all-encompassing activity in the constituency. As a part of this, arts and sports competitions were organized for the people from the ward level and after completion of the panchayat level competitions were organized on a constituency basis. Art exhibitions and programs by notable talents were ensured every day at the Happiness Festival venue. Around one million people from within the district and from other districts attended to watch these programs.

Food stalls of Kudumbashree units in the constituency were the attraction of the Happiness Festival. Kudumbashree units have prepared several food stalls of unique Kerala dishes at the Happiness Festival venue. Another attraction of the Happiness Festival was the International Happiness Film Festival

which ensured a happy atmosphere.

#### **Health Survey and Health Action Plan:**

A comprehensive survey to collect health information of the people of the constituency was carried out under the leadership of MV Govindan in the Taliparamba constituency. Survey data will be used to address people's health issues and reduce lifestyle diseases. Govindan has put forward a health action plan based on the survey data.

#### **Kudumbashree Start-up Mission:**

Efforts are underway in the Taliparamba constituency to promote entrepreneurship among young women. To achieve this, Kudumbashree is creating new auxiliary units, and applications were invited from women interested in starting their own businesses. A workshop was organized for the initial 500 applicants, followed by a detailed workshop for the 200 shortlisted candidates, with the participation of successful entrepreneurs from Kerala.

In the next phase, a residential workshop is planned, and upon completing all three phases, the selected women entrepreneurs will receive financial support and the necessary resources to start their own ventures. These efforts are being led by the MLA of the constituency, who is committed to creating opportunities for the next generation of women leaders.

#### **ECO-TOURISM PROJECTS:**

Taliparamba constituency has scenic terrains and abundant water resources that include rivers, wetlands, and mangrove forests. The area is also known for its thriving paddy cultivation. MV Govindan, recognizing the potential for linking this ecological richness with tourism, is leading several projects to attract more domestic and international visitors.

The Mayyil Eco Tourism Project is one such successful initiative. Buoyed by its success, Govindan is now spearheading the Eco Park activities at Vellikeel, with the aim of expanding the abundant mangrove forests and paddy fields and offering visitors the opportunity to explore these natural treasures. The Karimbom Farm Tourism project is also progressing rapidly, adding another exciting dimension to the constituency's growing list of eco-tourism offerings. Govindan's vision and leadership are crucial in transforming the Taliparamba constituency into a premier eco-tourism destination.



**INTRODUCTION**

**Madhuri Misal** is a Maharashtra state legislator representing Parvati Vidhansabha Assembly. She is a Bharatiya Janata Party member. Additionally, she was chosen from the Parvati seat to serve in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 2009 and 2014, respectively. Madhuri Misal's first claim to fame is that she is the granddaughter of revolutionary freedom warrior Keshav Deshpande, and her second claim to fame is that she was the wife of the late Satish Sheth Misal, who helped the underprivileged in Pune. From a homemaker to an MLA, she has carved out a place for herself.

**CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW:**

Parvati Assembly constituency is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha (legislative assembly) constituencies of Maharashtra state, western India. This constituency is in Pune district. It is part of Pune (Lok Sabha constituency).

The Parvati assembly has always been seen as a bastion for the Congress. In the past three decades, the BJP has only succeeded in winning three elections: in 1995, 1999, and 2009. A few portions of Parvati were included in the Pune Cantonment seat during the delineation of constituencies in 2009. The BJP's Madhuri Misal was given the chance to run from Parvati that year, and she did so, becoming the first woman to serve the constituency. The district has significant slums like Dias plot and Parvati Darshan along with middle- and upper-class neighborhoods like Sahakar Nagar and Bibwewadi.

**INITIATIVES:**

Smt. Madhuri Misal has worked rigorously in improving the infrastructure of Parvati Assembly in Pune. Her focus is on increasing the availability of infrastructure in all its forms such social as well physical infrastructure. She has gained approval for different infrastructure development projects which have been funded by MLA funds. She has also raised the issues plaguing Pune as well as her constituency from time to time.

The different development projects are.

- Concrete roads for societies falling under her constituency.
- Installation of Natural Gas pipelines for the daily consumption of people.
- Repairs and Maintenance of roads in housing societies
- Development of jogging tracks.
- Installation of Drainage pipelines for better waste management.
- Contributed to the development of Equal Water distribution for her constituency





implemented across Pune.

- For the redevelopment of Chaturshringi Devsthan, Pune she managed to bring a development fund of 1.5 crore. This will help in better management of temple activities and increase the tourism industry of Pune.
- Contributed to the planning of Slum redevelopment plan in Pune.
- She managed to get a sanction of 305 crores from the Central Government for the development of ESIC hospital in Bibwewadi in Pune.

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### INTRODUCTION

A businessman and RSS member, Mahipal Dhanda started his political journey with the BJP's youth wing in 1980s. State president of the party's Kisan Morcha, he contested first election from Panipat (rural) in 2014. He is The State Task Force Chairman of Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao Mission.

His Educational qualification is BA.

### ABOUT CONSTITUENCY

Located on Haryana-UP border, this constituency covers rural areas surrounding industrial city of Panipat district. Dominated by Jats, Brahmin and Jain communities, Panipat (rural) constituency was created in 2009 delimitation. Though some of the colonies have been regularised here, there are several colonies which grossly lack basic amenities.

It is a General category assembly seat. It is situated in Panipat district and is one of the 9 assembly segments of KARNAL Parliament Seat. Panipat Rural assembly constituency is one of the 90 assembly constituencies in Haryana state. SC voters at Panipat Rural assembly is approximately 51,151 which is around 21.1% as per 2011 Census. ST voters at Panipat Rural assembly is approximately 0 which is around 0% as per 2011 Census. Rural voters at Panipat Rural assembly are approximately 99,636 which is around 41.1% as per 2011 Census. Urban voters at Panipat Rural assembly are approximately 142,787 which is around 58.9% as per 2011 Census. Total Voters of Panipat Rural assembly as on 2019

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### HIS INTERVENTIONS

The two-timer MLA, Dhanda brought developmental projects worth ₹250 crore for the construction of roads, drains and treatment plants in industrial areas. He set up an ITI and four bypasses on the outskirts of Panipat. He faced criticism from the industrialists for conditions imposed on them by the NGT. Dhanda was chairman of task force under Swachh Bharat Mission but cleanliness in his constituency remained a glaring issue.

Panipat rural residents have witnessed an unprecedented development, with a special focus on infrastructure, sanitation, health, and medical facilities. He has committed himself to complete the projects and make Panipat





pollution-free.

Skill Development Department has under the MLA Dhanda created skilled jobs.

For the convenience of people of the district a “Kaushal Darpan”, a skill development portal has been launched for Panipat Rural. This portal is a one-stop skill directory, wherein students can look for the skill courses available in the district, aligning with their aspirations. Apart from this, it also covers the snapshots of various events and DSC meetings conducted in the district, to strengthen the district skill ecosystem.

#### **BY THE WAY**

Mahipal Dhanda was chosen among the best 50 MLAs from the country. He was nominated in the ‘responsible’ category. Dhanda is a two-time MLA from Panipat Rural. Dhanda is an ardent yoga practitioner.

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### INTRODUCTION

Mr. Makaranda Muduli, the MLA from Rayagada Legislative Assembly Constituency of Odisha is known as the people's candidate in 2019 Legislative Assembly Election in Odisha. The election of Mr Muduli to the Odisha Legislative Assembly surprised many people since he was not backed by any political party rather used his public contact, social service and works done for the people as a community organizer, volunteer, and social worker. He was a candidate who spent the minimum amount during 2019 elections as per the report published by many electronics and print media. Using a bicycle for election campaign and spending minimum money in electoral campaign were two important aspects of his electoral campaign and political participation which ultimately led into his election to the Odisha Legislative Assembly with securing 30.21% vote as per the data presented in the table blow.

### DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY:

Rayagada Legislative Assembly Constituency is in the southern part of Odisha and the constituency is a part of Koraput Parliament Constituency as well as undivided Koraput district. It is a tribal dominated constituency or reserved constituency for the Scheduled Tribes (STs) and is part of the Kalahandi-Bolangir-Koraput (KBK) Region in Odisha. As per data presented by the Election Commission of India (ECI), the Constituency comprises Rayagada Municipality and two Blocks-Rayagada and Kashipur. The voters mostly belong to the Tribal Communities and their livelihood system based on wage labour, agricultural/farm products, and collection of the Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) from the nearby forests. A major geographical area of the constituency is part of Bauxite Mining, and this has been a bone of contention

between the people-in particular the STs, by the Dongria Kondhs and the Utkal Alumina International Limited located in the constituency. As a result of this, this constituency has witnessed many protests and movements by the people of this constituency against the mining activities.

### CAREER AS AN MLA:

A post-Graduate in Education, Makaranda Muduli started his early career as a social worker and his contact with people helped him to enter politics and won elections in 2019. Before entering politics, he was closely associated with the anti-Bauxite Mining Movements and acquisition of tribal lands for the mining purpose. He organised demonstrations through uniting tribal people for various other purposes including providing tribal status to the Jhodias (an ethnic community) therefore is known as a social worker, activist and organiser of social movements and protests in the constituency.

His close connection with people, through the support of the people. He was closely associated with people, and it was the support of the people through campaign and crowd funding, he elected as an MLA in 2019. However, his political career started in the year 2000 when he contested as an MLA from the neighbouring Laxmipur Constituency unsuccessfully. Then he joined in Congress

**Table-1; Total Votes Secured by Mr. Makaranda Muduli in 2019 Elections**

Sr. No	Party	Candidate	Votes	%
1	Independent	Makaranda Muduli	52844	30.21
2	BJD	Lal Bihari Himirika	47974	27.42
3	INC	Kadraka Apalawamy	39657	22.67
4	BJP	Basanta Kumar Ulaka	24425	13.96

Source; The Election Commission of India, 2019



Party and contested from Rayagada Constituency in 2014. However, 2019 the grassroots-level tribal social worker defeated fancied opponents to win the Rayagada Assembly seat.

### **IMPLICATIONS OF THE WORKS ON PEOPLE AND SOCIETY:**

After election to the Odisha Legislative Assembly in 2019, he continued his support to the cause of the tribal people in his constituency. As majority of voters are tribals and wage earning is a key source of livelihoods and due to lack of wage-earning sources, many people migrate to the neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh (Vizainagaram, Vishakhapatnam and Vijayawada), Telangana (Hyderabad) and Chhattisgarh (Raipur), so he emphasised on the effective implementation of the MGNREGS and timely wage payment to the people under MGNREGS. He also, in many cases opposed the malpractices associated with the implementation of MGNREGS in the constituency. Further, supporting farmers through various schemes and programmes has been a key focus area of the MLA. Protecting farmers from distress selling has also been received his priority as an MLA.

Drinking water is a serious problem in his constituency, in the Kashipur Block which is known for Cholera and Diarrhoea. Many tribal people still collect drinking water from various natural sources such as wells and streams. Every year, many tribal people affect in these diseases and few people died due to this. As per Mr. Mudili, contaminated water is the main

reason behind the spread of Cholera and Diarrhoea. Thus, he has been emphasising the supply of piped drinking water and various projects are under implementation for this purpose through the MLALAD.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Mr. Makaranda Muduli who is the lone Independent MLA in the Odisha Legislative Assembly has been a vocal supporter of the cause of the STs not only in his constituency but also in the undivided Koraput district in Odisha. His works for the people of the constituency through various ways has been recognised by many people, in particular the tribal people in the constituency. The poorest MLA in the Odisha Legislative Assembly has been set example how political career can be strengthened through social services and connecting grassroots issues with mainstream politics. His works have been an example for many politicians in the state of Odisha and in the region of KBK.

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## INTRODUCTION

**Shri Narottam Mishra** belongs to the Bharatiya Janata Party. He started his political journey as a member of the youth wing of BJP, called Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. He later became a member of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly and has been elected to it eight times. He has held various important positions in the Madhya Pradesh government, including the Ministry of Home Affairs. He is well-known for his dedication to public service and has been involved in various projects that aim to improve the lives of the people of Madhya Pradesh. He has played a crucial role in the execution of many development projects in the state, including the construction of infrastructure such as roads and bridges. He is also enthusiastic about using technology in governance and has

launched digital initiatives to enhance the delivery of government services to the citizens of Madhya Pradesh.

## CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Datia District is a region in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh that belongs to the Gwalior Division. It is situated close to Gwalior and

**Table 1 – Constituency Overview**

Constituency	District	Block	Total Villages	Gram Panchayat	Total Voters
Datia	Datia	Datia	329	131	1,90,905 Males – 1,02,632 Females – 88,261

- Sources: <https://datia.nic.in/en/subdivision-blocks/>
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**Table 2 – Datia Constituency, Madhya Pradesh Assembly Election 2019 Results**

S.No	Name	Party	Votes	Votes Percentage
1	Dr. Narottam Mishra	BJP	72,209	49.00%
2	Bharti Rajendra	INC	69,553	47.00%
3	None of the Above	NOTA	2,085	1.00%
4	Ajad Khan (murga Wale Chachaa)	Jan Adhikar Party	983	1.00%
5	Pandit Mahesh Chandra Shastri	IND	979	1.00%
6	Ramgopal	Rashtriya Rakshak Morcha	445	0.00%
7	Hari Singh (harikrishna)	AAP	393	0.00%
8	Sugreeb Singh Kushwah	Bhartiya Apna Adhikar	304	0.00%
9	Mahant Ramdoot Das	Shiv Sena	234	0.00%
10	Ahir Ramsahay Yadav	Bharatiya Prajashakti Party	185	0.00%

Source: <https://www.oneindia.com/datia-assembly-elections-mp-22/>



shares its border with Uttar Pradesh. It is a significant trading center for cotton products and grains, with handloom weaving being an important industry. The town is renowned for its historic landmarks, such as the seven-story palace constructed by Raja Vir Singh Deo in 1614 and serves as a popular pilgrimage spot. Datia district has several tehsils, or administrative subdivisions, which vary in size and population. Among them, Datia is the largest tehsil in the district in terms of both area and population. In contrast, Seondha is the smallest tehsil in the district by both area and population. Shri Narottam Mishra has won this seat three times consecutively.

### INITIATIVES

Makhanlal Chaturvedi Rashtriya Patrakarita evam Sanchaar Vishvidyalaya Campus

Shri Narottam Mishra inaugurated the Makhanlal Chaturvedi Rashtriya Patrakarita Evam Sanchaar Vishvidyalaya campus in the Khairi Mata Mandir area of Datia. The event was presided over by the President of Nagar Palika, Shri Subhas Agrawal. During the inauguration, Dr. Mishra announced that the state government has allocated Rs. 300 million for the development of the university campus. He emphasized that the government is committed to promoting positive, clean, and fair journalism and has taken steps to provide journalism training in Datia. He added that these initiatives will provide more career opportunities for the youth. He also mentioned the recent construction of new buildings for the court, hospital, medical college, collectorate, and several other



departments in Datia, indicating the government's focus on developing the area.

### INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS

Dr. Mishra launched construction works worth Rs 8.5 million in Datia district. He inaugurated a pathway and a footpath in two localities worth Rs 4.7 million and Rs 3.8 million, respectively. He urged the residents to maintain cleanliness and not encroach on the city. Mishra planted a sapling and encouraged others to do the same, while advising to conserve nature and take care of the plants regularly. He also appealed to the citizens to spread awareness about the importance of plants.

### SOCIAL WELFARE INITIATIVES

Dr. Mishra distributed Murrah buffaloes worth Rs. one lakh each to ten beneficiaries of Saharia tribe to strengthen their economic



condition under the Chief Minister Dairy Cattle Supply Programme. He provided 90 percent subsidy to the beneficiaries and emphasized the government's commitment to the welfare and development of all sections. Dr. Mishra attended the Sen Samaj programme in Datia, where he announced the construction of a community hall on the demand of the community. He urged the community to be proud of their work and occupation.

**SOCIAL WELFARE INITIATIVES FOR WOMEN**

In Datia, Dr. Narottam Mishra gave cheques worth Rs. 16.5 million to 150 women Self-Help Groups for commercial activities and provided gifts for development works worth Rs. 9.5 million. Over 36,000 women in Datia are part of 3071 women self-help groups, and 2252 of these groups have already received Rs. 3 crores for various activities. The event took place in the premises of Khairi Mata in Datia. Schemes including 'Ladli Lakshmi Yojana' and 'Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojana' have also been started for girls (refer Picture 4).

Picture 4 – Dr. Mishra handing over cheques to Women Self-Help Groups.

**INAUGURATION OF DISTRICT-LEVEL CAREER FAIR**

A career fair was held at the Government Girls College under the Swami Vivekananda Career Guidance Scheme. The Home Minister inaugurated the fair by cutting the ribbon. Over a hundred students registered for the



fair, and various companies participated, including IITM, Punjab National Bank, and Border Security Force. The Home Minister lit a lamp on the image of goddess Saraswati and offered a garland during the inauguration. The principal of the Girls College requested financial assistance for the college's arrangements from the Home Minister, who donated one lakh for painting the building and ordered the construction of a new board on the college premises. Additionally, five sewing machines were announced to be given to five college students. The fair aimed to provide opportunities for students to find employment and establish their own businesses for a better future.

**CONCLUSION**

Shri Narottam Mishra has consecutively won the Datia seat since 2008. Previously, he has





also been elected from the Dabra constituency in Madhya Pradesh. He has put active efforts in the development in the domains of women-centric schemes, education, and employment generation opportunities for the youth. He has also focused on marginalized communities for their upliftment. These are some of the highlights of his contributions towards the residents of his constituency.





### INTRODUCTION

Shri Nalapad Ahmed Haris, commonly referred to as N. A. Haris, is a multi-faceted personality in India, who is involved in business, politics, and sports administration. He is a prominent member of the Indian National Congress and has been serving as the elected representative from the Shanti Nagar Assembly constituency in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly since 2008. He has also retained his seat in the recent 2023 Karnataka State Assembly Elections.

In addition to his political career, Shri N. A. Haris has also made significant contributions to the sports sector in India. He has been actively involved in sports administration and has held several key positions in various sports organizations. Notably, he has served as the Chairman of the Bangalore Metropolitan

Transport Corporation, where he implemented several initiatives to improve the transportation system in Bangalore.

### CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Shanti Nagar is an area in Bangalore, India that is part of the Shanti Nagar assembly constituency, which is a general category

**Table 1 – Constituency Overview**

Constituency	District	Block	Total Villages	Gram Panchayat	Total Voters
Shanti Nagar	Bangalore Urban	Bangalore Urban	—	—	2,18,510 Males – 1,11,805 Females – 1,06,664

Sources: <https://www.oneindia.com/shanti-nagar-assembly-elections-ka-163/>

**Table 2 – Shanti Nagar, Karnataka Assembly Election 2023 Results**

S.No	Name	Party	Votes	Votes Percentage
1	N.A. Haris	INC	61,030	51.00%
2	Shivakumar	BJP	53,905	45.00%
3	K Mathai	AAP	1,604	1.00%
4	NOTA	None of the Above	1,483	1.00%
5	Manjunath Gowda	JD(S)	825	1.00%
6	Satish Chandra .M	BSP	301	0.00%
7	D. Ruben Moses	AIMEP	240	0.00%
8	Anthony A Santhosh	Indian Christian Front	233	0.00%
9	Rowland Soans A	KRS	138	0.00%
10	Syed Asif Bukhari	Bharatiya Prajagala Kalyana Paksha	107	0.00%
11	K. Nataraju	IND	104	0.00%

Source: <https://www.oneindia.com/shanti-nagar-assembly-elections-ka-163/>



assembly seat in the Karnataka state. It is in the Bangalore district and is one of the eight assembly segments of the Bangalore Central Parliament seat. The constituency is named after the Shanti Nagar locality, which is a diverse area with people from various religions and cultures. Shanti Nagar has a mix of residential and commercial areas, and there are many educational institutions and hospitals in the vicinity.

## INITIATIVES

### PUBLIC BICYCLE SHARING (PBS) SYSTEM

The Public Bicycle Sharing (PBS) system is being introduced by the directorate of urban land transport (DULT) in Bengaluru, as announced in the 2017-18 state budget. Four bicycle operators, namely Zoomcar PEDL, Yulu Bikes, Bounce, and Lezonet, have been licensed under the project, out of which only Yulu Bikes and Bounce have begun their operations. Each operator has a separate mobile application that users can download to locate cycles, unlock them by scanning their QR code, and pay the fare using digital wallets. The average fare for the PBS system is Rs 5 per 30 minutes. Additionally, the government is creating wider pavements and cycle tracks like Tender Sure roads to encourage people to use non-motorized modes of transportation for short trips and last-mile connectivity.

### MLA-LAD EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

Shri N.A. Haris has spent Rs 9.34 crores over the past five years, and half of this amount, Rs 4.54 crores, has been spent on water-related infrastructure. The expenditure includes 59 items for the construction of borewells, each costing between Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 6 lakh, and around 22 Reverse Osmosis plants for clean drinking water, each costing between Rs 9 to 10 lakh. Educational development received Rs 1.12 crores in allocations, mainly for constructing school buildings. There has been little support for toilets, road development, and health infrastructure. Shri N.A. Haris has also spent Rs 82.5 lakh on Muslim burial grounds at Wannar Pete Ward.

**Table 3** – Table 3 – MLA-LAD expenditure analysis for 2013 – 2018 by Shri N.A. Haris

Category	Expenditure (in Rs.)
Community	1.26
Disabled	0.35
Education	1.125
Footpath	0.02
Law & order/safety	0.6
Library	0.02
Parks & playgrounds	0.72
Roads	0.056
Toilets	0.2
Water	4.54
Unclear	0.45
TOTAL	9.34

**Source:** <https://www.speakingtree.in/blog/cycle-your-way-to-sustainable-future-bengaluru-starts-public-cycle-sharing-system>



### **N. A. HARIS FOUNDATION JOB FAIR**

The N. A. Haris Foundation is working on an initiative to create job opportunities for youth. The foundation is planning a larger event with the state government and other partners to provide a platform for people to find jobs. The event featured both national and international companies with a target of creating 25,000 jobs for people from all walks of life. The foundation aimed to bridge the gap between employers and potential employees. They received queries from retired defense officials for job opportunities and considered including them in their next project. The previous job fair saw over 5000 participants from various educational backgrounds, with Big Bazaar, Reliance Digitals, and Hinduja Global Solutions being the biggest hires. Salaries ranged from 1.50 Lakhs to 4.20 Lakhs per annum. The job fair was organized by the N. A. Haris Foundation and Mohammed Haris Nalapad, the General Secretary of Bangalore Youth Congress and Ahana Systems and Solutions (P) Ltd (refer Pictures 1 & 2).

### **BEST MLA AWARD**

According to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), Shri N A Haris, who represents the Shanti Nagar

constituency in Bengaluru as a member of the Congress party, has been identified as the most active MLA in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly for the term 2018-2023. Haris has asked a total of 591 questions in the Assembly and maintained an attendance

record of 84%. The report ranks all 224 MLAs based on their performance in the Assembly in terms of attendance, number of questions asked, and number of debates participated in .

### **CONCLUSION**

MLA Shri N.A. Haris has displayed exemplary work in his constituency of Shanti Nagar. The residents are satisfied with his performance in the area and have consecutively elected him for the 4th term, i.e., for 2023 – 2028. His performance is also gauged by the Best MLA award, according to a report by ADR, a non-profit organization that works to improve democracy and governance in India. His contributions are not limited to the above-mentioned initiatives. He has also actively worked for the restoration and repairs of the water infrastructure of the Shanti Nagar constituency.







**SHRI. NAVEEN PATNAIK**  
Hinjili, Ganjam, Odisha



Current Chief Minister of Odisha and Member of Legislative Assembly from Hinjili constituency, Ganjam district, Odisha

**INTRODUCTION**

Shri Naveen Patnaik is the current and 14th Chief Minister of Odisha. The supremo of the Biju Janata Dal is also a writer and has published three books. He is also a founder member of the Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH). He played a pioneering role in the international recognition of Indian design and worked for handloom weavers to enlarge the home market for Indian textiles. Despite a strong BJP wave across the country, the Biju Janata Dal, under the leadership of Naveen Patnaik won as many as 112 seats out of 146 (polls for 1 was deferred) in the Legislative Assembly of Odisha and 12 out of 21 Lok Sabha seats in 2019 Indian General Election.

**Details of Constituency**

Hinjili is a Vidhan Sabha constituency of Ganjam district, Odisha. The area of this constituency includes Hinjilicut and Sheragada block.

**Initiative undertaken by the MLA and his team.**

In 2018, CM Naveen Patnaik launched his

government's own food security scheme on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti that would cover 25 lakh people in the first phase, who were left out under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Beneficiaries under the State Food Security Schemes (SFSS) would receive 5kg of Rice at Rs 1 per kg from Wednesday onwards. The scheme will have an annual financial burden of Rs 444 crore on the coffers. In 2020 with an aim to ensure food security for the poor and distressed during the critical time of Covid-19, the Odisha government decided to cover five lakhs more people under the purview of its own SFSS. People who are eligible but left out of the National Food Security Act which covers around 3.26 crore people in Odisha would be included in the SFSS.





