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**SARVA JANANGADA SHANTHIYA THOTA**



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## Our Sankalpa

### **SARVA JANANGADA SHANTHIYA THOTA**

#### **Paradise of Peace to all**

Our beloved Country and the entire world know the role played by Indian National Congress led by Mahatma Gandhi in reconstructing India as an inclusive, harmonious and a culturally Vibrant Nation.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru ably assisted by Sardar Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad and others firmly established the democratic system of Governance in India protecting the autonomous institutions like the Judiciary, the Armed forces, the Planning Commission, the Election Commission and the the literary and innovation institutions etc. from any political interference. The Constituent Assembly led by eminent jurist and Law Minister, Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar gave a unique Constitution to our country.

Smt. Indira Gandhi, with her vision and firm commitment to purge poverty, gave the slogan of “Garibi Hatao” and implemented it along with several economic programmes and policies of political empowerment.

By transforming the Indian Constitution, Sri Rajiv Gandhi constitutionally empowered grass-roots democracy at Panchayat, Taluk, Zila Parishad and Municipal levels opening doors for millions of women, youth, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBCs to be part of governance. Shri Rajiv Gandhi ushered the IT, Telecom, Innovation and Space Age revolution besides introducing a range of efforts for transforming agriculture and rural India and made the entire world to look at India as a Great Country. Shri Narasimha Rao, following the foot-steps of Sri Rajiv Gandhi, strengthened this process of economic liberalization and reforms.

The 10 years' Governance of Dr. Manmohan Singh led UPA were indeed the golden era of India on economic prosperity and inclusive growth.

The role played by Smt. Sonia Gandhi and Shri Rahul Gandhi in ushering in a rights based paradigm of MNREGA, RTI, Right to Food, Right to fair Compensation for acquisition of Land, Right to Forest Produce and Direct Transfer of benefits have proved to be game changers for the Indian Nation.



Shri Rahul Gandhi, the young and enlightened leader following the principles of Mahatma Gandhi has grown as a symbol of voice of justice. Through his historical Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanya Kumari to Kashmir treading more than 3,700 KMs, Shri Rahul Gandhi has taken it upon himself to champion the fight against price rise, unemployment, wealth disparity and political hate and rescuing the country from being torn apart by the communal and corrupt BJP.

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, a seasoned, astute and experienced public leader has now become the President of AICC. It is a matter of pride for all Indians, especially for us Kannadigas to be guided by his vision and vast experience.

Karnataka, a part of Republic of India, was led by eminent Congress Leaders like Shriyuths Kengal Hanumanthaiah, S. Nijalingappa, Devaraj Urs, Veerendra Patil, R Gundu Rao, S. Bangarappa, M. Veerappa Moily, S.M. Krishna and Siddaramaiah. During the Congress Rule, Karnataka earned the status of being the pride of India and was known across the world as the most happening state. The achievements in power sector, Information Technology, Bio-technology, Innovation, Land reforms, Industrialization, Education and Health Care were, perhaps, not matched by any other state in the country.

Unfortunately, the Government of India led by Shri Narendra Modi as the PM has pursued the politics of hate, bigotry, false-sloganeering, and unbridled corruption. And, for hiding the failure of the Government, BJP is indulging in worst and unethical practices of propaganda. This was never seen at any time in the history of India.

BJP led State Government, which came to power by purchasing MLAs from the opposition parties in the name of de-famed Operation Kamala, acted only as a slogan shouting team and indulged in brazen loot and corruption and to hide it has taken shelter under every unethical communal practice. Distorting History and Text Books, unleashing violence and cruelty, discrimination against Dalits, Minorities and OBCs and other marginalized sections has now become normal for the BJP which has lost all public sensitivities. **No wonder, BJP Government is now known as “40% Commission Sarkar” and PAYCM across the country.**

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress is led by a dynamic organization man, ever energetic and never tiring Shri D. K. Shivakumar as President and always pro-people and a very efficient, visionary and sensitive administrator CLP Leader Shri Siddaramaiah. It is guided by an eminent Public Person Sri Randeep Singh Surjewala.

Congress Party's goal is not just to get into the Power Chamber. It considers that it has a public responsibility to people to overthrow this much condemned corrupt and communal government and bring an efficient Governing system back again.



We are placing before you this manifesto which is not a pamphlet of assurances. As it had happened earlier, the Congress Party Governments have shown that the manifesto becomes the blue-print for Governance. We just do not promise; but we perform and deliver too. Our mission is to build “BRAND KARNATAKA” and to put the State at Number one position in the Country.

The Congress Party Government will adopt the values of Public life set out by Vishvaguru Basavanna, Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, Brahmashri Narayana Guru, Dasa Shresta Purandaradasa, Kanakadasa, Santa Shishunala Sharief among long line of revered personalities of Karnataka culture and history.

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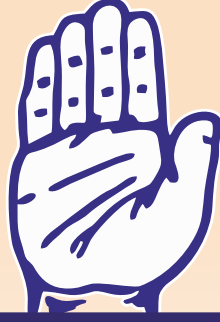
**Prof. K.E. Radhakarishna**  
Vice-Chairmen

**Madhu Bangarappa**  
Vice-Chairmen

**KPCC Manifesto Committee-2023**

**A high power Committee for implementing  
the manifesto will be formed.**





## Congress Guarantees

### GRUHA JYOTHI



**200**  
UNITS OF

GRUHA JYOTHI

**FREE**

ELECTRICITY TO ALL THE HOUSES

### GRUHA LAKSHMI

₹ **2000**

EVERY MONTH TO EACH  
AND EVERY WOMEN HEAD  
OF THE FAMILY

### ANNA BHAGYA



10 KGs of food  
grains [rice -  
ragi - Jowar -  
Millet] of  
their choice to  
every person in  
BPL family

### YUVANIDHI

Rs.3,000/- per month for  
two years to unemployed  
graduates and  
Rs.1,500/ per month for  
two years to unemployed  
diploma holders.

### SHAKTI

Free travel to all  
women through out  
the state in regular  
KSRTC / BMTc Buses





**ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE**  
**Commitment to people**



## The Congress Party Commits:

### ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

- To demand from the union Government the rightful share of Karnataka from the total Taxes collected from Karnataka State and fight against the efforts to dilute the constitutional rights in the federal system.
- To come up with a policy framework to stop any kind of voter data theft incidents.
- To constitute Bharath Jodo Social Harmony Committees in every grama Panchayats and to provide appropriate grants.
- To make use of the cess and surcharge collected for a specific purpose viz. Library Cess, Constructions Cess, Health Cess etc. only for that specific purpose within a time frame.

To make all activities connected with procurements, developmental and infrastructural activities and recruitments transparent and accountable.

- To separate the Disaster Management Department from Revenue Department.
- To make all-round efforts to expedite the process of land acquisition and payment of compensation to farmers in a transparent and practical manner.
- To put in a system issue of automatic receipts to all the tax collections by the Government
- To issue permissions to all those who apply through single window agency within 3 months of the application and inform the applicant the status and reasons, if rejected.
- To strengthen the SAKALA Act to ensure timely delivery of services to all citizens of the state within a stipulated time limit.
- To give Mandatory Training for updating of functional skills to the Government employees at least once in 3 years before effecting promotions.
- To put in place a strict timeline to ensure that all local body elections are held regularly to ensure effective representation.
- To launch a Praja Dwani Sabhas to maintain regular contact between elected officials and the public.
- To Sympathetically consider to bring a separate schedule for minimum wage



## Public Service:

- To fill up approved vacancies in all Government Departments within one year.
- **To Sympathetically consider extension of OPS to the pensionable government employees who joined service since 2006**
  - To effect a scheme for considering the employees of Government Owned Transport Corporations on par with respective categories in the Government Service and other Boards and Corporations in terms of Salary and services under the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act and within the budgetary provisions of the respective corporations.
- To regularize the services of the presently working in source employees under Health & Family Welfare Department on the lines of the actions being taken by the Congress Governments of Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh
- To treat the employees of Government owned transport corporations on par with government employees and other boards and corporations in terms of salary and services.
- Giving due weightage to the contractual and guest faculties by bringing suitable amendments to the recruitment rules.
- To give benefits to :
  - (A) : Increase monthly salary of Anganwadi Workers from to Rs. 11,500 to Rs. 15,000/- and retirement benefit of Rs. 3 Lakhs on premature death or retirement
  - (B) : Mini Anganwadi workers from to Rs. 7,500 to Rs.10,000 and retirement benefit of Rs. 2 Lakhs on premature death or retirement
- To provide ASHA workers with a fixed monthly honorarium of Rs. 5,000/- to Rs.8,000/-
  - To enhance honorarium to Midday Meal Cooks from Rs.3,600 to Rs.6,000/-

## Revenue:

- To clear pending Padma and Inam land matters as per rules within the time-frame.
- To transparently reorganize the Survey Department.
- To frame people friendly policies to dispose of the absent revenue records.
- To clear all the pending Darkast and Podi issues within a year.





## Public Works:

- To abolish corruption in public works and to create a transparent tender systems in PWD, Rural Development, Irrigation, Urban Development and Power sector by enacting a special law to punish the perpetrators of corruption.
- To ensure that the works begin within 90 days of the issue of the work order, get the work completed within the time specified in the contract and settle the bills of the contractors within the time-frame of contractual agreement.

