

# **S P E E C H**

**OF**

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**On the Interim Budget Estimates, 2024-2025  
of the Government of Maharashtra  
in the Legislative Assembly on  
Tuesday, the 27th February 2024**



Honourable Speaker,

Today is the birth anniversary of the great poet Kusumagraja. The entire Maharashtra is celebrating it as '*Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din*'. Kusumagraja, who ignited the Marathi spirit with his immortal poems like 'कोलंबसाचे गर्वगीत', 'वेडात दौडले वीर मराठे सात', 'क्रांतीचा जयजयकार', 'स्वातंत्र्यदेवतेची चिनवणी' has written the motivational lines like these for us:

‘कोटी कोटी असतील शरीरे, मनगट अमुचे एक असे  
कोटी कोटी देहांत, आज या एक मनीषा जागतसे  
एक प्रतिज्ञा, विजय मिळेतो राहिल रण हे धगधगते’

I salute the poet Kusumagraja and wish all the Marathi minds on today's '*Marathi Bhasha Gaurav Din*' and present the Interim Budget of the Government of Maharashtra for the year 2024-25 to the House, with your permission.

The Parliament has approved the vote-on-account for four months in the budget session. It is necessary to make provision for the expenditure of the first four months of the financial year 2024-25 towards the committed expenditure and the implementation of the ongoing schemes of the State Government. I am presenting the proposal of vote on account through the Interim Budget of the State before this august House. Supplementary budget will be presented in the next session after the Lok Sabha elections, incorporating new items of schemes and committed expenditure.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the idol of Maharashtra, laid the foundation of an equitable '*Hindavi Swarajya*' taking along with him all the sections of the society. We all recently celebrated his 394th birth anniversary with great enthusiasm. On this occasion, the grand '*Hindavi Swarajya Mahotsav 2024*' depicting the inspiring history of the State, was celebrated at Junnar in Pune district. The government has decided to set up a Shivneri Museum based on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj at Vadaj, Taluka Junnar. It will include a museum, model village of Shiv era, replicas of forts, amphitheatre etc.

The 350<sup>th</sup> year of Maharaj's Coronation is currently being celebrated in the State, as per the '*Shiv Shaka*' commenced by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. The glorious and inspiring work of Shivaji Maharaj is being showcased throughout the State through various programs.

Many countries in the world have adopted Maharaj's good governance model. The central government has sent a proposal to UNESCO for conferring the status of world heritage site to the eleven forts of Maharashtra, which witnessed the bravery of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

At the outset, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the popular Prime Minister of India Hon'ble Shri. Narendra Modi for the consistent and strong support given to the State by the Central Government. The State received Rs.8,618 crores as the Goods and Services Tax compensation during this financial year. An amount of Rs.7057.73 crores has been sanctioned as interest free loan for 50 years under the 'Scheme for Special Assistance for Capital Investment'. Six Vande Bharat Express trains have commenced services in the State. A substantial provision of Rs 15,554 crores has been made for railway projects in the State in the Interim Budget of the Central Government for the year 2024-25.

Hon'ble Prime Minister has announced various welfare schemes for four major sections of the society, viz., Youth, Women, Poor and Farmers. The Government is committed to provide quality facilities to raise the standard of living of the citizens of the State.

The State's policy is to achieve sustainable, environment-friendly and inclusive development. We are effectively implementing the developmental policies to increase the size of the State's economy to one trillion dollars as per the Report of the Maharashtra Economic Advisory Council, in accordance with the resolution of the Hon'ble Prime Minister to make India a developed nation by the year 2047.

Capital investment in the State is being substantially enhanced to achieve one trillion dollar economy. The Gross State Domestic Product increases by Rs. 2.50 to Rs. 3.50 if a rupee is spent on infrastructural facilities. Various infrastructural projects are undertaken and completed in a time-bound manner by the Public Sector Undertakings of the State Government such as Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation, City and Industrial Development Corporation, Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation, Maharail along with Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authorities, various Special Purpose Vehicles set up for metro, Brihanmumbai and other Municipal Corporations.

We are effectively implementing the welfare decisions that brings qualitative changes in the lives of common people, along with infrastructural development. The State has made great strides in the social, economic and industrial sectors. It is necessary to mention certain salient points here for the information of everyone.