Under the NFSA, implemented in Odisha in November 2015, beneficiaries were selected according to 2011 census. The chief minister simultaneously launched the scheme through video conferencing at Jaleswar in Balasore, Khunta in Mayurbhanj, Rajgangpur in Sundargarh and Bongamunda in Balangir and interacted with some of the beneficiaries. Since 2018, more around lakh people have so far have been included in SFSS and are getting ration. Officials have stated the state government spends nearly Rs 500 crore to run its own food security scheme, while the inclusion of additional beneficiaries will have an extra financial burden of 96 crores per annum.

**Impact and change brought about by the initiative.**

The study shows that PDS in Odisha is functioning reasonably well and has significantly improved over the years, but the amount of grain and quality of the commodities provided are far from satisfactory. There are still large exclusion and illegal inclusion errors in the system that need to be further investigated and rectified. However, the sheer magnitude of PDS schemes in Odisha has radically helped combat the ever-increasing problems of hunger, poverty, and malnutrition within the state.

**Other noteworthy projects were initiated and implemented by the MLA and his team.**

As the state governments had to shut down special schools for the empowerment of persons with disabilities (SSEPD) during the pandemic, the Odisha state government decided to provide Rs 1200 per month for three months to the boarders of these schools to ensure their daily needs were met during the emergency. Besides each beneficiary also received Rs 500/- as a conveyance to return to his/her home along with an attendant/assistant.

**How this has improved people's confidence in elected representatives.**

The cheap rice schemes first launched by Mr Naveen Patnaik in 2008, is considered as a major factor behind his electoral success since the 2009 elections. In 2008 Mr Naveen Patnaik launched Rs 2 per kg rice which was reversed to Re 1in 2013 ahead of the 2014 elections. Official government sources have stated that the food supplies and consumer welfare

department had received over 13 lakh applications under the SFSS through the various ration-card management scheme.

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### INTRODUCTION

Nemcha Kipgen is a prominent Indian politician, born in a small village in the Churachandpur district of Manipur. Kipgen's upbringing was marked by numerous challenges, including poverty and limited access to education. Despite these obstacles, she pursued her education with great diligence and earned a Master's degree in Social Work from the prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) in Mumbai. Kipgen's political career began in 2007 when she joined the Indian National Congress party. Over the years, she proved her mettle as a capable leader and went on to become the first woman Deputy Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. She was later appointed as the Minister of Social Welfare and Cooperation from 2017 to 2020. Kipgen is a member of Manipur Legislative Assembly from the Kangpokpi constituency, from Bhartiya Janata Party since 2017.

As a politician, Kipgen has made significant contributions to the development of Manipur, particularly in the areas of social welfare and rural development. She has implemented several welfare schemes that have benefited people from marginalized communities, including women, children, and the disabled.



Kipgen's leadership has also been instrumental in promoting social harmony and peace in a state that has been plagued by ethnic tensions and violence for many years.

Beyond her political achievements, Kipgen is admired for her personal qualities, including her humility, resilience, and empathy. She is known for her strong work ethic and her unwavering commitment to public service. Her remarkable journey from a humble background to a powerful political leader has made her an inspiration to many, particularly young women from rural and marginalized communities. Kipgen's leadership, vision, and dedication to the people of Manipur continue to be a source of hope and inspiration for many in the state and beyond.





## DETAILS OF THE CONSTITUENCY

Nemcha Kipgen's constituency is Kangpokpi, which is a district in the state of Manipur in northeast India. It is one of the newly created districts of Manipur, having been carved out of the Senapati district in 2016. The Kangpokpi constituency is located in the hill areas of Manipur and is home to several ethnic communities, including the Kuki and Naga tribes. The constituency is known for its rich cultural heritage and scenic beauty. As a representative of the Kangpokpi constituency, Kipgen has been working towards the development of the region, with a particular focus on social welfare and rural development.

## INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA.

- Launch of the "Chief Minister-gi Hakshelgi Tengbang" scheme, which aims to provide financial assistance to widows, persons with disabilities, destitute women, Antodaya Anna yojana cardholders, local media persons and newspaper hawkers. The scheme provides cashless treatment to the poor at the empanelled network of hospitals and covers up to Rs2 lakhs per eligible family per year.
- Implementation of the "Sakhi" scheme, which provides integrated support and financial assistance to women who are survivors of violence and abuse both in private and public spaces. To facilitate immediate, emergency, and non-emergency access to a range of services

including medical, legal, psychological and counselling support under one roof to fight against any forms of violence against women.

- Establishment of the "Kangpokpi Model Village", a pilot project aimed at promoting sustainable development in rural areas.
- With an aim to make Kholep a model village for the promotion of handloom, Kipgen expressed the hope that once the multipurpose work sheds are completed, many people especially widows, orphans and destitute would hugely benefit. It will generate income and market for local artisans and weavers, she said while adding that the centre will likely cover weavers and artisans from more than 30-40 villages in and around Kangpokpi district. She also added that there is a plan to further extend such centres to other districts as there should be inclusive development in every nook and corner of the State.
- It may be mentioned that the scheme of Integrated Cooperative Development Project (I.C.D. P.) was introduced for the development of the district through Cooperative efforts around agriculture and allied sectors like Fishery, Poultry, Handloom, Rural Industries, Livestock, Consumers to name some. The concept of ICDP envisages the selection of an area in a district, formulation of activities and programmes in an integrated manner



based on the resources of the area and the needs of the people and development of those activities through Co-operatives.

- Launch of the "Chief Ministergi Shotharabasingi Tengbang" scheme, which provides financial assistance to pregnant women from economically weaker sections to meet their nutritional needs as well as provides financial assistance to students from economically weaker sections of the the society to meet their educational needs.
- Implementation of the "Ujjwala Yojana" scheme, which aims to provide LPG connections to women from below-poverty-line households to reduce their dependence on traditional fuels.
- The MLA launched the book during a prize distribution programme of the Community-level Competition on Thadou Arts and Poetry organised by Thadou Linguistics Forum (TLF), in Dec 2021. Speaking on the occasion, Nemcha Kipgen stressed the importance of language and stated that language is essential for the development of culture and preservation of one's heritage and traditions. She also quoted Afghan-born American Novelist and Physician, Khaled Hosseini, "if culture is a house, then language is the key to the front door, and to all the rooms inside the house". The MLA mentioned that saving indigenous languages like the Thadou language is crucial to ensure the protection of cultural identity and dignity of the indigenous people and safeguard their traditional heritage."When a language is lost, part of that culture is lost and by the same measure, when language is preserved, the traditions and customs continue living in the hearts and minds of those who understand it, she asserted. Nemcha Kipgen also appreciated the initiatives taken by Thadou Linguistics Forum and stated that the efforts and struggles of the forum will bring a bright future for the people and will hone the youths towards cultural and social development.

#### **HOW HAS THE COMMUNITY BENEFITTED FROM THE CHANGES?**

As we can understand from the initiatives section, Kipgen has been working intensely for the upliftment and development of the marginalised communities around her constituency. Seeing that programs are being

implemented for them, people from these marginalised communities can gather a sense of safety and comfort. With programs related to sustainable development, people are also able to understand that the minister is putting the needs of future generations into picture as well and bringing out the importance of resources for the same.

The minister has made it a point to highlight the importance of women in the overall development of the society, in various speeches of hers. She mentions that the participation of women in active politics will lead to co-optation of women into men dominated politics, and on the other hand, non-participation of women in active politics will lead to marginalisation of women in politics. Women must also continuously and actively engage in politics of change and transformation for bringing about gender sensitive political agenda, gender equality and gender justice, she asserts.

#### **HOW HAS THIS IMPROVED CONFIDENCE IN PEOPLE?**

Hearing the various speeches Kipgen gives out, it provides the women (not just women in fact, it could be anyone from marginalized communities as well) to aspiration to get into office and make sure their issues and problems are being appropriately represented in the public sphere. Seeing people like you being active in politics gets you inspired to be like them and harness your own potential as well.

The initiatives have had a significant impact on the lives of people in Manipur, particularly those from marginalized communities. They have helped to promote social welfare, rural development, and women's empowerment in the state.

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Became the first woman Deputy Speaker of the Manipur Legislative Assembly.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Mr. Ojing Tasing**, a significant player in Arunachal Pradesh politics, has been serving as a member of the legislative assembly since his successful election campaign in 2019. Ojing Tasing was born in 1983 and has a bachelor's degree in arts from Jawaharlal Nehru College, which has provided him with a solid educational foundation. Ojing Tasing's dedication to public service and excellent administration has earned him a reputation as a respected and important political leader in the state.

After winning the MLA position in a fiercely contested election, he surfaced as the voice of the masses, presenting their problems, hopes, and goals. Ojing Tasing has repeatedly proven his undying commitment to the people of Pangin (Siang) with a dedication to the welfare of his residents and an unblemished political record. Ojing Tasing is an excellent example of how despite a young age, people can contribute to making society a better place to live, impart knowledge, and serve as a role model to others.

Ojing Tasing understands the significance of supporting sustainable development, upholding law, and order, and resolving the major concerns impacting his constituents. His vision for his area, as well as his commitment to effect positive transformation, have earned him the trust and faith of the people he represents in Arunachal Pradesh.

**NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY MLA**

**Development of Nugong Banggo area:**

Ojing Tasing has put out a series of development plans for the Siang district's Nugong Banggo area. Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, construction of roads, the upgradation of a functioning rural road, a road connecting agricultural fields (Rikmeng), a drainage system, playground advancement, electrification of village area, a bridge, and the construction of a community hall under various central and state heads as well as the local area development fund are some of the major schemes that the MLA has proposed.

The union applauded the MLA's and the state government's efforts to enhance the region, particularly by enhancing the connection of the roads between the villages.

**Community hall in Supsing village:**

The new community centre, a "gumin hoyin dere" (community hall) in Supsing village, located in Boleng circle and in the Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, was opened in March 2023 by MLA Ojing Tasing. The community hall, which stands in the middle of the community, will act as the focal point for social gatherings and village council meetings.

As part of the Pema Khandu administration's dedication to the area's development, the community hall was supported through the State Infrastructure Development Fund (SIDF). Several dignitaries and townspeople attended the opening of the community hall.

The government has prioritised Siang district development and resident quality of life enhancement, according to MLA Ojing Tasing. He expressed his happiness with the community hall's completion and thanked the government for its initiatives to promote regional development.

The community hall in Supsing village is anticipated to be crucial in fostering social and welfare activities and acting as a location for significant village decision-making. Its completion represents an important step in the area's overall development, and its benefits are anticipated to last for many years for the residents of Supsing village.

**Activism to protect livelihood of indigenous people:**

The Lower Siang Hydro Electric Project has been opposed by Mr. Ojing Tasing, President of the Siang People's Forum in the North-Eastern State of Arunachal Pradesh. He and his organisation opposed building a dam for the project because they said it would have an impact on 6,708 dwellings and a population of 34,911.

The proposed 2700 Mega Watt has been stopped because of their persuasive lobbying of the adverse effects of this dam on the



indigenous people of the basin. The leaders of the movement, who selflessly fought for the rights of their fellow beings, paid a tremendous price for the indigenous peoples' successful struggle.

### **GOOD GOVERNANCE INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA**

- Adoption of E -Governance: MLA Ojing Tasing played the vital role in Arunachal Pradesh's adoption of E-Governance practices by recognising the significance of an efficient and transparent government. Under his supervision, the state created the e-office system, placing the civil Secretariat and a digital control. Tasing further enhanced the process by selecting 22 sectors to be brought under the e-office system, allowing for the rapid tracking of over 200 projects and programmes.
- Solid waste management and sanitation: In the twin towns of Boleng and Pangin, the MLA flagged off seven sanitation trucks as an effort, aiming to enhance the areas. Solid waste management system. Tasing helped to preserve cleanliness and provide a healthier atmosphere by addressing the necessity of individual initiatives in trash segregation at the household level to provide convenient collection, transportation, treatment and ecologically appropriate garbage disposal.
- Construction of Bypass Road: MLA Ojing Tasing paid a visit to the ongoing construction of the bypass Road at Rottung village which was done by the locals themselves without any government finances. Even though heavy rain had washed away a major stretch of the route between Pasighat and pangin, passing

addressed the residents and recognized their efforts to the development of the area. He announced a one lakh rupees monetary incentive for the locals as mobilization support, recognizing their commitment to the region's development.

#### • TAKEAWAYS

MLA Ojing Tasing's initiatives resulted in demonstrable benefits in the lives of community residents. Improved infrastructure, improved sanitation, isolated village development, transparent governance practices, and skill upgrading possibilities all led to a higher quality of life, expanded opportunities, and a sense of empowerment within the community.

Overall, the work of MLA Ojing Tasing demonstrates his dedication to inclusive growth, excellent governance, infrastructure development, and community development. His efforts emphasize the value of community involvement, openness, and equal resource allocation for the general welfare of the citizens he represents.

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## INTRODUCTION

**O R Kelu**, the MLA from Mananthavady constituency, is also a state committee member of the CPI (M). He is also the first member from the scheduled tribe to become CPI (M) state committee member from Wayanad. He serves as a member of the management board of Kerala Veterinary and Animal Science University and chairman of the legislative board for SC-ST development. O R Kelu is an active politician and has been serving as a member of various democratic bodies for over two decades. He began his electoral political career as a Grama Panchayath member from the Idayoorkkunnu ward in 2000. He is a native of Wayanad, born on August 2, 1970, as the son of Shri Raman and Smt. Ammu and is married to P. K. Santha. They have two daughters, Midhuna and Bhavana.

## POLITICAL CAREER:

O R Kelu became a prominent figure in the state after winning a coup victory over P. K. Jayalakshmi, the then minister and MLA from Mananthavady. Prior to the legislative election, he was also a popular figure in Wayanad and had been contesting elections to different democratic bodies, representing CPI (M) since 2000. He served as the president of Tirunelli Grama Pachayath from 2005-2015 and made his marks as a democratic leader. His initiatives and popularity and acceptability among the public facilitated his candidature in the 2016 legislative assembly election, in which he won by the smallest margin ever in the history of the Mananthavady constituency. With his five years of experience as an elected representative, by 2021 he had increased his margin from 1307 to 9282.

## INITIATIVES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Can basic progress in the field of education, health and road development be considered as remarkable development? It is hard to say a clear 'no', especially when there are places without proper road connectivity, sufficient health care facilities, and basic educational opportunities. O R Kelu's focus as an MLA has been on addressing these basic needs of the people, which makes him stand out as a politician and elected member of the legislative assembly. Recognizing the requirements of his constituency, Kelu prioritized education, health, and road

development as the primary concerns, resulting in consecutive victories. His efforts have been instrumental in improving the lives of the people in his constituency.

### 1.1 The development in the educational sector

When a constituency is portrayed as having minimum educational facilities, the focus usually goes to the higher educational sector. However, in the case of Mananthavady, a constituency with 0% urban area, the lack of educational facilities was not limited to higher education alone. Many villages lacked even middle and secondary schools. Furthermore, as per the 2011 census, 87% of the villages had no Govt. Arts and Science Colleges and 93% of the villages had no Govt. Engineering Colleges. There were also no Govt. Medical College/Polytechnic/ Management Institute in Mananthavady. This highlights the need to establish educational institutions in the public sector. Addressing these concerns, O R Kelu introduced many new courses in the Mananthavady Govt College and P K Kalan IHRD College during his tenure, which greatly reduced educational migration from the constituency. In his first tenure, he also sanctioned funds for setting up a new Polytechnic, which started functioning from 2019 and he has initiated plans for setting up a new ITI College in Vellamunda. In addition to these efforts, he has also released funds for infrastructure development in many schools.

### 1.2 District hospital converted into Govt. Medial College

The conversion of the district hospital into a medical college was a remarkable achievement during O R Kelu's tenure for two reasons. Firstly, it has addressed all the long-standing healthcare concerns and queries from the constituency. Secondly it, being a professional college, has ushered in a new academic atmosphere in Mananthavady. In a



constituency like Mananthavady, where 21.6% of population belongs to the tribal community, providing basic right is vital. The sufferings of pregnant women and critical patients have been an issue for the long. However, as a result of O R Kelu's interventions, the district hospital has become a medical college, with a specialized care center for women and newborn. A new super specialty block is also made during Kelu's tenure. In addition to the infrastructure development, the number of doctors serving in the hospitals has increased significantly from 30 to 60+.

The success of an initiative or policy cannot be measured solely by the amount spent on it or by how novel it appears. When it comes to development, what truly matters is the development index of the region in question. For years, pregnant women in Mananthavady had to travel to hospitals in Kozhikod for better care and treatment and may often ended up delivering their babies in ambulances. Through consistent effort and unwavering vision, O R Kelu succeeded in converting the district hospital in Mananthavady into a Govt Medical college, thus putting an end to this outdated and tragic situation.

### **Best roads and better connectivity**

Wayanad, being one of the two districts in Kerala, not connected through rail, has had to compromise on basic rights and life requirements a lot. Due to its limited connectivity and hilly geography the living standard has been going down, and the people of Mananthavady have struggled to keep up with others. To overcome these challenges O R Kelu has spent around 300 crores on road development in association with KIFBI. The roads that were destroyed

during the Kerala floods in Mananthavady have been completely repaired using the KIFBI fund. He has also initiated the construction of many new roads to increase the connectivity. This helps the constituency in two ways. Firstly, by providing more facilities and accessibility for the local people. Secondly, by facilitating tourism in Wayanad. The major concern of any tourist will be the hassles they may face during travel, which is perfectly addressed by O R Kelu's initiatives.





### INTRODUCTION

Pankaj Singh was born in Daltonganj on December 12, 1978, which is situated in Palamu district of Jharkhand. His father is a well-known leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and currently holds the position of Home Minister in India. His mother is a housewife, and he is married to Shushma Singh and has two children. After completing his school studies, Pankaj went to Delhi for higher education. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com) degree from Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi, and later obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Management from AMITY, Noida.

Before becoming a member of the Legislative Assembly, Shri Pankaj Singh focused on helping farmers and young people. He participated in the BJP's "Gaon Chalo" campaign, visiting more than 100 villages to learn about the issues faced by the people,

especially farmers. After the campaign, he read many books and reports about farmers' problems. He has always been concerned about the development of farmers and the agricultural sector and encouraged youth to participate in building the nation. During his visits to remote areas in Uttar Pradesh, he motivated young people to work together and bring positive changes.

**Table 1 – Constituency Overview**

Constituency	District	Block	Total Villages	Gram Panchayat	Total Voters
Noida	Gautam Buddha Nagar	Noida	120	35	6,68,324 Males – 3,80,752 Females – 2,87,572

- Sources: <https://villageinfo.in/uttar-pradesh/gautam-buddha-nagar/gautam-buddha-nagar.html>
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**Table 2 – Noida, UP Assembly Election 2022 Result**

S.No	Name	Party	Votes	Votes Percentage
1	Pankaj Singh	BJP	2,44,319	70.16%
2	Sunil Chaudhary	SP	62,806	18.04%
3	Kriparam	BSP	16,292	4.68%
4	Pankhuri Pathak	INC	13,494	3.88%
5	Pankaj Avana	AAP	6,551	1.88%
6	NOTA	None of the Above	2,463	0.71%
7	Sorabh Goel	IND	498	0.14%
8	Dhruv Agraval	Liberal Party of India	390	0.11%
9	Rohit	Rashtrawadi Janlok Party	284	0.08%
10	Ashish Sharma	Loktantrik Janshakti Party	265	0.08%
11	Yeshu Singh	IND	247	0.07%
12	Bijender Singh	Vijay Bharat Party	221	0.06%
13	Sarmedra	IND	218	0.06%
14	Nitish	Rtr.JP	180	0.05%

Source: <https://www.oneindia.com/noida-assembly-elections-up-61/>



## **CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW**

Noida Assembly constituency is a part of Uttar Pradesh state in northern India and is one of the 403 assembly constituencies. It includes the city of Noida and is located in the Gautam Buddha Nagar district, which has three assembly seats - Noida (61), Dadri (62), and Jewar (63). Noida is a part of the Gautam Buddha Nagar Lok Sabha constituency. Pankaj Singh has been the MLA of Noida since March 2017. The Noida Assembly constituency includes several areas such as Sorkha Jahidabad, Chhajarsi, Parthala Khanjarpur, Chotpur, Mamura, Gejha Tilpatabad, Chhalera Bangar, Jalpura, Sadarpur, Sultanpur, Baraula, Bhangel Begampur of Bisrakh block, and Noida.

## **INITIATIVES**

### **PARENTS-TEACHERS MEETING**

In January 2018, the government schools in Gautam Buddha Nagar district introduced an initiative called the Parents Teachers Meeting (PTM) to enhance the quality of education and foster a strong relationship between parents and teachers. This was a result of the efforts of Shri Pankaj Singh for introducing it as a mandatory practice in Government Schools across the district. The PTM is a forum where parents and teachers can discuss the progress of their children, their academic performance, strengths, and weaknesses. The primary aim of this initiative is to establish transparency, accountability, and communication between parents and teachers and ensure that the students receive high-quality education. The PTM has received positive feedback from both parents and teachers and is proving to be an effective initiative in improving the education system in Gautam Buddha Nagar district.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PACKETS**

Pankaj Singh was very active during the lockdown and helped people in his constituency. He arranged for ration to be distributed to those who needed it. They had a system in place where volunteers in the villages sent a list of needy people to them, and then food or ration was delivered to them. People called for help on his office phone number or sent him a WhatsApp message, and some also contacted him on social media. He distributed around 6-7 thousand food packets every day, both in the morning and evening. Since March 26, he has been continuously providing food packets to

people, which included five kilos of flour, five kilos of rice, two kilos of pulses, salt, soap, oil, and spices.

### **INSPECTION AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**

The underground reservoir (Gangajal) in Sector-65, Noida was inspected by the ACEO, OSD, and DGM (Water) of Noida Authority to ensure the smooth flushing of drinking water distribution pipelines. The team discussed the repair or replacement of old, dilapidated Gangajal pipelines and the implementation of water harvesting in government and institutional plots. They also talked about repairing old Rainwells and installing two new ones. Additionally, there was a detailed discussion about making and operating all the borewells properly (refer Pictures 3 & 4).

### **OPEN AIR GYMS**

The Noida Authority unveiled an outdoor gym in Sector 56's central park. The gym was inaugurated by Noida MLA Pankaj Singh, who also worked out there. The director of horticulture, Omvir Singh, stated that additional outdoor gyms will be built in other sectors. The authority has received letters from various RWAs (Resident Welfare Associations) regarding gym construction. The gym has 17 machines, including air walkers, sit-up benches, air swings, stair steppers, leg presses, pull-up chairs, exercise bars, chest presses, bench presses, cross-walkers, twisters, and rowing machines. The machines are weather-resistant and attached to concrete slabs on rubberized tiles. Residents were pleased with the initiative (refer Picture 5).

### **CONCLUSION**

Shri Pankaj Singh has made tremendous efforts in easing the lives of the residents of Noida. From taking initiatives during the Covid-19 Pandemic to the day-to-day inspections and repairing the infrastructure. Additionally, he has also introduced the Parents Teachers Meeting (PTM) in government schools of Gautam Buddha Nagar district to improve the quality of education and strengthen the relationship between parents and teachers. His efforts have been greatly welcomed and applauded by the residents of Noida. Shri Singh has constantly exhibited active interest in improving his constituency.



### INTRODUCTION

**Shri. Parimal Suklabaidya** (born 20 January 1958) is from the state of Assam. He is a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly from the Bharatiya Janata Party. He became a minister in the Sarbananda Sonowal-led government in 2016. He has been elected for the fourth time from the Dholai constituency.

Parimal Suklabaidya was born in Irongmara of Cachar district. His father's name is Late Profulla Suklabaidya, and his mother's name is Late Protiva Suklabaidya. He married Uma Suklabaidya. They have one son and one daughter. His favourite pastime is reading books on religious matters. He completed his Bachelors in Arts in the year 1980, from Guru Charan College, Silchar. He passed his PU (Higher Secondary) from the same college in 1977. He is a 1975 batch Matric pass from P.C. Barjalenga High School.

His favourite hobby is reading books on religious matters.

### CAREER AND POLITICS

Initially, he started earning his livelihood through cultivation and business. He was also inclined to social services. Later, he became a politician of the Indian political party. He is a member of the Assam Legislative Assembly

representing the Bharatiya Janata Party. He is Assam Minister for Environment and Forest, Fisheries and Excise. He has contested the Dholai seat four times. He is contesting from Dholai for the fifth time on a BJP ticket.

### REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

Assam has become self-reliant in the fish production sector. Due to his efforts, Dholai is much more flood resilient space.