## Police

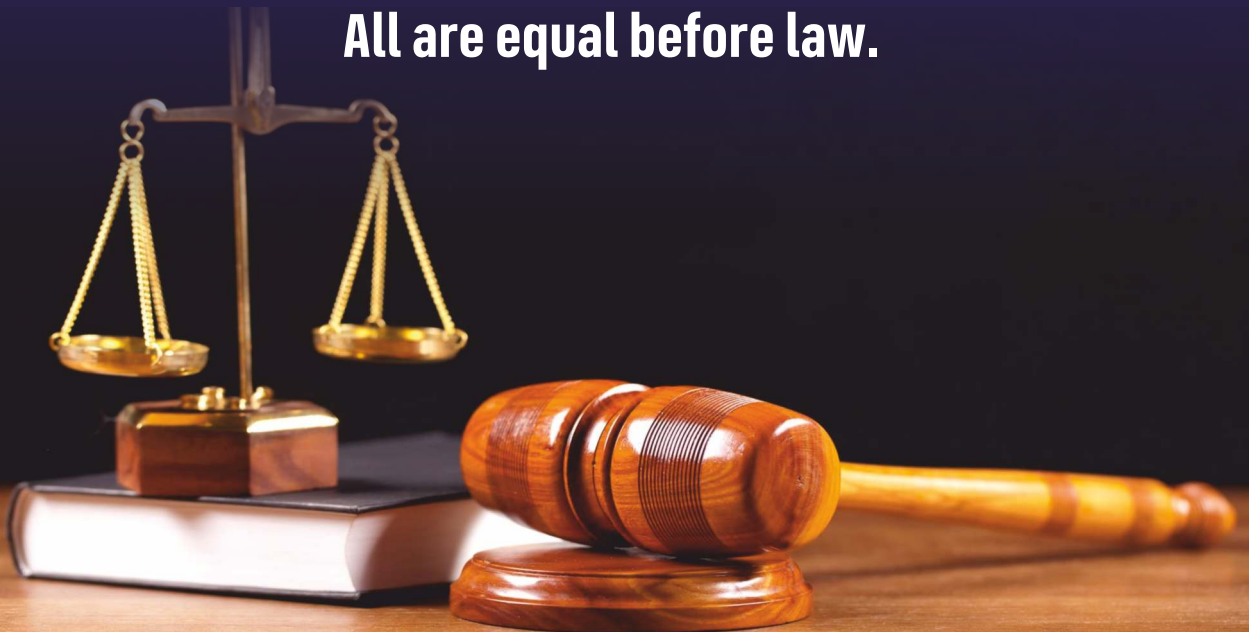
- To fill all the vacancies in the police department from time to time on priority basis.
- To increase recruitment of women in Police Force to 33% of the total strength with at least 1% reservation for Gender Minorities.
- To provide special allowance of Rs 5000 per month to police officials on night duty and one month's extra pay per year.
- To establish separate Police Welfare Centres at every district to take care of the welfare of the serving and retired police along the lines of Military Welfare Centres.
- To provide housing to all the police personnel within five years.
- To build new police stations and renovate all existing ones with better facilities and technological Tools.
- To remodel existing police stations into child friendly police stations across the state based on the guidelines released by the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).
- To establish fully equipped Cyber Police Station in each district.
- To establish a seed fund of Rs.200 crores to create infrastructure in Cyber Crimes and financial investigations.





# LAW AND JUSTICE

All are equal before law.





## **LAW AND JUSTICE - All are equal before law.**

- To set up a dedicated fund of Rs 2000 crore to modernise all the existing courts of the state.
- To establish an advanced forensic university in Kanakapura.
- To repeal all unjust laws and other anti people laws passed by the BJP government within one year of coming to power.
- To establish Special fast track courts for the trial of terrorism cases and heinous crimes like rape, acid attack on women etc. and create a system.
- To frame the policy to strictly control the on-line loan apps, within 100 days.
- To reduce registration fee concerning Gift & Will on landed property within the family .
- To implement the Right to Information Act in toto.
- To enact a Karnataka Whistleblowers Protection Act.
- The Congress Party is committed to take firm and decisive action against individuals and organisations spreading hatred amongst communities on grounds of caste or religion. We believe that law and Constitution is sacrosanct and can not be violated by individuals and Organisations like Bajrang Dal, PFI or others promoting enmity or hatred, whether among majority or minority communities. We will take decisive action as per law including imposing a ban on any such organisations.





# REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT





## Regional and Rural Development

- To set up high-speed WiFi hotspots in every Panchayath.
- **Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Scheme - To invest Rs. 50 thousand crores in five years to improve facilities in villages, to provide clean drinking water, sanitation, basic education, health and all weather roads.**
- To construct 1 recharge pond for 10 households to ensure efficient rainwater harvesting in rural areas.
- To construct 2 biomethanation plants per taluka to treat waste efficiently.
- To establish and strengthen the recycling plants in each Panchyath.
- **To increase the grants to Taluk and Grama Panchayats.**
- **To take up on priority black tapping of the existing jelly Roads and make Mud-Roads as motorable pukka roads.**
- To ensure all Talukas are connected to each other through state highways.

## Urban Development

- To extend Bengaluru's TenderSURE road model to cities with a population more than 10 Lakh.
- **To take up construction of apartments with all facilities, regularise all slums, provide them title deeds and re name the slums as Shramika Vasathi Samuchhaya**
- Recycling of water – Water treatment plants in Raja-Kaluves to generate clean water for secondary use, electricity and produce compost.
- To prepare a master-plan and implement Garbage Clearance Projects and to recycle it as a resource of energy, manure and other products. [wealth from waste]
- To provide 50% subsidy to promote rain harvesting.
- **To amend Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972 to provide for conveyance of property and land to group of owners.**
- To develop an aerotropolis each around Mangalore, Hubli, Belagavi, and Mysore airport.
- **To frame rules to double the FAR for buildings in II tier cities to enterprises which generate employment.**



- To simplify the rules of TDR to help the land losers who gave land to Developmental Projects.
- To bring suitable amendments to Building Bye-laws.

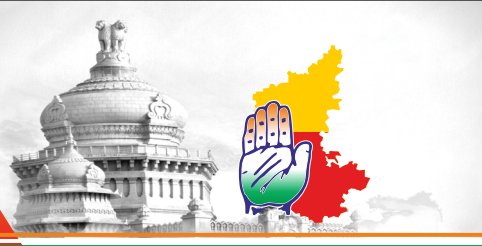
## Agriculture and farming – Farmer friendly programmes

### SASYASHYAMLE

- Krishi Sarvodaya Nidhi - To allocate Rs.1.50 lakh crores in five years for modernization of agriculture, subsidy, loan and insurance.
- Committed to AICC session held at Raipur the congress party would implement guarantees of MSP based on the report of Agricultural price fixation commission, in consultation with the farmers representatives to the Agricultural and Horticultural produce
- To increase interest free soft loans to the farmers from Rs. 3 lakhs to 10 lakhs and with minimum interest of 3% upto Rs.15 lakhs and to reimburse the differential interest by Government.
- **"Krishi Unnathi Nidhi"**- Loans to encourage start-ups and innovation in agricultural produce and allied sectors with seed money of Rs.500 crores.
- To promote Agro based village industries run by rural women by investing Rs.200 crores.
- To increase supply of 3 Phase electricity to the rural formers to 8 hours during the day time.
- To establish one food processing park with storage facilities in each Assembly constituency.
- To repeal the anti farmer laws enacted by BJP Government and to withdraw all politically motivated cases against farmers.
- To establish one Farmers' Mall each in all districts.
- **Savayava Saradaara Yojane** to promote Organic farming investing Rs.2500 crores in five years.
- A new development board **"Negila Tuditha"** with seed money of Rs.500 crores. to focus on landless agricultural labourers and tenant farmers.
- **Jala Chethana Andolana** - 100% subsidy to drip and sprinkler irrigation
- To reintroduce subsidy for installation of solar pump-sets with 75% of the cost as subsidy.



- To promote Agro based village industries run by rural women by investing Rs.200 crores.
- Karnataka State Centre of Excellence in Dry Land farming in Bidar/Kalburgi.
- Institute of Research on Minor forest produces in Chamarajanagara.
- **To ensure proper supply of Agriculture Inputs and Farm Mechanization at every Panchayat Level.**
- To form self-help group for rural agriculturist women and provide Rs.3 lakhs interest free revolving loan.
- **To create **Prakruthi Vikopa Nidhi** - a permanent fund - by creating an initial corpus fund of Rs.5000 crores.**
- To set up **Krishi Kosha** centres for Women farmers in Raitha Mitra Kendras for skill development.
- To evolve and bring out proper project to solve man-animal conflict in agricultural areas.
- To offer reasonable compensation during drought and famine situations for the loss of agricultural produce. To postpone the recovery of distressed loans and waive complete interest
- To establish major Agro Based Industry and a Cotton Export, Research & Marketing Centre in Gadag.
- To set up a Rice Research Centre at **Sindhanuru**.
- To establish Ethanol Production centres at Bagalkot, Belagavi, Mandya and other sugarcane producing districts.
- To strengthen pepper processing units in Kodagu and Chikamagalur districts.
- To establish an advanced floriculture research centre in Doddaballapura.
- To encourage Bee-keeping by farmers – Allotment of Rs.50 crores.
- **To resolve the the Sharavathi Backwater rehabilitation issue on priority.**
- To give special package of Rs.25 crores subsidy for Rubber.
- **To bring amendment to Forest Act to solve forest dwellers problems.**
- To provide possession certificates to the famers of Malnad.
- To provide Godowns to store farmers' durable produce and give 6 months' mortgage loan.
- To establish an Agriculture Price Commission in each revenue division.

