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AGENDA

23-24 April, 2026
Taj Lands End, Mumbai

09:00 am - 10:00 am
REGISTRATION

10:00 am - 11:00 am
GRAND INAUGURAL SESSION : Powering Progress: Maharashtra's Economic Evolution Through Innovation & Inclusion

- **Chief Guest: Devendra Fadnavis**, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Maharashtra
- **Praveen Singh Pardeshi**, Chief Economic Advisor to CM & CEO, MITRA, Maharashtra
- **Dr. P Anbalagan**, Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Maharashtra
- **P. Velrasu**, Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation
- **Deependra Singh Kushwah**, Development Commissioner, Directorate of Industries, Government of Maharashtra
- **Kaustubh Dhavse**, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Investments and Strategy, Government of Maharashtra
- **Pratik Agarwal**, Chairman, Serentica & Resonia and MD, Sterlite Electric
- **Amit Kumar Gupta**, Business Head - The Economic Times Business Verticals
- **Kartik Sharma**, Deputy Editor - ETGovernment, The Economic Times

11:00 am - 11:30 am
NETWORKING BREAK & EXPO VISIT

Hall 1

Industry & Investment

11:30 am - 12:10 pm
Panel Discussion: Maharashtra: Driving India's Next Wave of Industrial Growth and Investment.

- **P. Velrasu**, Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation
- **Deependra Singh Kushwah**, Development Commissioner, Directorate of Industries, Government of Maharashtra
- **Dr. Rajesh Gawande**, Secretary (Protocol, FDI, Diaspora & Outreach & Chief of Protocol), Government of Maharashtra
- **Kaustubh Dhavse**, Chief Advisor to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Investments and Strategy, Government of Maharashtra
- **Sanjiv Navangul**, MD & CEO, Bharat Serums and Vaccines Limited (BSV - A Mankind Group Company)
- Moderator: **Kartik Sharma**, Deputy Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

12:10 pm - 12:35 pm
State Session by Industry Department

State Presentation:

- **Dr. P Anbalagan**, Principal Secretary, Industries, Government of Maharashtra

Guest of Honour Address:

- **Uday Samant**, Hon'ble Minister, Industry and Marathi Language Department, Government of Maharashtra

12:35 pm - 12:50 pm
Fireside Chat: Scale, Speed & Sustainability: Redefining Success in Modern Indian Business

- **Vibhav Agarwal**, CEO, Essar Future Energy
- Moderator: **Sneha Jha**, Editor - Special Initiatives, ETCIO & CISO, The Economic Times

12:50 pm - 1:30 pm
Panel Discussion: Shaping a High-Impact Industrial Ecosystem: From Policy Vision to Execution Excellence

- **P. Velrasu**, Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation
- **Amit Dhaka**, CEO, Invest Punjab
- **Shubham Gupta**, Managing Director, Western Maharashtra Development Corporation Limited, Government of Maharashtra
- **Shashi Kiran Shetty**, Founder & Chairman, Allcargo Group
- **M V Murali Krishna**, Executive Director, Central Bank of India
- **Nikhil Nangude**, Senior Advisor, Industries, MITRA
- Moderator: **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

Hall 2

Urban Development & Mobility

11:30 am - 11:40 am
Guest of Honour:

- **Madhuri Meera Satish Misal**, Minister, Urban Development, Transport, Social Justice, Medical Education, Minority Development and Auqaf Department

11:40 am - 11:50 am
Keynote Address:

- **H.E. Juan Antonio March Pujol**, Ambassador, Embassy of Spain in India

11:50 am - 12:30 pm
Panel Discussion: Urban Development & Infrastructure: Building Future-Ready Cities

- **Dr. K.H. Govinda Raj**, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Maharashtra
- **Naval Kishor Ram**, Commissioner, Pune Municipal Corporation
- **Radhabinod Abiram Sharma**, Commissioner and Administrator, Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation
- **Ajay Saxena**, Sector Head (Infrastructure Development) and Head of Public Private Partnership Cell, MITRA, Government of Maharashtra
- Moderator: **Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

12:30pm - 12:45pm
Session on: Driving Digital Inclusion for MSME Growth

- **Prem Shankar Jha**, Chief General Manager- MSME, UCO Bank
- **Avinash Shukla**, Chief General Manager- DIT Projects, UCO Bank

