

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee



Assembly Elections Manifesto 2013



**Clean Governance
Able Leadership**





**KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE
ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS-2013**

**MANIFESTO - A CHARTER FOR GOVERNANCE
OUR COMMITMENT AND VISION**

The Indian National Congress has played a historical role in the Social, Economic and Cultural re-construction of the country. The Congress, which took birth as an instrument to achieve freedom for the country is not an organization born only to get into the seat of political power. The commitment of the Congress Party to the democratic principles, values and ideals are unquestionable. The Congress Party has strived to establish a transparent and efficient electoral system and a vibrant democracy.

Whether in power or out of power, the Congress Party has relentlessly struggled to achieve an egalitarian and secular society. It is the only political party, which has membership in every nook and corner of India. It belongs to people of different religions, castes, cultures and beliefs and truly a unifying force in the country.

It was Mahatma Gandhi's vision that the freedom we earned should reach the poorest of the poor and it is with this faith and fundamental philosophy that the Congress Party has been working and will continue to work. Pandith Jawaharlal Nehru with a great vision, laid the foundation of a modern and progressive India.

Smt. Indira Gandhi, the late Prime Minister involved the poorest of the poor in the political and economic governance of India by introducing many special pro people programmes and gave a new dimension to the concept of Social Justice.

Sri Rajeev Gandhi, the late Prime Minister ushered India into the 21st Century by bringing about a Technological and Educational revolution. By introducing the 73rd and 74th Amendments to the Indian Constitution he made it possible for all sections of society to become participants in the basic Democratic unit - Panchayat Raj, and was responsible for reducing the voting age from 21 to 18 years and involving crores of youth in the democratic process.

Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Hon'ble Congress President and the Chairperson of the UPA, inspired the Congress-led UPA Government to undertake many progressive welfare schemes.

Dr. Manmohan Singh led the country and the UPA Government in critical and difficult times and has delivered progress in the country.

Sri Rahul Gandhi, the young Vice President of the Congress Party believes in inclusive growth and holds that power is not for the sake of power but should give voice to the voiceless.





Ever since Karnataka became a part of the Republic of India, the State, under the stewardship of many eminent personalities acquired a special status for itself in terms of achieving all round development, especially in the power sector, in decentralization of administration, introduction of land reforms, in the field of information technology and introducing many significant measures and facilities for improving the lives of the underprivileged.

The change of guard in the State, which brought the BJP into power, exposed the ideological bankruptcy of the ruling party. The corrupt BJP Government failed to conceive new programs as well as failed to implement even ongoing programs. Large sums of money released by the Congress-led Government at the Center have remained unspent in the last five years and it demonstrates the failure of the state Government to utilize the amount for the purposes they were meant for.

The story of misrule that led to agony in Karnataka began with the combined administration of JDS and BJP. We therefore appeal to the people to be especially aware of this danger hovering on the sky of Karnataka

Now the people of Karnataka have an opportunity to select a stable government. The state Assembly Elections are due on 5th May, 2013. The choice is very straight and simple, whether they want this misrule to continue or bring back Congress party to power and save the deteriorating condition of the State. The Congress party and its workers are committed to not allowing the people of Karnataka to fall into the trap of deceptive communal and castiest forces which led to a total failure of Governance in every sector. Women, underprivileged people, minorities, farmers, educated and every person in Karnataka needs to be very cautious and help prevent anti-social and anti-progressive forces from coming to power.

We bring before you this manifesto which shall be binding on the Congress Party to discharge its duties towards the people of Karnataka. Our desire is that everyone should have his share, right and responsibility in the affairs of the State. This Manifesto is not a pamphlet of false assurances. It shall not talk about what is not practical or implementable. It is a reiteration of our commitment to the cause of the masses. It will be the responsibility of the Congress Party to establish a high power implementation committee to execute and supervise the implementation of all programs mentioned in the manifesto.

Though this manifesto lists our commitment to achieve progress and development in different sectors, the Congress Party's ultimate goal is to provide Clean, Stable, Transparent, People-Caring and Corruption-Free Administration.