**AWARDS** – Best fish farming in hilly and north-eastern states.

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MAJOR INITIATIVES – Forest cover in Assam has increased by more than 22 hectares. State Forest & Environment Minister Parimal Suklabaidya laid the foundation stone for renovation of the drinking-water supply project at Dwarbond in the Borjalenga development block under the Dholai Assembly Constituency with an allocation of 88,35,000 lakhs under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jal Jeevan Mission. Assam is currently producing 3.73 lakh metric tons of fish annually.

He is much concerned about the road transport systems and the road accidents. He has emphasised the need to check over-speeding of vehicles in the state, maintaining that 70 per cent of accidents occur due to rash-driving especially in the rural areas. He directed the transport department to work in sync with the Assam Police to ensure that road rules are followed, and two-wheeler riders always wear helmets. A leader and a man of action in the true sense of the term, he was seen rowing a boat through an inundated

street in the state which is facing the current wave of flooding that began nearly a fortnight ago. Suklabaidya turned boatman for a patient who needed to visit a hospital for his scheduled dialysis.

He is a true people's representative, who wishes to leave no stones unturned in making the lives of the constituency comfortable.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Shri. P. A. Mohammed Riyas** is an Indian politician currently serving as the Minister for Public Works Department and Tourism, Government of Kerala. He is the Kerala state committee member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the former All India President of the Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI). Riyas was born in Calicut. His father P. M. Abdul Khader was an Indian Police Service officer. His relative P.K Moidheen Kutty Sahib was former president KPCC Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee, AICC member, freedom fighter and member of Madras assembly in 1937. Riyas did his schooling at St. Joseph's Boys' Higher Secondary School, Kozhikode and joined Farook College, Kozhikode for his pre-degree education. He continued in the same college for his undergraduate degree in Bachelor of Commerce. Later, he secured a law degree from Government Law College, Kozhikode.

**POLITICAL CARRER:**

During his school days at St. Joseph Boys High School, Kozhikode Mohammed Riyas was active with Students' Federation of India (SFI). In his 8th standard, he became the President of the SFI unit committee, and in the next year, he became the unit secretary of the school committee. In his pre-degree days at Farook College, Calicut he was elected as the first-year pre-degree representative of the college. In 1994 Riyas became the unit president of SFI committee in Farook College, and in the next conference he became the secretary of the unit. From Farook College, he won the post for university union councilor of Calicut University in 1996-97. Later he became a university union office-bearer in 1998. Riyas gradually became a prominent leader of SFI. Riyas was a member of the Democratic Youth Federation of India, where he rose to become the president and finally the secretary of DYFI Kozhikode District Committee. From 2010 to 2016 he worked in the state centre of DYFI Kerala committee. During this period, he held the office of State Vice President and later

Joint Secretary of DYFI Kerala state committee. In 2016, he was elected as the All-India Joint Secretary of DYFI. In 2017, he became the All India President of DYFI. Riyas also joined the Communist Party of India (Marxist) in 1993, where he was a district committee member for Kozhikode, as well as a state committee member.

**Constituency Overview:**

Beypore or Beypur (formerly Beypoor) is an ancient port town and a locality town in Kozhikode district in the state of Kerala, India. Beypore is part of Kozhikode Municipal Corporation. Beypore is noted for building wooden ships, known as dhows or urus in the Malayalam language. These ships were usually bought by Arab merchants for trading and fishing but are now used as tourist ships. Beypore assembly constituency is one of the 140 assembly constituencies in Kerala state. It is a general category assembly seat. It is situated in Kozhikode district and is one of the 7 assembly segments of Kozhikode Parliament Seat. The total voters are 195653 out which SC are around 5.48%, ST voters are around 0.09%, Muslim voters are around 46%, Christian voters are around 1.4%, and Hindu voters are around 52.6% as per census.

**Initiatives:**

As a coastal state, Kerala struggles with road infrastructure challenges every year, particularly due to heavy rainfall and floods that result in road damage. Repairing these damaged roads is a time-consuming process. This required extraordinary efforts to solve. P.

**Election Result**

S. No	Name	Party	Votes
1	P A Muhammad Riyas	CPM	82,165 (49.73%)
2	P. M. Niyas	INC	53,418 (32.33%)
3	K. P. Prakash Babu	BJP	26,267 (15.90%)



A. Muhammad Riyas proposed creating a mobile app to locate infrastructural and road damage issues and provide a time-bound solution. The app was designed to make governance more transparent and accessible to the people, with a focus on public involvement and government accountability.

### **PWD Mobile App**

PWD4U Public Mobile app is part of the digital initiative by the Government of Kerala to enable citizens to notify the authorities of any defects or problems in the road assets managed by Kerala PWD. The purpose of the App is to improve the response time of PWD to road maintenance issues and provide the citizens with a road network that has good riding quality and is free of defects. The user can send locations and photos of the road defects to the concerned authority with a single tap on your device using the App. All complaints will be geotagged and automatically sent to the PWD for redressal, and the status updates until complaint resolution can be tracked. This app was officially released by the Hon. minister PA Muhammad Riyas for Public works & Tourism on June 7, 2021, and the app is available in Google Play Store for downloading and installing. Any complaints about PWD roads can be reported through this app. Complaints received through the app will be reported to the concerned road engineers via SMS and e-mail. After resolving the complaint, the information will be updated in the app. Since June 2021, 6,072 complaints have been received in PWD app.

Minister PA Mohammed Riyas has announced that all assistant executive engineers in the state's Public Works Department (PWD) must file monthly field inspection reports. These reports should detail the personal inspection of road projects along the 500 km stretch under their jurisdiction, including photographs of the visit. He also assured that a working calendar will be developed for timely completion of road repair and construction works. Even engineers overseeing a 150km stretch must submit monthly reports on road status. Riyas emphasized the importance of maintaining all roads in good condition, regardless of which department is responsible.

### **PWD rest houses to 'Public's rest houses'**

On November 1, 2021, the Kerala formation day, Mohammed Riyas introduced a new plan that

transforms the PWD rest houses into 'public's rest houses. The idea behind the initiative is to make the PWD rest houses accessible to the public through online booking. Till then, access to PWD rest houses was limited mostly to politicians and government officials alone, as a result of which many rest houses remained unused and poorly maintained. Over 1000 rooms in 150 rest houses have been added to the list and are made available for booking online. Like any other private room booking application, the website provides details and pictures of rooms. The ministry team has also ensured that necessary maintenance work is done, and proper facilities are provided before launching the plan.

The revenue from the first year of the initiative has crossed Rs. 4 crores. The rest houses in the capital city and rest houses in tourist destinations like Munnar and Alappuzha have gotten more bookings compared to other rest houses. In this way, the initiative has also facilitated tourism. The rooms are categorized into four different sections according to their features and facilities as AC and Non-AC rooms Class 1 and 2. The tariff ranges between 400-1000, which is affordable compared to private rooms and hotels. To make the women's travel hustle free and safe the project offers comfort stations in bigger rest houses, where women and kids get rooms to wait and relax.

### **Conclusion:**

Riyas is a visionary leader who also sets an example of how immediate actions taken towards the problems and issues can cause a revolution and build an unbreakable bond between the government and the people. He was bought a change in how the public looks up to the officials. People look up to him as an individual who is trustworthy. Coming from a marginalized part of society and an underdeveloped region of the state, to become a cabinet minister is an inspiring story for many who wish to become the people's leader and contribute to the process of democratization of the country.

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### INTRODUCTION

Shri Prashant Thakur, an Indian politician from Maharashtra was born in Panvel on 5 August 1974 to Ramsheth Changu Thakur and Shakuntala Thakur. In the 2009 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election, Prashant Thakur, a Bharatiya Janata Party candidate, was chosen to represent Panvel constituency of Maharashtra. He had also previously chaired CIDCO. The Panvel-based Janardan Bhagat Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha has Thakur on its board of directors. He serves as Managing Director of the Shahu Institute of Information Technology and the Director of Malhar Network - the core entity which organizes the popular Malhar Mahotsav at CKT College, Panvel. Thakur became President of the Raigad District Youth Congress Committee in 2005. Later, in 2006, he was elected president of the Panvel Municipal Corporation, a position he held until 2009. Since 2009 until the present, he has been the constituency's MLA for Panvel.

### DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY

Panvel is one of the cities in the district Raigad. It is also called the gate of Raigad because Panvel is the first city when entering Raigad from east. It is also one of the most populous and developed cities in the district. Panvel is situated on the banks of the Gadhi River which flows and connects all the way to the Arabian sea. It is also surrounded by hills on two sides. Panvel has a mix population consisting of Agri samaaj, Muslims and Koli community. Panvel is a medium-sized city but densely populated as it strategically lies between Mumbai and Pune.

Panvel Assembly constituency is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha constituencies in the western Indian state of Maharashtra is the. One of the seven Vidhan Sabha seats located in the Raigad district is Panvel (188). It also makes up a portion of the district's Panvel tehsil. After being chosen to represent the people in the Panvel constituency as an MLA in 2009, Prashant Thakur went on to win another two terms in a row. According to the voter list for 2019, this constituency had 563 polling places and 5,48,202 registered voters. The 2019 assembly election saw a 55.18% voter turnout. Prashant Thakur won the elections in 2019 with an impressive majority of 1,79,109 votes.

### CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY PRECEDING THE ELECTION

### OF THE MLA

In the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Panvel, a neighbourhood next to Navi Mumbai, is one of the fastest-growing areas. It is one of the few urban places in Raigad district and draws migrants because of the employment prospects and affordable cost of living, however the infrastructure is not suitable for jobs due to its proximity to Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. Despite their existence, small-scale industries were losing money. Moreover, the transportation link was poor, and a tanker was used to provide water. Also, this contributed to several health problems among the populace. the area's schools and institutions were underrepresented and required ongoing monitoring.

### INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA

- Shri Prashant Thakur is a man of vision and mission and have taken several initiatives in the field of youth affairs, infrastructure development, education, sports, women welfare, health, etc.,
- MLA Prashant Thakur had suggested an increase in salary for doctors and lecturers of government aided hospitals as inadequate salary compared to private hospitals will lead to shortage of doctors resulting in poor medical facilities to people.
- He has also proposed for framing of the syllabus for Industrial Training Institutions considering the requirement of employment market in order to control growing unemployment in the state.
- He also advised the government to increase the limits of financial assistance up to 3 lakhs from Rajiv Gandhi Jeevandai Yojana for APL and BPL card holders.
- Malhar Rojgar is an Initiative by MLA Prashant Thakur which had organized Solar Renuation Training Program on 19 Feb at panvel. This was 3 months entrepreneurship training program, including training



material, accommodation & food for the selected candidates free of cost.

- He is also keeping a close watch on Swachh Bharat Mission in the panvel constituency by participating in the abhiyan, asking his party members to be alert and spreading awareness.
- Shri Prashant thakur also supports efforts by citizens or NGO's. Say for instance he had appealed people to join the "Save Gadhi River" cleanliness drive by Nisargamitra.

### OBSTACLES THE MLA CONFRONTED AND OVERCAME

he financial capital- Mumbai has tapped the immense growth potential of the city's real estate landscape. The exploding population density and rapid urbanisation are causing strain on the existing Mumbai infrastructure and resources. Therefore, the first and foremost challenging task was to develop the peripheral cities of Mumbai, like Panvel as another economic epicentre. With this vision, the government has evolved the model of 'Mumbai 3.0' where the upcoming infrastructure projects will fabricate seamless connectivity and gravitate economic activities. Under this model, the mega projects like Navi Mumbai International Airport, Mumbai-trans harbor Link, Delhi-Mumbai Freight Corridor, doubling of Panvel-Karjat rail corridor, metro lines, and Virar-Alibaug multi-model corridor will be the game changer in shaping up the new livewire

centres of Navi Mumbai. The office of MLA Prashant Thakur has also been playing a prominent role in this regard, say for instance, 'Panvel-Karjat' in the district of Raigad is being developed on large scale as it will act as a growth steer to generate employment, attract industries because of its dual locational advantage on the back of air and seaport, drive economic growth, and witness rise in per capita income.

The town planning scheme which is crucial for the development of the region had been pending for six years. The Office of MLA had taken action in this regard as it understands that these delays will lead to rampant encroachment and escalation of slums. Initiatives have been taken to avoid such delays and inefficiency. MLA Prashant thakur believes that for this people's participation and interaction is very important and thus have designed special software through which any person can directly approach to the office and communicate their problem related to Municipal council, zilla parishad, CIDCO, PWD, etc. for their immediate attention and resolution. Office of MLA have also taken initiatives to reduce its impact on development of the region, say for instance the provision of permanent settlement for slum dwellers in the constituency is widely discussed and debated.

### HOW HAS THE COMMUNITY BENEFITTED POST INITIATION OF CHANGE BY MLA LEADING TO INCREASE IN PEOPLE'S



## CONFIDENCE ON MLA

Shri Prashant Thakur consistently demonstrates integrity and reliability while promising to continue serving the public in the future. He has tirelessly worked to mobilize, organize and create awareness among women about the need for education, self-reliance, and development.

Thakur sir is also determined to refine infrastructure within the area. Various schools have been set up under him as great impetus needs to be put into youth development and adding to it, he conducts block wise meetings for 'Youth Membership Drive'. Sir Prashant Thakur is also the founder of Janardan Bhagat Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha. Through the Centre he helps obtain loans to 100 youths under Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana, registered 55 women development cells, established 130 self-help group for women and distributed goats to 80 tribal families. He enjoys mass community support as he has even resigned for the people's demand to be met. Initially the water supply to Panvel was through tankers but Mr. Thakur has ensured that every house has access to clean water via pipelines. He stepped up and improved connection in the city when the development organization ignored the poor road construction and maintenance.

He has been elected as the MLA three times, which is proof that the community has benefited greatly. His down-to-earth demeanor is one of his distinctive qualities that the public values. This has not only made it easier for individuals to communicate with their representative, but it has also provided them with a platform from which they can debate problems in a productive manner.

## HONORS AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MLA

Shri Prashant Thakur had done incredible work across many fields which has benefitted several people. His work was recognized through various awards like 'Best Youth Award' by Nehru Yuva Kendra, a Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. 'Yuva Gaurav Puraskar' by Sai Ratna Foundation. 'Vasudev Balwant Phadke Award' by Yoga Priya Prakashan. But the most important thing that he considers to be most important for him is the people's confidence on him, which they had demonstrated by electing as their representative for three consecutive terms.

## NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY THE MLA

One of the most noteworthy projects has been the Janardan Bhagat Shikshan Prasarak Sanstha and its official logo is expertly crafted and represents the Sanstha's educational philosophy and beliefs. The Sanstha's goals and objectives are reflected in the emblem, as well as the organization's vision and mission.

The rising sun that dominates the emblem represents our dedication to the all-encompassing dissemination of knowledge that will help us navigate through the murky night of ignorance and illiteracy. Underneath it, an open book with the letters "J" in English and "ज्ञ" in Devnagari script indicates the Sanstha's commitment to providing students with a high-quality education that combines knowledge, talents, and a passion for greatness. During 25 years of journey the Sanstha has spread its wing in various fields of education. Today this Sanstha has 18 educational institutes under its wings.





Ramsheth Thakur Samaj Vikas Mandal has been under the direction of Shri Prashant Thakur. This is a significant step towards educating today's youth. He makes it a point to stay current on events in each of his educational institutions daily. Shri Prashant Thakur has been working tirelessly to fulfil his duties as Chairman of various School Committees by working to make the school and junior college the best educational institution in the entire Navi Mumbai region that satisfies and achieves all the holistic and pedagogical objectives of education.

The value of education is constantly acknowledged by society, but it stands out when it comes to creating technological competence in addition to work opportunities. Mr. Thakur has effectively planned employment fairs to lead educated individuals in the direction of improving small-scale industries that were previously underutilized. These industries have not only helped the populace find work, but they have also markedly raised their standard of living.

He contributed significantly to the creation of Panvel Mahanagarपालिका. All of this occurred when the Panvel Gram Panchayats found it impossible to administer the affairs and a large organization was required to step in so that the welfare of the people could be monitored by a centralized organization.

### LEADERSHIP QUALITIES

Shri Prashant Thakur is a very dynamic leader who has a clear and inspiring vision of what he wants his constituency to be and possesses impressive communication skills to convey his ideas and plans. He can do this only because of teamwork wherein he acts as a source of guiding light and inspiration for his co-workers. He is also a very down to earth person and remains within reach of common man by making sure that he attends to all their grievances. He is a great decision maker as he takes well-informed and timely decisions. His follow-ups are one of his distinctive qualities, regardless of how many subjects are being discussed concurrently. He always makes sure that once a problem is raised, it moves swiftly through the system. He has distributed this task among the several people who work for him. Hence, the workload will be less, and the work's effectiveness will be improved. Thakur Sir has given education the utmost importance since he is aware of the hardship involved in getting a good education. And as a

result, he works relentlessly to provide future leaders with basic and higher education.

His leadership style also teaches us to never give up. He has taken on several tasks and carried them out successfully without giving in to challenges. This quality is essential since overcoming hurdles is an integral part of the process of putting plans into action, which is the need of the hour. All in all, he is a role model who manages his constituency effectively.

### TAKEAWAYS

It's time to not just appreciate his leadership qualities but also to apply it on our lives, his uncanny ability and knack to resurrect himself and bounce back is noteworthy. He is able to expound on almost all the topics with passion and fervor which should be appreciated. Another quality that sets him aside is his openness to divergent views and criticism as he believes that this will improve the quality of policies and programs which will ultimately benefit the people.

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## INTRODUCTION

Premendra Vishnu Shet is a Goa Legislative Assembly member and an Indian politician. During the 2022 election for the Goa Legislative Assembly, Shet successfully defended the Maem Assembly seat for the Bharatiya Janata Party. It is his first tenure as an MLA. With 3,136 more votes than Santosh Kumar Sawant of the Goa Forward Party, Shet won (Hindustan Times, 2022). Anant Shet, the MLA for two tenures, previously held the position of Speaker of the Goa Legislative Assembly and is the brother of Premendra Seth (Times of India, 2021). Premendra Shet is a believer in proactive and participatory leadership. This article looks into his views on Good Governance, innovations during his first year in office, challenges faced, and his principles on the conduct of Government Officials.

### **Innovative Practices: Upgradation of the RORO Ferry Service**

A Roll on Roll off (RORO) Ferry for transporting Passenger and Cargo Vehicles from Riverbank to River Bank is required upon 4 different routes in the Maem Constituency. Out of these routes, the ferry route leading to Panjim, the Capital City of the State of Goa, is naturally, the busiest one. Every day, during the morning and evening rush hours, there are huge crowds of vehicles waiting to cross over from both sides. There are 5 RORO Ferrys working on the route, however, their service is not enough to efficiently transport the crowd and is indeed a tedious and time-consuming ordeal. It takes a considerable amount of time to Load and Unload the Vehicles on and off the Ferry.

A solution to the conundrum was found upon visiting the Cochin Port in Kerala. The mechanism of the Ferrys in the Cochin Port is such that the carrying capacity is 30 to 35 vehicles, as opposed to the Goan Ferry's 3 to 4 vehicle RORO capacity.

Apart from the issue of capacity, the Goan RORO Ferry's have only one Ram to Roll in and roll out the vehicles, thereby prompting the Ferry Captain to reverse the Ferry upon docking every time. The Cochin RORO Ferry's have rams and steering wheels on both sides, which alleviates the necessity to reverse dock the ferry and allows for a unidirectional RORO function. Premendra Shet visualized that if such a system can work in Cochin, it could surely be a probable answer to the Maem

Ferry enigma. Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant has given verbal approval to start a RORO ferry service on the most crucial waterways route of Madel Chorao to Ribandar. The required official paperwork will be started soon (Times of India, 2022).

Along with discussing the potential RORO ferry service, Premendra Shet discussed with the Minister of River Navigation, Subhash Phal Desai upon resolving problems faced by the prevalent ferry service and noted a shortage of staff on the ferryboats, that has, in the past left the service to a halt, every time the workers went on leave. An approval to employ new skilled workers on a contractual basis has been received from the River Navigation Minister. A tender would be issued for the construction of the Ferry, with a budget of 3 to 4 Crores. In a matter of 4 months, the ferryboats shall be fully operational on the designated route. The public was informed of the Goa Government's innovative idea to use an upgraded Ferry Service via a Press Conference (UK Daily News, 2022).

### **Challenges in Office**

Inefficient working in Government offices is the biggest challenge faced by MLA Premendra Shet in office. MLA Shet notes that the planning and implementation speed is disappointing. Corruption, delays and Red Tapism are the primary causes of inefficiency. Projects are designed so that they can be completed in a realistic time frame, but due to the aforementioned reasons, the government falls short of efficiently bringing its goals to fruition.

On the contrary, Premendra Shet gives an excellent example of the possibilities that arise when all the stakeholders and departments engage in a symbiotic relationship contributing towards public welfare.

There are 7 Panchayat Areas in the Maem Constituency. In one of the Panchayat areas,



Premendra Shet initiated a project for the laying of underground cables. The idea was conceptualized in November of 2022. The work now stands completed for an area of 2.5 kms. The project was formulated, constructed, handed over, and fully operational in a matter of 5 months.

The Electrical Department and Road Authorities were very proactive and cooperative. Premendra Shet expressed his gratitude and appreciation towards all those involved in the project. He further states that it is fun to work when all departments support the cause. It increases the efficiency and proper use of government funds towards the public's benefit in the stipulated amount of time is ensured.

### **Shet's Views on Good Governance**

Focussing on Infrastructure facilities and the necessities of the people, such as water, electricity, roads, dams, etc., is the cornerstone of public welfare. While providing an insight into the same, Premendra Shet gives a candid illustration of the Water Supply Issue faced in the Maem Constituency. The water treatment plant is unable to provide a full-scale supply of water. There is admittedly a lack of Ground Level Reservoirs (GLRs) in the constituency. This leads to a lack of facilities for storing river water, subsequently affecting the water supply. This has resulted in water being available for usage on an alternate day basis. In any good society, an efficient and continuous flow of water to homes, factories, businesses, and public installations is essential.

Even the Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) have low-capacity storage facilities. It is necessary to increase the storage capacities of WTPs, as the Maem WTP is solely responsible for supplying treated water to the Talukas of Sattari, Bicholim & Bardez. Currently, the

supply through the Maem Water Treatment Plant is insufficient. A breakdown of basic infrastructural facilities and insufficient services can lead to troubled communities and a society that is unable to function to its full potential.

He believes that Good Governance will lay emphasis on the rejuvenation of infrastructure in the constituency and would enhance the welfare and standard of living of one and all.

### **Principles of Conduct & Ethics**

Premendra Shet, who is also currently appointed as an observer for the Karnataka State Elections, upholds the notion that strict vigilance is required in all offices and functions of the government. Proactive initiatives should be taken by those in power with a zest to work for the people. He states that those in power should personally take part in the workings of their constituency and not be restricted to issuing orders alone. It is the duty of good leaders to interact with all the departments and all the stakeholders as a form of active participation towards public welfare.

While sharing his views on ethics, Shet notes that despite being in politics, politicians should not forget the ultimate purpose of their noble profession. One should stay fully committed to contributing working towards the benefit of society. Be straightforward, stay on a straight path, and do not stray from it.

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### INTRODUCTION

**Rajesh Udesingh Padvi** was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from Shahada constituency in the 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election as a candidate of Bharatiya Janata Party.

The journey of Mr. Rajesh Padvi is very different from many of the politicians. He was serving in Maharashtra Police and was reputed Public Sub Inspector (PSI).

He is known for his hardworking and passionate nature. Coming from a tribal area he faced a lot of hurdles and since his childhood he struggled a lot to get into police service. He was doing great there but he always had a thought in mind to do something more for the area he came from. He found himself restless looking towards the condition of his people and of his region. This restlessness and dedication to contribute into all around development of his native place he decided to take a bold decision. Even though he was leading a relax and comfortable life he firmly made his mind to leave his job and enter into active politics. He also had a great impression of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his intellect. He was inspired by his vision of India and was attracted towards his working style. This made Rajesh Padvi join Bhartiya

Janata Party. Looking towards his talent and his understanding of local issues, then Chief Minister of the state Devendra Fadnavis fielded him as BJP candidate from Shahada Vidhan Sabha Constituency and he registered victory and became MLA from here.

### Constituency overview

Shahada Assembly constituency (formerly, Shahade) is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha constituencies of Maharashtra state in western India. This constituency is in the Nandurbar district, and it is reserved for the candidates belonging to the Scheduled tribes. It is part of the Nandurbar Lok Sabha constituency.

### Initiatives

- Before coming into politics MLA Rajesh





Padvi was in the police service and thus, he knows the importance of competitive exams also he understands the efforts youngsters put in to get selected through these exams. He is on forefront in building libraries and gyms at remote rural parts of his constituency to help other students to get qualified into the services.