## **Sustainable development**

### **Transportation Facilities**

- Works in Mumbai Metropolitan Region** 1. Inauguration of India's longest, 22 km long sea bridge, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhavasheva Atal Setu and laying of foundation stone of twin tunnels connecting Orange Gate to Marine Drive at coastal road has been done by Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- Coastal Road** 2. The 11 km long coastal road from Nariman Point to Worli is in the final stage of completion. This route will save around 70 percent of travel time and 34 percent of fuel.
- Extension of road projects in Mumbai** 3. The work of Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Versova-Bandra Sea Bridge is in progress and it is planned to extend upto Palghar. Vilasrao Deshmukh Eastern Freeway will be extended to Thane city.
- Mega Road Projects** 4. An amount of Rs.22,225 crores for Virar-Alibag Multimodal Corridor, Rs.10,519 crores for Pune Ring Road and Rs. 2,886 crores for Jalna-Nanded expressway are being raised for land acquisition.
- In Konkan, three of the nine major bridges on the coastal highway between Rewas in Raigad district to Reddi in Sindhudurg district have been given administrative approval and are at the tender stage.
- Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation** 5. 'Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation' has been established to implement projects in 22 infrastructural development sectors such as roads, ports, airports, railways, metros and electricity. This corporation will undertake road works of 7,500 km length under Annuity Scheme Part-2.

An outlay of Rs.10,629 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Urban Development Department and Rs.19,936 crores for the Public Works (Roads) Department for the year 2024-25.

**Upgradation of Rural Roads** 6. It has been decided to upgrade 7000 km in addition to 10000 km of roads in Phase 2 of the '*Mukhya Mantri Gramsadaak Yojana*' to strengthen the communication in rural areas. An expenditure of Rs.7,600 crores is estimated.

**Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train** 7. Land acquisition for India's first bullet train, Mumbai to Ahmedabad high-speed rail project, is almost completed in Maharashtra.

**Metros** 8. Out of the 337 kilometers of metro lines to be built in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region, 263 kilometers have been sanctioned and 46.5 kilometers have been commissioned. Around six lakh passengers are availing this facility every day.

**Railway Projects** 9. Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath, Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded, Vadsa-Desaiganj-Gadchiroli and Nagpur-Nagbhid railway projects are in progress with the financial participation of the State Government.

Land acquisition for new railway lines Kalyan-Murbad, Pune-Nashik and Solapur-Tuljapur-Dharashiv is in progress.

The State government has approved the sharing of 50 percent of the project cost for the new railway lines Phaltan-Pandharpur, Kampa-Chimur-Varora, Jalna-Jalgaon and Nanded-Bidar.

The State government will be sharing 50 percent of the project cost for Jalna-Khamgaon, Adilabad-Mahur Washim, Nanded-Hingoli, Murtijapur-Yavatmal-Shakuntala Railway and Pune-Lonavala Line 3 and 4 railway projects.

**Port  
Development**

10. It is proposed to develop the Vadhvan port as a satellite port of JNPT to boost the economy of the State, Maharashtra Maritime Board has 26 percent equity in it. The total cost of this project is Rs. 76,220 crores.

The construction of a well-equipped jetty costing Rs. 229.27 crores at Radio Club near the Gateway of India in Mumbai has been undertaken through the Sagarmala scheme.

We are undertaking works of development of ports namely Bhagwati in Ratnagiri District, Sea Fort Janjira in Raigad District and Elephanta near Mumbai, costing around Rs.300 crores, Rs.111 crores and Rs.88 crores respectively.

Modernisation of Mirkarwada port in Ratnagiri is being undertaken which will benefit 2,700 fishermen.

**Airport  
expansion**

11. The work of state-of-the-art integrated terminal building of around 50,000 square meters at Shirdi airport in Ahmednagar district will commence soon.

An amount of Rs. 578.45 crores has been sanctioned for land acquisition for expansion of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar airport.

An amount of Rs.100 crores has been made available for land acquisition and rehabilitation works at MIHAN Project in Nagpur.

Land acquisition for expansion of Kolhapur airport is in progress and necessary funds will be made available.

Extension of the airport runway at Belora in Amravati district has been completed. Works for night landing services are currently under progress.

The work of Navi Mumbai Airport is progressing at a faster pace and the first phase will be operational by March, 2025.

An outlay of Rs. 9,280 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Rural Development Department, Rs. 4,094 crores for Home (Transport & Ports) Department and Rs.1,432 crores for General Administration Department for the year 2024-25.

**New industrial policies** 12. Policies on industry, electronics, space and defence production are being revised and a new micro, small and medium enterprise policy is being prepared for the development of the industrial sector in the State.

**Investment and employment generation** 13. State Government has signed MoUs with 19 companies at the World Economic Forum held at Davos, Switzerland in January 2024, which will generate an investment of over Rs.3 lakh crores and around two lakh jobs.

**Textile Policy** 14. The State has announced 'Integrated and Sustainable Textile Policy 2023-28'. As per this policy, for the first time, free distribution of one saree per family to the *antodaya* ration card holders through public distribution system is in progress.

**Textile complexes** 15. A scheme to provide capital subsidy for setting up small-scale textile industry complexes have been approved. Eighteen small-scale textile industry complexes will be established in the State which is expected to generate around 36,000 new jobs.