We commit :

FARMER FRIENDLY PROGRAMMES – AGRICULTURE :



- To make Agriculture the sustaining backbone of economy, a more profitable and cost effective endeavor, make arrangements for timely supply of fertilizers, pesticides, seeds and other inputs.
- To establish a high power Statutory State Agricultural Prices Commission, to fix competitive prices consisting of representatives of Farmers and Experts from the relevant field and appropriate committee at the District level by creating a revolving fund of Rs. 1500 crores to be gradually increased depending upon the requirements.
- Similarly, the Congress Party will involve farmers in fixing remunerative and competitive prices in commercial crops like sugarcane, coffee, cotton, sericulture, etc.
- It shall be the endeavor of the Congress Party to construct godown facilities, cold storages and such other requirements at the Grama Panchayat levels and Towns. The Government shall offer interest free loans to such farmers for the above constructions.
- To offer continuous 3 phased quality electricity to all the farmers in the State for their irrigation pump sets and for lighting purposes for 24 hours of the day.
- To offer subsidy of 75% for irrigation pump sets powered by solar energy.
- To offer 100 % subsidy for Drip Irrigation.
- To construct and extend “NAMMA HOLA - NAMMARASTHE” (Our Land – Our Road) with the goal of connecting all agricultural land of farmers.
- To make an effective survey of the diseases affecting the agricultural crops and take proper preventive and controlling measures.
- To offer Agriculture, Horticulture and allied subjects in selected Industrial Training Institutes as new skill development programs.





- To offer Agriculture, Horticulture and allied subjects at the high school and PUC level to enable the students to get into Agricultural Universities for higher education.
- To extend interest-free soft loans to the farmers up to Rs. 2 lakhs and with minimum interest of 3% up to Rs. 5 lakhs and to reimburse the banks, Cooperative Societies and recognised financial institutions the differential interest.
- To offer all the subsidies directly to the farmers for purchase of modern agricultural equipment under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioner.
- To create harvesting and drying yards in each village (KANANIRMANA).
- To waive loans of Areca farmers affected by yellow leaf disease as per the recommendation of the Gorak Singh Committee constituted by the Government of India.
- To increase subsidy to milk producing farmers from Rs. 2/- to Rs. 4/- per litre benefitting more than 45 lakhs farmers.
- To offer adequate compensation during drought and famine situations, for the loss of agricultural produce, postpone the recovery of distressed loans, waive complete interest and pay the tuition fees to the children of affected farmers studying in any Educational Institutions admitted under Government quota.
- To make Prakruthi Vikopa Parihara Nidhi a permanent fund as an immediate relief by creating an initial corpus fund Rs.1500 crores.
- To make greater investments for the improvement and development of horticulture in Bijapur district.
- To preserve fertility of soil, importance will be given to organic farming.





We commit :

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY :



The Karnataka State has a place of prominence in the country for milk production. In order to protect the interest of the farmers, the Congress Party is committed to establishing a veterinary hospital in every Panchayat.

We commit :

DRINKING WATER AND IRRIGATION :



- Drinking water has become a serious problem in the State. The Congress Party commits to providing pure drinking water to all villages and towns within a period of 5 years.
- Special arrangement will be made for the treatment of the water where there is imminent danger of fluorosis.
- To start a scheme, Shashwatha Neeravari Yojane in the districts of Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Tumkur and Chitradurga.
- The Party is committed to fully exploiting the rights of the State that fall in the jurisdiction of the Krishna and Cauvery basins. The Party is committed to completing all ongoing projects on a priority basis. Special emphasis will be given to completion of A and B schemes in Krishna basin and utilizing our full shares of water and making an allocation of Rs. 10,000 crores per year.
- The party is committed to establishing the Tank Area Development Authority. This Authority shall undertake the responsibility of liberating all the tanks in the State from encroachment. After a thorough survey, all tanks will be restored by offering adequate attention to cleaning the feeder channels and sluice and strengthening the bunds so they are ready to receive and store the maximum quantum of water from the Shashwatha Neeravari Yojane.
- To desilt the tanks and bear the cost of the transportation for shifting the silted soil to cultivable lands.



We commit :

POWER & ENERGY :



- To escalate energy generating capacity to 12000 MW in the State to meet the current and growing demand by making use of the available generation capacity to the fullest extent, and by setting up alternate power projects.
- To offer 100% subsidy to the panchayats for installing solar street and community lighting.
- To offer 75% subsidy for installing Solar appliances for domestic use.

