

## Bio-Sketch of Shri Devendra Fadnavis ji

Shri Devendra Fadnavis currently serves as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, having taken the oath of office on December 5, 2024, to lead the Mahayuti Government. Prior to this, he held the position of Deputy Chief Minister from 2022 to 2024. Fadnavis has become the Chief Minister for the third time. Under his visionary leadership, Maharashtra, the 3rd largest state of India in terms of area and 2nd largest in terms of population, became the most economically advanced state with the highest industrial output (nearly 25% of the country's output).

Shri. Fadnavis strongly believes that '**Politics is an instrument for socio-economic change**' and his political career of over 30 years continues to reflect the same. His capacity to work tirelessly and relentlessly comes from his mantra of '**People First**'. At every step of his socio-political journey, he has been **pertinacious in seeing equitable progress for all**. Recently, he introduced the slogan "**Maharashtra Aata Thambnar Nahi**" (**Maharashtra will not stop now**), a powerful reflection of his vision and determination to propel the state toward unprecedented growth in the years ahead.

Shri Fadnavis hails from a middle-class progressive family in Nagpur. His diverse educational background includes a Graduate Degree in **Law**, a Post Graduate Degree in **Business Management** and a Diploma in **Project Management** from D.S.E. Berlin.

His political career began at a very young age, in 1992. He was elected as a **Councillor** at Nagpur Municipal Corporation and served two consecutive terms. He has the distinction of being the **second youngest Mayor in India**. He has been the youngest Mayor of Nagpur and has been the only person to be re-elected to the position of '**Mayor in Council**'. He was also the Mayor of Nagpur twice. Thereafter, he was elected as the MLA - Member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for 5 consecutive terms. He has earned recognition as a leader of the masses.

His **ability to assume multiple leadership roles** is indisputable. He has ably done justice to leadership roles within the party, as a member of the legislature and as an elected representative of the people of Nagpur.

On the organisational front in the Bharatiya Janata Party, he rose strongly and steadily from the rank of **Ward Convenor to President of BJP, Maharashtra**. The most recent organisational responsibilities were In-charge (**Prabhari**) of Kerala State and the **Election In-charge of Bihar State Assembly Elections 2020**.

The **campaigns for the historic 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections** in Maharashtra were led by Shri. Fadnavis. The Maharashtra Assembly Elections and many elections for rural and urban local bodies were fought and won under his leadership, creating histories and records.

As a Member of the Legislative Assembly, he is known for his **spirited and intellectual debates**. His **understanding of fiscal issues** is appreciated across party lines. He has served as a member of various Subject Committees, Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Legislature. He is a recipient of **The Best Parliamentarian Award** of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

As an elected representative of the people of Nagpur, he was **instrumental in resolving long-pending and complex land ownership issues**. He is known to be a **fervent advocate for the cause of equitable development of the Vidarbha region**, for which he was felicitated with the prestigious **Nag Bhushan Award** in 2016.

Shri Fadnavis holds the record of becoming the **first Chief Minister of Maharashtra to complete a full five-year term in the last 47 years (2019) and only the second one in the entire history of Maharashtra.**

**Shri. Fadnavis' tenure as the Chief Minister (2014 - 2019)** of Maharashtra was exemplary. **People-centric inclusive governance with knowledge-driven policy-making, use of technology as a key enabler, dynamic approach towards development, problem-solving and result-oriented frameworks for project implementation** were features of his transformative rule.

Besides serving as the Chief Minister, he held other portfolios too, such as Home, General Administration, IT, Urban Development, Law and Judiciary, Ports, and Information & Public Relations.

**Jalyukt Shivar Abhiyan**, an ambitious program which aims at making Maharashtra drought-free is an example of **his understanding of the aspirations of people and his ability to mobilise these aspirations into the mission.** The program has received tremendous response from not only the farmers but from people across all walks of life. It is a unique example where a **government program turned into a people's movement.** The success of the program is not only limited to the **creation of 6 lakh plus low-cost, decentralised water structures across 22 thousand plus villages** but the program also facilitated harmony in many villages, **empowering the people to join hands to mobilise resources and to find their own sustainable solutions.**

Shri. Fadnavis' **strong inclination towards transparency and good governance** was evident when he announced the enactment of the **Right to Service Act**, in the very first cabinet meeting of his government. At the time, it was the first of its kind legislation in the country to ensure efficient delivery of Public Services. Eventually, **393 services were brought online** that benefitted lakhs of people. '**Aaple Sarkar**' too is a one-of-a-kind grievance redressal platform started by Him for the ease of remedy to the common man.

