
**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SPEECH OF
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PART I

Economic review of Maharashtra

Net State Domestic Product in year 2006-07 is Rs.4,37,035 crore.

GSDP growth at constant price : 9 per cent.

The per capita state income for the year 2007-08 is estimated at Rs.46,269 as against per capita National Income of Rs.33,131.

Revenue surplus for three consecutive years.

Year	2006-07 (Actual)	2007-08	2008-09	
Amount (Rs.in crore)		810	2,759	964

Stable economic position of the State.

Ratio	2003-04	2008-09	
Debt Servicing / Revenue Receipt		40 per cent	21 per cent
Debt / Revenue Receipt		284 per cent	198 per cent

Annual Plan 2008-09

.The Plan size : Rs.25,000 crore.

Additional Rs. 1,400 crore proposed to be allocated during course of the year.

Plan as a per cent of total expenditure is on increase to 26.76 per cent in 2008-09.

Non plan Revenue Expenditure under control despite provisioning for impending pay revision.

First State to introduce computerised Budget Distribution System.

Emphasis on Agricultural, Housing, Water Conservation and Irrigation in

Annual Plan - Rs.6,000 crore for Irrigation, Rs.1,695 crore for Housing and Rs.2,795 crore for Urban Development.

85 per cent rise in District Plan.

Radical change in implementation of District Plan. Budgeting, release, reappropriation and administrative approval to schemes to take place at district level.

Backlog in Water Supply Sector has been cleared.

Backlog in Animal Husbandary Sector has been nearly wiped out.

Substantial provision for Irrigation Sector.

An Outlay of Rs.6,000 crore has been made available to irrigation sector.

1.5 lakh hectare land will be brought under irrigation.

Priority to water storage works - 61 TMC storage proposed.

Agriculture and Animal Husbandary

A target of 1.3 lakh hectare for Micro Irrigation.

Total outlay of Rs.40.05 crore made available to Fisheries Sector.

- w Assistance to fishermen under Fishermen Relief Funds Scheme to raised from Rs.50,000 to Rs.1 lakh.

Cooperation

Continuation of crop loan at concessional rate of 6 per cent during 2008-09.

Crop loan at concessional interest rate under Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Interest subsidy scheme.

Rs.100 crore made available for implementation of Vaidyanathan Committee Report.

Concessions extended in 2007 to sugar industry and sugarcane growers for financial assistance for uncrushed cane, loss of recovery due to late crushing, transport subsidy and subsidy sugar export.

Outlay of Cooperation Department is Rs.101 crore. An additional outlay of Rs. 354 crore would be made available during the year 2008-09.

Housing

.10 lakh houses will be constructed in two years under housing programme.

Additional FSI to MHADA Colonies.

25 per cent premium from developers of SRA schemes.

An outlay of Rs.116.16 crore under Indira Awas Yojana.

Home

.Travelling concessions to Senior Citizens in MSRTC buses would be made available for semi luxury buses.

Creation of 11,021 new posts in police force.

An outlay of Rs.179.20 crore for modernisation of police force.

Higher and Technical Education

- w .Upgradation of specific ITIs through PPP by provision of Rs.434 crore.
- w Educational Loans for students belonging to social and economically backward classes.
- w In addition to existing outlay of Rs. 583 crore for Higher and Technical Education Department, an additional outlay of Rs. 50 crore will be made available during the year 2008-09.

Industry

- w .Attracted an investment of Rs.1,14,000 crore in 92 mega projects.
- w Rs.844.62 crore has been made available for reimbursement of industrial incentives upto December 2007- Rs.400 crore has been provided for next year.

Energy

- w .An outlay of Rs.1,050 crore has been made available for Energy Department.
- w Rs.372.42 crore has been proposed for energisation of Agricultural pumps.
- w An expenditure of Rs.219 crore for Gaothan Feeder Separation Scheme.
- w In addition to an outlay of Rs. 1,050 crore for Energy Department, an additional outlay of Rs.250 crore will be made available during the year 2008-09 for energy generation and Gaothan Feeder Separation Scheme.

Medical Education

- w .Upgradation of B.J.Medical College, Sassoon General Hospital at Pune and Swami Ramanand Tirth Medical College at Ambejogai and Government Dental College, Aurangabad.
- w Construction of Cancer treatment Hospital at Aurangabad.
- w In addition to the outlay of Rs. 110 crore for Medical Education Department, an outlay of Rs.144 crore will be made available during the year 2008-09 for upgradation and providing modern facilities at hospitals.

Public Works

- w .Four laning of 1,127 kilometers of national highway and 1,627 kilometers state highway.