We commit :

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIES :



KARNATAKA KALYANA PATHA

- For the uniform growth of Karnataka from Bidar to Chamarajnagar, develop an eight lane road (KARNATAKA KALYANA PATHA) and construct appropriate Industrial parks and townships which will create approximately 50 lakhs jobs and to connect it to major Ports and airports. This corridor will encourage industries such as Garments and Textiles, Light Engineering, Automobile, Handicrafts, Agro Industries, Electrical and electronic equipments, etc.
- To connect one district head quarters to another district head quarters, develop 4 lane road and one taluk to another taluk and from taluk to district headquarters, build 2 lane roads, and make village roads all weather proof within 5 years and provide the necessary funds.
- The PWD will be revamped, providing more transparency.
- The party is committed to creating an atmosphere that would enable regaining the confidence of the investors.





- All-round efforts will be made to expedite the process of land acquisition and payments of compensation to farmers will be made transparent and practical.
- To encourage establishment of industries in Tier-II cities and backward areas.
- To formulate and implement an effective and comprehensive sand policy.
- To offer Sales Tax and VAT concession to 2-wheeler and 3-wheeler electric vehicles within urban limits as pollution free Green mobility solution.

We commit :

URBAN DEVELOPMENT :



- To strengthen public transportation system in all corporations and important cities by running eco-friendly and high-tech buses and constructing multi-storey parking facilities.
- To implement Garbage clearance projects (**wealth from waste**) and to recycle it as a resource of energy, manure and other products.
- To undertake Housing for the urban middle class and poor by constructing apartments, distributing sites and houses by the respective authorities and make required budgetary allocation.
- To promote rain harvesting and utilization of solar energy by providing 50% subsidy.
- All the slum dwellers in the state, both in the declared as well as un-declared slums shall be provided with title deeds. The party is committed to making Karnataka a slum free state.
- To develop Mangalore as an important Port city and Hubli as an Industrial city and provide all necessary infrastructure.
- To prepare a comprehensive development plan and construct hi-tech infrastructure for the development of all cities with more than 1,00,000 population with particular focus on 22 towns in North Karnataka.





We commit :

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE :



- To reduce the income limit from 3 lakhs to 1.5 lakhs under RTE Act for eligibility for admission to schools.
- To strengthen every Government school as Shikshana Samarasya Vidyakendra by constructing residential accommodation for the teachers, providing facilities for sports, gardens, computer learning centers, etc. in the same campus, and not to close any government schools on the pretext of viability.
- To make Kannada compulsory as the medium of instruction up to 7th standard, and to offer English as the language of study from the 1st standard itself in all schools.
- To appoint well trained Kannada teachers in all schools including the schools run by linguistic and religious minorities.
- The party is committed to making the mid-day meal more nutritious.
- To extend free bus pass facilities to all the students up to 50 km.
- The party is committed to providing financial assistance to all Government schools in rural areas to encourage excursions of the students to places of historical, cultural, botanical and zoological importance in the state.
- To start one Women's college in every district with hostel facilities.
- To fill up teaching vacancies in all the Educational Institutions.
- To structure the contents of the textbooks and make them secular, committed to social harmony, moral development of personality and scientific temper and National Integration.
- To provide free laptops / digital notepads to all PUC students.





We commit :

HEALTH CARE :



- To provide free quality medical care and to improve access of the BPL families and senior citizens in identified speciality services requiring hospitalisation for Surgery, Therapy and Consultation through identified network of health care providers.
- To upgrade every Primary Health Center to have 20 beds with maternity ward and a minor Operation Theatre. Every taluk level hospital will have a bed strength of 200. All the Taluk level hospitals shall be provided with Dialysis Centres for kidney patients where dialysis will be made free for all patients.
- Every district will have a Government Medical College leading to the establishment of a Super Specialty Hospital.
- To establish Super Speciality hospitals to take care of cancer, neurological and mental health conditions, nephrology, etc. in every Revenue Region.
- Along all the national highways, a fully equipped trauma center will be established every 100 kms.
- In every district head quarters , an Accident Relief Mechanism will be devised to overcome hurdles in getting quick relief freely in all hospitals.
- To extend Rashtriya Swasthya Bhima Yojana and bring all the health schemes under one umbrella and extend it to loading workers, fishermen, weaver community, construction workers, domestic workers and other unorganized workers.
- To make rural service compulsory to medical staff, and to give special incentives including residential staff quarters.
- To establish Geriatric health care centers in every taluk, district and state hospital.
- To establish mobile hospital-cum-ambulance services that can reach every village and provide maternity delivery services and emergency medical treatment to rural patients at their residences.
- To make Yashaswini project more effective.