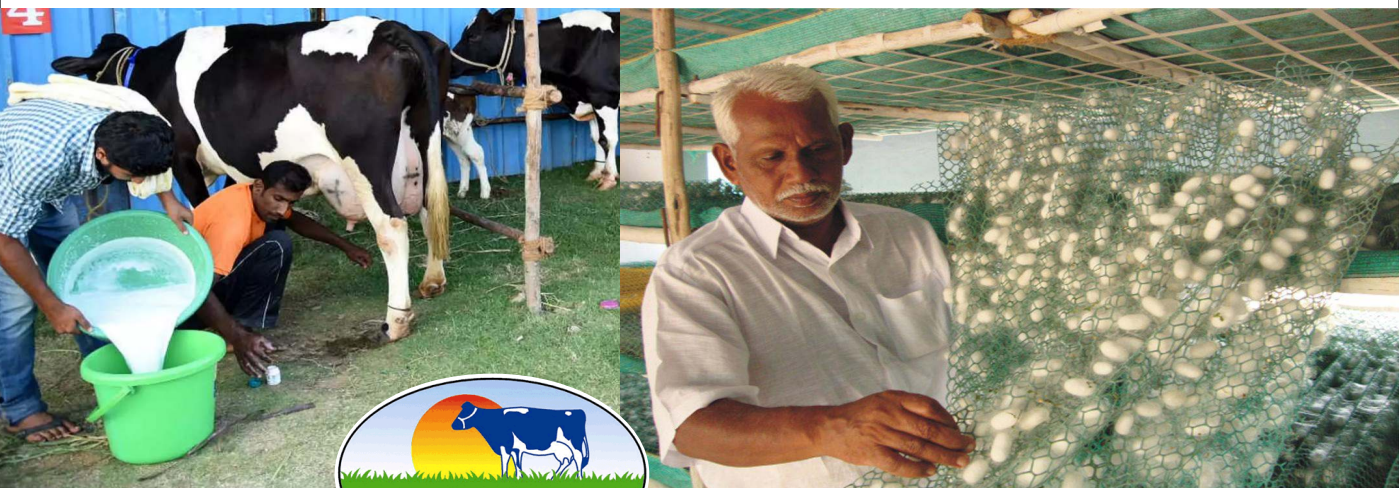


## Horticulture

- To assist the grape growers by providing subsidies – allotment of Rs.500 Crore.
- To establish Mango Processing Centres in Srinivaspura, Kolar district.
- To provide subsidy for wine brewing and export.
- To provide special package for development of floriculture in Bengaluru, Ramanagara and Chikkaballapura by investing Rs.500 crores.
- To create a brand for Coffee in Karnataka.
- To set up Research/Innovation Marketing system to encourage cultivation of Flowers like Mallige, fruits and vegetables unique to the respective regions. Allotment Rs.200 crores.







## Sericulture

- To create "Sericulture Stability Revolving Fund" with Rs.2000 Crores as initial deposit.
- To Clear all dues and timely payment to cocoon farmers.
- To provide Rs 3 lakh interest-free loans to all silk yarn reelers

## PUNYAKOTI NANDINI IS OURS

**WE WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO DESTROY THE EXISTENCE OF OUR PRIDE NANDINI**

### Dairy Development and Animal Husbandry:

- To implement Ksheera Kranthi - Mission 1.5 Crore litres of milk production per day.
- Pashu Bhagya – To give loans upto Rs.3 lakhs at zero interest to dairy farmers to purchase superior Cow/Buffalo breed.
- To establish **Kurigahi Samvardhana Nidhi** - Rs 1,000 Crore fund for sheep rearing.
- **Ksheeradhare** – To increase the per litre milk subsidy for all dairy farmers from Rs.5 to Rs.7/-.



- To establish a Nandini Dairy Technology polytechnics in each division.
- **Ksheera Kranti Credit Cards** – To provide all dairy farmers with Ksheera Kranthi Credit Cards with a credit limit of Rs.50,000.
- **Runamuktha Kurigahi Yojane:** To waive the Loan upto Rs 1 lakh of all sheep and goat rearing farmers.
- **To purchase cow-dung @Rs.3/- per KG and establish compost/manure centers in villages involving rural women/Youth.**
- To provide interest-free loans to women to buy 2 cows or buffalos.
- To frame separate law to prevent the atrocities on nomadic shepherds.



# Fisheries – Blue Economy



- **Matsyakranthi** - to make projects to rise in five years Rs 12,000 Crore Blue Economy based on income from Fisheries
- **"Matsya Sarvodaya Nidhi"** - To establish a Rs 5000 Crore fund to improve the fishing sector as a whole.
- To provide interest-free loans of up to Rs 3 lakhs to fisherwomen.
- To Build Country's largest Boat Building Yard in Mangalore
- **Matsya Bhagya** – To provide 500 litres of tax-free diesel every year for deep sea fishing.
- **Mathsya Asha Kirana Yojane** – To provide Rs 6,000 to all the marine fishermen as a lean period allowance during the fishing holiday.
- To provide financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to all the Nadadoni fishermen
- To double the number of existing cold storage units available for fisheries.
- **Matsya Mahithi Kendra** - To establish a state-of-the-art satellite mapping centre at UDUPI.
- To arrange dredging at the points of anchorages in the jetties/ports or places where the fishing boats are being anchored.
- To ensure that existing Minor Ports in Karnataka are managed sustainably.
- To maintain the health of natural fishing ports by strengthening an Integrated Coastal Management Committee.
- **"Matsya Ashraya Yojane"** - Ensure Housing to all economically disadvantaged fishermen.



# IRRIGATION – JEEVAJALA





## **IRRIGATION – JEEVAJALA**

- To Spend Rs. 1.5 lakh crores for irrigation in the next 5 years (2023 to 2028).
- To pursue – and complete them within five years and provide budgetary support
  - a. New Projects : Project Cost - Mekedatu -Rs. 9,000 Cr, Mahadayi -Rs. 3,000 Cr
  - b. Existing projects : Upper Bhadra, Upper Krishna ,Yethinahole and Varahi
- BJP has failed to implement Mahadayi project denying 3.9 TMC of clean drinking water to over 50 lakh residents living across Belagavi, Hubli-Dharwad districts.

### **Action will be taken to obtain necessary clearances from the Union Government**

- 100% of the Mahadayi water allocated to Karnataka will be utilised
- Rs 500 crore will be allocated in the first cabinet meeting
- All the components of Mahadayi river diversion projects shall be completed in the next 5 years with a total outlay of Rs 3000 Cr
- Priority will be given to drinking water, agriculture, and then to electricity generation
- Congress will ensure responsible and secure rehabilitation of project affected families
- Congress will adopt latest state-of-the-art technology for the construction of Kalasa and Banduri dams

To undertake desilting of Thungabhadra Dam on priority to ensure the 200 TMC of storage is not lost and additional area of agricultural area is brought under irrigation

- To provide Rs. 1000 crores for cleaning all important rivers in Karnataka (Kali, Bedthi, Krishna, Tungabhadra, Malaprabha, Bhima, Cauvery, Kabini, Shimsha, Arkavathi, Yagachi, Kumaradhara and Nethravathi Rivers) over a period of 5 years].
- To complete Yethinahole project within 2 years of assuming power
- To frame new water harvesting policy to manage the traditional water sources and storage.
- To de-silt the tanks and canals and bear the transportation cost for shifting the silted soil to cultivable lands.
- To strengthen the association of the stakeholders of tanks – Kere Abhivruddhi Pradhikara and Kere Okkootagalu - and to ensure framing of a purposeful scheme to maintain the flora and fauna around the tanks, to rejuvenate the tanks and improve the water health, in a mission mode programme.
- To build scientific check dams and agricultural ponds to increase the ground water level in Bayalu Seeme Area.



# WEALTH CREATION SECTOR





## Industry and Commerce

- For the uniform growth of Karnataka from Bidar to Chamarajanagar on the regions of the highway and construct appropriate Industrial parks and townships and to connect it to major ports and airports. This corridor will encourage to create huge job potential industries such as Garments and Textiles, light engineering, Automobile, Handicrafts, Agro Industries, Electrical and electronic equipments etc.
- To Establish a Gold and Diamond Park of International Standard in Mangaluru in a secure zone with all amenities to attract tourism and trade on par with Dubai.  
To develop the industrial infrastructure in the border areas of the state Talaped (Kerala) Nippani (Maharashtra) Bidar (Maharashtra / Telangana) Sarjapura (Tamilnadu) and Srinivasapura (Andrapradesh) established Border Industrial Development Board with the investment of rs. 5000 Crs in five years.
- To address the problems faced by farmers in starting industry in their own land.
- To encourage and modernize jaggary production, make budgetary provision of Rs.200 Crores.
- To provide start-up fund of Rs.10 crores to each constituency.
- To take rejuvenation work of ageing Industrial Parks and to upgrade/augment manage, operate and maintain infrastructure facilities in an integrated manner.
- To allocate a fund of Rs. 1000 Crore for Research and Development in modern technology.
- To upgrade through Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) with all the facilities - Tech parks in Mysuru, Mangalore, and Hubli Dharwad with the prospect of creating one lakh employment under IT.
- To reopen Brahmavar Vani Vilas Co-operative sugar factory.
- To offer SGST concessions to 2 wheeler and 3 wheeler electric vehicles within urban limits as pollution free Green mobility solution.
- To give Special package for revival of the establishments closed consequent to note-bandi and Covid pandemic.
- To upgrade ITIs to meet the requirements of industries and to make ITIs tie up with industries and have a sector-wise skill training.
- To invest Rs 100 Crore to support businesses that solve societal issues in



Karnataka, such as housing, flooding, waste management, and zero-carbon transport.