Shri Fadnavis' inclusive leadership also involved many out-of-the-box ideas such as the **Chief Minister Fellowship Program.** Youth in their twenties were invited to join the government to bring in fresh perspective and energy in governance and policymaking.

**Infrastructure projects** got tremendous impetus during the tenure of Shri. Fadnavis. His **project management approach and problem-solving skills** along with a **War Room to monitor the implementation** of key projects, ensured that the bottlenecks were removed and projects were expedited; be it Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur Metro projects, Nagpur- Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway, Coastal Road or MTHL (Mumbai trans harbour link).

Under his stewardship and persistent efforts to boost **investment and industrialisation**, Maharashtra achieved the feat of **attracting 50% of the total FDI inflow** into the country in 2016. Under his leadership, Maharashtra is the top recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in India right now.

Shri. Fadnavis is seen as a **promising leader** by investors and corporates. He successfully **mobilised their support for social good.** His initiatives such as **Village Social Transformation Mission, SMART** (creation of value chains for agricultural produces) and **Sahabhag** (Social Responsibility Cell) were hailed and supported by industry leaders.

Given his in-depth knowledge and **unique approach towards sustainable development**, he was invited by several national and international agencies for his inputs on **sustainable agriculture, climate change and energy security**. The most prestigious of these was the invitation of NITI Aayog to chair the **High-Power Committee of Chief Ministers on Transformation of Agriculture**.

Devendra Fadnavis's political acumen and skills have been recognised by several forums, both nationally and internationally. He has been the recipient of many honours. He was elected as the **Secretary of the Global Parliamentarians Forum on Habitat for Asia region**. He is the **first Indian to be selected for an Honorary Doctorate by Osaka City University, Japan** for his initiatives to implement major reforms for the cause of socio-economic development in Maharashtra. He has received the honour of being **Singapore's prestigious Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow**. **USA's Georgetown University has honoured him with the Outstanding Leadership in Development Award**. He received an Honorary Doctorate from **Koyasan University, Japan**.

During his tenure as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, in 2023, he was invited as a guest of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan on a 5-day official trip to Japan, with the aim of exchanging views with Japanese experts from the government, academia and private sectors, and through visits to industrial and cultural organisations.

The second phase of the Samruddhi Mahamarg (80 km), one of Fadnavis' flagship projects, connecting Shirdi and Bharvir was opened on May 26, 2023. The final phase is expected to be opened in October 2024. He also played a key role in the progress of The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu, India's longest sea bridge, inaugurated in January 2024.

Fadnavis's exceptional political acumen lies in his ability to navigate complex political landscapes and build strong alliances. His strategic leadership and skill in maintaining cohesion within the Mahayuti alliance have been pivotal to his success, paving the way for his third term as Chief Minister.

Amidst the hustle and bustle of his socio-political life, Shri Fadnavis is a dutiful son to Smt. Sarita Fadnavis, a devout husband to a banker and social worker Amruta Fadnavis and a doting father to Divija. He is a private person who enjoys writing, reading, watching movies and web series, cricket, and listening to music in his moments of solitude.