We commit :
HOUSING :



- To provide a house to every family in Karnataka within five years under the existing schemes and to increase the limit of housing cost to Rs. 1.2 lakhs.
- The Party is committed to waiving all Housing Loans under various Government Housing Schemes as a one time measure.
- To provide financial assistance of Rs.15,000 for construction of toilets in every new house and the existing houses not having toilets.
- The Congress party is committed to removing the restriction of holding minimum 10 cents of land for construction of houses in South Kanara and Udupi Districts.

We commit :
FOOD :



- To implement totally The Food Security Act and to revamp and streamline the public distribution system.
- To give Rice for Re.1 per kg up to 30 kgs for BPL families, and also provide pulses through the public distribution system.





We commit :

REGIONAL & RURAL DEVELOPMENT :



- The Congress-led UPA Government has introduced Article 371(J) to the Constitution of India for all round development of Hyderabad-Karnataka region. The Congress Party will bring into effect the necessary regulations within 6 months and make necessary allocations of funds and provide necessary reservations in recruitments.
- To undertake Rural Afforestation on a massive scale (Grama Aranya Programme).
- It was the ardent desire of Late Sri Rajiv Gandhi to bring about the 73rd and 74th amendments to the Constitution to ensure decentralization of power and enable the participation of the common man in the process of nation building. The Party is committed to revamping the existing RDPR Act to give supremacy to the Grama Sabha.
- All the beneficiaries under various schemes, such as Housing and Pensions shall be selected only in the Grama Sabha. Such people or the authorities who try to prevent, obstruct or intimidate the grama sabha shall be dealt with legally.
- All the proceeds of the Grama Sabha shall be videographed.

We commit :

KANNADA CULTURE / YOUTH / SPORTS / TOURISM :



- To establish an independent Shastriya Kannada Samshodhana and Balavardhana Kendra with all facilities and take up digitization of Kannada classics.
- To bring out all Mahakavyas of Kannada literature in CD form in the Gamaka format.





- To aid and strengthen minority languages like Pali, Prakrit, Tulu, Konkani, Kodava and Sanskrit.
- To construct Auditoriums according to the requirements in every district and taluk as a cultural centre.
- To support cultural associations who provide training and help propagate Karnataka's Desi Form of Culture.
- To start a Film Institute in Hesaraghatta on the model of Pune Film Institute.
- To formulate and implement a housing scheme for professional artists like theatre, folk, cinema and other artists.
- Exclusive skills development training centres will be established in every district for the youth who do not clear SSLC / PUC courses, in collaboration with industrial houses and NGOs. Such institutes shall entertain rural youth with stipend facilities for a period of 2 years and provide the best available training to the youth.
- To start and support NGOs to take up 24x7 Yuva Help lines and to establish "Information Centres" in every Taluk/City to enable youth to get employment and education details.
- To give as financial assistance a grant of Rs.1 lakhs per year to selected youth clubs in all the taluks to start a programme YOUTH FOR OUR SCHOOL (NAMMURA SHALEGE NAAVU YUVAKARU) for adapting and empowering the students.
- To start a programme YOUTH FOR YOUTH (YUVAKARIGE YUVAKARU) by offering financial assistance grant of Rs.2 lakhs per year in each taluk to voluntary youth associations to offer hands-on skill improvement programme in personality development, capability enhancement and focusing on the youth who have not passed SSLC and PUC exams.
- Fees in any recognized educational institutions will be exempted and borne by government for every student representing the university or college at the state, national and international level in sports.
- To start high quality sports schools in every district .
- To offer sports scholarships to both men and women .
- To establish small multi-purpose sports stadiums in all taluk cities, a high-tech sports stadium in district cities and international level multipurpose stadiums in all divisions of Karnataka.
- To start an exclusive Sports University.
- To develop all tourist centers on PPP model by providing transport and residential facilities and to create a separate tourist police cell.
- To develop Airlinks and connect with fast trains the tourist cities of Bijapur, Bellary, Chitradurga and Hassan and develop the necessary infrastructure.
- To develop Eco-tourism.