- Kalavati Padvi Foundation - MLA Rajesh Padvi in memory of his beloved mother has started this charity foundation which works selflessly in the field of Healthcare, Sanitation, Providing Pure Drinking Water and so on.
- MLA Rajesh Padvi gained public acclaim from all over the state of Maharashtra during the Covid Crisis. His Covid management initiative, installation of quarantine centers in the constituency, bringing back the labours of his constituency who were trapped at various places in the country and rapid testing initiative taken by him was lauded. When vaccination drive was started there was an anonymous fear among the masses regarding vaccines. People were reluctant to get vaccinated. When he came to know regarding this, he personally went village to village and undertook vaccine awareness drive which resulted in a great success and people started getting their doses.

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### INTRODUCTION

Born to the Late Shri. Ashok Khaunte and Smt. Sunanda Khuante on 25 February 1974 in Panjim city, Mr. Khaunte is electronics engineer from Goa University. In addition to his academic pursuits, Mr. Rohan engaged in extracurricular sports while in college. He competed for the State of Goa in basketball at the national level, table tennis at the collegiate level, and cricket. The Shiv Samarth Group, a company that employs hundreds of Goans, was built by Rohan Khaunte before he started his political career. Khaunte has had the notion that it's critical to "be in the system to change the system" since he was a little child. After working with the community for some time, Khaunte made the decision to run for office in the 2012 State Assembly Elections.

### DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY

The village of Porvorim is situated in North Goa's Bardez taluka. It is located around 3 kilometres from Panaji, the state's capital, and is recognized as Goa's legislative capital. Since there are well-kept homes and tidy gardens here, the village is well-developed and is known as an upscale residential hub. On the Mandovi River's banks, Porvorim offers a beautiful view of Panaji, the state's capital, from the Mandovi Bridge. There are several educational institutions in Porvorim, including the well-known Vidya Probhodhini Education Society, which offers sections for pre-primary, primary, high school, and senior secondary education, the Secretariat and Assembly Complex for the State of Goa, the High Court of Bombay at Goa, Mall de Goa, which is the largest mall in Goa etc.

### CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY PRECEDING THE ELECTION OF THE MLA

Porvorim had a mix of urban and rural areas prior to Rohan Khaunte's political career, with a sizeable population working in agriculture and the tourism industry. Basic infrastructure was there, including roads and medical facilities. The constituency did suffer some difficulties, though. Porvorim had a high unemployment rate and a sizable proportion of the population worked in the low-wage tourism sector. Additionally, there was little industrial development in the region, which left locals with few employment options. Although there was a foundational infrastructure, such as roads and hospitals, it was frequently insufficient and needed

improvement. The region's governance had difficulties due to a lack of accountability and openness in the government. There was a lot of room for improvement in various areas.

### INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA

Shri. Khaunte has consistently allowed the people he serves to judge the calibre of his work and the progress of the Constituency through the Report Cards that he has provided throughout the years. As an MLA, he has delivered on commitments made regarding the construction of the Housing Board Market Complex, the Fire Station, the improvement of the health facilities, the improvement of footpaths and roads, and the provision of 24-hour electricity, water, and sewage services.

Through the creation of Self-Help Groups, the development of skills, and the introduction of the Stri Sakhi, a tool for menstrual hygiene in the workplace, Shri. Khaunte has been actively working to empower women.

Along with senior citizen welfare, he has focused on young employment, education, and animal care facilities. As a strong proponent of sustainable development, Shri. Khaunte has concentrated on issues related to Nital Porvorim, which covers waste and sewage management, agriculture, the creation of parks such as Nana Nani Natwanche Park for Senior Citizens, Science Park for fostering a scientific mindset and community learning, Art Park for all facets of society, STEM Park, Butterfly Garden, etc.

Through the GoaOnline website, he created the E-Government Portal, allowing all Goans to seek official papers and access municipal necessities from the comfort of their homes. Particularly during the pandemic, this application served as a useful contact between the government and the general people. Additionally, he emphasized accessibility through helpline numbers and



set aside "Constituency Day" to engage with people of his constituency.

For the past ten years, Shri. Khaunte has been one of the most powerful voices in the Goa Legislative Assembly. According to the ADR Report, he was the Top Performer during his 2012–2017 tenure, participating in all sessions of the Assembly with 100% attendance and asking the most questions as the Opposition.

### **OBSTACLES THE MLA CONFRONTED AND OVERCAME**

He discovered that the largest threats to marine life on the Goa coast come from tar balls, along with the many oil spills that have occurred since the 1970s, which is why start-ups were created. There were numerous faults with the government websites that needed to be resolved. He planned a large hackathon, the winner of which will receive work orders for the pilot projects.

The Porvorim Constituency's concern with disposing of sewage waste was another significant problem. In the past, sewage was dumped in soak pits, and septic tanks were in danger of seeping into the constituency's ground water table, putting thousands of people's lives in peril. Furthermore, the street corners had become garbage dumping grounds for sewage and garbage disposal.

Aside from this, residents of the district were required to travel elsewhere for access to a health care facility. The area had severe water shortages and irregular water supplies. Additionally, since access to regular, clean water is a fundamental human right, improving that access has become a top priority.

### **HOW COMMUNITY BENEFITTED POST INITIATION OF CHANGE**

Being a sports enthusiast, he was aware of how important it is for a child's overall development. Therefore, an array of youth competitions in a variety of sports were organized. and therefore, in Salvador do Mundo, a basketball court, a football pitch and a skating rink are built for the youth. He also started the Green Porvorim programme restored open spaces, and several initiatives were launched that considerably enhanced the area's green cover, lowering the amount of carbon in the atmosphere. He set up computer and career-training classes to help students enhance their skills, renovated the infrastructure and transportation, and aided the kids holistically. Furthermore, Gramin Mahila Jagruti Shibirs, which raise awareness about health, family planning, and most crucially the establishment of cottage industries, are organized under his direction.

The establishment of a shop in Socorro Panchayat has made it simpler for the self-help group to sell its goods. The extensive sewage system has tremendously benefited the populace by keeping Porvorim healthy



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and clean. Additionally, offered at a subsidized charge, the night soil tanker is cost-effective. The constituency's citizens are helpful and cooperative, thus along with the MLA they started Nital Porvorim, which greatly benefited the neighborhood by providing proper rubbish collection, public restrooms, and segregating yards.

#### **HOW THIS HAS IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

People's perceptions of and confidence in political leaders can differ greatly based on a variety of variables, including their personal political beliefs, their interactions with the leader, and the environment in which they are acting. However, the youthful visionary's commitment to meeting people's basic needs and bringing about social change has most significantly had an impact on the general populace.

He has brought about several changes in the constituency with great patience and support from people, which include providing 24x7 electricity supply, door-to-door garbage collection, improved health infrastructure, animal care centre, women empowerment, cultural events like NoMoZo, MediAssist facility etc.

#### **HONOURS AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF MLA**

1. One of his greatest accomplishments during his first term as an MLA was his ability to make his constituency "GARBAGE FREE" in a short amount of time by initiating and carrying out plans for "Door to Door" Garbage Collection, Segregation, and Management in all three panchayats in his constituency. This is happening at a time when the entire state of Goa is experimenting with various solutions to the garbage crisis.
2. Since Rohan has been actively involved in his family company Group Shiv Samarth and therefore as a businessman, his accomplishments at such a young age earned him the "YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD" given to him in the year 2003 by the late "Shri Kidarnath Sahay," the then governor of Goa.
3. His current positions as president of the Goa Boxing Association and chairman of Sporting Clube de Porvorim serve as evidence of his athletic accomplishments.

He has been voted to the prestigious position of Vice President Boxing India, which will further his impressive resume.

4. One of Rohan's greatest honours came in 2013, when the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad Foundation, led by former Indian Chief Election Commissioner Shri T.N. Seshan, chose him among the 16 Young MLAs from various states to receive the "Adarsh Yuva Award" for his outstanding contributions to Indian democracy. In the area of young Goan leaders, he was also given the Lokmat 2017 "Goan of the Year" award!

#### **NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY MLA**

As an MLA, he has materialized promises made with respect to 24x7 electricity supply, water supply, sewerage network, improvement of roads and construction of footpaths, improvement of health facilities, implementation of schemes, infrastructural developments like the Housing Board Market Complex, Fire Station etc.

Shri. Khaunte has been making active efforts to empower the women through Self-Help Groups, skill development and launch of the Stri Sakhi, an aid for menstrual hygiene in workplace. He has also focused on senior citizens welfare, education, youth employment, animal care centre etc.

Shri. Khaunte has also been a strong believer of Sustainable Development and therefore he has focused on areas relating to Nital Porvorim which talks about the garbage and sewerage management, Agriculture, development of Parks like the Nana Nani Natwanche Park for Senior Citizens, Science Park for promoting scientific temperament and community learning, Art Park for all sections of the society, STEM Park, Butterfly Garden etc.

It is noteworthy to express that Shri. Khaunte was holding the portfolio of Minister for Revenue, IT, Labour and Employment and Planning and Statistics for a brief tenure between 2017 and 2019. During this period, he has brought revolutionary ideas of governance into the system.

He introduced the E-Governance Portal that has enabled all Goans to access civic needs and request for government documents right from the comfort of their homes via the GoaOnline Website. This tool proved to be instrumental as a functional interface between Government and the public



especially during the pandemic.

He also stressed the mantra of Accessibility through Helpline Nos and dedicated 'Constituency Day' to interact with the people of his constituency. Shri. Khaunte has been one of the strongest voices in the Goa Legislative Assembly for the past decade. As per the ADR Report, he was the Top Performer during his 2012-2017 tenure asking the highest number of questions as Opposition with 100% attendance in the Assembly Sessions.

As the Minister for Information Technology for the tenure from 2012-2017, he has brought several reforms to revolutionize the IT dynamics of the State. Under his administration, the Government took its first step into the Era of Industry 4.0, bringing technologies of the future like Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Blockchain, Virtual Reality etc. Events like IT Day, VC Summit, International Blockchain Congress, Corporate Startup Connect etc were hosted to bring the most innovative brains to Goa.

To put Goa on the Global map, he launched schemes to generate employment like the Start Up and IT Policy. Another initiative in this direction is automation of the tendering, auctioning, and procurement process. His digital reform journey was complimented by his initiative of setting up IT Parks without hampering the environment. He proposed the setting up of the several IT Parks on the outskirts of the State to allow tech companies to thrive without affecting the everyday life of people.

As a Revenue Minister, he simplified the process of Mutation and Partition to ensure efficient and speedy disposal of cases. He also introduced the Citizen Service Centre (CSC) to provide last mile connectivity and ease of procedure to the people. He also introduced the Smart Card System to ease the process of finding jobs

#### **LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF THE MLA**

Shri Rohan Khaunte is an innovative visionary because of his Goa Start Up policy which has not only promoted Entrepreneurship but is a step towards the development of Goa as a hub for Information technology and related industries. He is a dynamic leader and has been quite resilient despite various challenges and setbacks in his political career. Being a people's leader is common but one thing unique about him is that he prefers to stand in

the crowd rather than out of it. Which makes Shri Khaunte quite accessible at the same time aware of the ground reality and the problems faced by his people. Since his first term as the MLA, he has demonstrated his ability to work collaboratively with other political leaders, officials, and stakeholders. All of this has contributed to his success as an MLA in Goa.

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

Shri Rohan Khaunte's work across all fields has proven that change is possible if improvement is our goal. His childhood notion 'be in the system to change the system' stands as an inspiration to all the young minds out there looking forward to bringing about a change in society. Not only this, but he also teaches us that the passion to work for our people comes from the people and therefore it is necessary to always stand amongst them. His endless determination to work for improvement across various sectors has led to the development of not only the constituency and its people but also the state.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Mr. Sangram Thopte** is an MLA from Bhor-Velha-Mulshi Vidhansabha Assembly which is a part of Pune District. He is the son of Shri. Anantrao Thopte who was elected as MLA six times. This is the third term of Mr. Sangram Thopte as an MLA. He was first elected as MLA in 2009 Vidhan Sabha elections. He represents an assembly having different variations in terms of geography and population.

**CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW**

Bhor Assembly constituency is one of the 288 Vidhan Sabha (legislative assembly) constituencies of Maharashtra state, western India. This constituency is in Pune district. The constituency comprises Mulshi taluka, Velhe taluka, Bhor taluka and ward nos. 157, 159 and 160 of Pune Municipal Corporation.

**INITIATIVES**

Mr. Sangram Thopte has been representing this constituency since 2009. During this period, he got an opportunity to resolve the developmental issues in the constituency. The developmental works undertaken in his leadership in the constituency are:

There has been consistent development works undertaken by MLA. Sangram Thopte in

his constituency which has contributed to overall development of the constituency.

- Construction of roads for better connectivity of villages. Recently, got a sanction of Rs. 8 crores from budgetary allocation.
- Granted a fund of Rs. 1 crore for the purposes of developing tourism at Rohideshwar fort.
- Contributed to the development of Bandhara at Mauje korle for better water harvesting.
- Construction of Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thakre hospital under Maharashtra government's Rashtriya Aarogya Yojana
- Under his initiative sanctioned an amount of more than Rs. 5.12 crore under Maharashtra Nagarutthan Mahabihyan for planned





urbanization.

- Took follow up for development fund for villages recently included in the PMC jurisdiction.
- Effective implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak by way of approving the works of road construction
- Contribution of funds for conservation of Nira River.
- Initiated projects for lift irrigation for the benefits of agricultural development.
- Construction of canal lines for purposes of irrigation and water supply for the benefits of citizens.
- Contributed consistently to form MLA funds for development of various civic amenities from time to time.
- There has been consistent development works undertaken by MLA. Sangram Thopte in his constituency which has contributed to overall development of the constituency.

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### INTRODUCTION

Satish Subhashchandra Poonia is son of the Late. Smt. Parmeshwari Devi and Shri Subhash Chandra Poonia. Satish Poonia was born on October 24, 1964. He is from a farming family in Rajgarh, a small village in Rajasthan's Churu district. His father was the former Rajgarh Panchayat Samiti chief. He is married to Mrs. Mohini Poonia, a teacher by profession, and the couple has two children. Dr. Poonia received his primary education in Rajgarh and his secondary school in Churu. In 1989, he graduated from Maharaja College. Following that, he obtained his L.L.B. from Rajasthan University. He graduated from Law College with a diploma in Labour Law, Criminology, and Indian History and Culture. He completed his M.Sc. in 1994.

### DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY

Amber is a state Assembly/Vidhan Sabha constituency in the state of Rajasthan and is part of the Jaipur Rural Lok Sabha/Parliamentary constituency. Amber falls in Jaipur district and Central region of Rajasthan. It is categorized as a rural seat. There are a total of 2,45,776 voters in the seat, which includes 1,28,891 male voters, and 1,16,885 female voters. In the 2018 Rajasthan elections, Amber recorded a voter turnout of



80.34%. Long queues were reported outside 274 polling stations spread across the constituency catering to around 198449 voters. Satish Poonia won the 2018 election against Prashant Sharma (INC) with a great margin by winning the confidence of 98132 voters.

### CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY

#### PRECEDING THE ELECTION OF THE MLA

When Shri. Satish Poonia took the office of MLA of Amber constituency, the region faced several problems like water scarcity, and poor infrastructure wherein the area didn't have adequate roads, and public transportation etc., Corruption was also widespread because of which the transparency between the





people representatives/ officials and people had been widening. Education and healthcare were the major and crucial areas that required immediate attention and development initiatives.

Shri Satish Poonia thus pledged continuous service to people, solving their problems, connecting with them, providing basic amenities, and waging a war against corruption. After years of work, the People of Amber and their MLA believe that the picture of the area has changed due to the efforts made so far and Shri Satish Poonia promises in his own words that, "this Ganga of development will continue to flow continuously."

#### **INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA**

Education is one the primary areas where Shri Satish Poonia has focused his attention as he believes that education is the most powerful weapon which can be used to change the world and solve every other problem. Under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, development works were done in various schools of Amer for 1.75 crores. 32 schools have undergone construction for repair and running water of toilets, 23 development works of additional classrooms, science lab, computer art, craft library, toilet, and drinking water were completed for 7.19 crores in schools and 31 schools were upgraded from secondary to higher secondary school. Under the Mukhyamantri Jan Sahitya Vidyalaya Vikas



Yojna, works worth Rs 43.89 lakh were done in Sewapura, Chandwaji, Nangal Purohit, Nangal



Bichpadi, Bhatton Ki Gali, in which 60 percent government and 40 percent public participation. Girl education has been emphasized upon for which Government Girls Secondary School, Jahota was upgraded to Higher Secondary School and Science Faculty was approved.

Health has been equally weighed and various developmental initiatives have been taken to improve the health condition of the people of Amber. Under Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojana, 16688 patients of the Amer assembly constituency got the benefit of free treatment with an insurance claim amount of Rs 27.28 crore. Jalsu Community Health Center (for Rs. 5.25 crore) was constructed. Patients were provided relief by upgrading Adarsh PHC Jalsu and renovating Ayurvedic dispensaries at Bilonchi, Bagwada, Achrol, Chandwaji, Jaitpuri Kheni Chhapradidh, Khorabisal, and Chatarpura. An amount of Rs 12.50 lakh was sanctioned in Health Care Wellness Center Devka Harwada, Manpura Machedi, and Sardarpura Rojda.

A few innovative initiatives taken by the MLA include the “Modi Clinic” wherein people can digitally book free medical checkup and counseling session by reputed professionals. He has also developed an app “Dr. Satish Poonia” through which people can fetch the latest information and updates about MLA and his activities. It also helps citizens of his constituency to connect to him and seek help and give their suggestions. App users can get general information regarding constituency and various government schemes.

### **HOW MLA'S WORK BENEFITTED THE COMMUNITY AND IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

Through the initiatives and development works, the people of Amber are in a better position than before. Employment opportunities have been created, especially in the primary sector, because of which people can ensure a better standard of living for themselves and their families. The quality and reach of educational and health services have been widened, another reason which has led to an increase in people's confidence in MLA. People are now assured that promises made are not just for their namesake but will be implemented and that they can reap benefits from it. Transparency between people and the elected representatives has been reduced as

their concerns and suggestions are immediately heard and solved through the creation of an app through which people can directly connect with the office of MLA Satish Poonia. All of these have increased the confidence and respect for the MLA as they now consider him to be one among them.

### **NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY MLA**

Several projects have been completed to provide basic amenities to the people of Amber in different areas.

#### **Education**

Under the National Secondary Education Campaign (Ramsadh), development work was done for 7.19 crores in various schools of Amer. Under the scholarship scheme of the government, 5510 students of Amer got a benefit of Rs.6.22 crore. 2.50 lakh sanctioned for the development work in the Government Upper Primary Sanskrit School located in Khatik locality of Gram Panchayat Billaunchi. He also fastened the construction of classroand oms toilets in different government schools like Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School, Nangal Susawatan, Rapravi Khurad, Government Higher Secondary School Achrol, etc.,

#### **Health**

During Corona-1.0, an amount of Rs 6.47 lakh was sanctioned from the MLA fund for oxygen cylinders, infrared thermometers, PPP kits, medical beds, N95 masks, etc. to the medical institutions of Amer assembly constituency, and during Corona-2.0 medical institutions of Amer assembly constituency by visiting the institutions, the equipment used in corona treatment like oxygen concentrator, pulse oximeter, thermal gun, etc. should be made available to the medical institutions. Two high-quality ventilators were made available at Community Health Center Jalsu with the help of an NGO. As an MLA, he also initiated the purchase of high-quality ambulances, essential medical equipment, and materials in the interest of the public in various hospitals.

#### **Infrastructure**

Under various schemes like Rural Gaurav Path Yojana, Missing Link scheme, Rural Roads Scheme, and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana various roads were constructed and repaired like 40 Gaurav Paths were constructed, 20 road works worth Rs 1099.64 lakh were done, various rural roads were



constructed to connect the villages and cities and approval of new roads in Amer assembly constituency.

### **Drinking water**

Water recharging work (MJSA Phase I) was done on 14 dry abandoned head pumps, which cost Rs 11.20 lakh. 23 RCC opened good construction work (MJSA Phase II) was done, the cost of which was Rs 115 lakh. Several single-phase tube wells were installed in different areas, and 27 drinking water schemes were approved and implemented in the constituency. As an MLA, Shri Satish Poonia is constantly trying to get Amer included in the Isarda dam project and was also successful to get 178 villages included under the Jal Jeevan Mission scheme.

### **Agriculture and animal husbandry**

Most of the population is involved in the primary sector and thus the MLA aims to give all the support required to ensure that the people have a secure livelihood. On the demands of farmers and villagers, the Rajasthan State Agricultural Marketing Board, Jaipur has completed 18 total road works in various gram panchayats, totaling 26.10 km of roads for Rs 10.10 crore. This happened for the first time in the Amer assembly. 31.50 crore loan was waived for 11104 farmers of Amer under the Kisan Rin Mafi Yojana. For the first time, an innovative gift was given to cattle rearers by opening 17 veterinary sub-centers in various gram panchayats. Plant protection machines were installed, new veterinary sub-centers are sanctioned, and irrigation pipelines and other infrastructure has been provided.

### **LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF THE MLA**

Satish Poonia is known for his long-term vision and strategic thinking. He has a clear idea of what he wants to achieve and works towards it. He is also decisive and not afraid to make tough decisions and swift actions. He is also an excellent communicator who can be persuasive and connect with people. He has in various instances shown how inclusive he is by incorporating and appreciating the opinions and contributions of people and his team members. Lastly, he is highly organized and result oriented, which helps him stay on top of his responsibilities and manage time effectively.

### **TAKEAWAYS**

Dr. Satish Poonia has several takeaways as a

politician and leader. He has understood the importance of being grounded and connected to people and thus ensures that he listens to them and participates with them in different events and marches. He has been at the forefront of all marches against the government as he believes that only strong opposition can keep the government under check. He has been working for the benefit of the population ever since he took the office of the MLA of Amer.

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Shri. Shailesh Pandey** is a remarkable political personality who currently serves as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for the Bilaspur constituency in Chhattisgarh. Pandey has gained recognition for his dedication towards the betterment and progress of his electoral district, as evidenced by his notable contributions through diverse undertakings and schemes. Pandey has obtained a Bachelor's degree in Education from Ravishankar University located in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. Shailesh Pandey's educational history has provided him with significant expertise and competencies, which have empowered him to proficiently tackle the demands and issues of his constituents. The 2018 election saw Shailesh Pandey, a member of the Indian National Congress, emerge victorious in the contest for the seat. He secured his win by defeating Amar Agrawal of the Bharatiya Janata Party with a margin of 11221 votes.

Shailesh Pandey has led a significant campaign known as "Arpa Bachao." Pandey has been actively engaged in endeavors aimed at preserving and safeguarding the Arpa River, a crucial water resource of significant ecological significance to the Bilaspur region, owing to its proximity to the area. The individual's emphasis on sustainable development and environmental preservation has elicited commendation from both their constituency and environmental proponents. Shailesh Pandey's commitment to enhancing Bilaspur goes beyond ecological issues. The individual in question has implemented multiple endeavors aimed at improving the socio-economic status of the populace residing within his electoral district. His professional endeavors encompass the advocacy of education, healthcare, infrastructure development, and other fundamental domains that are crucial for comprehensive advancement.

Shailesh Pandey, a prominent member of the MLA community, maintains a significant presence in the political landscape of Chhattisgarh. His dedication to serving the public, in conjunction with their scholarly credentials and diverse undertakings, positions them as a valuable advocate for the populace of Bilaspur.

**EDUCATION**

In 1997, Shailesh Pandey graduated from Ravi



Shankar University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He later served as the director of numerous colleges. He participated in numerous government initiatives. He was the registrar of Dr. CV Raman University for 10 years. Because of his extensive educational background, Shailesh Pandey has a vast body of knowledge and a set of skills that have enabled him to competently address the needs and concerns of the people who make up his constituency.

**INITIATIVES TAKEN BY HIM**

There were high hopes placed on him when he was named Vidhayak. His first priority after assuming control was to make Bilaspur a second-rate metropolis. First, he expanded the scope of Nagar Nigam to include an additional 15 panchayats, 2 Nagar Panchayats, and 1 Nagar Palika. After that, he drew up Nagar Nigam, and elections followed shortly after. The identical information was reported to the central authorities. The central government was unable to undertake an official survey of the population because of covid, but Bilaspur would be upgraded to B grade city as soon as the government does the same.

**DEVELOPMENT OF ARPA RIVER-**

Bilaspur, the city, and the district in Chhattisgarh, are dependent on the Arpa River. There were several plans for developing the Arpa River, but little action was taken. The State Government has devised a massive plan to enhance the Arpa riverbank in Bilaspur district over the next seven years, and it would cost a whopping Rs2,000 crore. To develop the area along the Arpa River close to Bilaspur, the government has established a "Special Area Development Authority" (SADA). Because the land seizure of over fifty families had caused so much suffering, he ended Arpa SADA as soon as he became an office.