**Export Promotion** 16. An outlay of Rs.450 crores is proposed for infrastructural development program to promote exports and Rs.400 crores for special incentives to export oriented units. Five industrial parks are being created in the State to increase exports.



**Package Scheme of Incentives** 17. An amount of Rs.7000 crores will be distributed under the Package Scheme of Incentives.

**Chief Minister's Employment Generation Programme** 18. It is proposed to create 25,000 industrial units under Chief Minister's Employment Generation Program, of which 30 percent will be women entrepreneurs. This program will generate around 50,000 new jobs.

**Pioneering industry standard** 19. Ten Hi-Tech mega industrial units from thrust sector will be given pioneer industry status and additional special incentives. This will result in an investment of Rs 1 lakh crores and 20 thousand jobs in the State.

**Unity Mall** 20. Tender process for the work of setting up of 'Unity Mall' costing Rs 196 crores, is in progress in Navi Mumbai, under the policy of 'Make in India' and as per the concept of 'One District - One Product'.

An outlay of Rs.1021 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for the Industry Department and Rs.1952 crores for the Department of Cooperatives, Marketing and Textiles.

**Jal Jeevan Mission** 21. Tap connections have been provided for 1,22,10,475 households till January, 2024, against the total target of 1,46,64,382 under the motto of 'Har Ghar Nal, Har Ghar Jal' aimed at providing clean drinking water to all households in rural areas through 'Jal Jeevan Mission'. The work of providing tap connections to the remaining 24,53,907 households is in progress.

**AMRUT 2.0** 22. In Mission AMRUT 2.0, 312 projects costing Rs.28,315 crores in 145 cities have been sanctioned. It includes water supply, sewage treatment, lake rejuvenation and green area development projects.

**Maharashtra  
Suvarna  
Jayanti  
Nagrothan  
Mahaabhiyan** 23. Maharashtra Suvarna Jayanti Nagrothan Mahaabhiyan will be implemented till 2030. The Mahaabhiyan is implemented in all the urban local self-government bodies and the government has approved to provide funds from 50 to 95 percent of the project cost as per the classification. Works of water supply, solid waste management, railway over bridges, widening of major roads etc. will be undertaken under this Mahaabhiyan.

**Water  
Supply  
Schemes** 24. The first phase of Surya Regional Water Supply Scheme, benefiting more than 14 lakhs citizens of Vasai and Virar in Palghar district, has been inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi.

An outlay of Rs. 3,875 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure of Water Supply and Sanitation Department for the year 2024-25.

**Environmental  
Service  
Scheme** 25. Environmental Service Scheme is being implemented in all the schools in all the districts under *Mazi Vasundhara Abhiyan*, to develop awareness of environmental conservation among the students and to manage the natural resources on the basis of actual action.

**Roadside  
Tree  
plantation** 26. Trees will be planted on both sides of roads of around 25,000 kilometers on State Highways and Major District Roads every year.

**Atal Bamboo  
Samriddhi  
Yojana** 27. Bamboo plantation will be done on ten thousand hectares of farmers' land under Atal Bamboo Samriddhi Yojana.

**Jalyukt  
Shivar  
Mission 2.0** 28. Under Jalyukt Shivar Mission 2.0, 1,59,886 works in 5,700 villages have been approved and 15,389 works have been completed.

An outlay of Rs. 245 crores under scheme expenditure for Environment and Climate Change Department, Rs. 2507 crores for Forest Department and Rs. 4247 crores for Soil and Water Conservation Department is proposed for the year 2024-25.

**Solar  
Energy**

29. It has been targeted to generate 40 percent of the total energy from non-conventional sources by the year 2030. Rooftop solar scheme is being implemented in the State., A subsidy of upto Rs.78,000 will be provided under the new '*Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Mofat Veej Yojana*' of Govt. of India. Consumers will get free electricity upto 300 units.

It is planned to achieve a target of 7000 MW solar power generation under '*Mukhyamantri Solar Krishi Vahini Yojana 2.0*' so that the farmers will have electric supply during the day time.

A new scheme named '*Magel tyala Solar Krishipump*' will be launched for the farmers. Under this scheme, new 8.50 lakhs solar agricultural pumps will be installed.

Under the *PM-Kusum* scheme, the target is to install one lakh solar pumps this year, of which 78,757 pumps have been made operational so far.

Necessary funds will be made available in the next two years to solarize all lift irrigation schemes in the State.

The scheme of subsidized electricity for lift irrigation schemes will be extended by an year.

Solar power sets will be provided to about 37,000 '*Anganwadi*' Centers in the State where electricity connections are not available.

Farmers will be provided subsidy for solar powered fences to curb the damage of crops caused by wild animals under '*Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Jan Van Vikas Yojana*'

All these eco-friendly solar energy schemes will reduce dependence on fossil fuels and reduce pollution and make the State a leader in green energy generation.