We commit :
LABOUR :



- The party commits itself to constituting a Wage Board at the State level which will take into consideration the various aspects of life and suggest a minimum wage to be provided to the unorganized labourers like masons, footpath vendors, maid servants, tailors, drivers in the private sector, auto drivers, hamalis, hotel workers and workers in small establishments. This shall be done, if need be, by passing suitable legislation and devising schemes for providing shelter, education of their children and health care.

We commit :
SOCIAL WELFARE :



- All backlog vacancies of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities in Government and Government-aided institutions will be filled within two years.
- Hostels meant for SC/ST/OBC/Minority students will be under professional management under the supervision of the institutional heads.
- Hostels under Social Welfare department will be upgraded with improved infrastructure and management.
- All eligible Lambani Tandas, Gollara Hattis, Girijana Haadis will be converted as Revenue villages by providing proper legal status and budgetary allocation. This process will be completed within 2 years.
- A Scheme for waiving loans taken from the SC/ST/OBC Women and Child, Fisheries and Minorities development corporations by individual beneficiaries will be taken up to decide to give concession in the principal and waiver of interest as a "one time settlement".





- The Bhagya Jyothi Scheme will be streamlined and overdue bills will be waived as a one time measure.
- All unspent budgetary allocation to special component plans and tribals sub plan, and all welfare schemes will be carried forward to be spent in the next budgetary year.
- The families of Koushala Karmikas and artisans like potters, handloom weavers, fisherman, shepherds and hairdressers will be entitled to a loan of two lakhs at 2% interest for self employment.
- All Central Government schemes for SC/ST/OBC/Minority and Woman and Child Welfare will be implemented in full.
- To do away with the system of outsourcing of "Poura karmika" and to regularize the services of existing Poura karmikas gradually.
- The expenditure incurred for training in renowned institutes will be subsidized up to 75 % to all the students appearing for Central/State Government Class-I service examinations.
- To implement The Forest Rights Act 2006 within one year by granting cultivating rights to the notified Scheduled Tribes, Lambanis and other Notified forest dwellers.
- A comprehensive survey will be undertaken to document the data about otherwise abled, mentally and physically challenged people and a suitable fund will be established to train, empower and find suitable placements for them both in government as well as private sector and offer them a monthly sustenance allowance of Rs. 3000 per month.
- A special programme will be undertaken to help the Autorikshaw/Taxi drivers focusing on healthcare and educational needs of their children and cover them under Insurance Schemes.
- To constitute Sri. Devaraja Urs Foundation on the model of Maulana A. K. Azaad Foundation to promote educational institutions amongst backward classes.
- To increase the number of OBC hostels.
- To establish **Vishwakarma Abhivridhi Nigama** to financially assist artisans involved in metals, carpentry, sculpting and allied sectors.
- To increase the allowances to Rs. 2000 per month for meeting the expenditure on Pooja Dravya and honorarium for small rural temples, a scheme will be evolved under the Mujari Department. The party is also committed to bringing under the purview of Mujari, the various temples of Gramadevatas which are being run by local people of various faiths.





We commit :

MINORITIES WELFARE :



- The recommendations made by the Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission and Justice Sachar Committee report will be implemented.
- To make sure that the Minorities get their due share in the various development programmes and make necessary budgetary allocation and carry forward unspent amount on the model of SCP/TSP.
- A separate Legislature Committee for minority welfare will be constituted.
- Common work sheds for Vocational training and employment with all facilities shall be started at each Taluk level exclusively for women of Minority Community.
- A comprehensive survey and identification of Wakf properties will be done within two years and their ownership will be restored to the Wakf board by taking effective legal course.
- Due representation will be given to minorities in all the statutory bodies like KPSC, Universities and all recruitment committees.
- Encouragement will be given for the establishment of Minority Educational and Training Institutions by providing all the necessary support, including issuing NOC's.
- All eligible Minority students will be covered by Scholarship either by Central Government or State Government following the pattern introduced by the Congress Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- The Government will provide aid to the existing Arabic schools and fill up the vacancies in teaching posts in Arabic and Urdu schools.
- Residential schools at all District level will be established along the lines of the Kendriya Vidyalaya model and 75% seats in these schools will be reserved for Minorities. This will be under the Minority Affairs Department.