- To develop world-class fintech innovation hubs and incubation parks in Devanahalli and Davanagere.
- To frame a New Industrial Policy, based on stakeholder consultations focusing on balanced regional development.
- To increase Karnataka's industrial share in Gross Value Added (GVA) to 25% by ensuring adequate investments and introducing incentives to industries.
- To create a Jean Capital of India in Bellary to boost exports to expand employments opportunities by creating an Apparel park by investing Rs. 5000 Cr
- To create a Task Force to assist exporters in improving supply chains, market accessibility, and handholding for increasing exports.
- To create export promotion hubs for Millets in Bidar and Bajra in Yadgir with necessary infrastructure.
- To bring power tariff for Industries on par with the rate at which power is sold to other states.
- To expand the IT sector to contribute to more than 25% of state SGDP and 33% of the total technology-related business of India.
- To offer Start up subsidy upto Rs. 25 lakhs and soft loan upto Rs. One crore @ 6% interest.
- To create a Hardware Park at Siddlaghatta-Chikkaballapur.
- To set up Aerospace hub at Devanhanalli on priority.
- To encourage establishment on priority basis of non-leather footwear industry by women and youth entrepreneurs and provide sufficient logistic assistance.







## MSMEs:

- To set up a Welfare Fund worth Rs. 1,000 Crore to provide low-interest loans for small traders and shopkeepers to help revive key sectors of the local economy
- To establish small industrial huts in big Grama Panchayat areas as per requirement.
- To remove hurdles in getting permission for farmers to establish industry in their own land in all Panchyats with reasonable taxation and trade license fees.
- To establish training centres for aspiring entrepreneurs.
- To Reduce stamp duty to MSME for hypothecation and equitable mortgage for bank loans.
- To set up a state-level credit guarantee scheme to enable more MSMEs, particularly micro-enterprises, to access credit.

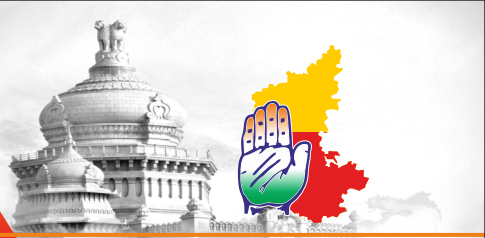




## Tourism

- To create a revolving fund of Rs. 5,000 crores for tourism development in the state.
- To provide loans at 5% interest rate and taxi permit to 50 youth in each constituency.
- To provide 6% interest subvention for loans up to Rs. 5 lakh for any infrastructural development by home-stay owners and to review the legal provisions.
- To give boost to village tourism – "Welcome to our village" [Hallige Banni] programme in selected villages.
- To promote atleast one Karnataka Kitchen [Rasoi - Adigemane] in every tourist place to popularize Karnataka delicacies and cuisine.
- To develop all tourist centres with transport and guest house facilities.
- To protect all the historical places of the state.
- To ensure that all government-run heritage hotels procure locally-produced traditional products and showcase them.
- To appoint locals as tourist guides, train them and give certificates.
- To encourage Boathouse and Cruise Ship Trail in Coastal belt.
- To create a new water body and river policy on the lines of Kerala and Maharastra to develop tourism potential





## Hotel and Hospitality Industry

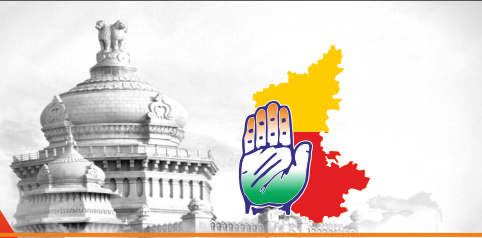
- To give Industry Status to Hotels with more than 20 employees.
- To promote tourism, encourage establishments of Hotels in the Coastal, tourist and pilgrimage centres.
- To relook into the conditions for trade license to Hotels/Hospitality industry and issue them in one single Window agency.
- To help small self - employed hotel / Bakery / Sweet Stall sector by offering loan up-to Rs 10 Lakhs with 6% interest





# POWER AND ENERGY





## Power and Energy

- To provide 200 units of free electricity to every house - “**GRUHAJYOTHI**”
- To Offer 25% subsidy upto Rs. 3 lakhs for installing solar appliances for domestic use.
- To make a scheme to harness the tidal energy potential of coastal Karnataka.
- To focus on harnessing natural resources and development of renewable energy and make Karnataka as the robust player in Power Sector.
- To offer 100% Grants to the Panchayaths for installing solar street and community lighting.
- To create solar clusters in each village to supply power to domestic lights, heating and street lights under Village Youth Employment Scheme.
- To establish EV charging infrastructure and battery manufacturing units with 50% exemption in SGST and special subsidy
- To encourage more mega Solar Parks, to produce additional generation of 5000 MW Power
- To provide solar energy equipment at 50% subsidized cost for small power-intensive businesses, such as ceramic and glass makers, foundry, forging, brick manufacturing, and power-looms etc.

## Transportation

- **SHAKTI** - Free travel to all women through out the state in regular KSRTC Busses
- To establish sufficient multi-storied Parking Places in major cities on PPP Model.
- To increase share of public transport from 55% to 70%.
- To ensure that the strength of Electric Buses is increased sharply so that within 2 years 50% of the buses are Electricity operated.



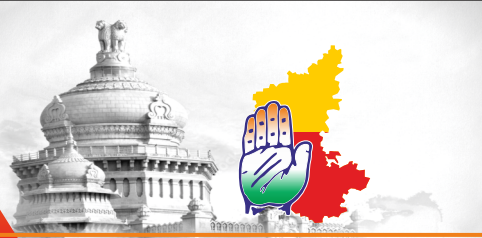


- To provide suitable health facilities to all Auto, Cab, Truck, Bus and Tractor Drivers.
- To completely digitize the Traffic Mobility System.
- To encourage E-vehicles - To make it compulsory to install E-Vehicle Charging points in apartments. Installation of E-Vehicle Charging points in all important junctions and Highways.
- To increase the fleet strength of BMTC – to 10000 in five years.
- To increase the KSRTC fleet – to 15000 Busses in five years
- To frame a new people friendly compatible to modern day Transportation Policy by revising the present 60-70 year old transport policies and re-categorizing the roads.
- To support Private transport and give Insurance for Taxi-drivers on selected roads.
- Free Bus-Pass to all students and senior citizens.
- To launch a rural minibus program in collaboration with public participation

## **Mining, Forest & Environment Protection:**

- **To stop the mining Mafia and stop the loot of natural resources and make suitable changes to mining laws.**
- **To effect strict regulations on sand mining, stone quarrying and other types of exploitations of natural resources.**
- Mining Action Scheme – In order that that the Mining Fund is properly utilized, ensuring the participation of Grama Sanbhas and to ensure that the Contractors get stable rate, a special scheme to be envisaged.





- To increase the forest cover of Karnataka upto 30% of the land area.
- To effectively implement forest protection enactments to protect vana, jala and jeeva, [forest, water and life].
- To effectively control pollution bring out effective laws.

To bring out a state action plan and climate change and to achieve net - zero CO2 emissions and create **Green Climate Fund**

- To increase the forest cover of Karnataka upto 30% of the land area
- To increase the green cover in urban areas so that there is 1 tree per person by 2025; currently there is 1 tree per 7 persons.



## Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer issues:

- **ANNABHAGYA** 10 kgs of free rice supply per person
- To rejuvenate existing Indira Canteens and extend them throughout the state.
- To provide Mobile Ration Shops in remote places.
- To enhance Ration Depot holders' monthly remuneration

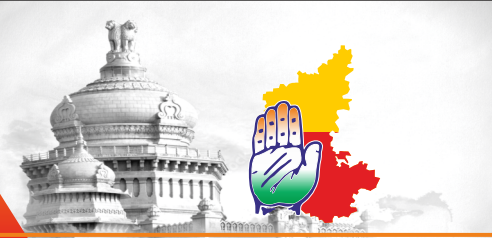


# EDUCATION

Let the letter enlighten the hearts







## EDUCATION – LET THE LETTERS ENLIGHTEN THE HEARTS.

- To fill up all the vacancies of teachers and staff in Government and aided Schools/Colleges within one year
- To regulate the fees in the schools and to reduce the fees of BPL Students.
- To reject the NEP and form a State Education Policy
- The BJP government has distorted the text books by insulting the great souls of Karnataka like Vishwa Guru Basavanna, Rastrakavi Kuvempu. The congress will restore the true values of Bharath and Karnataka and Scientific Temper in the text books to make the students evolved and complete.
- To bring the institutions providing education upto PUC run by SC/ST communities started prior to 2012, under grants-in-aid.
- To devise a scheme to make all educational institutions as the centres of social harmony.
- To establish Karnataka State Educational Financial Corporation with a seed money of Rs.2000 Crores for the purpose of bringing all State Scholarships in respect of all the categories under one umbrella for speedy and quick disbursement.
- To make Mid-Day Meal more nutritious.
- To renovate old Government School/College buildings and construction of new buildings by mobilizing CSR funds.
- To encourage and allow the public representatives, associations and Companies to adopt Government Schools under CSR.
- To appoint teachers in Physical Education/Music/Crafts in Government and Aided Schools.
- To appoint Kannada Teachers in all schools including unaided Arabic, Urdu, Tamil and other linguistic schools.
- To increase the income limit from Rs.3.5 lakhs to Rs.5 Lakhs under RTE Act for eligibility for admission to schools.
- To increase the number of school buses and to provide Mini-Bus facility.
- To introduce Sports, physical education, music, art and Yoga as compulsory subjects in school curriculum to inculcate sports culture in the students.



- To upgrade 2500 Government Schools as smart schools in the state.
- To provide bilingual textbooks in all government schools till class 12. The content to be printed in Kannada on one side and in English on the other.
- To bear the college fee of 10% of the government school students on merit who study 6-12th class in Karnataka and secure an MBBS/IIT/IIM/Engineering seat on passing competitive examinations, in any college in India.
- To establish job-oriented skill education centres in the universities and colleges.
- To upgrade the existing Govt. school infrastructure in Karnataka, focusing on providing 100% access to handwashing facilities, separate and functional toilets, all time power supply and safe drinking water.
- To start 10 special education schools to help the mentally and physically disabled students and to appoint permanent special education teachers.
- To increase the amount given under the Vidyasiri scholarship Scheme from Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 for students belonging to BPL families.





