

## Bio-Sketch of Shri Devendra Fadnavis ji

Shri. Devendra Fadnavis is **presently the Leader of Opposition** in the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly. 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 the visionary leadership of Shri. Fadnavis.

Shri. 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**.

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

The **campaigns for 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 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 recipient of **The Best Parliamentarian Award** of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

As an elected representative of 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 Vidarbha region**, for which he was felicitated with 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 last 47 years and only the second one in entire history of Maharashtra**.

**Shri. Fadnavis' tenure as the Chief Minister** of Maharashtra was exemplary. **People centric inclusive governance with knowledge driven policy making, use of technology as 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 aimed at making Maharashtra drought free is an example of **his understanding of aspirations of people and his ability to mobilise these aspirations into the mission**. The program received tremendous response from not only the farmers but from people across all walks of life. It was a unique example where a **government program turned into a people's movement**. The success of the program is not only limited to **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 to enact the **Right to Service Act**, in the very first cabinet meeting of his government. At the time, it was 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 one of a kind grievance redressal platform started by Him for the ease in remedy to the common man.

Shri Fadnavis' inclusive leadership also involved many out-of-the-box ideas such as **Chief Minister Fellowship Program**. Youth in their twenties were invited to join 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 had achieved the feat of **attracting 50% of the total FDI inflow** into the country in 2016.

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 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 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**.

Amidst the hustle bustle of his socio-political life Shri Fadnavis, is a dutiful son to Smt. Sarita Fadnavis, a devout husband to banker and social worker Amruta Fadnavis and doting father to Divija. He is a private person who enjoys writing, reading, watching movies and web-series, cricket, listening 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 (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 at Beijing, China  
Presented a paper on Natural Disasters Mitigation - Ecological and Social Risk Issues (2006)
- Represented India in ASEM meeting of young political leaders from Asia & Europe at 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 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 at 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 Muktdchand, 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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7. Hindi\_Devendra Fadnavis oath as CM <https://youtu.be/IFpR9zj4in0>
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10. Hindi\_Aaj Tak\_Devendra Fadnavis to be new CM <https://youtu.be/SZGHDBli65Q> (6:56 to 8:02 + 10:03 to 11:07)
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19. English\_The Quint\_Devendra Fadnavis Become "Primus Inter Pares" [https://youtu.be/ODLcg18k\\_aM](https://youtu.be/ODLcg18k_aM)
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