

CHIEF GUEST

Shri. Devendra Fadnavis

Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra



Shri. Devendra Fadnavis is presently the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra. He served as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra from 2014 to 2019. Maharashtra, the 3rd largest state of India in terms of area and population, became the most economically advanced state with the highest industrial output (nearly 25% of the country's output) under his visionary leadership.

Fadnavis strongly believes that 'Politics is an instrument for socio-economic change' and his political career of 25 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 to see equitable progress for all.

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 the Councilor 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 on the position of 'Mayor in Council'. Also was the Mayor of Nagpur twice. There after he has been elected as the MLA – Member of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for 5 consecutive terms. He has earned the recognition as a leader of masses.

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

On the organisational front in Bhartiya Janata Party, he rose strongly and steadily from the rank of Ward Convener to President of BJP, Maharashtra. The most recent organisational responsibilities being in charge (Prabhari) of Kerala State and Election In-charge of Kerala, Bihar & Goa 2020-21.

The campaigns for historic 2014 and 2019 Lok Sabha elections in Maharashtra were led by 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 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 Legislature. He is a recipient of The Best Parliamentarian Award of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.