# HEALTH SERVICES





## Health Services

- To reach out to the remote areas during, emergencies, calamities and pandemics creation of Mobile Mini PHCs.
- To fill up vacancies of staff and doctors in all Government Hospitals.
- To upgrade all PHCs and equip them with Labour Ward, Mini Operation Theatre and 20 beds and to reorganize them in accordance with the population and to increase the bed number in each Taluk Hospital to 200 and to open Dialysis centres to provide free-dialysis to kidney patients.
- To establish along all the national highways, a fully equipped trauma centre in every 100 KMs.
- To extend Rashtriya Swasthya Bhima Yojna and bring all the health schemes under one umbrella and extend it to gig workers.
- To make Yashasvini Scheme more effective and expand it all over the State.
- To establish Government sponsored rehabilitation centres for drug addicts.
- To support NGO's and private organisations to set up well equipped old age homes in every district.
- To increase the Health Expenditure to 5% of the GDP in keeping with the recommendations of National Health Policy.
- To ensure that everyone gets the medicine at a reasonable price, 10 Kasturba Aushadha Kendras in each Taluk.
- To reorganize PHCs according to population.
- To establish one Jayadeva like Heart Hospital, Kidwai like Cancer Hospital and NIMHANS type Psychiatric Hospitals in each revenue Division.
- To establish multi-speciality hospitals in each revenue division.
- **Puneeth Rajkumar Heart Health Scheme** To offer subsidy to Doctors/ Clinics / Nursing Home to buy DEFIBRILLATOR (AED).



## Housing

### House to each family

- To ensure that all homeless families in Karnataka have a dwelling house under the existing schemes, within 5 years.
- To waive off all Housing Loans under various Government Housing Schemes as a onetime measure.
- To increase State Government subsidy of Rs. 3.5 lakhs to housing projects of the poor

## Cooperative Sector

- To create a legal framework to prevent fraud and mischief in co-operative banking sector.
- To investigate the fraud that had happened in co-operative sector and to create a legal mechanism to get the guilty punished within a fixed timeline.

## SOCIAL WELFARE

### SC/ST/OBC/Minority Communities

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- To increase the ceiling and reservation from 50% to 75% to accommodate the hopes and aspirations of SC/ST/OBC/Minority/ and other communities like Lingayat and Vokkaligas. The Congress party committed to increase reservation for SC's from 15% to 17%, for ST's 3% to 7%, and restore minority reservation 4% and increase reservations Lingayat's, Vokkaligas's and other communities and to pursue for inclusion in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution.
- To release the Socio-Economic caste censuses conducted by the congress government and accord social justice accordingly
- To present the report of Justice Sadashiva Commission in the first session of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council and the Congress Party will strive to get justice to all the sub-groups and urge the Union Government to accept it.
- To provide house to all SC/ST families in the next five years. Government to build houses for SC/STs



- To provide every year, subsidy and loan with 3% interest to 25,000 youth of SC/ST communities under Airavata Scheme, for purchase of Taxi, Goods Vehicle, three wheelers, four wheelers and other vehicles for self employment
- To take action to fill all the backlog vacancies within one year.
- The Central Government has stopped Pre-metric Scholarship to SC/ST students which are detrimental to their future. So, a new scholarship scheme in the name and style "Mysore Maharaja Shri Nalvadi Krishnaraja Vodeyar Scholarship Scheme" to be started to provide scholarships.
- To provide free laptops to all the PUC onwards students from SC/ST communities.
- To set up Rs. 1000 Crore revolving fund - "Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar Entrepreneurship Fund" - for organizing entrepreneurship development and incubation programs for SC entrepreneurs.
- To Construct in Dharwad, a Dr Ambedkar Constitution House, Museum and Training Centre.
- To repeal Section 7-D of SC/ST Act to ensure that the funds meant of SC/ST are utilized for the purpose.
- To bring suitable amendments to SC/ST Act so that the Darkast Land remains with them.
- To create a new "Smt. Savitri Bai Pule Education Scheme to give Monthly incentives of Rs.150/- for students from 1st Std. to 5th Standard, Rs.300/- for 6th to 10 std. students to be given. The incentive to be transferred to the Bank account of the mother of the student.
- To set up centres to collect forest produces at reasonable rates from tribals.
- To open Literature, cultural and Arts academy under Kannada and Culture department for 46 castes of SC and ST, Nomedic and Semi-nomedic and OBC Category-I

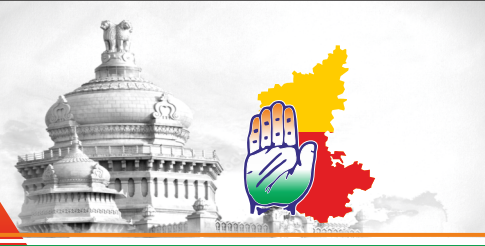


- To ensure 100% housing and also work out special packages for appointment of youth (Girls & Boys) of Koraga community in Coastal District.
- To identify youths belonging to Pambada, Nalike, Parava and Kudbi of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts and to ensure 100% housing and also to train boys and girls for jobs.
- To increase the insurance maturity amount given under the Bhagya Lakshmi scheme Rs.3 Lakhs to SC/ST families.
- To establish 100 Aranya Kendras in tribal areas to help and guide them in primary processing and value additions for their produce.
- To construct 50 new Ekalavya residential schools in the next five years
- To double the funds granted to the Lidkar Corporation to promote leather industry.
- To send 100 people from the leather based traditional artisans abroad for better training.
- To setup Rs 5000 crore revolving fund "Socio-economic welfare Fund" for the overall welfare of OBC communities involved in sculpting, pottery, weaving and other traditional occupations.
- To establish Brahmashri Narayana Guru Development Corporation with annual budget of Rs. 500 Cr, a total of Rs. 2500 Cr in 5 years
- To establish Micro Backward Communities Development Corporation with annual budget of Rs. 500 Cr, a total of Rs. 2500 Cr in 5 years
- To constitute Development Corporations for the welfare of Tigala, Madiwala, Savitha, Uppara, Baliya and Alemari Budakatu communities and provide dedicated budget
- To increase the grants to all development Corporations and Boards.
- To provide collateral-free loans up to 10 lakhs at 3% interest to 50,000 OBC entrepreneurs.



- To provide scholarships every year to 1000 SC/ST/OBC students, who secure PG seat at foreign universities.
- To provide suitable financial support to those who depend on traditional occupations.
- To provide one time financial assistance of Rs.1 Lakh to those who are engaged in barber occupation in rural areas.
- To make caste slander a punishable offence.
- Adivasi Siri award with a cash price of Rupees one lakh to honour 100 achievers from tribal communities.
- To enhance monthly fellowships from Rs.5,000 to Rs 10,000 for backward class students enrolled to PhD in state universities.
- To establish Tigala Development Board.
- The most backward communities are under Category-I. 12% of the population is under this category. As per the report of the Havanur Commission, 58 of the castes have the character of tribals. Nomadic and semi-nomadic castes are also under this category. The castes under this category have got abysmal share in Education, Employment and Industry. Earlier, these castes were getting the benefits available to the SC/STs. A comprehensive plan for their total development will be envisaged.
- To give special focus to the development of listed marginal communities and to establish Alemari Budakattu Board for this purpose with Rs.1,000 crores.
- To provide suitable financial support to those who depend on traditional occupations.
- To establish 150 Krishi Yantradare centres in tribal hamlets to provide Adivasis access to agricultural equipments for cultivating lands sanctioned under the Forest Rights Act.
- To install solar water heaters and give solar cooker to all houses in haadis or tribal hamlets to reduce their dependence on forests for firewood.
- To appoint tribal PCP watchers on a contract basis directly under the Forest Department by fixing basic remuneration of Rs 18,000 per month, credited directly to their bank accounts.





## Weavers:

- To ensure that weavers receive 10 hours of non-stop power supply
- To provide Rs. 30,000 per annum to weavers with spinning wheels to modernize their looms.

## Women and Children – Naari Shakthi

- To offer Rs.2000 Every month to each and every women head of the family **GRUHALAKSHMI** project
- To support 5,000 women entrepreneurs every year for entrepreneurial development.
- To allot 20 % land in Industrial Parks for Women Run Enterprises.
- To ensure that all female employees in transportation sector are assigned only day shifts.
- To increase allocation of funds to Stree Shakthi Sanghas.
- To establish 100 working womens hostel
- To increase the eligible widow pension to Rs.2000/-.
- To nurture 5000 Stree Shakthi micro-enterprises over 5 years and to encourage them to take up 21st century needs like food processing, catering, mobile canteens, solid waste management, parking management.
- To provide free motor vehicle training for high school/PUC drop out women at RTOs and to provide them with subsidized auto rickshaws & cars. [Nirbhaya Vahini].
- To provide Rs.50 lakhs grant to the Grama Panchayaths which elect women as the Chairperson, over looking specific reservations





- To provide 50% subsidy on buying electric scooters to frontline health workers namely ANM, Anganwadi and ASHA workers.

## Religious Minorities

Equality before law and protection under the constitution is the rightful due of all, including Religious and Linguistic Minorities. Sadly, ruling government is indulging in minority bashing for political polarization to grab power. The Congress Party is committed to the welfare of all citizens and groups, including minorities, as per the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the allocation of funds for the minority welfare – Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhists and others, would be increased to Rs. 10,000 Cr

- To offer Rs 3 lakh interest-free loans to minority women to start a business and to establish well equipped sheds in each Taluk.
- To provide Poet K.S. Nisar Ahmed cash prize of Rs 10,000 to 50 minority students in every Taluk.
- To provide pre-matric scholarships to students of minorities.
- To provide adequate financial provisions for the maintenance and upgradation of Religious/pilgrim Centres of Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and other minority faiths.
- To make special financial package to protect and upgrade the Jain Basadis.
- To appoint Kannada Teachers in the Government and Aided Urdu, and Arabic Schools and to help modernizing Madarasas.
- To constitute Dr. Abul Kalam Azad Wakf Properties Development Corporation.
- To provide APJ Abdul Kalam fellowship of Rs 10,000 per month to Master Degree students belonging to all minority groups.
- To establish Diwan Mirza Ismail center for competitive exams at Mysuru university for Minorities and give financial assistance.