Public Health

- w .An amount of Rs.15.90 crore has been proposed for providing affordable and reliable health care to rural people under National Rural Health Mission.
- w In addition to an existing outlay of Rs. 991.5 crore to Public Health Department, an additional outlay of Rs.165 crore will be made available during the year 2008-09 for public schemes.

Planning

NREGS will be implemented in entire state from 1st April, 2008.

The Government will ensure that a minimum balance of Rs.2,000 crore will be available in Employment Guarantee Scheme Fund at the beginning of every financial year.

Forest

.In addition to an outlay Rs. 86.3 crore for Forest Department, an additional outlay of Rs. 19 crore will be made available for establishing a zoo at Gorewada, eco tourism, soil and water conservations work in forest area etc.

Rural Development.

.A total expenditure of Rs.2,561 crore in phase V and VI under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

A provision of Rs.67.65 crore has been made for providing infrastructural facilities at pilgrimage centres in rural areas.

Rs.212.79 crore has been budgetted for Yashwant Gram Samruddhi Yojana.

Construction of Gram Vikas Bhavan at Khargar, Navi Mumbai for training of Panchayat Raj members, officers, and staff.

Water Conservation

The water conservation works has been taken up in the 353 talukas of the State under Accelerated Watershed Development Programme and a provision of Rs. 122 has been proposed.

Social Justice

.A total outlay for Special Component Plan has been proposed at Rs. 2,332 crore.

Rs. 28.73 crore has been proposed for the development of Tandas under Tanda Vasti Sudhar Yojna.

Total share capital contribution for seven corporations implementing the schemes of Social Justice is Rs. 211.55 crore.

School Education

.Providing free bicycles to the rural girl students to reduce the drop out ratio
An amount of Rs. 402.50 crore has been proposed for construction of class rooms, block resources centre and cluster resource centres.

A provision of Rs. 50 crore for Third Commonwealth Youth Games Competition.

Rs. 13.11 has been proposed for construction of divisional and district sports complexes in the State.

Cultural Affairs

.An amount of Rs. 2 crore will be made available for development of memorial of Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar at her birthplace at Choundi.

An additional out lay of Rs. 45 crore will be made available during the year 2008-09 for implementation of schemes of cultural affairs and tourism development.

Tribal Development

.A provision of Rs. 90.38 crore has been proposed for implementation of Thakkar Bappa Adivasi Vasti Sudharna Programme in extended area outside the tribal sub plan area.

Urban Development

.Maharashtra is ahead of all other states in implementation of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission for development of infrastructure facilities in Urban areas.

Rs.400 crore for BRIMSTOWAD project.

Construction of elevated pedestrian sky walk connecting Bandra station to Kalanagar has been started. Sky walk connecting Kanjurmarg station to Vikroli-Jogeshwari link road and Virar station is proposed.

Mumbai Metro Rail Project - construction started for Varsova- Andheri-Ghatkopar corridor.

High Speed Railway - Feasibility of high speed train between Mumbai and Nagpur via Marathwada is proposed - consultant appointed.

Proposal to replace octroi by account based cess in "D" class municipal Corporations in 2008-09.

Additional 0.33 FSI to be made available in Mumbai suburban district on payment of premium.

Development of Mumbai

Varsova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Metro Railway corridor will be completed by 2010.

156 new local on Central, Western and Harbour lines in next eighteen

months.

Approval for Rs.4,500 crore MUTP phase II has been obtained.

Infrastructure projects in Mumbai Metropolitan region will be completed in a time bound manner.

Development of airport at Shirdi, Solapur, Amaravati, Jalgaon, Nanded and Latur in 2008-09.

Modernisation of Nagpur Airport.

Development of area near Pune for International Airport.

Water Supply

An outlay of Rs.65 crore has been proposed for the year 2008-09 for community participated and demand driven World Bank assisted, Jalswaraj project.

Women and Child Development

.A new scheme for construction of Anganwadi buildings has been launched at the cost of Rs.38 crore in the year 2008-09.

An amount of Rs.111.37 crore has been proposed for the year 2008-09 for Supplementary Nutrition Scheme.

Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal-62,675 self help group will be formed and strengthened.

Minority Development

A new administrative department called Minority Development Department has been created on the recommendation of Sacchar Committee for welfare of schemes related to minority development.

An outlay of Rs.100 crore will be made available in 2008-09.

Share Capital of Maulana Azad Alpsankhyank Arthik Vikas Mahamadal is proposed to be raised to Rs. 50 crore.

Others

.Construction of memorial of Dr.Chintamanrao Deshmukh at his birth place.

Rs.15 crore for restoration of heritage buildings in Mumbai.