An outlay of Rs. 11,934 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Energy Department for the year 2024-25.

### **Comprehensive Development (Farmer/Women/Backward Class/Youth/Poor)**

**Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana** 30. First instalment of Rs.1,691.47 crores has been provided as grants to 84.57 lakhs farmer families under '*Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi Yojana*'.

**One Rupee Crop Insurance Scheme** 31. An amount of Rs. 2268.43 crores insurance claims have been paid to 50.01 lakh farmer applicants through 'One Rupee Crop Insurance Scheme' in the Kharip season, 2023.

**Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjeevani Project** 32. The second phase of Nanaji Deshmukh Krishi Sanjeevani Project, costing around Rs 6,000 crores, has been approved.

**Agriculture colleges and research** 33. Approval has been given to establish Soybean Research and Processing Sub-Centre, Government Agriculture College and Agribusiness Management College at Jirewadi, Taluka Parli Vaijnath in Beed District, under the jurisdiction of Vasantnao Naik Agricultural University, Parbhani.

**National Livestock Campaign** 34. A proposal of 129 projects related to goats, sheep, boars, poultry and livestock fodder, has been sent to the Central Government for the benefit of farmers, under National Livestock Campaign.

An outlay of Rs 3,650 crores under scheme expenditure is proposed for Agriculture Department, Rs 555 crores for Animal Husbandary ,Dairy Development and Fisheries Department and Rs 708 crore for Horticulture Department for the year 2024-25.

**Relief in  
natural  
calamities**

35. Drought has been declared in 40 talukas and drought like situation in 1021 revenue circles of the State, and various relief measures have been implemented during kharip season, 2023.

An amount of Rs 3,825 crores has been provided to 44.82 lakh farmers, who have lost their crops due to natural calamities.

An amount of Rs.12,769 crores has been provided for the loss of agricultural crops due to various natural calamities from July 2022.

An outlay of Rs 638 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure to Relief and Rehabilitation Department for the year 2024-25.

**Irrigation  
Projects**

36. There are 259 ongoing irrigation projects in the State. Irrigation capacity of 2.34 lakh hectares will be created after completion of 39 projects.

46 projects have been completed and 16 more projects will be completed by March 2025, out of 91 projects under *Baliraja Jalsanjevani Yojana*.

Project worth Rs 3200 crores will be implemented with World Bank assistance, to prevent frequent losses due to floods and other natural calamities in Kolhapur and Sangli districts.

155 projects over 25 years old and 75 incomplete irrigation projects will be completed in the next three years under the Maharashtra Irrigation Reform Program. This will create 3.55 lakh hectare irrigation potential and 23.37 TMC water storage. An expenditure of Rs. 15, 000 crores is expected for the project.

**Irrigation backlog** 37. An amount of Rs.2,000 crores will be provided to remove the backlog of irrigation in Vidarbha region.

**River Linking Project** 38. Adequate funds will be made available for the ambitious Wainganga-Nalganga river linking project of Vidarbha Region, which will create 3.71 lakh hectares of irrigation potential.

**Irrigation facilities in Marathwada division** 39. In Marathwada, 11 major projects, 8 medium projects and 29 minor irrigation projects are in progress including major projects like Upper Painganga, Krishna-Marathwada, Lendi, Jayakwadi Phase-II, Nandur Madhameshwar, Lower Dudhana and Vishnupuri Phase-II.

A large number of barrage works have been undertaken to block the water in the riverbed.

**Pumped Storage Project** 40. Pumped storage hydropower projects in the State will be taken up through private participation, considering suitability of site and water availability.

**Kharbhumi Development Programme** 41. Under the Kharland Development Programme, 36 works of *kharbandhare* are in progress and 12 works have been completed in coastal Konkan . Due to this, 938 hectares of area has been made cultivable. An outlay of Rs 113 crores is proposed for Kharland development.

**Check Dams in submerged areas** 42. Check Dams will be constructed in the submerged area of Koyana Dam for 23 villages.

An outlay of Rs. 16,456 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Water Resources, CADA and Kharland Department for the year 2024-25.