## Kashmiri Pandits:

- To assist Kashmiri Pandiths, who had to migrate out of Kashmir, the following welfare programmes are envisaged:
  - [a] To allot Rs.15 crores to start Kashmiri Culture Centre Allotting one time grant of Rs.25 crore and annual grant of Rs. One crore from the Department of Kannada Culture.
  - [b] To encourage Kashmiri youth to take up entrepreneurship.



## GENDER MINORITIES

- To ensure that Gender Minorities enjoy constitutional rights and freedom, especially their access to public spaces, resources and freedom of expression.
- **To establish a Mangalamukhi Welfare Board by allotting Rs.200 crores annually.**
- To provide Self-employment grants for taking up small business to all Gender Minorities upto Rs.2 lakhs.
- To conduct Census of the transgender population to optimize the reach of welfare schemes.
- **To make fee waiver in higher education to the students of Jogappa community and Gender Minorities.**
- To facilitate getting ration cards, voter IDs, other identity cards, and other citizen services to transgender people.
- To provide facilities and to give special scholarships for pursuing Higher Education and to appear for competitive examinations.





**SARVA JANANGADA SHANTHIYA THOTA  
CONGRESS COMMITMENT**





## Pourakarmikas

- To regularise all 25,000 Pourakarmikas with all the relevant facilities. recruitment additional Pourakarmikas.
- To offer Hazardous pay
- Insurance cover of Rs. 10 Lakh to each
- Special Housing Scheme will be made
- Building IPD Salappa Smarak Bhavan in Bengaluru

## Drivers:

- To set up Auto Drivers' Board and Taxi Drivers' Welfare Board funding with Rs. 50 Crs to each and encouragement for self-employment.
- To extend ESI and Contributory Provident Fund benefits to all Drivers of Rs.500/- per month as the Government Contribution

## Street Vendors

- To develop dedicated hawker zones in all district HQs and to provide one-time financial assistance of Rs. 20,000 to street vendors to set up their shops in these zones.
- To carry out a complete survey of all street vendors in Karnataka, as per the Street Vendors' Act (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014.

## Garment Workers

- To form a committee to look into the demands from the industry and to give recommendations to the Government.
- Revision of minimum wages of Garment Workers.

## Gig and Un-organised Workers

- A new transparent policy for out-source employment.
- To establish a Gig Workers' Welfare Board with allotment of Rs.3,000 Crs as seed money for revolving fund.
- To mandate a minimum hourly wages for all gig and un-organised workers in domestic and personal care, logistics, food delivery, e-pharmacy, transportation, and all other relevant sectors.



## Working Class:

- The BJP government anti labour policy and the congress is committee withdraw the Factories Act. which enhanced the working hours of employees 8 to 12 hours

## Senior Citizens:

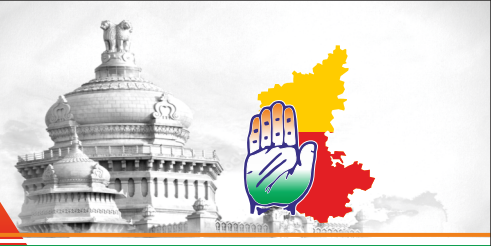
- To create Sharavana Kumara Senior citizens welfare fund - Rs.1,000 Crore.
- To offer free Pilgrimage to one of the 15 holy places of Karnataka and one of the 10 holy places of India once in two years.
- To increase the one-time subsidy provided to senior citizens from Karnataka for pilgrimages to Kashi, Mathura and Kailash Mansarovar Yatra.
- To establish special Geriatric centers in every district hospital.

## Persons otherwise able

- To set up one special school for children with special needs in every division.
- To provide Rs.3 lakhs interest free loan to take up self-employment to the diabled women.
- To create a Rs 50 Crore "Vidhya Deepa Nidhi" disabled youth scholarship fund to ensure access to higher education both in India and abroad.
- To provide free bus pass and to one accompanying person.
- To provide customized electric two-wheelers to Students with limb disabilities.
- To Set up Karnataka Institute of Speech and Hearing, similar to the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing in all revenue divisions of Karnataka.

## Veteran Army personnel

- To establish "Field Marshal General Kariappa Ex-servicemen Development Board with Rs.500 Crores revolving fund to provide financial assistance to ex-servicemen to upto Rs.10 lakhs @ 5% interest to start self-employment/entrepreneurship.
- Allotment of land as per Govt. of India/Govt of Karnataka rules and their speedy implementation.
- To push for ONE RANK ONE PENSION for Ex-Servicemen
- To make special scheme for providing land, house and site to ex-servicemen and to exempt from House Tax, Water Tax and upto Rs.2,000 Electricity Bill for their own residences.



## Journalists

- Establishment of a Journalist Welfare Fund with seed money of Rs.500 Crores.
- To frame a Social security scheme for journalists.

## Advocates

- To assist establishing Advocate Bhavans in Corporation, cities and District Headquarters.
- To implement Advocates' Protection Act in toto.

## NRI Kannadigas

- To Create a separate Ministry to take care of the affairs of NRI Kannadigas.
- To organize – Kannadigaru Naavu – Kannada Nammadu – in the lines of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.
- To strengthen the NRI department and make efforts to issue NRI Cards and to record full data of NRI Kannadigas.
- To recognize overseas Kannada Organizations.
- To help in setting up industries and those permanently relocating by creating revolving fund of Rs.1000 Crs.





## Youth, Employment and Sports

- To maintain a database of youth who are unable to secure a job within 180 days of college graduation. To provide an 'Unemployment Allowance' of Rs. 3000 per month to all registered graduates and Rs.1500/- to Diploma holders - **YUVANIDHI**
- To establish Bharath Jodo Yuva Shakthi Centres to help employment generation in each Panchayat / Ward.
- To establish Bharatha Ratna CNR Fund with 500 crores corpus for basic scientific research for youth.
- To facilitate recruitment in Private Sector establishments, establishment of Employment Exchange Centres in collaboration with private sector.
- To bring total transparency and corruption free in recruitment examinations employing IT effectively.
- Free registration to competitive Government Recruitment Examinations.
- To provide free bus passes and train tickets to the candidates taking up competitive examinations.
- To ensure 80% in jobs in Karnataka to local people in both Public and Private Sector.
- To provide 'Young Interns Program' (YIP) to 10,000 graduates and students in all government departments.
- The government will provide mentorship, market linkages and facilitate soft loans through existing schemes and financial institutions, to support innovative ideas of the youth and the government will provide seed funding - Rs. 50,000 for a new idea and Rupees one lakh for demonstrative products, prototypes, incubated products, and services
- To start a programme, YOUTH FOR YOUTH [YUVAKARIGE YUVAKARU] by offering financial assistance – grant of Rs.5 lakhs per year in each taluk to voluntary youth associations to offer hands-on skill improvement programme in personality development, capacity enhancement and focusing on the youth who have not passed SSLC/PUC exams.







- To support NGOs to take up 24 X7 Yuva helplines to offer personal counselling and to offer career guidance in every taluk/city to enable youth to get employment and education details.
- To Constitute a Youth Commission to facilitate the overall development of youth
- To make the recruitment in government jobs totally transparent by employing IT Mechanism
- To allot Rs.2000 crores per year for sports.
- To start an exclusive Sports University in Mysuru and make Karnataka a World-Class sports hub. And, to build an International Sports Complex in Mysuru exclusively for traditional sports.
- To identify 1,000 budding Sports talents every year from across the state and provide them financial assistance.

## Language, Literature, Tradition and Culture

### Hachchevu Kannadada Deepa

- To develop Kuppalli, the birth place of **Rastra Kavi Kuvempu** a nature tourist center make special project of Rs. 100 Crs.
- To encourage and develop Kannada Language, literature, education and culture in 63 Taluks in Border areas and in 6 adjoining states where there are large number of Kannadigas, annual allotment of Rs.200 crores.
- To create a state-of-art National Theatre to promote art, literature, music and poetry in Dharwad.
- To create a freedom memorial and theme park at Belgavi to commemorate the 1924 Congress Session- [the session presided over by Mahatma Gandhi].
- To start "**Kuvempu Sahithya Puraskara Abhiyana**" to promote 500 young poets and authors in the state by giving them financial assistance of Rs 25,000 to each.
- To set up the Aluru Venkata Rao Fund of Rs 100 Crore to promote Kannada in the digital space.
- To release Rs.100 crores to establish– Basavapatha - the institution for Social Inclusion and Religious Ethics - in Kudalasangama.
- To build a state-of-the-art museum and theme park dedicated to Veera Madakari Nayaka in Chitradurga.



