HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET SPEECH BY HON. DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER (FINANCE) SHRI DEVENDRA FADNAVIS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023.

PART I

- The first budget of the State in the Amrut Kaal is based on five major goals, 'Panchamrut'.
- Amrut- (1) Sustainable Farming-Prosperous Farmers Provision of Rs.29,163 crores.
- Amrut- (2) Inclusive development of all sections of society including women, tribals, backward classes, OBCs- Provision of Rs.43,036 crores.
- Amrut- (3) Development of infrastructure with substantial capital investment- Provision of Rs. 53,058.55 crores.
- Amrut- (4) Employment generation: competent, skilled, employable youth- Provision of Rs. 11,658 crores.
- Amrut- (5) Environment friendly development- Provision of Rs.13,437 crores.

First Amrut -Sustainable Farming-Prosperous Farmers

- For increasing the income of the Annadata Baliraja, I announce the 'Namo Shetkari Mahasanman Nidhi' scheme- The State government will provide an additional amount of Rs.6,000 along with Rs. 6,000 per farmer per year from the Central Government.
- ➢ In Pradhan mantra Crop Insurance Scheme insurance premium of farmer will be paid by the State Government- only one rupee registration fees required - An annual outlay of Rs 3,312 crores will be made by the State Government.
- The remaining eligible farmers of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Shetkari Samman Yojana will be given their benefits.

- Under Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Shetkari Karjmukti Yojana, an amount of Rs. 4,683 crores has been directly disbursed to the bank accounts of 12.84 lakhs eligible farmers by the end of February 15, 2023.
- Mahakrishivikas Yojana- preparing an integrated crop-based project plan for taluka, district wise groups of farmers- An outlay of Rs.3,000 crores will be made available for this scheme for the next five years.
- ➢ It has been decided to provide an incentive amount of Rs.15,000 per hectare to the paddy farmers, based on the area of cultivation as entered in 7/12, without checking how much paddy has been sold under the new scheme.
- Farmers were given assistance at twice the rate of SDRF for losses due to natural calamities- Rs 7,093 crores were distributed to the affected farmers- Assistance was not given earlier for persistent rains. But now it will categorized and assistance will be given for crop damage.
- Gopinath Munde Shetkari Suraksha Grant Scheme- Grant up to Rs 2 lakh to families of accident victims instead of insurance scheme
- Maharashtra "Shri Anna" Abhiyan Provision of Rs. 200 Crores - Technology dissemination, crop demonstrations, mechanization of processes, value chain development and promotion for increased production of Shri Anna -Establishment of "Shri Anna Center of Excellence" at Solapur
- Rashtrasant Tukdoji Maharaj Shetkari Bhavan- Facility of accommodation and *Shiv Bhojan Thali* for the farmers at place of the Agricultural Produce Market Committee.
- Increase in embryo fertilization and transplantation facility for Indigenous Cattle Conservation - Establishment of Maharashtra Goseva Commission - Implementation of "Govardhan Govansh Seva Kendra Yojana" and "Gomay Mulyavardhan Yojana
- Establishment of Maharashtra Sheep and Goat Cooperative Development Corporation to provide Rs 10,000 crores interest free loan for sheep and goat rearing by National Cooperative Development Corporation - Headquartered at Ahmednagar.

- A programme of Rs.1000 crores was declared, having 22 schemes on the lines of tribal subplan for the upliftment of Dhangar community - Necessary funds to be provided from general plan.
- Orange ration card holder farmers in 14 distressed districts of Vidarbha and Marathwada to get Rs. 1800 cash per capita per year instead of food grains.
- River Linking Project River Linking Project will be undertaken from state funds to eliminate water deficit in Mumbai city and Godavari basin, beneficial for Marathwada and Nashik, Ahmednagar and Jalgaon districts of North Maharashtra.
- Wainganga-Nalganga-Painganga river linking project will divert water to the drought-prone areas of Nagpur, Wardha, Amravati, Yavatmal, Akola, Buldhana and Washim districts of Vidarbha.
- Revised Administrative Approval of 11,626 crores for Krishna-Marathwada Irrigation Project – Benefit to 133 villages in Dharashiv and Beed districts.
- Gosikhurd National Project to get 1,500 crores in the year 2023-24 - project to be completed by June 2024.
- Special action program for creating irrigation facilities in Konkan.
- To overcome persistent problem of irrigation and drinking water for Marathwada, under the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme Marathwada Water Grid project sent for approval to Central Government.
- Promotion of organic farming 25 lakh hectares area will be under organic farming in next 3 years - Establishment of 1,000 bio input resource centers – Rs. 1,000 crores to be spent in 3 years.
- Extension of farmpond on demand scheme :- orchards, drip irrigation, Farm ponds, farmpond Lining, Shednet, Greenhouse, Modern Planters and Cotton Shredder on demand- Rs.1,000 Crores to be provided.
- Creation of "Cashew Board" for Konkan with equity capital of around Rs.200 crores - Cashew Bondu Processing Centers in Konkan.