- Lek Ladki** 43. A new scheme '*Lek Ladki*' for empowerment of girl children has been launched from 1st April 2023. Beneficiary girl child will get a total of Rs.1.01 lakh grant in a phased manner till she completes the age of 18 years.
- Urban Child Development Centers** 44. It has been decided to start Urban Child Development Centers to overcome the problem of malnutrition in urban areas, which will help bring the severely malnourished children into the general category.
- Chief Minister Women Empowerment Mission** 45. 'Chief Minister Women Empowerment Mission' is being implemented in the State. Under this campaign, at least 1 lakh women in each district will get benefit directly from various government schemes.
- Pink Rickshaws** 46. A scheme is proposed to provide pink rickshaws to five thousand women in ten major cities.
- Anganwadi Recruitment** 47. 14,000 vacant posts of Anganwadi workers and helpers in the State have been filled. The process of filling up the remaining posts is underway.
- An outlay of Rs. 3,107 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Women and Child Development Department for the year 2024-25.
- New Medical and Nursing Colleges** 48. Approval is given to establish new Government Medical Colleges of 100 student intake and affiliated 430-bedded hospital of at Washim, Jalna, Hingoli, Amravati, Bhandara, Gadchiroli, Wardha, Buldhana, Palghar, Nashik and Ambarnath in Thane district.

Government has approved to start Government Nursing College having 100 students intake capacity, affiliated to Government Medical Colleges at Jalgaon, Latur, Baramati, Nandurbar, Gondia, Kolhapur and Miraj, District Sangli.

- AIIMS at Aundh** 49. It is planned to set up All India Institute of Medical Sciences-AIIMS at Aundh, Pune, on the lines of Nagpur.
- Jan Arogya Yojana** 50. Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana has been implemented for all the families in the State and the annual health cover increased from Rs 1.50 lakh to Rs 5 lakhs per family. The number of accredited hospitals is increased from 1,000 to 1,900.
- Accident Insurance Scheme** 51. An accident insurance scheme for sugarcane cutting workers will be implemented through *Loknete Gopinath Munde Sugarcane Workers Corporation*.
- Health care** 52. It is proposed to set up 15 bedded day care modern chemotherapy centers in all the districts of the State.
- Dialysis centers will be made functional in 234 rural hospitals, where the government dialysis centers are not currently available.
- Hearse** 53. One hearse will be made available in each taluka.
- An outlay of Rs 2,574 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Medical Education and Drugs Department and Rs 3,827 crore for Public Health and Family Welfare Department for the year 2024-25.

### **Development of Backward Class**

- Scheduled caste sub-plan** 54. Financial assistance to the beneficiaries of '*Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Anudan Yojana*' and '*Shravanbal Rajya Nivrutivetan Yojana*' has been increased from Rs 1,000 to Rs 1,500 under the Scheduled Caste Sub Plan.

The share capital of '*Sant Rohidas Charmoudyog & Charmakar Mahamandal*', '*Mahatma Phule Magasvarg Vikas Mahamandal*', '*Sahitya Ratna Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe Vikas Mahamandal*' has been increased.



Agricultural land is allotted to the below poverty line landless agricultural labourers under '*Karmaveer Dadasaheb Gaikwad Empowerment and Swabhiman Yojana*' to provide a permanent source of income. Adequate funds are being made available through the '*Sant Bhagwan Baba Government Hostel Scheme*' for the children of migrant sugarcane workers, Seed fund Scheme for the beneficiaries of the transgender community and Ramai Awas yojana for the Matang community.

**Tannery and Tanner Training Center** 55. '*Leather Park*' at Deonar, Leather Industry Training Center at Kolhapur and '*Centre of Excellence*' will be established in each revenue division through '*Sant Rohidas Charmoudyog & Charmakar Vikas Mahamandal*'. A leather industry training center will be set up at Govandi through the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation.

**ARTI** 56. '*Annabhau Sathe Research and Training Institute*' (ARTI) will be established for the Matang community on the lines of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI).

An outlay of Rs 18,816 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Social Justice and Special Assistance Department for the year 2024-25.

**Tribal Sub Plan** 57. Under the Tribal sub plan '*Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Amrit Aahar Yojana*', to supplement the nutrition of children, '*Namo Adivasi Smart Schools Mission*' for setting up science centers in government ashram schools, '*Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Swayam Yojana*' for providing higher education to students who do not get admission in hostels, '*Shabari Adivasi Gharkul Yojana*' for providing houses, '*Bhagwan Birsa Munda Jodaraste Yojana*' for connectivity of hamlets by all weather roads, Thakkarbappa

Tribal Development Scheme' to provide infrastructure to the settlements, sufficient funds are being made available through these schemes.

An outlay of Rs 15,360 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Tribal Development Department for the year 2024-25.

**A comprehensive strategy for uniformity** 58. A comprehensive policy has been laid down to bring uniformity in scholarships, fellowships, training, skill development and other programs and schemes of institutions like Tribal Research and Training Institute (TRTI), Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Training Institute (BARTI), Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Research and Training Institute (Sarathi), Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Research and Training Institute (Mahajyoti) and Maharashtra Research and Training Prabodhini (Amrut ).

**Other Backward Bahujan Kalyan** 59. Adequate funds are being made available for Ashram Shalas, Vidyaniketan, Hostel Schemes etc. for the students belonging to Other Backward Classes, Denotified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes and Special Backward Classes.