- To create a Rs 500 Crore "**Thayi Bhuvaneshwari Monuments Fund**" to ensure the proper maintenance of all ASI sites in Karnataka.
- To revive and develop **Bhuvanagiri** in Siddapur taluk as a tourist destination with a Rs 10 Crore grant, as it is the only place in the state where a temple is dedicated to **Kannada Mathe Bhuvaneshwari Devi**.
- To introduce a mandatory two-hour "**Naavu Manujaru, Samskruthi, Samarasya mattu Sahabalwe**" 2 hours compulsory class in all schools of Karnataka as part of moral education.
- To implement the order issued on culture and policy by our Government on 10th October, 2017.
- To bring out all Mahakavyas of Kannada Literature in digital form in the Gamaka format.
- To make special projects to study of Samskrith Literature - **Adi Shankaracharya Adhyayana Yojane**
- To aid and strengthen minority languages like Pali, Prakrit, Tulu, Konkani, Kodava, Byari, and Urdu.
- To support cultural associations that provide training and help propagate Karnataka's Desi form of culture.
- To encourage the Kannada Book Publication Industry, purchase 500 of kannada books, 300 books of other major languages of Karnataka – Tulu, Konkani, Byari, Are Bhashe, Kodava, Urdu and Sanskrit and 200 books of other Indian languages under single window system and to buy the books before 4 months of the closure of financial year and settle bills within 6 months.
- To enhance the Annual grants to Rs.5 crores to each State Level academies and Rs. 2 crores to the Regional Sub Culture Academies.
- To formulate and implement a housing scheme for professional artists like theatre, folk, cinema and other artists.
- To establish Yakshagana Pradhikara with Rs. 25 Crs annual grants.
- To evolve a scheme to provide economic security to the artists of Yakshagana, Kambala, drama, music Dhaivaradhana work and other forms of arts.
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- To create a freedom memorial and theme park at Belgavi to commemorate the 1924 Congress Session- [the session presided over by Mahatma Gandhi].
- To Set up Festival Authority of Karnataka.
- To urge the Union Government to conduct all central recruitment exams in Kannada.
- To withdraw the politically motivated cases filed against the Kannada Activists/writers/Authors/poets/workers/farmers etc.
- To set up the **Shivaram Karantha Literature Fund** of Rs. 100 Crore to encourage Kannada writing, both poetry and prose, among students of classes 8-12.
- To give a cash prize of Rs 10,000 to students who score 100% in Kannada in their 10th exam in the name of **Rashtra Kavi Manjeshwara Govinda Pai**.
- To publish a book on Karnataka's history and it's culture called "**Hemmeya Beedu Namma Karunadu**" and make it a non-test subject in all UG courses.
- To provide Rupees one lakh annual grant to people pursuing PhDs in Kannada literature and a Rs. 25,000 annual grant to people pursuing PG in Kannada literature under "**Da Ra Bendre Kannada Bhasha Adhyayana Puraskara Nidhi**"
- To construct the largest ever **B.M. Shree memorial library** in history dedicated to Kannada in Mysore.
- To initiate MOUs with other states to offer Kannada as a second/third language in their schools and as an optional subject in universities.
- To double the amount of money awarded to poets and authors under the Rajyotsava Award, Pampa Award, Kannada Sahitya Academy awards etc. limiting the number of awardees.
- To start "**Nrupatunga Kannada Sahithya Puraskara Abhiyana**" to promote 500 young poets and authors in the state by giving them financial assistance of Rs 25,000 to each.
- To organize Yuva and Mahila Kannada Sahitya Sammelana every year in all four zones of Karnataka.
- To double the annual grants to Kannada Sahitya Parishad, Kannada Vidyavardhaka Sangha, and other similar bodies to ensure widespread dissemination of Kannada literature and culture.
- To establish in various universities, **Kanakadasa Dasa Sahithya Adhyayana Peetha, Sarvagna Tripadi Sahithya Adhyayana Peeta, Basavanna Vachana Sahithya**



Adhyayana Peeta, D V Gundappa Navodhaya sahithya Adhyayana Peeta, Pampa Hale Kannada sahithya Adhayayana Peeta, Kumaravyasa Nadukannada Sahithya Adhyayana Peeta, by providing necessary funds.

- To increase funding to Hampi Kannada University to encourage the holistic research on Kannada literature.
- To set up 'Kannada Jnana Vijnana Tantrajna Vibhaga" (Kannada Knowledge Science and Technology Wing) wing within the Ministry of Kannada and Culture to bring out a "Word Corpus".
- To rename New Karnataka Bhavana in Delhi to Sir M Vishwesharayya Karnataka Bhavana.
- To create a dedicated fund of Rs 100 Crore "**Shasana samshodhana mattu samrakshana Nidhi**" - for the restoration, renovation, and promotion of research on inscriptions.
- To set up Rs 500 Crore revolving fund - **Subbiah Naidu Kalabhivruddhi Nidhi** - for the revival of ethnic art forms and folk sports.
- To build **Gubbi Veeranna open-air theatres** at all district headquarters to promote Kannada theatre, folk art, and folk songs.
- To organize a Mega cultural festival called "**Karnataka Arunodaya Samavesha**" in every assembly constituency to promote local folk arts and music.
- To provide **Devika Rani Rorich** Fellowship of Rs 1 lakh each to 10 young and aspiring directors who direct documentaries or movies highlighting the social issues and cultural heritage of Karnataka.
- To set up Rs 30 Crore "**C Ashwath Music Fellowship Fund**" to honour young lyricists and singers.
- To provide Rs 10,000 honorarium per month to all senior folk artists and performing artists under "**Gangu Bai Hanagal**"
- To take suitable actions to get the Tulu language declared as Adhikritha Bhashe and to upgrade Tulu Sahitya Academy as Tulu Bhasha Abhivridhi Pradhikara.
- To provide Rs.1 crore grant for the development of the unique Kodava Culture.
- To set up Development Boards for Konkani, Beary and Dakhni for the preservation, promotion and upliftment of their Culture and allot Rs.1 Cr each.
- To provide Rs.2 Cr grant for the development of the unique Kodava Culture.
- To provide special support to disabled artists.



## Temples and Pilgrim Centres:

- Karnataka has around 1,80,000 temples, of which only 35,500 temples come under the Muzrai department. These temples are neglected by the Muzarai Department. Separate special Pooja Nidhi to be established.
- To increase monthly grants to Muzarai temples.
- To restart Congress Government's **“Aaradhana”** programme cancelled by BJP Government.
- To set up a **“Dharmika Nidhi,”** fund of Rs 1,000Crore, for the restoration and renovation of minor temples and Mathas across the state.
- To provide assistance of Rs.1,000 crore to upgrade the facilities of smaller village level mutts and temples.
- To provide Rs 5,000 honorarium per month to all senior priests [above 60 years of age] of temples, mosques, churches, and other religious institutions after they reach the age of sixty, **“Archaka Gowrava Nidhi Scheme.**
- To establish Yathri Nivasas to boost religious tours.
- To make provisions in the budget to provide special grants to the Legislators to develop pilgrimage centres.
- To increase the allowances to Rs.5,000/- per month for meeting the expenditure on Poojadravaya and honorarium for small rural temples, and to bring temples of gramadevatas under the purview of Muzarai.
- To bring proper amendments to Muzarai Act to make the administration of the temples more transparent and governed by the local devotees
- To provide a grant of up to Rs.20,000 to all Grama Devathe and Theru Habba Festivals celebrated at the village level.
- To build Karnataka Bhavana in major pilgrimage centres of India.





**Kalyana Karnataka, Kitturu Karnataka,  
Karavali / Malenadu, Hale Mysuru and  
Namma Bengaluru**





## Kalyana Karnataka

- To reserve Rs.5,000 Crores every year for the infrastructure development of Kalyana Karnataka.
- To frame Industrial policy dedicated to Kalyana Karnataka to create one lakh employment in Private Sector.
- To establish a textile park at Bellary with an investment of rs. 5000 Cr.
- To complete pending irrigation projects in Krishna and Godavari vallies.
- To provide special package for de-silting of Tungabhadra Dam
- To urge the Union Government to establish an IIT in Bidar and an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Raichur.
- To grant ₹1 crore to every gram panchayat for taking up development projects
- To implement all the conditions of Article 371[J] to make the people, especially youth, self-reliant in this region.
- To establish minimum 100 PUC and one Women's Degree College in 41 assembly constituencies in Kalyana Karnataka.
- To fill up of all vacancies including back log vacancies in Kalayana Karnataka Region within a year of forming the Government by Congress Party.
- To lay 4 lane highways for all district centres to link Bengaluru.
- To establish of one Baba Saheb Ambedkar English Medium Elementary and High School, in each Hobli.
- To establish of one Mother and Child Special Hospital, Trauma and Emergency Treatment centres in each of the 41 Assembly Constituencies.
- To build 2500 new classrooms and fill up all vacancies of teachers.
- To ensure 100% storage of paddy, jowar and wheat produced in the region by setting up storage Centres the region and to provide a dedicated corpus fund.
- To set up Incubation centres to facilitate designing, sampling, testing and training for small-scale enterprises in the region.
- To convert the existing Kalaburagi-siraguppa-Ballary High way into 6-lane “Suvarna Heddari”.
- To ensure bus connectivity to all the villages in the region which do not have any vehicle connectivity.
- To establish rice technology and processing park at Sindhuru.

## KITTURU KARNATAKA

- To establish the Kittur Karnataka Development Board with an allotment of Rs.5,000 crores.

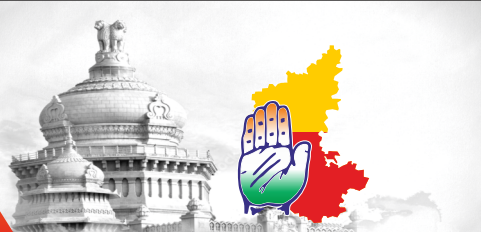


- To give a one-time infrastructure grant of Rs 1 Crore and monthly subsidy of Rs 1 lakh to all Kannada schools in the bordering region of Maharashtra
- To form 'Mahadayi Irrigation Development Corporation exclusively for the region.
- To construct well equipped stadiums in every district of the region.
- To set up a 500-bed super-speciality hospitals in Karwar, Dharwad, Vijayapura and Bagalkot.
- To put all our efforts to get a UNESCO heritage tag for Badami to further tourism prospects.
- To set up one 'pulses and dal procurement centre' in every district.
- To ensure that the Malaprabha river is freed of all encroachments.
- To establish tissue culture laboratories to supply breeder/foundation seed material to sugar mills and sugarcane growers.
- To provide a grant pf Rs.10 crores to S.Nijalingappa Sugar Institute, Belagavi for establishing tissue culture laboratories in North Karnataka.
- To establish a multi-nodal Logistics Park in Hubli-Dharwad
- To ensure the construction of 6 lane all weather roads connecting all the districts to the Karwar port passing through Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Gadag and Dharwad and to develop Karwara as the second Major Port.
- To construct quality roads in the region for sugar cane transportation.