- Cashew Development Scheme" will be implemented in entire Konkan, Chandgad and Ajra taluks of Kolhapur district – 1,325 crores rupees to be spent in next 5 years.
- Solarization of 30 percent of agricultural power pumps in the next 3 years to provide daytime electricity to 9.50 lakh farmers
 1.50 lakh solar agricultural pumps through Pradhan Mantri Kusum Yojana.
- "Nirantar Veej Yojana" for immediate replacement of defective power transformers.
- In 2023-24, Jal Jeevan Mission will serve 17,72,000 households by water taps about Rs 20,000 crores to be spent.
- > Jalyukta Shivar Yojana 2.0 to be implemented in 5,000 villages.

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

- Modi Awas" Gharkul Yojana 10 lakh houses to be built in next three years for other backward class beneficiaries – Rs.12,000 crores to be made available for this scheme in next 3 years.
- "Lek Ladki" Girl child born in a family holding yellow or orange ration card to get grants at the stage of birth, Std I, Std VI, Std XI and Rs 75,000 at the stage of attaining age of 18.
- > 50 percent concession in ST bus tickets for women.
- > 50 hostels to be built for working women.
- 50 centers to be established under the new Shakti Sadan scheme for legal services, health services, counseling and shelter for victimized women.
- ASHA volunteers and Group promoters have honorarium raised by Rs. 1500 each.
- The honorarium of Anganwadi workers to be raised to Rs 10,000 that of Mini Anganwadi workers to Rs 7,200 and Anganwadi helpers to Rs 5,500.

- 20,000 vacant posts of Anganwadi, Mini Anganwadi workers and helpers to be filled.
- Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana, health cover amount to be increased from Rs 1.50 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per annum. The rate of kidney transplant surgery will be increased from Rs 2.50 lakh to Rs 4 lakh.
- Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray "Apala Dawakhana"- 700 clinics to be established in state - free medical tests, therapy and treatment will be provided.
- Financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries of Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Shravanbal Seva Rajya Nivruttivetan Scheme to be increased from Rs.1000 to Rs.1500. - The assistance to be paid provided in the first week of every month.
- On occasion of Gudipadwa, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti Government to distribute "Anandacha shidha" to more than 1 crores 63 lakh families.
- For the upliftment of Lingayat community "Jagtyoti Mahatma Basaveshwar Economic Development Corporation", for Gurava Samaj "Sant Kashiba Guruv Youth Economic Development Corporation ", for Ramoshi community "Raje Umaji Naik Economic Development Corporation", for Vadar community "Pailwan Kai. Maruti Chavan-Vadar Economic Development Corporation". to be established.
- Unorganized Workers Welfare Board to be set up for benefits to more than 3 crores unorganized workers.
- * "Maharashtra State Autorickshaw and Taxi drivers owner welfare Corporation" to be set up for implementation of welfare schemes.

Third Amrut - Development of infrastructure with substantial capital investment

- Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra Samriddhi Mahamarg to be extended from Sindkhedaraja node to Shegaon (Four-lane).
- Maharashtra Shaktipeeth Highway (Pawanar to Patradevi) -Nagpur-Goa Expressway - Expected cost of Rs.86,300 crores, to be taken up