Sufficient funds are being made available for implementing development schemes through 'Vasantrao Naik Denotified Tribes, Nomadic Tribes Development Corporation', 'Maharashtra State Other Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation', 'Shamrao Peje Konkan Other Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation', 'Jagdhyoti Mahatma Basaveshwar Economic Development Corporation', 'Sant Kashiba Gurav Youth Economic Development Corporation', 'Raje Umaji Naik Economic Development Corporation', 'Sant Shiromani Gorobakaka Maharashtra Matikala Mandal', 'Sant Senaji Maharaj Keshashilpi Corporation' and 'Pailwan Maruti Chavan-Vadar Economic Development Corporation' etc.

Adequate funds will be made available for the '*Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar Gharkul Yojana*' and for the '*Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Gharkul Yojana*'.

Adequate funds will be provided for the 22 schemes implemented for the overall upliftment of the Dhangar community, on the lines of tribal sub plan.

**Sant Gadgebaba Bara Balutedar Economic Backward Development Corporation** 60. '*Sant Gadgebaba Bara Balutedar Economic Backward Development Corporation*' will be established for the overall development of the Bara Balutedar community.

**Madarasa Modernization Scheme** 61. It has been decided to increase the subsidy of Dr. Zakir Hussain Madrasa Modernization Scheme from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs.10 lakhs, to bring the minority students into the mainstream of education.

State Government has given approval to increase guarantee amount from Rs 30 crores to Rs 500 crores to Maulana Azad Economic Development Corporation for implementation of term loan scheme- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam educational loan and micro credit scheme.

An outlay of Rs 5,180 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for 'Other Backward Class Bahujan Welfare Department and 'Minority Development Department' for the year 2024-25.

**Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gharkul Land Purchase Fund Scheme** 62. The subsidy for landless beneficiaries for land purchase has been increased from Rs 50000 to Rs 1 lakh under the '*Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gharkul Land Purchase Fund Scheme*'.

- Gharkul scheme for Divyang** 63. New housing scheme for persons with disabilities is proposed to be implemented under the 'Housing for All-2024' policy. In the first phase, 34,400 beneficiaries will get the benefit of the scheme.
- Housing for unorganized workers** 64. Under Pradhan Mantra Awas Yojana, 15,400 housing units, out of 30,000 units, have been distributed at the hands of Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister, at Re Nagar, Kumbhari in Solapur district. Beneficiaries of this project are unorganized workers in the fields of sanitation, bidi, electricity, construction, textile industry etc.
- Unorganized Workers Welfare Corporation** 65. 'Unorganized Workers Welfare Corporation' has been established to provide various welfare schemes for auto rickshaw, taxi, passenger and commercial vehicle drivers, cleaners, cabmen, Vidi workers, porters, domestic women workers, fishermen, door-to-door newspaper distributors as well as workers in animal husbandry, power looms, handlooms, health sectors etc.
- Anandacha Shidha** 66. State Government has distributed 'Anandacha Shidha' to 1,58,95,867 families through PDS on the occasion of Gudipadwa and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti. 'Anandacha Shidha' is also being distributed on the occasion of 'Shri Ram Pranpratistha Sohala' and 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti'.

An outlay of Rs 1,347 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Housing Department, Rs 1,526 crores for the Divyang Kalyan Department, Rs 171 crores for Labour Department and Rs 526 crores for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department for the year 2024-25.

## Youth Welfare

**Sports Development** 67. A three-tier system of training will be established to provide High Performance Centre at the State level, Sports Excellence Centers at the divisional level and Talent Development Centers at the District level under the "Mission Lakshyavedh" scheme to enhance the performance of sports persons in international competitions.

**Encouraging athletes** 68. The prize money has been increased by 10 fold for athletes from Maharashtra, who won medals in the Asian Games. Prizes of Rs 1 crore for gold medal, Rs 75 lakh for silver medal and Rs 50 lakh for bronze medal are being given.

**Divisional Sports Complex, Nagpur** 69. International standard sports and other ancillary facilities will be made available at Divisional Sports Complex, Nagpur, which has been given the status of a State Sports Complex.

An outlay of Rs 537 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Sports Department for the year 2024-25.

**Memorandum of Understanding with reputed institutions** 70. The government has signed MoUs with reputed institutions like Google, Infosys, Nasscom, University of Birmingham, British Council, UNICEF, for cooperation in the fields of research, health, agricultural development, skill development and climate.

**Maharashtra Drone Mission** 71. Approval has been given to implement 'Maharashtra Drone Mission'. 13 District drone centres and 6 Divisional drone centres will be established. An amount of Rs 238.63 crores has been approved for implementation of this project for the first five years.

**Modern Training and Skill Development Bhavan** 72. A 'Modern Training and Skill Development Bhavan' will be set up at Worli, Mumbai.