The Arpa River project was turned over to the



irrigation department, and he personally oversaw the return of property to its rightful owners. This is where he convinced the CM to give him 100 million dollars. He oversaw the almost completed building of two barrages called Shivghat and Bajrighat. Consequently, the water level in Bilarpur will rise when the water flow from the Arpa River is slowed. A four-lane road is being built on the bank of the river to facilitate more travel. The addition of these parks and other features will make the Arpa River even more attractive.

### EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For pupils who were not able to pay more prestigious English medium institutions, he built nine public schools with an English medium curriculum. More than 10,000 pupils have signed up to attend government schools, and with the assistance of the government, he has also established a college with an English language curriculum. To improve the lives of young people, the government has placed a strong focus on the educational system.

### SOCIAL WORK

During the period of Covid, the government gave the people several services; for example, an oxygen generating plant was installed in the hospital run by the government. During the COVID period, his government also established a super specialty hospital with three hundred beds.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

To improve communication between Bilaspur and the Raipur highway, a new bridge called the Tifra Bridge has been built on the outskirts of the city of Bilaspur. During his administration, the "Bilasa Devikawat Airport" was opened in Bilaspur for the very first time. Its purpose was to improve the city's accessibility to the surrounding area through air travel.

### WHAT REQUIRES A GOOD GOVERNANCE

- The requirement of good governance is that the government machinery should function well.
- The government official should be available all the time.
- The government should understand the importance of the word given and should complete it on time.

According to him a good government can only be formed when the government officials listen and understand the requisites.

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### INTRODUCTION

Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar is a politician and a member of the Indian National Congress in Gujarat, India. Born on 26 June 1969, he is currently 53 years old. He holds a bachelor's degree in commerce and a degree of Master's in Political Science from Gujarat University. He won the Gujarat Legislative Assembly election of 2007 from the Vidhan Sabha constituency of Shaherkotda and currently, he is the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Danilimda constituency of Ahmedabad district which is reserved for the Scheduled Caste category. Since 2012 Parmar has been serving as the MLA from the Danilimda constituency and was re-elected in 2017. He was presented the "Best MLA" award by Gujarat Vidhan Sabha in 2016 as well as in 2022.

Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar has been serving as an MLA for two terms and his hard work and dedication towards the well-being of the citizens have earned him a noteworthy following among the masses. Parmar is regarded as a leader who is accountable and accessible to the people and is actively involved in addressing their grievances and concerns.

### CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY PRECEDING THE ELECTION OF THE MLA

Danilimda constituency is in the eastern part of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India. It is considered one of the most compactly populated regions

in the city with a considerable minority population. Before Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar was elected, the constituency faced several issues such as poor infrastructure, inadequate sanitation facilities, lack of access to healthcare, and an accelerated crime rate. The area was severely underdeveloped, and there was dissatisfaction among the residents due to the lack of attention and resources provided by the previous MLAs. The situation was further complicated by the communal tensions that existed in the area. There were instances of communal clashes in the past where the minority community felt marginalized and neglected by the government. The lack of development and opportunities also led to extreme unemployment, adding to the dissatisfaction among the residents.

### INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA

After Shailesh Parmar took office, he initiated several good governance practices that brought significant improvements to the





area. One of his most significant initiatives was the establishment of a community center for the elderly, which provided healthcare, counselling, and recreational services. The center helped in improving the physical and mental health of the elderly population and provided them with a space to socialize and engage with others.

Another initiative of Shailesh Parmar was the setting up of a sewing and stitching training center for women. The center helped women acquire skills and become self-sufficient, leading to a significant improvement in their economic conditions. The women were also given access to small loans to start their businesses, which helped in creating more job opportunities.

Shailesh Parmar also focused on improving the quality of education in the area by setting up computer labs, libraries, and science centers in local schools. Additionally, he initiated a scholarship program for underprivileged students to help them pursue higher education.

One of Shailesh Parmar's most prominent initiatives was the installation of water purifiers in public places, which aided in providing clean drinking water to the residents. This initiative helped reduce the cases of water-borne diseases in the region and ensured that people have access to safe drinking water.

### **OBSTACLES THE MLA CONFRONTED AND OVERCAME**

Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar as the MLA of Danilimda constituency had to face several obstacles that included communal tensions, resistance from local officials, lack of financial resources and lack of awareness among members of the community. To overcome the lack of financial resources he asked for funding from sources such as CSR funds and donations. He engaged with residents of different communities to promote peace and unity and reduce communal tensions in Danilimda.

He stressed the importance of involvement of the community and local officials in the decision-making process which helped him navigate bureaucratic hurdles and resistance from local officials. This aided in building a strong partnership between the government and the community. He addressed the lack of awareness in his constituency by organizing awareness campaigns and engaging with the community to educate them about their duties, responsibilities, and rights. Despite facing these obstacles, Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar was able to bring about change and development in Danilimda constituency.

### **HOW COMMUNITY BENEFITTED POST INITIATION OF CHANGE**

Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar has shown a strong sense of commitment to the development and improvement of the local community of Danilimda. He has focused on a wide range of areas including healthcare, education, social and economic development, women empowerment, infrastructure



development, environment conservation and sanitation. Parmar has enabled better connectivity and access to necessities like water and electricity, by improving infrastructure, such as the construction of Danilimda flyover, which has significantly improved connectivity between Danilimda and other parts of the region. His work in education has improved the quality of education for students and his efforts in healthcare have made medical care more accessible to the residents. His initiatives in social and economic development like the Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavlamban Yojana, which provides financial aid to unemployed youth have created opportunities for residents to improve their employability by starting their own businesses.

Additionally, Parmar's efforts in women empowerment have aimed to create a more equitable society empowering the women of today. His initiatives in environment conservation and sanitation, such as tree plantation drives have aimed to create a cleaner and a more sustainable community for the future. Overall Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar's initiatives clearly demonstrate the commitment he has for improving the quality of lives for the residents of Danilimda constituency and creating a more equitable and sustainable community.

#### **HOW THIS HAS IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar's efforts towards accountability, transparency and civic participation in governance has significantly contributed in improving the confidence of people in their elected representatives. Parmar has proved that he values the input and concerns of the people that he represents by establishing a grievance redressal system, setting up committees and forums and involving residents in the decision-making process. This has helped in creating a sense of trust between the elected representative and the people of Danilimda constituency. Additionally, his efforts towards disaster management have also aided in improving the safety and security of the residents in his constituency which has significantly contributed to their confidence in Parmar's leadership. Parmar has demonstrated that he is proactive in addressing issues that could affect the well-being of his constituents by

organising training programs and improving infrastructure.

Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar has demonstrated that he is committed to ensuring that the government is accountable to the people by publishing information on government spending and activities and encouraging residents to participate in local government meetings. Parmar's emphasis on accountability and transparency in governance has helped in building the trust between the government and the people that it serves. This has helped in improving people's confidence in their elected representatives by demonstrating that they are working for the people and hence are willing to be transparent about all their actions.

#### **HONOURS AND SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS OF MLA**

- Best MLA Award: The Gujarat Vidhan Sabha awarded the Best MLA Award to Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar in 2016 and 2022 for his contributions to the development of his constituency.
- Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: Danilimda constituency was declared open defecation free (ODF) in 2017 as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan under Parmar's leadership.
- Best Legislator Award: Gujarat State Legal Services Authority in 2020, awarded the Best Legislator Award to the MLA for his contributions towards providing legal aid and access to justice to the people of his constituency.

#### **NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY MLA**

1. Infrastructure Development - Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar has been instrumental in the development of many new roads, bridges, and other transport facilities in Danilimda. The construction of Danilimda Junction improved the connection between Danilimda and other areas. Parmar is also working to improve electricity and water supply in the region.
2. Education - Parmar has taken many initiatives to improve the quality of education in Danilimda. To provide better education to students. He built new schools and improved the infrastructure of the existing schools. Parmar also organises many training workshops for teachers to improve their teaching methods.
3. Social and Economic Development - Many



programmes have been started by Parmar which are aimed at improving the social and economic conditions of the local population. He founded the Mukhyamantri Yuva Swavalamban Yojana to provide financial assistance to unemployed youth to start their own businesses. Parmar has also initiated skill development and training programmes to increase the employability of the local population.

4. Women's Empowerment - Parmar has implemented many measures for the promotion of women's empowerment in Danilimda. He founded women, self-help groups and provided them with financial assistance to start small businesses. He also organises awareness campaigns to educate women about the rights and help them become active members of the society.
5. Environment Conservation - Parmar has taken several measures to promote the protection of the environment in the constituency. He organised several tree-plantation drives and encouraged citizens to adopt sustainable practises such as waste, segregation and rainwater harvesting. Parmar is also working to clean up and improve the water quality in the area.

Overall Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar, during his tenure in Danilimda constituency has improved the living conditions of the residents, his efforts in infrastructure, health, social and economic development, education, and women. Empowerment has had a positive impact on the lives of the citizens of his constituency.

#### TAKEAWAYS

As an MLA, Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar name and states qualities such as commitment to public service concern for education, interest in sports as well as focus on development. He has been instrumental in completing several noteworthy projects in the Danilimda constituency, including constructing public toilets, building, a community hall, improving roads, and drainage systems and installing streetlights building a sports complex, distributing laptops to students. These initiatives have improved the standard of living for the people of his constituency and reflect his dedication to people's service and his belief in the power of infrastructure and education in uplifting

communities. Overall, Shailesh Manharbhai Parmar appears to be a compassionate and conscientious leader who is dedicated to the welfare of his constituents.

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**DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD KHAN**  
Kadwa, Katihar, Bihar

**INTRODUCTION**

Dr. Shakeel Ahmad Khan (born 1 January 1965) is a member of the 16th assembly of Bihar state in India. He is a National secretary of the Indian National Congress (INC). Shakeel Ahmad Khan was born in Kabar Kothi village of Katihar district in Bihar. He got his early education at his native village. He did his graduation from Patna University. However, he moved to Delhi to pursue higher studies. He continued his education at Jawaharlal Nehru University from where he obtained M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D.

Shakeel Ahmad Khan was first elected as MLA in 2015 from Kadwa assembly seat in Katihar district, Bihar. He defeated his close contestant Chandra Bhushan Thakur from Bhartiya Janata Party with a margin of 5,799 votes. Shakeel Ahmad Khan got 56,141 votes, while his opponent managed only 50,342 votes. Kadwa is one of the 243 legislative assembly constituencies of Bihar. It is in the Katihar district of the state. As per the implementation of the recommendations of the Delimitation Commission of India, the Dandkhora and Kadwa community development blocks are covered by the Kadwa assembly segment.

Congress MLA Shakeel Ahmed took the oath in Sanskrit instead of Urdu. All members of the Assembly welcomed this move by Dr. Shakeel Ahmed

**ABOUT THE CONSTITUENCY**

Kadwa Assembly constituency is an assembly



constituency in Katihar district in Bihar. Katihar's best village is Sonaili. As per Delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies Order, 2008, No 64. Kadwa Assembly constituency is composed of the following: Kadwa and Dandkhora community development blocks. Kadwa Assembly constituency is part of No 11 Katihar (Lok Sabha constituency). As per the estimate of 2011 census, out of a total 414957 population, 100% is rural and 0% is urban population. The Scheduled castes (SC) and Scheduled tribes (ST) ratio are 8.33 and 4.41, respectively, out of the total population. As per the voter list of 2022, there are 287712 electorates and 285 polling stations in this constituency. Voter turnout was 66.63% in 2019 Lok Sabha elections, whereas it was 60.31% in 2020 assembly election. The INC and the JD(U) got 42% and 18.73% votes, respectively, in 2020 assembly election, while The INC and the JD(U) got 41.17% and 53.58% in 2019 parliamentary election, respectively.





## CONTRIBUTION TO KADWA

He has implemented many projects here (Kadwa constituency). 350 roads were made. Many projects which fix the issues made by floods are underway. The reason of backwardness is two. 1) It is backward because there is no solid focus on the area. It is completely a rural area. 2) It is surrounded by rivers Kosi, Ganga, and Mahananda, compounding the problems. He has been able to address the grassroot problems of education and unemployment in the constituency. To that extent, he has been able to revive many of sick industrial units in Katihar District, of which his constituency is a part. Khan has been able to tackle the problems of flood effectively, with the help of local population.

He is popularly referred to as People's MLA

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### INTRODUCTION

Siddharth Anil Shirole is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and first time Member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly representing the Shivajinagar Vidhansabha Constituency from Pune. He is the son of Anil Shirole, the former Member of Parliament of Lok Sabha from Pune. Professionally, he heads the Parichay Group of Hotels and Restaurants, which owns restaurant Shabree, Hotel Parichay, Sharvaree Restaurant and Zaika Spice Ice-cream.

### CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Shivajinagar Assembly constituency is one of the twenty-one constituencies of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly located in Pune district and one of eight in Pune City.

It is a segment of the Pune (Lok Sabha constituency) along with five other assembly constituencies, viz Kasba Peth, Parvati, Pune Cantonment (SC), Kothrud, Vadgaon Sheri from Pune.

### INITIATIVES

Mr. Siddharth Shirole has been representing this constituency since 2019. During this period, he got an opportunity to resolve the developmental issues in the constituency. The developmental works undertaken in his leadership in the constituency are:

- Started an initiative named 'MLA at your doorsteps' with an aim to understand and address the grievances of the residents of the constituency. Its outcome is better

governance and service to the community.

- Efforts for improving the health infrastructure such as for neo-natal and infant care, free health checkups in the constituency for critical diseases such as cancer, heart ailments, dialysis etc.
- Organization of Open Forum meetings to address the civic infrastructure concerns of the citizens in the presence of municipal officials.
- Organizing the weekly markets in attempt to supply vegetables and other food items at reasonable rate. This is beneficial for both farmers and citizens.
- Contributed to Swachha Bharat Abhiyan by way of taking part in distribution of Solid Waste Collection trucks for better waste management.
- Developing Open gym and Development of Rokdoba Temple area from MLA Development fund.
- Distribution of latest computers to State





Secret Information services.

- He has taken consistent follow up for better waste management infrastructure in his constituency and installed new drainage pipelines in the constituency.
- Striving for better implementation of smart city through development of footpaths, bicycle tracks, road etc.

There has been consistent development works undertaken by MLA. Siddharth Shirole in his constituency which has contributed to overall development of the constituency.

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## INTRODUCTION

Sinthanai Selvan was born as a fifth son to the Mahimainathan - Seyamary in 1965 in Rishivandiyam, near Kallakurichi district, Tamil Nadu. He graduated as an engineer in Vellore Periyar Engineering College. In the late 80's, he joined as an engineer in the Neyveli lignite corporation.

He was very much interested in reading books that paved the way for him to read Ambedkar Marx and Periyar Ayothidasar in his early years which made him enter political life later. He was inspired by the teachings of Budhha's and Ayothidasar.

Sinthanai Selvan's political journey began 30 years before in Neyveli when he organised the labourers and protested for their rights. In the Cuddalore and Neyveli areas, he engineered an influential socio-cultural and political movement named 'Vergal (Roots)'. It is at this point, he actively engaged himself into the social life. The meeting with Thol. Thirumavalavan (Founder, Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi - VCK) in Neyveli changed his political Journey. He then officially allied VCK in Neyveli and organised a mass gathering on the day of the Tsundur warriors to commemorate the anti-caste struggle. He then organised many public meetings, rallies against the caste atrocities and dedicated his life for the upliftment of the oppressed people. He was appointed as the General Secretary of the party.

To compete for the state legislature election in 2006, he left his work as an NLC engineer. He contested three times in the state assembly and lost. In 2022 for the fourth time, he stood in the State Assembly election and was elected as the Legislative member from Kaatumannarkoil, Cuddalore district.

### His Major Contributions:

Our Assembly member Hon. Sinthanai Selvan had addressed and raised important discussions in the Tamil Nadu assembly and in the recent budget session 2023.

One important demand he proposed was a raise in wage for rural sanitary workers. Based on this demand, the state government announced an increase in worker wages to Rs 5,000 per month from the current Rs 3,600.

Sinthanai Selvan, in his debut Budget, raised a concern to build a memorial in the name of a prominent Tamil anti-caste activist and the Forerunner of Dravidianism - Pandithar

lyothee Thassar, as a symbol of his contribution towards Tamil culture, language and society. This was approved by the Hon'ble Tamilnadu CM by 110 legislative law and now it has been under construction.

In the same way, Commemorating the centenary of the Great Leader Ilayaperumal, Sinthanai Selvan demanded for a memorial hall in his name. Leader Ilayaperumal is an important figure in the anti-caste politics of Tamilnadu who dedicated his life for the upliftment of depressed class. This demand was now implemented by the Tamil Nadu government under the Legislative Law of 110 in the 2023 budget session.

Sinthanai Selvan brought up the issue of separate crematoriums in rural villages, which has been a source of obvious discrimination in this century. To eradicate such discriminatory practices, he suggested the establishment of an egalitarian crematorium, which was later approved and incorporated under the rural development department.

Special Act Legislation for sub-plan for SC/ST population has been announced in this 2023 budget session which is a long demand from Sinthanaiselvan.

To set up the Tamil Nadu State SC/ST Commission was a long-standing demand of several SC/ST human rights activists and got established after enormous struggle. Sinthanai Selvan along with his party members Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) played a crucial role by raising this demand in the TN assembly).

Tamil Nadu government will amend the Transparency in Tenders Act to implement its decision (announced in the budget 2022) to reserve 5% of all divisible procurement by the government and its agencies for Tamil Nadu-based entrepreneurs belonging to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes which was also demanded in tn assembly.



He also demanded and questioned the lack and poor infrastructure in SC ST hostels. This led to the announcement of the construction of M C Raja Student Hostel in 7500 square feet at a cost of Rs 45 crore.

In this session, the Tamil Nadu government passed a separate resolution to include the Adi Dravida people who embraced Christianity in the SC list. This demand was raised by Sinthanai Selvan in the last two budget sessions, also addressed in the budget speech which made this into an historical move.

To enhance public participation in creating and maintaining community infrastructures, the Government had launched Namakku Naame Thittam. In this plan, he emphasised the demand that SC/ST Habitats should be reduced from 3-thirds to 1-5th. This has been implemented by the Tamilnadu government and G.O. has been passed.

He addressed the issue of the setting up of a special commission for retired constables in the Legislative Assembly, which the Tamil Nadu government implemented.

Sinthanai Selvan raised the issue of unfilled SC/ST vacancies in government jobs and requested the government to fill them within a year, to which the government answered by declaring that the vacancies would be filled as promptly as possible.

The government declared April 14, Dr. Ambedkar's birthday, an equality day in acknowledgment of Sinthanai Selvan's voice in the legislative assembly and his party's long-standing request.

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## INTRODUCTION

### Early Life

**S S Balaji** hails from an economically weak family belonging to the most backward class. Despite their financial struggles, his father made a significant effort to provide him with education in a Christian convent in Chennai. Balaji's early exposure to politics began during his school years, as he frequently accompanied his father, who held a position in the Dravidian political party DMK, to various political events. Balaji excelled academically and secured admission to an engineering program based on his merit. He successfully completed his bachelor's degree in civil engineering with distinction. Later, driven by his passion for law, he pursued legal studies and obtained a postgraduate degree in law.

### Political Career:

Having been exposed to politics at a young age, Balaji developed a keen interest in national political events. During his college years, he organized students from various colleges in Tamil Nadu under the banner of the INTER COLLEGE STUDENTS' FORUM. It was during this time that he developed a close association with Ezhuchi Tamizhar Thol Thirumavalavan, the Founder-President of the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) party. Thirumavalavan resided near Balaji's home and father's office, and they frequently engaged in political discussions when Thirumavalavan visited Balaji's father's office.

Although Thirumavalavan had previously led the Dalit Panthers of India (DPI), he later established his own non-electoral organization called VCK, which consisted entirely of Dalit members. At one point, Thirumavalavan transformed VCK into an electoral party and called upon democratic forces to join, transcending communal divisions. In 2009, Balaji joined VCK and subsequently served as the State Deputy Propaganda Secretary. He contested the assembly elections in 2011 and 2016 as part of the DMK alliance and the People's Welfare Front, respectively, although both attempts were unsuccessful. Additionally, Balaji was promoted to the position of State Deputy General Secretary within the party. He played a crucial role in organizing various conferences, meetings, demonstrations, and other events for the party. Balaji remains actively involved in the party's organizational activities, frequently traveling across the state

and occasionally beyond its borders to support the party and advocate for the people's interests.

### Initiatives:

During Balaji's tenure, coinciding with the second wave of the Covid pandemic, there was a critical need for oxygen concentrators. Through his connections, he organized the procurement of 25 oxygen concentrators sponsored by The Association of Doctors of Indian origin in Florida, USA, and an additional 15 from the Brotherhood association. He also secured 1.5 crores from the CSR fund of the Madras Atomic Power Station. Balaji took proactive measures to ensure essential commodities such as vegetables, rice, and wheat reached people's doorsteps at subsidized costs during the pandemic.

He remains dedicated to addressing the daily needs of the people and meets with them regularly at his office, actively listening and attending to their concerns. Balaji is easily accessible both in person and through various communication channels like social media and WhatsApp, promptly responding to grievances expressed on these platforms.

**Initiative I:** Balaji tackled the long-standing issue of neglected roads connecting villages populated by impoverished and marginalized communities. He discovered that the problem lay with negligent officials in the road department who failed to seek permission from the forest department. He coordinated with officials from all relevant departments, brought the matter to the attention of the chief minister, and advocated for these roads in the Legislative Assembly. As a result, many roads have obtained permission for construction, some have already been completed, funds have been allocated for others, and the remaining roads will soon be laid.

**Initiative II:** Balaji passionately advocated for



electricity connections for marginalized individuals living in grazing lands (Meikaal). His efforts in the Legislative Assembly led the government to assure that the issue would be resolved soon.

**Initiative III:** Balaji tackled the problem of illegal dumping and improper handling of solid and liquid waste in the constituency. Through continuous efforts and persistent follow-up, he succeeded in restoring the Thazhambur Lake and transforming acres of land, previously used as a waste dumping yard, into a beautiful garden that now serves as a habitat for birds and animals.

**Initiative IV:** A longstanding demand from both the constituency and visitors to the renowned Mamallapuram monumental site was the lack of a well-built bus terminus. Balaji addressed this concern by submitting a cut motion during assembly activities, resulting in the government allocating 50 crores to build a modern bus terminus in Mamallapuram.

**Initiative V:** In his debut speech in the Tamil Nadu Assembly, Balaji demanded reservation for SC-ST communities in government contracts, leases, and procurements. As a result of his advocacy, the government enacted legislation providing 15% reservation for SC-ST communities in government procurements.

**Initiative VI:** Balaji advocated for the expansion of a state government scheme that provided three-wheeled motorcycles to physically challenged individuals with disabilities on both limbs. He successfully persuaded the government to extend the scheme to include those with disabilities on a single limb.

**Initiative VII:** Despite obtaining only a small portion of votes from the coastal belt, Balaji has tirelessly championed the cause of fishermen. His efforts resulted in the allocation of 65 crores for shore protection structures in 2021-2022 and an additional 25 crores in 2023-2024.

**Initiative VIII:** Addressing a longstanding demand from religious individuals visiting the revered Lord Shiva Temple, Arulmigu Vedagireeswarar Temple in Thirukazkundram, Balaji pursued the establishment of a Rope Car facility. A feasibility study has been conducted, showing positive results, and the government has allocated funds for the implementation of the Rope Car.

## THE MOST NOTABLE PERFORMANCES AS MLA

**Initiative IX:** Following the guidance and instructions of his party leader, Ezhuchi Tamizhar Dr. Thol. Thirumaavalavan, Balaji, along with his colleague Sinthanai Selvan MLA, visited Telangana to study the welfare measures implemented in that state. They specifically examined the impact of schemes like Dalit Bandhu and Rythu Bandhu. Upon their return, Balaji submitted a comprehensive report to the Government of Tamil Nadu based on their findings. The report strongly emphasized the need for legislation to implement and monitor SC/ST Sub Plan Schemes. Consequently, during the recently concluded budget session, the Tamil Nadu Government announced its intention to introduce legislation for the regulation, implementation, and monitoring of SC/ST Sub Plan Schemes in the next session of the State Assembly.

**Initiative X.** In an endeavour to uplift underprivileged youth and provide them with employment opportunities, Balaji established a centre in his constituency. This centre operates in association with the reputable and successful Thiruma Payilagam. It offers coaching and training to youth preparing for competitive exams such as UPSC and TNPSC.

**Initiative XI:** The MLA office runs an e-Seva Centre that provides online services for obtaining government certificates and documents free of charge.

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## INTRODUCTION

Subhash Deshmukh is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Deshmukh has held numerous political posts and contributed to public service. As a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), he represented the Solapur district in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. He was elected to the Pandharpur constituency in the state assembly. Deshmukh has been involved in legislative procedures and has sought to solve the issues and concerns of his constituents during his stint as an MLA.

## DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY

South Solapur is in the Solapur district, flanked by the districts of Sangli and Osmanabad. The region includes both urban and rural areas, with Solapur serving as the principal urban centre. In Maharashtra, Solapur, including South Solapur, is an important business and industrial hub. The city's economy is broad, with textiles, handlooms, sugar mills, steel, and agriculture all contributing to its rise. The textile sector in the region is well-known, particularly for the manufacture of cotton fabrics and apparel.

The scenery in South Solapur is primarily agricultural. Cotton, jowar (sorghum), bajra (pearl millet), pulses, and oilseeds are among the crops grown in the region. Agriculture is important for the rural community of South Solapur's livelihood. Solapur, including its southern section, has several tourist sites. The historic Solapur Fort, Siddheshwar Temple, Bhuikot Fort, Akkalkot Swami Samarth Maharaj Temple, and Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary are all famous sites to visit in and near Solapur. Solapur is easily accessible by road, rail, and air. The city has a railway station that is part of the Central Railway network, which connects it to key cities in Maharashtra and India. Domestic flights are available from Solapur Airport.

## CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY

### PRECEDING THE ELECTION OF THE MLA

South Solapur had a mix of urban and rural areas prior to Subhash Deshmukh's political career, with a sizeable population working in agriculture and the tourism industry. Basic infrastructure was there, including roads and medical facilities. The constituency did suffer some difficulties, though. Solapur had a high unemployment rate and a sizable proportion

of the population worked in the low-wage tourism sector. Additionally, there was little industrial development in the region, which left locals with few employment options. Although there was a foundational infrastructure, such as roads and hospitals, it was frequently insufficient and needed improvement. The region's governance had difficulties due to a lack of accountability and openness in the government. There was a lot of room for improvement in various areas.

### INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA

**Water Resource Management:** Politicians frequently focus on efforts linked to water conservation, reservoir construction, irrigation projects, and boosting community access to safe drinking water.

Promoting skill development and vocational training programmes to increase employability and provide adolescents with applicable skills for a variety of sectors.

Initiatives aiming at enhancing digital connectivity and fostering digital literacy, such as building internet access points, facilitating technology training, and bridging the digital gap in rural areas, are examples of digital connectivity initiatives.

**Women's Empowerment:** Promoting gender equality and empowering women through initiatives such as financial assistance for female entrepreneurs, women's self-help organisations, and anti-gender-based violence efforts.

Sports initiatives, cultural events, career counselling, and young leadership development programmes are examples of youth engagement and development programmes.

**Infrastructure for Economic Growth:** Developing industrial zones, logistics parks, and providing critical infrastructure for economic growth to attract investments, boost industries, and improve the business



environment.

Heritage and tourism development entails preserving and promoting cultural heritage places, creating tourist infrastructure, and launching programmes to enhance tourism for economic development and local job creation.

Advocating for social justice concerns, providing equal rights and opportunities for marginalised communities, and striving towards inclusive growth are all examples of social justice and equality.

### NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS COMPLETED BY MLA

Lokmangal Group was founded and is led by him. Even though Solapur is traditionally the Congress fort, Subhash Deshmukh is developing as a capable leader. He is more of a social worker than a politician, and he prefers to be known as such in his constituency. With the help of his activist friends, he has launched a slew of social service initiatives under the name of Lokmangal, which has grown like a big banyan tree in and around Solapur over the years. His numerous institutions have been the backbone of Solapur's social, educational, and industrial infrastructure.

### LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF THE MLA

**Strategic Networking:** Effective leaders are frequently adept at establishing and maintaining networks of relationships. They build relationships with important stakeholders, community leaders, and other prominent people to collaborate, gain support, and create positive change.

**Accountability:** A powerful leader accepts accountability for their actions and decisions. They hold themselves accountable for their pledges, commitments, and leadership outcomes, exhibiting transparency and a willingness to learn from failures.

**Problem-Solving Ability:** Strong problem-solving talents are required of leaders. They analyse complicated challenges, discover underlying causes, and devise novel methods to address them, frequently engaging stakeholders, and specialists.

**Respected and Trusted:** A leader earns their people' respect and trust via consistent conduct, integrity, and the capacity to deliver on promises. Their track record and reputation both contribute to their leadership effectiveness.

**Political Acuity:** Successful politicians

frequently display political acuity. They grasp the political landscape, how to manage political processes, and how to use their influence to serve the interests of their constituents.

**Visionary Thinking:** Visionary leaders anticipate future difficulties and possibilities. They look beyond immediate problems to build long-term plans and strategies that match with their people' shifting needs and aspirations.

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### INTRODUCTION

Sudesh Mahto represents Silli Constituency of Ranchi, who was the former Deputy Chief Minister of Jharkhand. He won the first assembly election in 2000 when he was aged 25.

On the formation of Jharkhand, he was inducted as Road Constructions Minister. He took over as Deputy Chief Minister of Jharkhand state on 29 December 2009. In 2019, he became M.L.A. of Silli.

Mahto represented the Silli Vidhan Sabha constituency in the legislative assembly of Jharkhand for three consecutive terms, being elected in 2000, 2005 and 2009. He is considered as youth energetic leader in the state and is known to his supporters as Boss.

### ABOUT CONSTITUENCY

According to the 2011 Census of India, Silli CD block had a total population of 113,798, of which 101,054 were rural and 12,744 were urban. There were 58,087 (51%) males and 55,711 (49%) females. Population in the age range 0–6 years was 15,320. Scheduled Castes numbered 6,555 (5.76%) and Scheduled Tribes numbered 28,292 (24.86%).

As of 2011 census, the total number of literate persons in Silli CD block was 72,611 (73.73% of the population over 6 years) out of which males numbered 43,018 (85.57% of the male population over 6 years) and females numbered 29,593 (61.39% of the female population over 6 years). The gender disparity (the difference between female and male



literacy rates) was 24.18%.

In Silli CD block in 2011, amongst the class of total workers, cultivators numbered 21,059 and formed 38.78%, agricultural labourers numbered 19,705 and formed 36.29%, household industry workers numbered 2,059 and formed 3.79% and other workers numbered 11,480 and formed 21.14%. Total workers numbered 54,303 and formed 47.72% of the total population, and non-workers numbered 59,495 and formed 52.28% of the population.

In Ranchi district, 23% of the total area is covered with forests. "With the gradual deforestation of the district, more and more land are being brought under cultivation." Terraced lowlands are called don and the uplands are called tanr. The hill streams remain almost dry, except in the rainy season, and does not offer much scope for irrigation.

In Silli CD block, 24.34% of the total area was cultivable, in 2011. Out of this, 4.81% was irrigated land.





## MAJOR WORK

To preserve the identity and history of Jharkhand, Mahto announced plans to build a statue of Birsa Munda, which will be known as Statue of Ulgulan and a statue of social reformer from Koyalanchal, Jharkhand movement leader Binod Bihari Mahato, which will be known as Statue of Revolution, but both couldn't be finalized till now. Sudesh Mahto is a sports person and regularly plays football.

He runs Birsa Munda Archery Academy in Silli which received the President Award in 2016 and has got a Silver medal winning player in Asiad Olympics for India, Madhumita Kumari.

He has also conducted several camps for the youth for awareness and employability. On the medical awareness front, Sudesh Kumar Mahato has held camps on Cancer awareness and prevention.

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## INTRODUCTION

P. P. Sumod is from Aloor, Palakkad, and currently represents the Tharur constituency as an MLA. He was born on May 25, 1983, to Krishnankutti and Lakshmi. Sumod received his initial political education from his father, who was a trade union leader. The sufferings and struggles of the poor are not just a campaign visual for Sumod; in fact, his lower-middle-class background has played a vital role in shaping his political views. His decision to pursue higher education, despite facing financial difficulties, was another significant factor in his life, leading him to become actively involved in politics. He is married to Dhanya and has two children, Ithihas and Manas.

## POLITICAL CAREER

Sumod started his political journey with SFI (Student Federation of India) and served as the state committee member of SFI for four years (2008-2012). After higher studies he then started working with DYFI. He was also serving as the district president of DYFI during his nomination for candidature. Although the 2021 election marked his first entry into a legislative election, Sumod had prior experience holding parliamentary positions during his student years, serving as the University Union Council Member in 2004, and later as the Palakkad district executive member of the Calicut University Union in 2005. In the 2005 legislative election he contested from Thirur constituency and won

by a margin of 24531 against K A Sheeba of UDF. At present, apart from his legislative position, he is also district committee member of CPI(M), state committee member of PKS and Senet committee member of CUSAT and Calicut University.

## INITIATIVES AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

### 1.1 Swim Tharur

Sumod has been serving as an MLA based on the policy that the mental and physical health of the people and their better lifestyle are the responsibility of the elected representative and as important as any other development activity. This has led to his innovative idea of the Swim Tharur programme, which teaches swimming. The programme operates in association with panchayat bodies. In every panchayath, one natural pool that is in good condition, and without many risk factors will be identified, where the selected experts will give proper training. The programme has been running successfully for the last one and





a half years, through which many have learned to swim. He has introduced the programme to decrease the number of drowning and death incidents, which he has been witnessing for so long. Whoever registered for the programme can go to the selected pool in their area in the given time, and the coach guides them.

### 1.2 Healthy Tharur

Healthy Tharur is another initiative envisaged by Sumod, which puts the health and good lifestyle of the people at the forefront. Realising and recognising different lifestyle issues, especially in the post-pandemic condition, he has decided to introduce something that can save people. Healthy Tharur operates in a similar way to Swim Tharur, for which the cooperation of the Panchayath is essential. The registered people can reach the selected ground in the Panchayath from where they are instructed to do stretching, body weight exercises, running, and games, and so on.

### 1.3 Iniyenth? (What's next?)

Iniyenth is yet another initiative of Sumod that focuses on higher education. Giving some kind of appreciation to the students with good marks in board exams may motivate others to do so. But Sumod, thinking that it wouldn't make any significant change in their future careers, introduced this programme, where he collaborates with Collector and, as part of it, provides career guidance classes for students. The programme intends to provide proper guidance for the students who are planning to join college. As a continuation of the same programme, he is also planning to launch a new academy by the end of 2023 with the title Thirur Academy. The plan is to provide proper

career guidance for the students as well as competitive exam coaching and entrance exam coaching.

### 1.4 Samrudhi

Samrudhi is an initiative to ensure the wellbeing of the farmers, as part of which the team led by the MLA goes to nearby states and gets farm equipment at a lower price. The team called Padasekhara samithi in every Panchayath identifies the farmers who need such equipment during farming and harvesting. The distribution of the equipment among them on a rental basis is done following the requirement list provided by the Padasekhara Samithi.

Apart from the newly introduced plans and initiatives, the follow up of the existing programmes initiated by the previous MLA is important to Sumod. Thus, he also focuses on the initiatives of A. K. Balan, who was the MLA for the same constituency for two consecutive terms. He is also following up on bridge construction and road development, which were introduced before he became MLA.



**INTRODUCTION**

Sunanda Das has held the position of a Member of Legislative Assembly for Bari, Odisha, starting from 2019. She made history by becoming the first female MLA in Jajpur district. Furthermore, she became a part of the Biju Janata Dal party shortly before the elections.

Smt. Das was greatly disturbed by the insufficient availability of high-quality healthcare services in her village, particularly for individuals who were impoverished or socially excluded. With a strong resolve to bring about change, she resolved to seek political office and ultimately won the election to become the Member of the Legislative Assembly for her constituency. She has also exhibited religious pluralism by involving herself in the social initiatives catered by members of other faiths.

She had a strong dedication to enhancing the standard of living of the people she represented. She realized that a considerable number of families in her village depended on agriculture for their livelihood, but they encountered several obstacles such as inadequate soil quality, insufficient access to modern agricultural methods and equipment, and unstable market prices for their crops. Smt. Das collaborated with local farmers to tackle these issues, offering education and materials to enhance their farming techniques and linking them with markets where they could sell their produce at just prices. Smt. Sunanda Das has been instrumental in initiating the renovation of two significant irrigation channels in Jajpur district, which will enhance irrigation coverage in Bari. The Water Resources Department's drainage division has started the preparatory work for both Akhua Nullah and Medua Nullah, which are located in Bari constituency within the district. This project is essential because the non-availability of water has made it impossible to cultivate hundreds of acres of land, and Sunanda Das has championed this cause.

**Constituency Overview**

Bari Assembly Constituency is in the coastal region of Odisha and is a part of Jajpur District. The seat is Unreserved. It falls under the Bari-Ramchandrapur Block. Smt. Sunanda Das has secured this seat after winning the 2019 Odisha Assembly Elections as a BJD candidate against tough competition from



Biswaranjan Mallick, who contested for the BJP. The recorded voter turnout was 70.60%. Moreover, this seat is won by a female candidate for the first time ever in 2019 Assembly Elections. She succeeded Debasis Nayak of BJD who had won this seat in the 2014 Odisha State Assembly elections. Table-1 represents the tabulated information of the Bari Constituency.

**Initiatives**

In the year 2022-23, a project was initiated to enhance the Indupur-Golkund road situated in Bari Constituency. During the foundation laying ceremony for this project, which was held in Gomu, in the presence of Department Engineer and Associate Engineer, along with other dignitaries, to mark the auspicious inauguration of the project. The project aims to improve the condition of the road, which will benefit the people who travel on it and facilitate the movement of goods and services. The ceremony marks the beginning of the construction phase of the project, which is expected to take a considerable amount of time and resources to complete

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Smt. Das received information about a long-term solution for the river embankments in



Bhaura Panchayat and Chhattisdebili Panchayat under Bari Constituency areas that would involve increasing their height. Upon receiving this information, Smt. Das took prompt action by visiting the local community and relevant officials to ensure that the embankments are repaired without delay. Smt. Das's quick response indicates that she is committed to preventing any potential damage to the embankments and the surrounding areas and is willing to take proactive measures to address any issues that arise

Smt. Das made a trip to Erbank and Rudrapur panchayats in Jajpur block to assess the progress of various development works in the area. During her visit, she conducted a field inspection to gain a better understanding of the projects. Smt. Das also held talks with the water resources department's engineer to explore the possibility of constructing a check dam that could be used to irrigate the farmland of the local farmers. This initiative may lead to increased agricultural productivity, benefiting the farmers and boosting the area's overall economic growth

Smt. Das, along with R&B departmental officers, conducted an on-site assessment of the Balichandrapur Highway Via Benipur-Ratangiri to Bari-Dargha Road in Bari block. The purpose of this project is to expand the width of the road to mitigate the impact of natural calamities, such as floods and cyclones, that may cause disruptions to transportation. The project aims to provide a long-term solution to the issue of traffic congestion and reduce the inconvenience faced by commuters during such times. This initiative demonstrates the government's commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of its citizens

MEWA (Muslim Education and Welfare Association) organized an event to mark the opening of the library in Brahmabarda Panchayat in Rasulpur Block under Bari Constituency. The library is a new addition to the community and is likely to provide valuable educational resources to local residents. The opening event was a celebratory occasion, and it is possible that speeches were given, or special guests were invited to attend. The opening of this new library is a positive development for the community and demonstrates MEWA's commitment to promoting education and

welfare in the area (refer Picture-5).

The Mother Church of Swamykhand Panchayat organized a distribution event for sarees and winter clothing, and Smt. Das joined the community in this initiative. The distribution of sarees and winter clothes is expected to provide significant relief to residents during the cold winter months. Smt. Das's participation in the event demonstrates her support for the community and her dedication to their well-being. As a public figure, her participation can serve as a positive influence on the community and encourage others to take part in similar initiatives. Overall, this event is an excellent example of community support and solidarity, and it highlights the importance of working together to help those in need

### Conclusion

Smt. Sunanda Das has been a proactive and dedicated leader in her constituency of Bari, working tirelessly to enhance the welfare and development of the local community. She has implemented various initiatives, including overseeing the repair of river embankments, promoting education by establishing new libraries, and participating in community events to distribute relief materials, indicating a deep understanding of the needs and concerns of her constituents. Sunanda's unwavering commitment to improving the area's infrastructure and quality of life is commendable, and her efforts have made a positive impact on many lives. In summary, Sunanda Das's contributions to Bari exemplify her leadership and commitment to public service.





**INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Sunil Kamble is MLA of Pune Cantonment constituency. In the 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election, he was chosen to represent Pune Cantonment in that body as a Bharatiya Janata Party candidate. He has held the position of incumbent Corporator in the Pune Municipal Corporation since 1992. He is renowned for his social activities and straightforward manner. In March 2019, he was also chosen to serve as PMC's Standing Committee Chairperson. He is Dilip Kamble's younger brother, a former BJP minister. He was born into extreme poverty and became a mass leader at a very young age. He got his start in social life as a teenage ABVP activist.

**CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW**

Pune Cantonment Assembly constituency is one of the twenty-one constituencies of Maharashtra Vidhan Sabha located in the Pune district and one of eight in Pune City.

It is a part of the Pune (Lok Sabha constituency) along with five other assembly constituencies, viz Kasba Peth, Parvati, Shivajinagar (Assembly constituency), Kothrud (Assembly constituency), and Vadgaon Sheri from Pune.

**INITIATIVES**

Mr. Sunil Kamble has been representing Pune Cantonment constituency since 2019. He has tried to resolve the developmental issues in the constituency. The developmental works undertaken in his leadership in the constituency are:

- Development of the Gardens for better health and sustainable development.
- Concretization of internal roads.
- Efforts taken for better health services by way of building hospital under 'Sankalp Nirogi Maharashtra'.
- Efforts taken for Slum rehabilitation in the constituency.
- Making efforts for availability of funds from Chief Minister Relief Fund.
- Under his initiative fund was released from local development fund for development digital classroom at Bapusahab Pawar Kanya School
- He has taken consistent follow up for better waste management infrastructure in his constituency.
- He made available a fund of Rs. 50 Lacs for various developmental works in his constituency. Adopted Sajna Bai Bhandari School in his constituency.
- Started a Computer Training Centre for





Adolescent girls at Premnagar Vasahat in Cantonment area.

- Worked for effective implementation of 'Shashan Aplya Dari' aimed at doorstep services of government.
- There has been consistent development works undertaken by MLA. Sunil Kamble in his constituency which has contributed to overall development of the constituency.

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## INTRODUCTION

Shri Sunil Rane has a reputation for being highly qualified and trustworthy. He is an accomplished educator, a forward-thinking visionary, a social activist, and a politician who demonstrates his abilities through actions rather than words. Despite facing numerous challenges from an early age, he turned them into opportunities by relying on his strong character and bravery. During his college years, he led the Air India cricket team, which included prominent cricketers such as Sachin Tendulkar, Mohinder Amaranth, and Kapil Dev. He was also a member of the Nairobi and London cricket teams, playing in the County and Kanga Leagues. As a young professional, he embarked on a high-profile career in the sports and airline industries and had a desire to make a difference in society. He didn't just dream; he took steps to make his dream a reality. Sunil Rane is the man behind the Atharva Group of Institutes. He holds the belief that a country's progress is closely tied to the advancement of all segments of its society. This virtuous concept has inspired the establishment of the Atharva Foundation, which seeks to aid underprivileged sections of society. The foundation's primary objective is to improve the lives of India's less fortunate citizens by promoting positive change.

## CONSTITUENCY OVERVIEW

Borivali Assembly constituency is a legislative assembly seat in the western Indian state of Maharashtra, which is comprised of 288 such seats. This constituency was created in 1951 as one of the 268 Vidhan Sabha constituencies of the former Bombay state. Borivali, located in the Mumbai North Lok Sabha constituency, is one of six Vidhan Sabha segments, including Dahisar, Magathane Kandivali East, Charkop, and Malad West in the Mumbai Suburban district.

## INITIATIVES

### ATHARVA FOUNDATION

In 2016, Mr. Sunil Rane established the Atharva Foundation, and he strongly believes that a country's growth is linked to the development of all its social groups. The foundation provides support for several programs, such as educating girls in rural India, providing healthcare to rural communities, empowering women, promoting environmental sustainability, assisting families of fallen soldiers, improving villages, and preserving dying arts and crafts in India.

The Atharva Foundation is a part of the Atharva Educational Trust, which has grown remarkably quickly. The trust offers education and expertise in various fields, including engineering, management, hospitality, fashion, and filmmaking

### INAUGURATION OF SKATING RINK

Shri Rane inspected a new construction project, which is a skating rink. This rink is being built for the citizens of Borivali, and it will be the first of its kind in the area. The project is intended to offer a unique recreational experience to the people in the community. The rink is being constructed with the goal of providing a safe and fun environment for people to enjoy skating. The inspection ensures that the project is proceeding according to plan and that it meets all the necessary safety and quality standards. Once the construction is complete, the rink is expected to be a popular destination for locals and visitors alike

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### INAUGURATION OF PUBLIC TOILET

Mr. Sunil Rane inaugurated a new public toilet that has modern facilities for the residents of Raydongari in Borivali East. The aim of this facility is to provide better health and basic



sanitation amenities to the people. The construction and inauguration of this facility were made possible through the hard work and dedication of Ward No. 13 Corporator, Mr. Vidyarthi Singh. The toilet is equipped with modern amenities to ensure and promote hygiene in the area. The opening of this public toilet is a significant contribution to the community's overall well-being and will improve the quality of life for many residents in the locality

#### **NOTEBOOK DISTRIBUTION CAMP**

Mr. Sunil Rane, with the coordination of Atharva Foundation, arranged a notebook distribution camp at Bhim Nagar Lane No. 5, Gorai Sector 1. The purpose of this event was to provide students from 1st to 7th grade with necessary notebooks. The initiative aimed to support the education and learning needs of the students in the community. By organizing this camp, Mr. Sunil Rane and Atharva Foundation demonstrated their commitment to promoting access to education and supporting the academic journey of young learners

#### **CONSTRUCTION OF BADMINTON COURT**

Mr. Sunil Rane paid a visit to the recently built badminton court at TSG Sports Arena in New MHB Colony, Borivali. During his visit, he had the opportunity to enjoy a game of badminton. The presence of Senior Corporator Mr. Pravin Shah and other volunteers added to the pleasant atmosphere. The purpose of the visit was to assess the quality and functionality of the new badminton court. Mr. Sunil Rane's active participation in playing badminton highlights his enthusiasm for sports and his commitment to promoting healthy recreational activities in the community

#### **ATHARVA GROUP OF INSTITUTES**

The Atharva Group of Institutes was established in 1998 with a vision of creating top-notch educational institutions in India. Through tremendous effort and determination, they transformed barren land in Malad into a sky-high building, turning it into a prominent landmark in Mumbai Suburbs. The Atharva Group of Institutes campus produces 5,000 graduates annually in various fields such as engineering, IT, hotel management, MBA, fashion designing, film and TV, drama, and performance. Over the years, Atharva Group of Institutes has experienced remarkable growth and is recognized for its outstanding progress. For



more than a decade, it has been successful in producing world-class professionals, contributing to India's bright future. Their infrastructure, eco-friendly campus, disciplined environment, CSR activities, and commitment to comfortable learning set them apart as pioneers in providing excellent education. These were the results of the tremendous number of efforts put by Mr. Rane

#### **CONCLUSION**

Shri Sunil Rane has constantly put his efforts in creating growth and opportunities in his constituency. His foundation and group of Institutes are a prime example of his contributions. However, he also tirelessly works for the residents of his constituency by utilizing his funds which involve citizen-friendly services, ease of accessibility and promotion of good health. He contributions focus critically in the areas of education, sanitation, and promotion of well-being for the residents of his constituency.



**INTRODUCTION**

Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke is an Indian politician. He was chosen as a representative of the Nationalist Congress Party in the 2019 Maharashtra Legislative Assembly election from Maval, Maharashtra. Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke is known to be a vibrant and efficient leader who tirelessly works for the advancement of the Maval Taluka, to which he belongs. Shelke inherits the famed legacy of his family members who have been into social work for ages. Many are motivated by their societal engagement and is committed to the Maval Taluka's overall holistic development and is working to improve it.

For the Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke was twice elected to the Talegaon Dabhade Nagar Parishad (BJP). He served as a member of the Standing Committee, Planning, and Family Welfare committees in 2011 all while being in the opposition. He was granted a duty as a Leader of Opposition in 2013 because of his inspiring leadership style and tenacity. He was chosen to serve the BJP as a representative in 2016, his second term, without any opposition. He has held the positions of Talegaon Dabhade Nagar Parishad Deputy President and Chairman of the Water Supply Department.

**DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY**

Maval serves as a hub for travel between Mumbai and Pune and is in the West of Pune district. In the Sahyadri ranges, it is a hilly

region. Maval has a rich cultural history that stretches from Shri Santa Tukaram Maharaj to Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Maval Taluka has been a popular place for development and serves as an illustration of an ideal development model because of its geographic location, mild climate, natural beauty, heritage, and rail as well as road connectivity.