- Land acquisition of Pune Ring Road, Construction of missing link between Khopoli to Khandala on Mumbai Pune Expressway, Virar to Alibag multi-modal corridor, works of Revas to Reddy Costal Highway to start.
- Public Works Department will take up Around 18,000 km of road length for improvement through Asian Development Bank loan, Hybrid Annuity and other regular schemes, another 4,500 km road length of other district roads and village roads to be improved.
- "Birsa Munda Jodaraste Yojana" to connect all tribal padas with all-weather roads, "Sant Sevalal Maharaj Jodaraste Yojana" for all Banjara Tandas and "Yashwantrao Holkar Jodaraste Yojana" for all Dhangar wadya-vasti roads to be started- provision of Rs. 4,000 crores to be made available.
- Matoshree Gramsamrudhi Panand Shet Road Scheme, to be revamped.
- Thane City Circular Metro Rail Project, Nashik Metro Neo Project, Pimpri-Chinchwad to Nigdi Corridor of Pune Metro and Swargate to Katraj Metro Projects sent for approval of Central Government
- 50 per cent state share to be provided for new railways of Kalyan-Murbad, Nashik-Pune semi-high speed, Solapur-Tuljapur-Dharashiv, Nanded-Bidar, Phaltan-Pandharpur, Khamgaon-Jalna and Varora-Chimur-Kampa.
- New passenger terminal at Shirdi Airport- At a cost of Rs. 734 crores, provision for land acquisition of Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Airport planning for expansion of Nagpur International Airport and new international airport at Purandar.
- Rs. 100 crores for MIHAN project in Nagpur, works at Airports at Belora in Amravati and Shivni in Akola in progress.
- > Mumbai Metro Line 10, 11 and 12 to be completed soon.
- Various development schemes to be implemented for villages in border areas.

Thane and Vasai creeks to be connected for water transport around Mumbai, jetty and related facilities at radio club to be constructed for facilitation of passenger transportation from South Mumbai to Kalyan, Dombivli, Thane, Vasai Khadi, Navi Mumbai by waterway.

Fourth Amrut -Employment generation: competent, skilled, employable youth

- Under the New logistics policy of Maharashtra, a logistics hub will be created on One thousand acres of land in Nagpur.
- Based on the principle of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle circular economy parks to be set up at six places - Nagpur, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, Pune, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Nashik and Ratnagiri.
- > A grand gems and jewelery park coming up in Navi Mumbai.
- Skill development program to be started in 500 Gram Panchayats for local level employment and self employment.
- Rs 2,307 crores additional investment to be made to upgrade 500 Industrial Training Institutes.
- 816 schools to be developed as "PM Shri Schools" Rs 1,534 crores to be provided in the next five years.
- Government Medical Colleges to be constructed at Satara, Alibag, Sindhudurg, Dharashiv, Parbhani, Amravati, Bhandara, Jalgaon, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Wardha, Buldhana, Palghar and Ambernath in Thane districts.
- > "Tent City" to be set up at ten tourist spots, by M.T.D.C.

Fifth Amrut - Environment friendly development

- An investment of 75,000 crores rupees expected in field of green hydrogen, green ammonia, solar and wind energy.
- Solar power projects to be set up in 20,000 Gram Panchayats.
- An African Safari and Bird Park to be made functional next year at the Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada Zoo. Leopard safari to be started at Shivneri, Taluka Junnar in Pune district.

Monuments and other schemes

- Rs 350 crores to be provided to organize "Shiv Rajyabhishek Mahotsav"
- An outlay of Rs. 50 crores for setting up 'Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Theme Park' at Ambegaon, Haweli Taluka, Pune District Public parks with audio-visual media facilities to be developed in Mumbai, Amravati, Nashik, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Nagpur outlay of Rs. 250 crores.
- Museum on the life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj to be set up at Shivneri Fort, Rs 300 crores to be made available for the conservation of forts.
- Necessary funds to be provided for Rs. 270 crores plan for the memorial of Swarajyakshak Dharmaveer Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, "Balidaan Sthal" Mauje Tulapur, Haveli and "Samadhi Sthal"at Vadhu (Bu.) in Shirur district Pune.
- Sreesanth Namdev Maharaj Kirtankar Sanman Yojana A new scheme for Kirtankar, Pravachankar, Nirupankar to be implemented.
- Jyotirlinga devasthan and ancient temples to be preserved and conserved, an outlay of Rs 300 crores to be provided.
- Substantial provision to be made for development of devasthan such as Riddhapur, Katol, Bishnoor, Jalicha Dev, Pohicha Dev, Nanded, Panchaleshwar, Paithan etc. which are important places for Mahanubhava Panth in Maharashtra.
- Marathi language university to be established at Srikshetra Riddhapur, Dist. Amravati

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- Provision of Rs.15,150 crores under the District Annual Plan in 2023-24
- Annual Plan Rs.1,72,000 crores, Scheduled Caste plan Rs.13,820 crores and Tribal Sub-Plan Rs.12,665 crores
- Budget Estimates 2023-24 Total Expenditure Rs. 5,47,450 Crores, Revenue receipts Rs.4,49,522 crores, Revenue Expenditure Rs.4,65,645 crores, Revenue Deficit Rs.16,112 crores, Fiscal Deficit Rs. 95,500.80 crores