We commit :

WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE :



- To establish an Apex Scheduled Bank exclusively to empower women under the title Kittur Rani Chennamma bank and have its branches at every district level and later at every taluk level with the State's participatory contribution fund of Rs.200 crores (51% state and the remaining 49% as equity shares)
- To increase allocation of funds to Sthreesakti Sanghas from Rs.10,000 to Rs.25,000.
- To establish Sthreesakti Bhavans in every taluk and develop it as a training centre and allot Rs.1 crore and suitable financial assistance for its annual expenditure.
- To undertake programmes in schools, colleges and industries for gender sensitisation and prevention of sexual harassment by involving NGOs and voluntary organizations and giving them financial incentives.
- To fully implement the Act passed by the Central Government giving protection to women.
- To bring out suitable legal provisions and make punishable all types of offences and abuses committed on children.
- To bring out an Action Plan formulating the health and nutritional care for children.
- All the self help groups who have borrowed money from the Cooperative sector will be charged only 2% interest as compared to the current 4% interest.

We commit :

WEAVERS WELFARE :



- To bring on par the rebate system prevailing in the neighboring states.
- To establish societies which take care of the lending of raw material and marketing of the product necessary for all the power looms in different districts of the state. To establish 3 such centres, one in Belgaum one in Doddaballapura and one in Gadag.





- To undertake housing projects costing Rs.1.5 lakhs with 50% subsidy for weavers to house their residence with power looms.

We commit :

FISHERMEN WELFARE :



- To develop fisheries ports at Malpe, Thadadi and other places.
- To establish refrigerated storage kiosks in every market place.
- To offer 2 % loan to fisherwomen up to 1 lakh and continue diesel subsidy.
- To increase the housing cost limit to 1.5 lakhs with 50 % subsidy under Matsya Ashraya Scheme.
- To establish a committee to formulate the proposal to protect the rights of small fishermen.

We commit :

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE :



The Congress Party is committed to providing a Clean, Transparent and Corruption free administration.

- To streamline the bureaucratic structure, a thorough review will be undertaken and unnecessary and unwanted posts will be abolished.
- The police administration will be streamlined, specialized cadres will be created for Traffic management, Intelligence gathering and such other sectors.
- Special fast track courts will be established for the trial of terrorism cases and heinous crimes like rape, attacking women with acid, etc.





- A State level Committee will be constituted under the Chairmanship of a Retired High Court Judge, along with a member from State Human Rights Commission, a Retired Police Officer not below the rank of IGP and Secretary Home Department as members to review the cases of detention of persons alleged to be involved in Terrorism related activities and innocent victims will be suitably compensated.
- The recruitment of women in police force will be increased to 20 %.
- To give free health care to the families of the police/home guards/fire fighting personnel.
- The party is committed to establishing residential schools at all district headquarters along the lines of Kendriya Vidyalaya, exclusively for the children of Police personnel starting from the rank of constable up to the rank of an inspector.
- To establish separate police welfare centers at every district to take care of the welfare of the serving and retired police along the lines of Military Welfare Centres.
- To strengthen the law and order and establish more police stations proportionate to the population.
- To provide housing for all the police personnel.