### **Karavali / Malnad Karnataka**

- To establish **Brahmashri Narayana Guru Nigama** and to with Rs.500 Crs. annually and Rs. 2,500 Cr for five years
- To encourage the unique cultural forms of Coastal Region like Yakshagana, Nagamandala and Devatharadhana.
- To establish “**Rani Abbakka Devi Memorial & Museum**” at Ullal with a grant of Rs.100 Cores.
- To construct “**Amara Sullia Raithara Horata Bhavana**” at sullia to commemorate the 1837 first freedom fight by farmers against the British by allotting land and grant of Rs.50 crores.
- To develop the Mulasthanas of Aadi Dravida, Mogaveera and such other special community assets.
- Reserve Rs.100 crores to solve the problems of Yellow Leaf and other deceases affecting Arecanut and to improve marketing and research in this regard.
- To review Kasturi Rangan Report and to frame New Western Ghat Policy for Forest and Environmental protection.
- To develop a robust action plan to setup Beach Tourism in Mangalore Udupi and Karwar districts. Coastal Beach Tourism Authority.





- To provide Special grants for the development of rich Culture and geography of Kodagu and to develop Bhagamandala and Talakaveri.
- **To make suitable law for rehabilitation and relief to the victims of Sharavathi Project.**
- To make Mangaluru internationally competitive IT centre to increase employment opportunities and establish an IT Park.
- To undertake the following programmes for the overall development of fishermen community:
  - a. Insurance Cover
  - b. Interest free loan upto Rs. One lakh to all fisher-women
  - c. 50% subsidy to buy well equipped fishing boats.
  - d. Increasing the diesel quantity upto 500 litres per day.
  - e. Providing appropriate transportation from dock to Market.
- To upgrade the NHs through Shiradi, Charmadi and Sampaje into all weather proof 6 lane NHs connecting Mangaluru to Bengaluru and make efforts to improve the Railway Connections.
- To settle the long pending demands of the SC Community to establish a special tribunal and to settle within a year the issues of depressed class exempted lands.
- To establish an International Exhibition Centre and auditorium near Mangaluru International Airport.
- To develop Sasihitlu Sea Shore as International Surfing Centre.
- To complete construction of Mangaluru Fisheries Port.
- To provide a Permanent dredging Machine to Mangaluru Fisheries Port
- To frame a new scheme to renovate the old anchorage of Fishing Boats.
- To set up two Fish Processing Parks in each of the coastal districts (Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi) and to set up required number of cold storage units to store marine products.
- To develop quality port infrastructure and promote coastal shipping.
- To develop Mangalore harbor to take care of the export from the hinterland.
- To make Karnataka number one in Shrimp farming, fish culture and aquaculture.
- To develop a robust action plan to setup Beach Tourism in Mangalore Udupi and Karwar districts establish. Coastal Beach Tourism Authority.
- To establish cold storages to stock marine products.
- To establish Satellite Townships in emerging Tier I Cities like Mangaluru /Udupi.
- To provide Special grants for the development of rich Culture and geography of Kodagu and to develop Bhagamandala and Talakaveri.



- To establish international standard Hockey Training Centre in Kodagu.
- To make suitable law for rehabilitation and relief to the victims of Sharavathi Project.

## Hale Mysuru

- To invest Rs.5000 crores for the overall development of Mysuru Karnataka.
- To construct new ring road to Mandya.
- To rejuvenate Mysugar Factory and to plan and establish new sugar factories in Mandya.
- To build international standard **Dr. Raj Kumar Film City** in Mysuru with Rs.500 Crore Budget.
- To start an exclusive Sports University in Mysuru and make it as a World-Class sports hub. And, to build an International Sports Complex in Mysuru.
- To promote Research, innovation and marketing of Mysuru Mallige and to promote Nanjanagudu Rasabale, Beatleleaf and special vegetable varieties.
- To give fillip to Brand Mysuru as the cultural hub of the country.
- To build high-tech storm-water drainage system experimentally in Mysuru.
- To give further impetus to tourism in Mysuru, Sriragapatna, Bandipura, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary Chitradurga and to create new Tourist Spots.
- To establish Ethanol Production centre in Mandya.
- To start an exclusive Sports University in Mysuru and make it as a World-Class sports hub. And, to build an International Sports Complex in Mysuru exclusively for traditional sports.
- To construct TenderSure roads in all important towns/cities in the region.

## NAMMA BENGALURU

- To enact a comprehensive legislation exclusively for the management of BBMP bringing all service providers such as Water Supply and sewage, transport, housing, power and development authorities, under a single agency
- To create a mega Bengaluru Region with infrastructure and administrative connections with cities like Kolar, Chikkaballapura, Doddaballapura, Tumakuru, Ramanagara, Kanakapur.
- To construct North South, South-east long elevated flyovers with necessary wings ease the traffic.
- To provide 100% effluent treatment and reuse of water for non-drinking purposes.
- To provide special grant for prestigious Bengaluru Karaga Utsava.
- To extend the Cauvery water supply to cover all parts of the city.
- To get all pending metro projects completed under Phase 2, Phase 2A, Phase 2B



within one year of coming to power. To strive to get approval and completion of Phase 3 and Phase 4 in the next five years and to extend Metro upto Tumkuru, Vasanta Narasapura Industrial Hub.

- To Establish an international standard convention centre near Kempegowda International Airport.
- To establish Mega Bengaluru Planning Committee.
- **To ensure financial independence to BBMP to grow into as an international competitive city.**
- Construction of tunnel roads in CBD area to decongest traffic on PPP Model
- To take-up on priority suburban railway project and build proper footpaths
- To constitute separate Authority for Parks and Recreation Spaces.
- To ensure proper solid waste Management.
- To create tunnel underground road on PPP Model to decongest the traffic.
- To bring out a new Policy to develop the residential and commercial infrastructure around the outer ring roads.
- To identify revive and expand traditional water ways and storm water drains
- To bring out new policy on Bengaluru River Beds, Lake Catchment Areas.
- To rename slums as Workers' Residential Zones and effect proper Housing Projects and give ownership titles of houses and sites.
- To create a mechanism within BBMP for the improvement of villages that have been absorbed within the city limits, especially in old Corporation areas.
- To offer a special package of development programmes to the villages that have been included when BBMP was formed.
- **To launch Mission Mode Programme to cleanse and rejuvenate lakes of Bengaluru and prepare blue print for water sports in the next 5 years. and to constitute Lake Development Authority for BBMP.**
- To Rejuvenation of River Vrishabhavathi
- To construct sufficient number of old age homes – both day care and residential and child care centres with the involvement of NGOs and voluntary organizations.
- To create special Geriatric Departments in Corporation/Government Hospitals.
- To create a system for seamless integration of Namma Metro, Suburban Rail Projects and Public Transportation Systems named after Puttanna Chetty.
- To Establish well-equipped Mini Theatres in different parts of the city.
- To ensure efficient management of traffic adoption of TOT Drone, Speed Camera and other modern technologies.
- To establish one recycling unit for 10 wards for garbage management.



- **To rejuvenate Indira Canteens and make them more functional.**
- To build a museum in Bengaluru dedicated to freedom fighters and creators of Bengaluru.
- To constitute a 'Maha Bengaluru Samsthan' involving urban governance experts, industrialists, economists, and environmentalists to help BBMP revive the lost glory of Bengaluru through its administration.
- To make sure that all metro stations, railway stations and bus stops are beautified with pictures and paintings of eminent personalities of Karnataka and snippets of Karnataka's history.
- To set up cultural corners in the parks of the city.
- To ensure suitable allocation in BBMP budget for the welfare of the families in distress and economically backward classes.
- To add 5000 new electric buses to BMTC's fleet to reduce pollution and make BMTC more energy efficient.
- To introduce e-rickshaws to improve first-mile and last-mile connectivity in the city of Bengaluru.
- To install public charging/ battery swapping points at every metro station and bus stands to provide charging infrastructure.
- To provide free bus passes to BBMP pourakarmikas.
- To complete the peripheral ring road and outer ring road projects on a priority basis to ease traffic congestion in the city.
- To approve the updated Master Plan 2042 for a sustainable and planned development of the Bengaluru city keeping in mind the needs of all residents.
- To encourage "Made in Bengaluru" – brand to implement the export /foreign investments action plan.
- To develop areas around ring / peripheral roads to de-congest the city areas.
- To construct transit houses for migrant labour
- Implement Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act to ensure that Builders convey the whole property to Apartment owners including rights in Building and land underneath.
- Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) will be strengthened across Karnataka. Will ensure escrow accounts for each Apartment Project and time bound delivery. Also, a ban on transfer of apartments until Occupancy Certificate is issued for the Building to stop the corrupt practice of Builder's handing over half constructed projects.
- RWA for every Ward and RWA of every Apartment to be recognised and made a part of the new Scheme called "BHAGIDARI", where all development initiatives will be discussed and shared before implementation.

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AND EVERY WOMEN HEAD  
OF THE FAMILY

**ANNA BHAGYA**



10 KGs of food  
grains  
every person  
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per month

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two years to unemployed  
graduates and  
Rs.1,500/ per month for  
two years to unemployed  
diploma holders.

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women through out  
the state in regular  
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