**CONTEXT OF THE SITUATION IN THE CONSTITUENCY PRECEEDING THE ELECTION OF MLA/MP**

When many women in the Mawal constituency were unemployed, women's empowerment was the main concern. Sunil Anna Shelke, however, had a vision for the advancement of labour for women and about ten thousand women have received free sewing instruction from Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke in an effort to give mothers and sisters possibilities for self-employment. Thirteen thousand women have received free fashion designing training, and new job





opportunities have been made available to them, all in an effort to empower women in the industry. The village's roads were inadequate, and the drinking water, public sanitation, power, gram panchayat offices, schools, ponds, cemeteries, and temples were all in poor shape. Sunil Shelke has volunteered to assist with a wide range of projects throughout numerous villages in the Maval taluka.

### **INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA/MP AND POST INITIATION OF CHANGE, HOW COMMUNITY HAS BENEFITTED**

**1. MAI MAULI FOUNDATION:** The Mai Mauli Foundation, founded by Shri. Sunil Shelke, coordinates a number of programmes for senior citizens by senior citizens who have already achieved success in their lives. The Foundation has registered 28,000 older citizens, and they are eligible to get medical care at reduced costs at several hospitals in and near Talegaon Dabhade. Shri. Sunil Shelke plans a variety of events for the Foundation's senior members throughout the year and Many generations can be motivated by the stories that seniors share about their experiences. The Mai Mauli Foundation is renowned as one of the best organisations working for senior citizens in Maharashtra.

**2. MY MAVAL FOUNDATION:** Shri. Sunil Shelke firmly believes that youth is the future of India and that inspired him to start the My Maval Foundation to create a platform for students and the younger generation in Maval taluka. On behalf of this foundation, various activities are conducted throughout the year in the taluka including various cultural programs, festivals and programs for the

preservation of artistic skills of the youth. This organization, which everyone in Maval taluka is happy about, has gained accolades from the youth of Maval.

**3. CREATING TOMMOROWS HEALTHY YOUTH:** The Shri. Sunil Shelke Foundation was founded as a vehicle to encourage young participation in sports. He has so far coordinated a number of sporting events under the auspices of this foundation. The organization's mission is to support top-notch athletes while preserving and promoting the sports culture. Through the foundation, Shri. Sunil Shelke has provided numerous children with the chance to participate in sporting events held throughout the state and the nation.

**4. INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN DEVELOPMENT:** Only a nation where women are perfectly capable can advance. Under the inspiration of the Bharatiya Janata Party and revered Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, the public servant Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke has given free sewing instruction to roughly ten thousand women to give mothers and sisters chances for self-employment. He also gave several mothers and sisters sewing machines. Thirteen thousand women have received free fashion designing training, and new job opportunities have been made available to them, all in an effort to empower women in the industry.

### **HOW THIS HAS IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES**

As a member of the BJP, Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke consistently demonstrates integrity and reliability while promising to



continue serving the public in the future. He is highly inspired by Swami Vivekananda's words, "Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached," and he has faith in his ability to assist the fortunate. His thinking is firmly entrenched with the idea of "Antyodaya" by Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay, which motivates him to work hard for the welfare of mankind. He has also played a crucial role in resolving Talegaon Dabhade's dire water shortage.

The work done by Shri Sunil Shelke has improved people's confidence in elected representatives. Under him around thousands of women have been provided the opportunity to learn and gain employment which has led to women employment in the area. He has also done plausible work for the youth of today attempting to provide free services like school buses to children living in the remote areas. Under his leadership agrotourism has got more popularity in urban areas, giving opportunities to landlords and sub farmers to grow organic food and nurture their land. These small steps have helped farmers to have a better income and hence uplifted them. He is also dedicated to connecting all Gram panchayats to Maha net thereby taking an initiative to trigger the broadband revolution in rural areas. This provides an amazing opportunity to the people of Maval as it will open new prospects in almost every field. Furthermore, he is committed to establishing a connection between every Gram Panchayats to Maha Net, initiating the broadband revolution in rural areas. This offers the inhabitants of Maval an incredible opportunity by creating new prospects in practically every field.

### NOTEWORTHY PROJECTS

#### SAUBHAGYAVATI 2018 – KHEL PAITHANICHA

To give women a platform to refine their artistic abilities and provide them with a pathway, Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke organised "Saubhagyavati - 2018," a programme specifically curated for ladies.

#### 1. FREE GAS CONNECTION INSPECTION AND REPAIR:

Since LPG gas uses clean fuel to prevent pollution and to provide food for women from all low-income families, providing free gas connections under the PM Ujjwala to all eligible women was vital. Under the Free Gas Checkup campaign for the safety of women, Shri. Sunil Shankarrao Shelke facilitated free inspection and repairs of gas

connections in over three thousand homes.

#### 2. WORLD BLINDNESS DAY CELEBRATED WITH EXCITEMENT FOR PAST 5 YEAR:

For the past 5 years, World Blindness Day is celebrated in Maval Taluka. When this day, various programs are organized which include distribution of stationery material to students, food distribution and cultural programs.

#### 3. FREE COMPUTER TRAINING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE CERTIFICATE:

There are many applications for computer, internet, telecom, and web-related technologies, including e-commerce, e-learning, home automation, business automation, social media, the Internet of Things, artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing, 3D printing, and thousands of others. Therefore, having computer infrastructure and skills in all types of professions will aid in identifying and resolving issues. But it's crucial that every person comprehends the fundamentals of technology. So that they can utilise it considering its benefits and drawbacks. Due to this, Shri. Sunil Shelke considers that education, reading, and computer or information technology skills are crucial today. Under his leadership numerous students received the free training of computer and certificate of the course of smart computer expert under computer literacy scheme.

#### LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF THE MLA

Sunil Shelke has demonstrated strong leadership abilities and has succeeded as a leader because he has a big dream and knows how to make dreams come true. He is down-to-earth as well as a fantastic communicator. And has demonstrated that under his leadership good decisions can be taken. He devotedly worked for Mumbai Dabbawalas during COVID 19, when their jobs were in risk, and met their basic nutritional needs. He is renowned for being close to his roots, which he sees as the Maval youth. He has also worked for efficient provisions of clean drinking water.

#### TAKEWAYS

Since being elected to the Maval constituency, Sunil Shankarrao Shelke has held a major leadership position. Numerous initiatives undertaken under his direction have turned out to be fruitful and have had a significant influence on the residents of Maval. The public has praised him for his promptness and ability to communicate with practically everyone, something they want of every democratic



leader. Additionally, he responded quickly to a variety of issues that the public highlighted and promptly resolved them. The various digitalization initiatives implemented under his leadership have greatly benefited the working population and young people since they gave them access to a market that was wider than their own.





## 69. SHRI. TEMJEN IMNA ALONG

Alongtaki (Mokokchung), Nagaland

### INTRODUCTION

Temjen Imna Along was born on January 14, 1962, in the Nagaland district of Mokokchung. He is a member of the Ao Naga tribe, which is one of the state's major tribes. Along finished his education at St. Joseph's College in Darjeeling, West Bengal. His political career began when he joined the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP), a regional political party created in 2017. The NDPP is a coalition partner of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Nagaland. Along soon ascended through the ranks of the party, receiving reputation for his leadership and organisational abilities.

Temjen Imna Along was appointed as Nagaland's Home Commissioner in March 2018, a critical administrative role within the state government. As Home Commissioner, he oversaw law and order, police administration, and other security-related issues.

Later that year, Along ran for state legislature and won from the Mokokchung Town constituency. He was elected to the Nagaland Legislative Assembly as a representative of the NDPP. Following that, he was appointed as Nagaland's Minister for Higher Education and Tribal Affairs.

### DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY

Mokokchung district is in central Nagaland, bordering Assam to the north, Wokha to the west, Tuensang to the east, and Zunheboto to the south. Mokokchung district's administrative headquarters is the town of Mokokchung, which is also the district's cultural and educational centre. According to the 2011 census, the population of Mokokchung district was around 1,94,622. The district features a diversified population made up of numerous Naga tribes, the most prevalent of which is the Ao Naga tribe. Mokokchung district is in Nagaland's rugged landscape. The region is known for its beautiful green mountains, valleys, and rivers. The district is traversed by the Doyang River, an important river in Nagaland.

Mokokchung district's economy is predominantly agrarian, with agriculture being the primary profession of the population. Rice, maize, millet, legumes, and vegetables are among the crops grown in the area. Handloom and handicraft production are also important economic activities in the region. The Naga culture and tradition are



well-known in the Mokokchung district. The Ao Naga tribe is an important aspect of the district's cultural identity, with its distinct traditions, rituals, and festivals. The neighbourhood is also well-known for its vivid traditional dances, music, and handicrafts.

Mokokchung district places a high value on education and is regarded as an educational centre in Nagaland. It is home to several educational institutions, such as colleges, schools, and training facilities.

### INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE MLA

Temjen Imna Along has prioritized rural development in the Alongtaki Constituency, trying to enhance rural living conditions and infrastructure. This includes measures to build and improve basic utilities including roads, electricity, water supply, and sanitation. Temjen Imna Along has demonstrated a dedication to education by advocating for the construction and upgrading of educational facilities in the area. He has worked to improve student access to quality education and to promote skill development programmes. Temjen Imna Along has highlighted the significance of healthcare services in the constituency and has worked on projects to improve healthcare infrastructure, provide improved medical facilities, and provide access to healthcare services, particularly in rural and distant locations.

Temjen Imna Along has concentrated on creating job opportunities and encouraging youth skill development. He has backed programmes to improve vocational training, entrepreneurship, and self-employment opportunities to promote the local economy. Temjen Imna Along, as an MLA, has been actively involved in developing infrastructure initiatives. This involves building and improving roads, bridges, community centres, and other critical infrastructure to increase connection and general development in the constituency.



## OBSTACLES THE MLA CONFRONTED AND OVERCAME

There were several challenges faced by Tamjen Imna while implementing various programs, some of them infrastructural challenges. It also wasn't easy for people to adopt new technologies. Various areas deprived of education had to be given information through seminars and program.

## HOW THIS HAS IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Every leader has certain traits which the public relates to. Tamjen Imna communicates his commonality and reality through jokes and memes, the perfect 21st century tool for awareness and a good laugh. He is also known for his communication and community engagement which has established a positive perception among the public. People have greatly benefitted because of various programmes that have led to significant development of the constituency. Not only has the education improved, infrastructure and connectivity has also become remarkable. He also has a very funny way of promoting tourism and other sectors which easily engages the people and has also shared a cartoon depicting him as the superhero T-man. These attractive ways make the public more attentive and interested in the day-to-day issues.

## LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF THE MLA

He frequently has a strong vision for his constituents or the larger community he represents. He has a strong sense of purpose and can articulate a compelling vision for the future, motivating constituents and colleagues to work together to achieve common goals.

He skilfully communicates, engages with constituents, and conveys their thoughts and initiatives. He is also adept at listening to constituent concerns, effectively articulating their perspectives, and engaging in meaningful engagement with a variety of stakeholders.

He strives to understand the community's concerns and challenges and to actively campaign for their interests, representing their views in legislative matters. He keeps his people happy and active with funny memes and encourages them to do good for society through it.

## TAKEAWAYS

Temjen Imna never shies away from making fun of himself. Temjen has the most amusing or odd takes on everything, whether it's a joke about his weight, his love of food, his dating status, or his North-eastern identity! That's why everyone enjoys his posts so much. He stands as a symbol of acceptance to society, which means be yourself, accept yourself the way you are but at the same time respect others and work on improvement of not only yourself but the society around you. People love him because of his unique ways to make them aware of the issues and at the same time provide solution to it.

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### INTRODUCTION

Shri. Tribhuvaneshwar Saran Singh Deo, also known as T. S. Singh Deo, was born on 31 October 1952 in Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh, India. He is currently the Minister of Health for Chhattisgarh. In addition, he is the current titular Maharaja of Surguja, with a seat in Ambikapur. He was the final advisor to occupy the throne of Surguja. In his local constituency, he is commonly known as "T.S. Baba." The complete name of TS Singh Deo is Triyuvaneshwar Saran Singh Deo. He is the 118th ruler of the princely state of Sarangarh, which is now included in the Surguja district of the Indian state of Chhattisgarh. He is a member of the regal Shalyuja family.

Singh Deo has always adhered to a singular manner of life. Because he relishes being around people, he entered politics. In 1983, he was elected President of the Ambikapur Municipal Council, a position he held for nearly a decade. In 2008, in response to public demand, he ran for the first time in state assembly elections and was elected as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA). He was appointed to the Privileges Committee in 2009. He was a member of the Committee on Rules in 2010. He served on the Public Services Committee on Privileges in 2011. He was re-elected to the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly in 2013. In 2013, he was the wealthiest legislator in the state. He was the leader of the opposition in 2014.

### PORTFOLIO HE HOLDS:

T.S. Singh Deo is a cabinet minister in the Chhattisgarh government and currently holds the following portfolios:

1. Health and Family Welfare
2. Medical Education
3. 20 Point Program Implementation
4. Commercial Taxes
5. Panchayat and Rural Development

As Minister of Health and Family Welfare, he is responsible for formulating policies and implementing programs pertaining to the state's health, medical education, and family welfare. Moreover, he is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the 20-point program, which aims to improve the socioeconomic status of disadvantaged segments of society. As Minister of Commercial Taxes, he is responsible for the administration and collection of taxes, whereas as Minister of Panchayat and Rural

Development, he is accountable for the development of rural areas within the state.

### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

T.S. Singh Deo was born in Surguja district, Chhattisgarh, India on 13 December 1950. He is descended from a regal family that has been politically prominent for multiple generations. Singh Deo graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from St. Stephen's College, Delhi University. He then pursued a law degree at the University of Delhi's Campus Law Centre, Faculty of Law.

Singh Deo began practicing law at the Delhi High Court and then the Supreme Court of India after concluding his education. However, he shortly joined the Indian National Congress party and entered politics. Singh Deo's political tenure began in 1980 when he was elected from the Surguja constituency to the Lok Sabha, the lower chamber of the Indian parliament. He was elected twice more, in 1984 and 1989. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha, India's upper chamber of parliament, in 1991 and served there until 1997.

In 2000, Singh Deo was elected from the Ambikapur constituency to the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. He was elected for a second term in 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018. He has held several positions in the Chhattisgarh government, including opposition leader and minister for health and family welfare, medical education, 20-point program implementation, commercial taxes, panchayat, and rural development.

### POLITICAL CAREER:

T.S. Singh Deo has had a lengthy and successful political career, having been elected three times to the Ambikapur Assembly Constituency and serving as the Leader of the Opposition in Chhattisgarh's 4th Vidhan Sabha. He has also assumed the crucial position of Cabinet Minister for Health in the government of Chhattisgarh,



demonstrating his competence and expertise in this field.

Moreover, T.S. Singh Deo's success in the 2018 Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha election in bringing his party to power with an overwhelming majority demonstrates that he is a competent and effective politician. His fortune and heritage as a member of a regal family also lend him influence and status in Indian politics.

Overall, T.S. Singh Deo's political career accomplishments and successes make him an impressive and notable figure in the Indian National Congress and Chhattisgarh politics.

After the Indian National Congress won the 2018 Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly election, T.S. Singh Deo and Bhupesh Baghel emerged as the leading candidates for the position of Chief Minister. Singh Deo was ultimately passed over in favor of Baghel, who was viewed as a prominent Other Backward Classes (OBC) figure in the state and had been instrumental in the party's victory.

Singh Deo accepted his position as a cabinet minister in the Baghel-led government, despite his initial displeasure at being passed over for the top position. Five essential portfolios, including Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education, 20-Point Program Implementation, Commercial Taxes, and Panchayat and Rural Development, were assigned to him in this position. Singh Deo assumed these responsibilities with great zeal and has since worked assiduously to

implement numerous state-wide development programs and initiatives. Despite his previous disappointment, he remains a loyal and devoted Congress party member and continues to play an essential role in its Chhattisgarh affairs.

TS Baba received 100,439 votes, while Anurag Singh Deo secured 60,815 votes, according to Election Commission data. Gopal Prasad Gupta of Gondvana Gantantra Party was trailing at the third spot with 4,459 votes.

In 2013, TS Baba of Congress won the seat by a margin of 19,558 votes. There are a total of 2,25,830 voters in the seat. In the 2018 Chhattisgarh elections, Ambikapur recorded a voter turnout of 78.47 percent. The first phase of voting covered mostly assembly seats in the Bastar division and parts of Rajnandgaon.

#### **OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES TAKEN:**

- Mukhyamantri Haat Bazaar Clinic Yojana
- Under this initiative, primary healthcare facilities are provided to the people of Chhattisgarh in local markets and haat bazaars, which are typically crowded public spaces. This helps to make healthcare more accessible to people who might not be able to travel to traditional healthcare centers.
- Aarogya Ghar Yojana: The Aarogya Ghar Yojana aims to provide free medical treatment to poor and needy people in Chhattisgarh. The scheme provides free medical treatment to patients in their homes, or in local hospitals and clinics.







to the people of the region. As part of this program, T.S. Singh Deo has launched initiatives such as the Bastar Medical College and the Bastar University.

**CONCLUSION:**

T.S. Singh Deo is a prominent and senior member of the Indian National Congress and an accomplished politician from the state of Chhattisgarh. Born into a royal family, he has had a successful political career spanning over two decades. He has served as the Leader of Opposition in the Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha and currently holds five portfolios in the state government as a cabinet minister. Singh Deo has been instrumental in implementing several initiatives in the fields of education, health, and rural development, among others. He has been a vocal critic of the BJP-led government and has played a crucial role in bringing the Congress to power in

Chhattisgarh.

With a wealth of experience in politics and governance, T.S. Singh Deo is considered one of the most respected and influential leaders in Chhattisgarh. His commitment to the welfare of the people of Chhattisgarh, coupled with his progressive policies, has made him a popular figure in the state.

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### INTRODUCTION

U.T. KHADER is an Indian politician from Karnataka who, since June 2018, has served as the cabinet minister for urban development and housing. Mr. Khader is a fourth term MLA representing the Mangalore constituency of the Karnataka legislative assembly.

He was born in Mangalore, India on 12th October 1969. He completed his graduation from Karnataka state open university. He later proceeded to pursue law at S.D.M. Law College Mangalore. He is an advocate by profession. Mr. Khader entered the Legislative Assembly in 2007 when by-elections were held for Ullal after the death of his father and MLA U.T. Farid. Thereafter, he registered victories in successive elections in 2008, 2013 and 2018. He is a member of Indian national congress. He was also the minister for health and family welfare of Karnataka from 20th May 2013 to 20th June 2016. Later, from 20th June 2016 to 2018, he was the minister for urban development and housing. He was the only congress MLA to win from the Dakshina Kannada and Udupi district in the 2018 state election.

Currently, he is the deputy leader of the opposition of the Karnataka legislative assembly.

### DETAILED DISCUSSION:

U.T. Khader also talks about Mangalore, his constituency.

He talks about how Mangalore was backward economically as compared to other cities in India. It was after people migrated to Mangalore that its economic condition gained traction.

Mangalore is also blessed with religious diversity. It celebrates unity in diversity as being a host to many known temples and mosques. U.T. Khader holds pride in the constituency's multicultural aspect.

U.T. Khader also worked in developing the tourism capacity of the constituency. He understood the vast ability of Mangalore to host tourism and aimed at sustainable tourism.

U.T. Khader has also successfully built houses for the needy and the poor. This journey started with him questioning the amount provided by the government under housing schemes. When his demand of raising the fund was not satisfied, he went ahead with building houses for the poor by himself.

When he was the health minister, he went on to ban the production, distribution, sale export and promotion of Electronic Nicotine Delivery System and nicotine cartridges in the state. He believes that e- cigarettes are highly addictive and very easily available. Due to these factors the rate of addiction will rise, especially among youths.

U.T. Khader emphasized the importance of education and wanted to make the citizens realize the same. For this, he opened medical colleges and universities. He opened a pre university college which aimed at providing quality education, especially for girls so that the parents or guardians who are hesitant in sending their ward to distant universities have an option to enroll them there.

He believes Mangalore to be neither a city nor a village. He believes that Mangalore has the perfect balance which includes both.

U.T. Khader aims for a better future. He looks for cooperation between all the aspects of the constituency so that welfare and initiatives go hand in hand.

As we all know, potholes are very common and with increasing road traffic, potholes have emerged as an important problem. U.T. Khader realizes the graveness of the issue and wishes to make Mangalore pothole free. He wishes that the government should also take necessary steps and come up with policies for making the nation pothole free.

On being questioned about people's confidence in elected representatives, he answered-

"I shall work hard for the 5 years period, till the next election. It is all on people's judgement and understanding on the work, whether I shall work in future or not. I am looking for a peaceful society which will bring all community together."

He also stresses communal harmony. He believes that the real meaning of democracy is



that the republic should know the problem and the pain of the people. He believes that a person only needs to work with pure dedication. If one does that then automatically people focus on the work and not on the caste and creed of the person. This will ensure communal harmony.

#### **MILESTONES:**

He was awarded the 'Sadanvira' award for asking the most questions in the House. U.T. Khader, the only minister from the minority community to serve for a five-year term in Siddaramaiah's government, has won two national-level achievement awards in both the Ministerships he served. He has the honor of being the only Congress MLA in 13 constituencies of undivided DK district in the recently held assembly polls. Khader, who has accepted the Ministerships in the JDS-Congress coalition government, is likely to get the district-in charge minister post for Udupi or Kodagu district. Earlier, Khader has also worked as a minister in the Kolar and Chamarajanagar districts.

#### **LEADERSHIP QUALITIES:**

Mr. Khader is an enthusiastic leader with wise decision-making skills, who delegates tasks effectively. He is a man with vision and empowerment, he is indeed a tactful politician. He has helped many families who cannot afford medical expenses by offering discounted or free healthcare services. This shows his generosity and open heartedness when it comes to serving people.

#### **TAKEAWAYS:**

U.T Khader's commitment and ambition to work hard and always strive to deliver the best for his people has not gone unnoticed. He is always concerned with long-term progress that benefits not only the present but also future generations. He has a cheerful smile on his face, which inspires the community and ensures that the government is working properly for their prosperity. His taking on charge and his ability to take initiatives is aspiring.

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## INTRODUCTION

A Postgraduate in Social Sciences from Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Vinod Kumar Singh has lived truly up to the expectations of the masses by continuously raising the social and immediate issues of the people of his constituency.

Between the mayhem of Indian elections and crummy context for gathering votes, this only CPI(ML) MLA strives valiantly for the people. From state assembly to streets, Singh voices the interests and demands of the people, sometimes holding a poster at his constituency and pushing various common yet critical concerns to the floor of the house.

### Best Legislator Award

Vinod Kumar Singh was awarded the Birsa Munda Best Legislator Award in 2019. He was universally chosen by the committee, making him the 19th person to receive this distinguished honour. He was awarded for his commendable service to the people of his constituency throughout the years. From being regarded as 'Messiah' to 'People's Leader', Singh has earned respect of the masses for his excellent work.

### History of Bagodar Assembly Constituency

Vinod Kumar Singh was elected for the first time as MLA in 2005 assembly elections. His father, Late Mahendra Singh was the MLA of Bagodar three times since 1990 before he was shot on January 16, 2005, by three CPI(M) men during an election rally.

He was re-elected in the 2009 assembly election for the second time by defeating Nagendra Mahto of Jharkhand Vikas Morcha (JVM). In the 2014 assembly elections, Vinod Singh lost to Mahto by a difference of 4000 votes. Mr. Singh won the 2019 election to become MLA for the third time from Bagodar assembly constituency.

### INITIATIVES TAKEN BY THE MLA:

#### Tackling the migrant crisis

Vinod Kumar Singh is popularly known to have raised the issues and problems faced by migrant workers. A lot of workers have migrated to different states of India like Maharashtra and Punjab and to other countries like Malaysia. They have continuously faced challenges, especially during the COVID19 pandemic.

Mr. Singh's efforts were monumental for bringing these labourers and workers back to Jharkhand. He took profound steps to make

sure that the troubles faced by these workers are heard and solved at all levels. He has been easily approachable, constantly available and working incessantly to rescue and help migrant workers stuck in different areas.

During the COVID pandemic, he perpetually demanded special trains for the workers. He used his social media accounts like twitter significantly to raise these appeals. His efforts coupled with the Migrated Labourers Association have been successful in bringing back thousands of migrant workers over the last decade.

He has helped to rescue exploited labourers and workers from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and many other states. Singh's effort made the government of Jharkhand responsible for bringing back the body of anyone who dies in any state of India and provide compensation to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Singh is concerned about the insurance of these workers. He expressed that there is still no insurance or Bima policy from the centre designed specifically for migrant workers. He has been working continuously to raise this issue inside the assembly.

#### Malaysian Human trafficking Crisis

When several innocent and unprotected Indian workers were stuck in Malaysia, Vinod Kumar Singh along with his party members came to the rescue. The Malaysian government created a lot of hurdles for these workers when asked to return to India, even denying basic human rights such as food and shelter. Mr. Singh initiated and conceptualised the operation for their return with the Home Secretary and Chief secretary of Jharkhand.