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We commit :

BRUHATH BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

- To enact a comprehensive legislation exclusively for the management of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara bringing under a single agency all service providers such as Water supply and Sewage, Transport, Housing, Power and Developmental authorities.
- To create a Greater Bengaluru Region with infrastructure and administrative connections with cities like Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Doddaballapura, Tumkur, Ramanagara, Kanakapura.
- To review the existing size and quantum of BBMP jurisdiction and organise it into administratively viable units.
- To undertake Massive Rapid Transit System by developing Circular Railway, and to construct North-South, South-East long elevated flyovers with necessary wings.
- To speed up the development of the ongoing Metro Phase-I and Phase-II and extend it to peripheral townships.
- To promote and develop traffic parking lots and permit the private operators to construct the same.
- To make Bengaluru a slum free city in five years by constructing apartments in such areas.
- To create a mechanism within BBMP for the improvement of villages that have been absorbed within the city limits, specially in old corporation areas.
- To offer a special package of development programmes to the villages that have been included when BBMP was formed.
- To regain Bengaluru's reputation as a Garden City and undertaking planting of trees on a massive scale.
- To make the management of Gardens and Lakes participatory, involving the Residents Associations.
- To make use of CNG in all public transport vehicles.
- To provide 100% effluent treatment and reuse of water for non-drinking purpose.
- Create and develop Botanical Gardens in four different BBMP zones.
- Upgrading of existing roads and widening of high density corridors.
- To construct sufficient number of old age homes – both day care and residential and child care centres with the involvement of NGOs and voluntary organisations.
- To create special Geriatric Departments in Corporation/Government Hospitals.
- To construct 5 more auditoriums on the lines of Ravindra Kalakshetra and 5 more multipurpose high-tech stadiums in different zones of Bengaluru.





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-: HIGHLIGHTS :-

FARMER FRIENDLY PROGRAMMES – AGRICULTURE

- Establishment of Statutory State Agricultural Prices Commission and District Committees .
- 75% subsidy for solar energy run irrigation pump sets up to 10 hp.
- Interest-Free loans up to 2 lakh and on 3% interest up to Rs. 5 lakhs.
- Increase of subsidy for milk producing farmers from Rs. 2 to Rs. 4 per litre.
- Establishment of Prakrithi Vikopa Parihara Nidhi with Rs. 1500 crores corpus fund.
- Supply of 3 phase quality power to farmers for 8 hours continuously per day.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

- Establishment of a veterinary hospital in every Panchayat.

DRINKING WATER AND IRRIGATION

- Providing clean drinking water to all the villages and cities of Karnataka in 5 years.
- Allocation of Rs.10,000 crores every year to implement irrigation projects in Kaveri/Krishna water basin.
- Providing “SHASHWATA NEERAVARI YOJANE” covering Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Tumkur and Chitradurga.
- Establishment of Tank Development Authority.

POWER & ENERGY

- Taking steps to making Karnataka self-sufficient in power requirements.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIES

- Construction of **Karnataka Kalyana Patha** 8 lane road from Bidar to Chamarajangar and establishment of industrial parks.
- Upgrading of roads connecting all taluks and districts.
- Revamping and thoroughly streamlining Public Works Department.
- Implementing programmes to make Karnataka investment friendly and regain the confidence of Industrialists.





URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Improving Mass Rapid Transport System in every city and construction of multi-storeyed parking lots with private involvement.
- Effective Waste Management.
- Construction of houses for the urban poor and middle class.
- 75% subsidy for Rain Harvesting.
- Development of Towns of North Karnataka and implementation of effective schemes for the development of cities with 1 lakh population and above.
- Development of Mangalore and Hubli as industrial city hubs.

EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE

- Reduction of income limit to Rs. 1.5 lakhs under RTE Act for admission to private schools.
- Restructuring Government schools as SHIKSHANA SAMARASYA VIDYAKENDRA, and not closing any Government Schools.
- Appointment of well trained Kannada teachers in all schools including unaided schools.
- Making Kannada the medium of instructions compulsory and teaching English as a subject from 1st Standard.
- Filling up of all the teaching vacancies at all levels.
- Starting a women's college in every district with hostel facilities.
- To provide free laptops / digital notepads to all PUC students.

HEALTH CARE

- Upgradation of Primary Health Centres / Taluk and District Hospitals.
- Establishment of high-tech super speciality hospitals in every Revenue Region.
- Establishment of District Level Accident Relief Authority and Trauma centre for every 100 kms in the National/State highways.
- Starting Geriatric care departments in every hospital.

HOUSING

- Providing housing to every family.
- Waiver of all Housing Loans under Government Housing Scheme as one time measure.





FOOD

- Total implementation of Food Security Act and offering at Re. 1 per kg Rice up to 30 kgs.