## Details

Date of Birth: 22 July, 1970

### Educational Qualification:

- LLB- Nagpur University (1992)
- PG Degree in Business Management (University and year)
- Diploma in Methods and Techniques of Project Management- DSE Berlin (year)

### Positions in Governance:

- Corporator, Nagpur Municipal Corporation (1992-97 and 1997-2001)
- Mayor, City of Nagpur / Mayor in Council (1997 to 2001)
- Member, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly (1999-2004, 2004-2009, 2009-2014, 2014-2019, 2019 till date)
- Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra (2014-2019)
- Leader of Opposition, Maharashtra State Assembly (2019-2022)
- Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra (2022-2024)
- Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra (Current)

### Political Positions:

- Ward Convenor (1989)
- Office Bearer, Nagpur (West) (1990)
- Nagpur City President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (1992)
- State Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (1994)
- National Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (2001)
- General Secretary, Maharashtra Pradesh (2010)
- President, Maharashtra Pradesh (2013)
- In Charge/Prabhari for Kerala (year)
- In Charge for Bihar State Elections (2020)

### Appointments on Legislative Committees:

- Estimate Committee
- Rules Committee
- Public Undertaking Committee
- Standing Committee on Urban Development and Housing
- Joint Select Committee on Reserve Funds
- Joint Select Committee on Self-Finance Schools
- Joint Select Committee on Maharashtra Jeevan Pradhikaran

### Social Contribution:

- Chairman, NITI Aayog's High Power Committee of Chief Ministers on Transformation of Agriculture in India (2019)
- Secretary, Global Parliamentarians Forum on Habitat for Asia region (years)
- Vice President, Central Hindu Military Education Society, Nashik (Bhosla Military School) (years)
- Member of Executive Council, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (years)

- President, Nagpur District Basketball Association (years)
- Senate Member, Rashtra Sant Tukdoji Maharaj Nagpur University (years)

### International Participation:

- International Environment Summit at Honolulu, USA (1999)
- U.S. National Conference of State Legislatures at Washington and Nashville, USA (2005)
- International Summit organized by IDRC – UNESCO – WCDR at Davos, Switzerland  
Presentation on Disaster Mitigation and Management in India (2006)
- Global Environmental Change Congress organized by WMO – ESSP in Beijing, China Presented a paper on Natural Disasters Mitigation - Ecological and Social Risk Issues (2006)
- Represented India in the ASEM meeting of young political leaders from Asia & Europe in Copenhagen, Denmark (2007)
- New Generation Seminar organized by East-West Centre of U.S. Federal Government Presented paper on Energy Security issues (2008)
- Member of High-Level Delegation of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to Australia, New Zealand and Singapore (2008)
- Member of the delegation of INDO RUSSIA Chamber of Commerce to Moscow, Russia (2010)
- Global Parliamentarian Forum on Habitat at Croatia, Europe (2011)
- GPH Asia Regional Meet at Malaysia (2012)
- Member of delegation invited by United Nations' Habitat at UN Headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya (2012)

### International Accolades:

- Lee Kuan Yew Exchange Fellow, by Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore (YEAR)
- Outstanding Leadership in Development Award by Georgetown University, USA (YEAR)
- Honorary Doctorate by Osaka City University, Japan (year)

### Felicitations:

- Best Parliamentarian Award by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (2002-03)
- Business Reformer of the Year, Economic Times (YEAR)
- Best Parliamentarian Award in the memory of Late Pramodji Mahajan by Mukthchand, Pune (year)
- Nag Bhushan Award by Nag Bhushan Foundation, 2016
- RAJYOGI NETA Award by Poornawad Parivar, Nasik (year)
- Best Speaker Award, National Inter University Debate (year)
- Bose Prize in Hindu Law
- Most Challenging Youth Regional Award by Rotary Club (year)

### Penmanship:

- Arthsankalp Sopya Bhashet (a book on how to read and understand budget), 2020
- AatmaNirbhar Maharashtra - AatmaNirbhar Bharat (English, Hindi and Marathi), 2020
- International travel during the tenure as Chief Minister:
  - World Economic Forum, Davos, Switzerland (January 2015 and January 2018)
  - Hannover Messe Conference, Germany (April 2015)
  - April 26 to 29 2015 Israel
  - 14 to 18 May 2015 China

- June 29 to July 6, 2015, and September 19 to 22, 2016 USA
- September 8 to September 13, 2015 Japan
- 12 to 16 November 2015 London
- July 9 to 14, 2016 Russia
- 26 to 29 September 2017 South Korea -Singapore
- 11 to 14 October 2017 Sweden -for the Sweden Expo
- June 9 to 16,2018 Dubai, Canada, USA

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