An outlay of Rs 2,098 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Higher and Technical Education Department and Rs 2,959 crores for School Education Department for the year 2024-25.

**DAKSH Project** 73. The Government has approved the World Bank-assisted 'Development of Applied Knowledge and Skills for Human Development' (DAKSH) project, costing Rs 2,307 crores for implementation of vocational education, innovation and skill enhancement schemes as well as strengthening of quality infrastructure and operational systems.

**Skill Development Center** 74. '*International Skill Development Center*' and '*Sant Gadgebaba Swachh Bharat Skill Prabodhini*' will be established in every Revenue Division to make the youth employable and enterprising.

Apart from this, 2000 new '*Pramod Mahajan Skill Development Centers*' are being established in the State and '*Skill Development Centers*' will be started in 1,000 colleges. A Skill Development Training Center will be set up at Koradi, Nagpur in line with the technological requirements of the industries.

**Hospitality training** 75. Approval has been given for skill training of 500 youths from each district of the State, in tourism and hospitality sectors.

An outlay of Rs 807 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Skills, Innovation, Employment and Entrepreneurship Development Department the year 2024-25.

**Tourism policy** 76. A sustainable tourism policy will be formulated to promote tourism.

Theme parks, adventure sports, shopping malls, water parks and accommodation are being arranged at 50 new identified tourist destinations in the State.

**Tourism Development** 77. High quality facilities will be made available for tourists at Lonar, district Buldhana, Ajanta-Verul, district Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Kalsubai-Bhandardara, district Ahmadnagar, Trimbakeshwar, district Nashik and the sea forts of Konkan. A world-class Skywalk Project, with an estimated cost of Rs 333.56 crores, will be constructed at Lonavala, district Pune.

**Water Tourism** 78. Innovative water tourism projects will be operationalized in Shivsagar Reservoir, District Satara, Gosikhurd Reservoir, District Bhandara and Waghur Reservoir, District Jalgaon.

**Conservation of Shivakalin forts** 79. 32 '*Shivakalin*' forts will be renovated and conserved to promote tourism in Konkan region.

**Maharashtra Bhavan** 80. It has been decided to construct '*Maharashtra Bhavan*' at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir and Sri Ram Janmabhoomi, Ayodhya to provide better and safer facilities to the tourists and devotees of the State at reasonable rates. In both these places, the respective State Governments have provided land at prime locations for which a provision of Rs. 77 crores is proposed.

**Mahavista** 81. Proposals will be invited from international architects for the redevelopment of Government buildings at Mantralaya and surrounding areas with state-of-the-art facilities.

An outlay of Rs.1,186 crores proposed under scheme expenditure for Cultural Affairs Department, Rs.1,973 crores for Tourism Department, Rs.1,367 crores for Public Works (Building) Department and Rs.474 crores for Revenue Department for the year 2024-25.

**New Courts** 82. Approval has been given to set up 10 new additional Family Courts, 5 District and Additional Sessions Courts, 5 Civil Courts and 2 Village Courts in the State.

**Police Recruitment** 83. So far, 18,331 vacancies of police constables have been filled up and the process of filling another 17,471 vacancies is in progress.

**Cyber Security Project** 84. Approval has been given by the State to implement the 'Cyber Security Project' at the cost of Rs 837.86 crores.

An outlay of Rs 759 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Law and Judiciary Department, Rs 2,237 crores for the Home (Police) Department and Rs.153 crores for the Excise Department for the year 2024-25.

**GST Department** 85. The GST Department accounts for 65 percent of the State's own tax revenue. Reorganization of this department is necessary and it will be done immediately. Tax Training Academy with state-of-the-art facilities will be established for the department.

Construction of Goods and Service Tax Bhavan at Wadala, Mumbai is in progress.

**Increase in pension of freedom fighters** 86. The pension of Freedom Fighters has been doubled from Rs 10,000 to Rs 20,000 per month.

An outlay of Rs.208 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Finance Department for the year 2024-25,



**Swarajrakshak Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj monument** 87. Development Plan of around Rs 270 crores has been approved to build monument at Sacrifice place of '*Swarajrakshak Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj*' at Tulapur, Taluka Haveli and *Samadhi* site at Vadhu Budruk, Taluka Shirur, District Pune and the work has been started.

**Special Development Authorities** 88. Special Development Authorities will be set up for the development of the pilgrimage sites and local areas at Aundha Nagnath, District Hingoli, one of the 12 *Jyotirlingas* in the country, Shri Kshetra Mahurgad, District Nanded, one of the three and half Shakti Pithas and Ekvira Devi Temple, District Pune.

**Shri Kshetra Saptashrungi Gad Development** 89. Approval has been given for the Development Plan of Rs 81.86 crores for *Shri Kshetra Saptashrungi Gad*, Taluka Kalwan.