Enslaved workers and labourers in Malaysia contacted their families in Bagodar when they were deceived by the agents. Mr. Singh contacted his personal acquaintances and



tried to find links to foreign embassies and companies. Singh also administered to end jail terms of these labourers. He has forced companies to provide compensation to the families and deposit money in their bank accounts when the labourer dies. When the Ebola virus broke out in 2014, Singh helped more than 150 labourers living in Kango, Africa, to return to India.

Singh's vigorous and determined endeavours have rescued more than half a thousand workers from abroad.

### **Educational Reforms**

Vinod Kumar Singh's primary concern has been the educational status of his constituency. He has regularly raised concern about the lack of higher education institutes, condition of existing infrastructure and degree and polytechnic college in Bagodar.

Due to his continuous and significant efforts in the right direction, Ghaghra Interscience College was established in Bagodar. He released some money for the college from the MLA fund and the remaining funds were collected as donations and contributions from shopkeepers, vendors, and the public of the Bagodar constituency. He also fought for the establishment of +2 colleges based on panchayats in Jharkhand.

### **Struggle with Militancy and Extremism**

Vinod Kumar Singh has experienced militancy personally when he lost his father to the extremists in gun violence. This might have prompted and encouraged Singh to work more effectively in that direction. He has raised the issue of militancy affected deaths in his area. Singh has questioned the government on the help provided to old parents of the deceased Jawan. He urged the government for the establishment and proper functioning of the Anukampa Samiti. His efforts also led to amendments that helped the families of jawans who died in a scuffle with the militants.

### **FUTURE ASPIRATIONS OF THE MLA:**

Vinod Kumar Singh has fought bravely for his people throughout these years, bringing significant changes in their lives. Despite the work done by him in his constituency, he believes that there is much more to be done.

He wishes to open a large public library in Bagodar which will help the people to get free access to quality books. He also aspires to establish sightseeing centres (Paryatan

centre) in his area as he believes that it will help to boost the economy of his constituency and provide jobs to the people.

Singh will continuously push for a permanent special train for the workers of Giridih and Bagodar to provide better transport facilities for them.

Singh thinks that people should know their rights as the citizens of the country, and they should get the right to Health and other fundamental rights. He is concerned about the health infrastructure and will work to strengthen the quality of healthcare services in Bagodar.

### **WHAT SETS HIM APART?**

Vinod Kumar Singh spends around 80 percent of his time in his constituency. He believes that it helps him to listen to the problems of the people more carefully and act effectively in the correct direction. It also makes him highly approachable and available to its people. Singh has not changed his contact number for a long time. This also helped the workers stuck in Malaysia and other regions to connect to him in urgency.

He effectively used his social media account to raise awareness during covid times, collect information about migrant labourers and provide instructions to the concerned authorities.

Mr Singh is profoundly connected to the people of Bagodar and other areas of Jharkhand. In the 2019 assembly elections, people collected and gave donations to him to fight the election. He believes that the election process is becoming increasingly expensive, and the process lacks proper control. Singh suggests that there should be decentralization of funds from the centre so that it can be used judiciously for the people. He considers transparency to be of utmost importance in the life of an MLA.

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## INTRODUCTION

Adv. V. K. Prasanth is a politician in India who is affiliated with the Communist Party of India (Marxist). He is better known by his nickname, "Mayor Bro." He was born in Kazhakootam, which is in Thiruvananthapuram, and raised there. In 2015, at the age of 34, he won the election to represent the Kazhakootam ward of the city with a majority of 3,272 votes, which was the largest margin of victory ever achieved by a candidate in the history of the corporation. After that, he went on to become the 44th mayor of Thiruvananthapuram, which is the biggest corporation and the capital of the Indian state of Kerala.

## EDUCATION BACKGROUND:

MLA V. K. Prasanth has completed his BA (History) and prior education from Kerala University in 2005, and St. Xaviers College, Thumba in 2001. Further, he has also completed his LLB from The Kerala Law Academy Law College, Thiruvananthapuram (National Election Watch). He has been practicing law in the Vanchiyoor court under Advocate C Bhuvanchandran Nair since 2007 (Times of India, 2015). MLA Prashanth has an immense reservoir of knowledge and a set of abilities that have helped him to properly handle the needs and problems of the people who make up the constituency that he represents. These advantages are the result of his substantial educational background and his competence in the legal field.

## NOTABLE INITIATIVES BY V. K. PRASANTH:

Prasanth's energetic demeanor and tactful approach are advantageous for managing a council and leading towards development. Some of his notable initiatives are as follows:

1. No Bouquets, Gift books Drive by V. K. Prasanth:

The recently established office of Vattiyoorkavu MLA VK Prasanth, located in Sasthamangalam, initiated a book collection campaign that spanned three days. The MLA utilized his Facebook page to issue an appeal for book donations. Prior to his tour throughout the constituency, Prasanth made a request to his constituents to bring books in lieu of bouquets of flowers. The response to this appeal has exceeded initial projections.

The concept of collecting books was conceived during the candidate's by-election campaign. The campaign managers were faced with a predicament regarding the

surplus of 1,000 shawls acquired from 168 booths. Prasanth proposed a solution of allocating the shawls to elderly residents of multiple eldercare facilities. Anticipation had been felt for a comparable influx of shawls, flowers, and bouquets during the receptions following the election (Times of India, 2019).

The collection comprises various literary works, including but not limited to the Bible, Quran, visual dictionaries, 'Sabdatharavali', and complete volumes of encyclopedias. VK Prasanth believed that this endeavour has the potential to facilitate the establishment of libraries in select community schools, as well as augmenting the literary resources of extant libraries (Times of India, 2019).

## 2. Flood Relief Activities in August 2018

During the 2018 floods in Kerala, Mr. Prasanth, the mayor of Trivandrum Corporation, collaborated with the citizens of the capital city to gather a substantial amount of relief materials, amounting to nearly 100 truckloads, which were subsequently distributed to the areas affected by the flood (Times 8, 2019).

In addition, he also disseminated all updates pertaining to the relief efforts via their social media platforms, which included live video footage of the transportation of aid supplies. The intention behind this dissemination was to foster a greater understanding among the public regarding appropriate conduct during times of crisis (Times of India, Aug 17, 2019).

## 3. Formation of Volunteer Team named "Youth Brigade".

The legislative assembly representative for Vattiyoorkavu, V K Prasanth, proposed the establishment of a volunteer group within his constituency. The group of volunteers was designated as the "Youth Brigade." The objective of the mission is to facilitate the engagement of young individuals in the developmental initiatives of the assembly constituency. The program has been



designed to leverage the technical expertise and competencies of young individuals towards developmental initiatives in Vattiyoorkavu. As part of this program, a three-day flea market was coordinated through Vybe with the aim of promoting the principles of recycling and reusing, resulting in a significant achievement (Times of India 2021).

#### 4. Health Initiatives through Vibe Health:

MLA V K Prasanth inaugurated Vybe Health, which is an undertaking of the Vattiyoorkavu Youth Brigade Entrepreneurs' Co-operative Society. The initiative aims to promote health and wellness. The proposed initiative aims to provide accessible and cost-effective healthcare services to households within the constituency. The team comprises of a cohort of medical and para-medical professionals who have been involved in both flood relief efforts and the provision of care for individuals affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. This initiative aims to provide access to medical professionals such as doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, dieticians, and laboratory services. Reservations can be made through both telephonic and online channels (Times of India 2021).

#### CONCLUSION:

He has gained widespread recognition as "Mayor Bro" due to his notable involvement in flood relief efforts. The actions and endeavours undertaken by MLA Prasanth are commendable and serve as an exemplar for the need of more leaders of his ilk to facilitate

the realization of India's goal of achieving complete literacy.

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## INTRODUCTION

Yogesh Sagar is a Bharatiya Janata Party politician. He was born on October 4, 1962, and has been actively involved in politics for over two decades. He is currently serving as the Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Charkop constituency in Mumbai and has served three terms in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. He is well-known for his social endeavours. He has also received the Praja Foundation's 'Best MLA Award' for three consecutive years in a row.

## Details of Constituency

Charkop is a locality in Kandivali (West), in the Mumbai suburbs. Charkop's original name is 'Char Khop' meaning a place of 4 huts or a small village with four houses. The Koli people or the fishermen tribe are the indigenous residents of Charkop. Charkop is one of the oldest localities in Kandivali, comprising nine residential sectors. Charkop is predominantly Hindu, but there are also tiny sprinklings of Christians, Sikhs, Parsis and other communities such as Dalit Buddhists. Muslims live together in clusters, in the cosmopolitan area of Ganesh Nagar, which borders Malad. Most residents can be classified as lower middle-class or middle-class. Professions are mainly of the service type and businesses are run in the Ganesh Nagar (Ganesh Chowk) area and the Charkop Industrial Estate. The majority of the population is Maharashtrian, followed by Gujarati people and then others.

## Initiatives:

- Yogesh Sagar wrote a letter to the BMC (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation) and made several suggestions and demands for improvements, setting up of a control room to monitor the desilting work and coordinating with local ward offices, as well as to increase the number of pumps and staff working on desilting projects. Conducted an audit of the desilting work done in the past year and took action against contractors who failed to meet their targets to develop a long-term plan for desilting and maintaining the city's stormwater drains. In addition to these specific demands, the article notes that Yogesh Sagar has been actively working on flood prevention measures in Mumbai, including pushing for the construction of new stormwater pumping stations and coordinating with local officials to address drainage issues.

- Yogesh Sagar has taken initiatives to provide financial assistance to students who are meritorious but come from economically weaker backgrounds. He believes that education is the key to breaking the cycle of poverty and has thus focused on supporting students who show academic promise. Through these efforts, he aims to ensure that deserving students get access to quality education and are not forced to drop out due to financial constraints.
- He has taken the initiative to provide medical aid to physically challenged children in his constituency. This includes providing financial support for medical treatments and surgeries, as well as organizing medical camps to provide free check-ups and consultations.
- Relief work during COVID-19 pandemic: During the COVID-19 pandemic, Yogesh Sagar has been actively involved in relief work, including distributing food and essential supplies to needy families, and coordinating with local authorities to ensure that people receive medical care.
- He recognizes that widows often face financial and social hardships, and thus aims to support them in every possible way. Through these efforts, he hopes to improve the quality of life of widows and ensure that they have access to basic necessities with the help of financial aids. He has also organized community marriages in his constituency, where couples who are financially challenged are provided with financial and logistical support for their wedding ceremonies. This initiative aims to reduce the financial burden on families who cannot afford elaborate wedding ceremonies, while also promoting community cohesion.
- He has set up study rooms and libraries with computer labs in slum areas of his constituency. These facilities aim to provide



students from economically weaker backgrounds with access to educational resources and technology, which can help them to improve their academic performance and career prospects. He also donated computers to schools in slum areas of his constituency, which lack access to technology. Through this initiative, he aims to bridge the digital divide and provide students with the tools they need to succeed in today's technology-driven world.

- Yogesh Sagar has organized several awareness campaigns in his constituency, including events related to government schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. These campaigns aim to educate citizens about the benefits of these schemes and encourage them to enrol.
- He has been an advocate for the cooperative housing society deemed conveyance, which is the process by which the ownership of a property is transferred from the builder or developer to the cooperative housing society. Yogesh Sagar has spoken about the importance of this process for ensuring that residents of housing societies have clear ownership rights and can avoid disputes with developers. He has also set up a technical advisory committee to identify and assess dangerous buildings in Thane. The committee's mandate is to identify buildings that are at risk of collapse or pose a threat to public safety, and to recommend appropriate measures to address these risks. This initiative demonstrates Yogesh Sagar's commitment to promoting public safety and protecting residents from hazards.
- Yogesh Sagar has helped residents of Colaba, a neighborhood in Mumbai, by providing access to water and other basic amenities. This initiative reflects Yogesh Sagar's belief in the importance of ensuring that all members of society have access to necessities, regardless of their socioeconomic status. He has served as a corporator in the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) for two terms. The BMC is responsible for providing civic services and infrastructure in Mumbai, including water supply, sewage treatment, and road construction. As a corporator, Yogesh Sagar has worked to improve these services and promote community development in his

constituency.

Yogesh Sagar's initiatives focus on improving the quality of life of marginalized communities in his constituency, with a particular emphasis on education, healthcare, and women's empowerment such as the following:

- Rescue Foundation: He has worked with Rescue Foundation, an organization that aims to rescue and rehabilitate women and children who have been trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation. Through his association with the organization, Yogesh Sagar has supported efforts to provide counselling, vocational training, and other forms of assistance to survivors of human trafficking.
- Kandivali Hitvardhak Mandal: He founded and worked with Kandivali Hitvardhak Mandal, a charitable organization that provides a range of services to the community. This includes organizing health camps, educational programs, and other community development initiatives.
- Kandivali Education Society: He has also founded and worked with Kandivali Education Society, an organization that focuses on providing quality education to students from economically weaker backgrounds. Through his association with the organization, Yogesh Sagar has supported efforts to set up schools and educational institutions, as well as provide scholarships and other forms of financial assistance to deserving students.
- Shanti Sandesh Foundation: He has worked with the Shanti Sandesh Foundation, an NGO that focuses on education, health, and community development initiatives in rural areas. Through his association with the organization, Yogesh Sagar has supported efforts to provide basic amenities, such as clean water, sanitation facilities, and healthcare, to residents in rural communities. The organization also runs educational programs, including vocational training and computer literacy courses, to help youth in rural areas gain access to better employment opportunities.
- Mahila Microfinance Credit Society: He has also supported the Mahila Microfinance Credit Society, an organization that provides financial services and support to women entrepreneurs. Through his association with

the organization, Yogesh Sagar has supported efforts to provide micro-loans and other forms of financial assistance to women-owned businesses, particularly those in rural areas. By supporting women's entrepreneurship, the organization aims to promote economic empowerment and financial inclusion for women.

### **How has the community benefited?**

Yogesh Sagar's initiative to create control rooms to monitor desilted work and coordinating it with the local ward offices has increased its efficiency and helped in speed up of work and reduce the chances of flooding during heavy rains etc. by conducting an audit of desilting work done last year, it made it accountable and lead to the betterment of quality of work. Developing a long-term plan for desilting and maintaining the city's stormwater drains has helped to create a more sustainable and effective solution to the problem of flooding.

By supporting the students with economically weaker backgrounds, he has helped to ensure that they have access to quality education and are not forced to drop out due to financial constraints. This has helped to level the playing field for these students, who may not have had the same opportunities as others due to their economic status. By investing in the education of these students, Yogesh Sagar is also investing in the future of the community, as these students will be better equipped to contribute to society and break the cycle of poverty.

Yogesh Sagar's initiatives to provide medical aid to physically challenged children and relief work during the COVID-19 pandemic have had a positive impact by providing much-needed support to those in need. By providing financial support for medical treatments and surgeries and organizing medical camps, he has helped to improve the health and well-being of physically challenged children in his constituency. During the pandemic, his relief work has provided essential supplies and medical care to those affected by the crisis, demonstrating his commitment to serving his community.

By supporting widows, he has helped to alleviate their financial and social hardships, improving their quality of life. His community marriage initiative has reduced the financial burden on families while promoting

community cohesion, strengthening social bonds within the community.

By setting up study rooms and libraries with computer labs in slum areas, he has provided students from economically weaker backgrounds with access to educational resources and technology. This has helped them to improve their academic performance and career prospects. By donating computers to schools in slum areas, he has bridged the digital divide, providing students with the tools they need to succeed in today's technology-driven world.

His awareness campaigns related to government schemes have helped to educate citizens about the benefits of these programs and encouraged them to enroll. This has helped to improve the lives of many people in his constituency who may have been previously unaware of these schemes.

Yogesh Sagar's advocacy for co-operative housing society deemed conveyance has helped to ensure that residents of housing societies have clear ownership rights and can avoid disputes with developers. This has improved the living conditions and quality of life for many people in his constituency.

His technical advisory committee for identifying and assessing dangerous buildings in Thane has promoted public safety and protected residents from hazards. This initiative has helped to prevent potentially dangerous situations from developing and has saved lives.

Yogesh Sagar's efforts to provide access to water and basic amenities to residents of Colaba, a neighborhood in Mumbai, have improved the quality of life for many people in the area. This demonstrates his commitment to ensuring that all members of society have access to necessities, regardless of their socioeconomic status.

Yogesh Sagar's initiatives have had a positive impact on marginalized communities in his constituency by providing access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities. Through his association with Rescue Foundation, he has supported the rehabilitation of survivors of human trafficking, enabling them to rebuild their lives and reintegrate into society. His collaboration with Kandivali Hitvardhak Mandal and Kandivali Education Society has provided educational and developmental



opportunities to students from economically weaker backgrounds. By supporting the Shanti Sandesh Foundation, Yogesh Sagar has helped improve access to basic amenities and educational programs for residents in rural communities. Through his association with the Mahila Microfinance Credit Society, he has helped promote women's entrepreneurship and financial inclusion, which can help lift families out of poverty.

### **How has this increased people's confidence?**

Yogesh Sagar's initiatives and work have made a significant impact on the lives of people in his constituency. From the perspective of the people themselves, his efforts have improved their confidence in the government and their own ability to achieve their goals. One of the most significant initiatives implemented by Yogesh Sagar is the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' campaign. This initiative aimed to clean up public spaces, including streets, parks, and public buildings, and to create awareness about the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. The campaign encouraged people to take responsibility for their own surroundings and take steps to keep their communities clean. This initiative not only helped to improve the physical appearance of the area but also had a significant impact on the overall health and well-being of the people living there. As a result, people started feeling proud of their locality and developed a sense of ownership and responsibility towards it.

Another initiative successfully implemented by Yogesh Sagar is the 'Digital India' campaign, which aimed to promote digital literacy and connect people with various government services online. People no longer had to travel long distances to access government services and could now easily apply for various schemes and subsidies online. This initiative not only saved people time and effort but also helped them feel more connected to the government and its initiatives.

Yogesh Sagar's efforts to improve the education system in his constituency have also had a significant impact on people's confidence. He has worked towards upgrading schools and providing them with better infrastructure and resources, which has resulted in an improved quality of education. This has helped to provide young

people with better opportunities and increased their confidence in their ability to succeed in life. Additionally, he has also taken steps to promote vocational education, which has helped to create job opportunities for the youth and enabled them to pursue their interests and passions.

One of the most significant contributions of Yogesh Sagar is his work towards improving healthcare facilities in his constituency. He has worked towards upgrading hospitals and providing better healthcare facilities, which has helped to improve the overall health of the people living there. This has had a significant impact on people's confidence as they feel more secure and protected knowing that they have access to quality healthcare facilities. Yogesh Sagar has also taken several initiatives to improve the infrastructure of his constituency, including the construction of new roads, bridges, and public buildings. This has not only improved the connectivity and accessibility of the area but also helped to create job opportunities and boost economic growth. As a result, people feel more confident about their prospects and are more optimistic about the growth and development of their locality.

In conclusion, Yogesh Sagar's initiatives and work have had a significant impact on the lives of people in his constituency. From the people's perspective, his efforts have helped to improve their confidence in the government and their own ability to achieve their goals. His initiatives in areas such as cleanliness, digital literacy, education, healthcare, and infrastructure have not only improved the physical and social conditions of the area but also helped to create a sense of community and belonging. As a result, people feel more connected to their locality and are more motivated to work towards its growth and development.

### **Awards and Achievements**

He has been awarded the 'Best MLA Award' for three consecutive years by the NGO Praja Foundation.

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## INTRODUCTION

Zeeshan Baba Siddique (born 3 October 1992) is an Indian politician from the Indian National Congress. He is currently a Member of the Legislative Assembly in Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and the President of Mumbai Youth Congress. He is also the Youngest MLA of Maharashtra. Siddique was born in Bandra, Mumbai, to the Indian National Congress leader and former member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Baba Siddique, and Shehzeen Siddique. Zeeshan, a Bandra boy, did his schooling from Podar International and graduated from MMK college, and did his Master's from Regent's University, London.

## DETAILS OF CONSTITUENCY:

Vandre East Assembly constituency is one of Maharashtra's 288 Vidhan Sabha constituencies in western India. This constituency is in the Mumbai Suburban district. Vandre East is part of the Mumbai North Central Lok Sabha constituency, along with five other Vidhan Sabha seats in the Mumbai Suburban district: Vile Parle, Chandivali, Kurla, Kalina, and Vandre West. Siddique, one of the youngest candidates in the city, maintained that people wanted change: "Let me tell you that I got not only minority votes, but also votes from other areas, including Kalanagar, where Matoshree is located. The youth have voted for me in large numbers." "I am happy I got a large share of votes from the Sena strongholds. This shows people wanted change, and as a young progressive candidate they felt a connect with me." he said. The Bandra East constituency has a significant number of Muslim and Dalit voters. Between 1999 and 2009, the seat was with the Congress, and in 2009 and 2014, the seat was won by the late Bala Sawant.

## INITIATIVES

- Active participant in resolving local issues - resolved water crisis in Golibar area of Vandre East assembly. Held important meetings with the Assistant Commissioner of BMC H East Ward to resolve water issues in Bandra, Khar and Santacruz.
- Voices the concerns of people in the parliament by pointing out crucial issues pertaining to improper and excessive allocation of land to the Railways by the government, which hindered local development and urged them to resurvey the misappropriation.

- Zeeshan Siddique recently with the youth congress protested at Renaissance hotel against horse trading of Congress and JDS MLA's being carried out by the BJP. He previously requested the commissioner and director for re-alignment of the Chamdawadi Naala so that justice is given to the residents and their houses are saved. Zeeshan Siddique has protested along with the Youth Congress against the rise in fuel prices by the BJP government.
- Has put forward a proposal for Mumbai Eye Tourist spots to be built in Bandra Kurla Complex Area in the budget session of Maharashtra assembly, to further boost the tourism in Mumbai.
- Helped witnesses of the 26/11 Mumbai attack with funds to avert a personal monetary crisis.
- Donated 2 months of personal MLA salary towards CM Relief Fund for Coronavirus.
- Through MLA funds, he has constructed mobile police chowkies around Bandra East constituency.

## HOW THIS HAS IMPROVED PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

- By actively working to resolve local issues such as the water crisis in Golibar and the allocation of land to the Railways, the representative has demonstrated their ability to take action and achieve tangible results. This can inspire confidence in the community that their concerns are being heard and addressed by their elected representative. "The issues faced by the residents are serious. We have been getting complaints for some days. Suburban areas have been affected due to the damage of the Bhandup pipeline, but I have been assured that the situation in Golibar and other parts of Bandra East will improve by tomorrow. I will be visiting these areas



between 4am and 8am on Friday.” said Zeeshan Siddique

- Holding important meetings and actively engaging with the community is a great way to build trust and confidence in elected representatives. By listening to people's concerns and taking proactive steps to address them, the representative has demonstrated their commitment to serving the community and their willingness to work collaboratively to find solution.
- The representative's actions in donating their personal salary towards the CM Relief Fund for COVID-19 and supporting the victims of the 26/11 Mumbai attacks show a sense of responsibility towards the community. This kind of responsiveness to community needs can help to build trust and confidence in elected representatives.
- MLA funds to construct mobile police beat chowkies around the Bandra East constituency, the representative has demonstrated transparency in their use of public funds. This can help to improve public trust in the elected representative and government institutions. By taking proactive steps to address community issues, engaging with the community, and demonstrating responsiveness and transparency, the representative has shown their commitment to serving the people and improving their lives.
- On the CAA issue he was seen quoting that “Instead of divisive registers, we must make a register for the unemployed”, Zeeshan Siddique

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## CONCLUSION

To conclude, it must be submitted that this volume's research database will be a ready reference for readers interested in the governance literature. The cases from the tribal, rural, and urban areas underscored the diversities. Thus, the Compendium has highlighted the innovative practices on the diverse aspects of constituency development. The legislators' novelties in governance documented in the volume will inspire the readers and the stakeholders. The comprehension of diverse commendable practices underscored citizenship development. This, furthermore, indicates the federal roots of the democratic ideals embedded in India.

The information of the legislators indicates the diverse factors representing the regional and political party differences, underscoring the complexities of governance. However, there are indications of emerging leadership reflecting the conceptual nuances of the governance literature. While most of them are taking politics as a vocation, one traces the importance of social movements in launching into the political arenas. Thus, these legislators are writing the development story through various policy spaces, which the Compendium had successfully captured. For this, the volume reflects the celebration of their public lives dedicated to citizenship ideals in India.

Consequently, these Commendable Practices have ensured that the legislators aspiring to be the Weberian "ideal type". In addition, the emergence of data analytics in their public lives strengthens their political consolidation and changes them into reference groups to the forthcoming legislators. These conceptual traces from the federal governance structures are encouraging, given that the country is currently navigating the post-truth realities.



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