REGIONAL / RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Formulation of regulations for recruitment and allocation of funds to implement the provisions of Article 371(J) in Hyderabad-Karnataka region.
- Taking action for the effective functioning of Grama Sabhas.

KANNADA CULTURE / YOUTH/SPORTS/TOURISM

- Establishing Autonomous Shastriya Kannada Samshodhana and Balavardhana Kendra.
- Constructing an auditorium in every taluk / district centre and upgrading the existing auditoriums.
- Encouragement to minority languages like Pali, Prakrit, Konkani, Tulu, Kodava and Sanskrit.
- Starting an International level film institute at Hesaraghatta.
- Skill Development Training Centers / Help Lines / Information Centers for Youth.
- Special Scholarships to sports persons and establishing a Sports University.
- Developing tourist cities - Bijapur, Bellary, Chitradurga and Hassan.

SOCIAL WELFARE

- Filling up of all backlog vacancies of SC/ST/OBC/Minority.
- A one-time loan waiver to SC/ST/OBC/Women/Child/Fisheries and Minorities Development Corporation.
- Carrying forward unspent budgetary allocations of special component plans.
- Abolishing outsourcing of Powra Karmika system and regularising the services of the present Powra Karmika's gradually.
- 75% reimbursement of expenditure incurred for training by SC/ST/OBC/Minority/Women students preparing for Class-I services.
- Conferring Forest Dwelling Rights under the Forest Rights Act-2006.





- Conversion of all Tandas, Gollara Hattis and ST Haadis as Revenue Villages
- Providing toilet facilities to every household in rural areas by a grant of Rs.15,000.
- Establishment of Sri Devaraj Urs Foundation to offer assistance to educational activities of OBCs.
- Special programme for the welfare of Auto Rikshaw and Taxi Drivers.
- Establishment of Vishwakarma Abhivriudhi Nigama.

LABOUR

- Wage Board to cover unorganized sector.
- Making provision for reservations and knowledge of Kannada and domesticity for jobs in industrial units availing Government facilities.

MINORITIES WELFARE

- Implementation of Justice Rajendra Sachar Committee and Justice Ranganath Mishra Commission reports.
- Sufficient budgetary allocations in all development programmes and forwarding unspent budgetary allotment
- Subsidies for entrepreneurs.
- Provision of scholarships and Aid to Arabic and Urdu schools.
- Establishment of Residential schools at every District.

WOMEN AND CHILD WELFARE

- Establishment of Kittur Rani Chennamma Bank, an Apex Scheduled bank.
- Increasing the allotment to Rs. 25,000 to Sthree Shakthi Sanghas and construction of Sthree Shakthi Bhavans in every taluk.
- Implementation of Action Plan for welfare of children.

WEAVERS WELFARE

- To bring on par the rebate system with the neighboring states and offering housing costs of Rs. 1.5 lakhs with 50% subsidy.

FISHERMEN WELFARE

- Development of Malpe, Tatadi and other Fishing Ports





- Offering 2% interest loan up to one lakh for Fisher Women and Rs. 1.5 lakhs on Mathsya Ashraya Housing Scheme with 50% subsidy.

ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

Commitment to a Transparent, Effective, and Clean Governance

- Streamlining the police department to make it an effective instrument of Law and Order.
- Constitution of a State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of a retired High Court Judge to look into the cases of detention implicating an innocent individual in terrorism.
- Establishment of Fast-Track Courts to try Terrorism related cases and heinous crimes on Women and Children.
- 20% reservation in recruitment of women in Police Department.
- Establishment of residential school at Revenue Division for children of Police Personnel.
- Establishment Police Welfare Centres.

WE COMMIT TO MAKE, BENGALURU SAFE AND LIVABLE

:- HIGHLIGHTS :-

- Enactment of Legislation to bring all service providers under one roof.
- Improvement of all intersections of roads.
- Construction of Elevated Roads.
- Proposal for Circular / Commuter Rail System.
- Development of Greater Bengaluru interconnecting second tier cities around Bengaluru.
- Review the existing structure of BBMP and make it administratively viable.
- Creation of a mechanism for the improvement of old villages inside BBMP and the recently included villages.
- Construction of 5 well equipped Auditoriums and Stadiums at different zones.