**Birth Tricentenary of 'Punyashloka Ahilya Devi Holkar** 90. An amount of Rs 20 crores is proposed to organize various programs on the occasion of the Birth Tricentenary of '*Punyashloka Ahilya Devi Holkar*'.

An outlay of Rs 53 crores is proposed for the preservation and conservation scheme of '*Punyashlok Ahilya Devi Holkar*' Temples and step wells.

**Mahatma Phule Wada and Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule memorials** 91. Land has been reserved for the Mahatma Phule Wada and Kranti Jyoti Savitribai Phule memorials in the Development Plan of the city of Pune and the process of preparing the plan for the memorials is in progress.

**Sant Gorobakaka Maharaj Memorial** 92. Government land and funds will be made available for the memorial of '*Sant Gorobakaka Maharaj*' in Dharashiv district.

- Shri.Sant Jagnade Maharaj memorial** 93. An approval of Rs.66.11 crores has been given for the development of memorial of 'Shri.Sant Jagnade Maharaj' at Sudumbare, Taluka Maval, District Pune.
- Sane Guruji Memorial** 94. A memorial commemorating Sane Guruji's work will be erected at his birth place at Jalgaon, Ammalner district.
- Development of Martyr Rajguru birth place area** 95. An amount of Rs. 102.48 crores has been approved in the first phase for the development of precinct of the birth place of Martyr Shri Shivram Hari Rajguru at Rajgurunagar.
- Veer Jeeva Mahala memorial** 96. Land will be made available at the base of Pratapgad for the memorial of '*Veer Jeeva Mahala*', the trustworthy colleague of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.
- Lahuji Vastad Salve memorial** 97. Pune Municipal Corporation has given work order for the memorial of '*Lahuji Vastad Salve*' at Sangamwadi, Pune.
- Rajmata Saibai Memorial Development** 98. An amount of Rs.29.73 crores has been approved for '*Rajmata Saibai*' Memorial Development Plan at Mauje Pal Khurd, Taluka Velhe, at the base of Rajgad.
- Fort and Dargah Complex Development, Indapur** 99. An amount of Rs.37.28 crores has been approved for the development of 'Malojiraje Bhosle's' Gadhi and Hazrat Chand Shah Valibaba Dargah premises in Indapur city.
- An outlay of Rs 9193 crores is proposed under scheme expenditure for Planning Department and Rs. 2205 crores for Employment Guarantee Scheme Department for the year 2024-25.
- Marathi language** 100. Subsidy will be given to Marathi Mandals promoting Marathi language outside Maharashtra. Adequate funds will be made available for the conservation of buildings, structures and monuments of Marathi Mandals.

Marathi language sub-centres will be established in Belgaon, Karnataka, on the lines of Goa and Delhi, and adequate funds will be made available.

Approval has been given to establish Marathi Language University at Riddhapur, District Amravati. An initiative 'Mangesh Padgaonkar Poetry Village' will be implemented in Vengurla, district Sindhudurg and special efforts are being taken for Marathi language to get classical language status.

The work of Marathi Bhasha Bhavan at Girgaon in Mumbai will be completed in a time bound manner.

An Outlay of Rs 920 crores proposed under scheme expenditure for Information Technology Department, Rs 547 crores each to Information and Public Relations Department and Legislative Secretariat, Rs 71 crores to Marathi Language Department for the year 2024-25.

**District  
Annual Plan  
for the year  
2024-25**

101. An outlay of Rs 18,165 crores has been proposed under the scheme expenditure for District Annual Plan for the year 2024-25. This outlay is 20 percent more than the previous year.

**Annual  
Plan 2024-  
25**

102. An outlay of Rs.1.92 lakh crores has been proposed under the scheme expenditure in the Annual Plan 2024-25. It includes an outlay of Rs 15, 893 crores for Scheduled Castes Sub Plan and Rs 15,360 crores for Tribal Development Sub Plan.

**Budget  
Estimates  
2024-25**

103. An outlay of Rs.6,00,522 crores is proposed for the total expenditure in the year 2024-25. The revenue receipts are proposed as Rs 4,98,758 crores and the revenue expenditure, as Rs 5,08,492 crores. The revenue deficit is estimated as Rs 9,734 crores.

**Fiscal Deficit** 104. The government has been successful in keeping the State's fiscal deficit and revenue deficit within the limits set by the Fiscal Responsibility and Financial Management Act. The fiscal deficit for the year 2024-25 is Rs 99,288 crores.

105. I assure that the Government will do the best for the economic development of the State and the welfare of all sections of the society. I request the House to approve the Interim Budget for the year 2024-25.

**Jai Hind ! Jai Maharashtra !!  
Jai Marathi Bhasha !!!**