12:45 pm - 1:30 pm
Panel Discussion: Seamless Urban Commutes: Advancing EV-Driven Road, Bus, and Micro-Mobility Systems

- **Dr. Sonia Sethi**, General Manager, Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (BEST)
- **Dr. Sanjay Mukherjee**, Metropolitan Commissioner, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority
- **Shalabh Goel**, Managing Director, National Capital Region Transport Corporation
- **Sulajja Firodia Motwani**, Founder and CEO, Kinetic Green
- **Rohan Baviskar**, Young Professional, MITRA
- Moderator: **Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

01:30 pm - 02:30 pm
NETWORKING LUNCH

Technology & Digital Transformation

02:30 pm - 03:10 pm
Opening Session
Smart State in Action: Scaling Digital Public Infrastructure for Inclusive Governance

Welcome Address:

- **Sanjay Katkar**, Managing Director, MahaIT

Industry Address:

- **Preeti Devnani**, Director, Probity Software

Keynote Address:

- **Virendra Singh**, Secretary, Information Technology Department, Government of Maharashtra

Keynote Address:

- **H.E. Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen**, Ambassador, Embassy of Denmark in India

Guest of Honour Address:

- **Adv. Ashish Shelar**, Minister, Information Technology & Cultural Affairs, Government of Maharashtra

Vote of Thanks:

- **Puja Banerjee**, Senior Assistant Editor, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

03:10 pm - 03:25 pm
Cybercrime : The Largest Organized Crime Syndicate in the World

Keynote Address:

- **Yashasvi Yadav**, Additional Director General of Police, Maharashtra Cyber, MD & CEO, Maharashtra Cyber Crime Security Corporation

03:25 pm - 03:40 pm

Session: New Edge of Cyber Attacks and Remediations

- **Ashwin Mittal**, Head Government and Defence, OPSWAT

03:40 pm - 04:25 pm

Panel Discussion: Harnessing Emerging Technologies Like AI, ML, Data Centre, Semiconductors and High-Tech Manufacturing to Build a Future-Ready Maharashtra

- **Sanjay Katkar**, Managing Director, Maha IT
- **Sharmistha Dasgupta**, Deputy Director General & HoG, National Informatics Centre, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India
- **N Ramesh**, Deputy Director General (Technology), Department of Telecommunications, Mumbai
- **Sanjay Wandhekar**, Senior Director, C-DAC, Pune
- **Kirtikar Ojha**, CMD & Head Government Business, Larsen & Toubro-Vyoma, AI & ML ,Cloud, Technology Evangelist
- **Prateek Gupta**, Vice President, Primus Partner
- Moderator: **Sneha Jha**, Editor - Special Initiatives, ETCIO & CISO, The Economic Times

04:25 pm - 04:35 pm

Keynote Address:

- **Neelkanth Mishra**, Chairperson (Part-time), UIDAI

04:35 pm - 05:00 pm

Panel Discussion- Policy to Pipeline: Enabling Pharma Innovation through Regulatory & Capital Support

- **Bhushan Akshikar**, Managing Director, GSK Pharmaceuticals India
- **Bhavin Mehta**, Vice-Chairman , Pharmexil (Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India)
- **Archana Jatkar**, Associate Secretary General (International Trade and Regulatory Affairs)
- Moderator: **Vikas Dandekar**, Editor-Pharma, The Economic Times

Sustainable Energy & Green Growth

02:30 pm - 03:00 pm

Welcome Address:

- **Kartik Sharma**, Deputy Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

Industry Address:

- **Akshay Hiranandani**, Chief Executive Officer, Serentica

Keynote Address:

- **Abha Shukla**, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Maharashtra

03:00 pm - 03:50 pm

Panel Discussion: Powering India's Green Transition: Pathways to Net-Zero 2070

- **Lokesh Chandra**, Additional Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister & Chairman and Managing Director, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd.
- **Dr. Sanjeev Kumar**, Chairman and Managing Director, Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd., Government of Maharashtra
- **Radhakrishnan B**, Chairman and Managing Director, Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd., Government of Maharashtra
- **M. M Chaudhari**, Joint Chief, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
- **S.D. Paraswar**, Director (Operations) & Distinguished Scientist, Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd.
- **Akshay Hiranandani**, Chief Executive Officer, Serentica
- **Murtuza Kakuji**, Vice President, Chairman's Office, Avaada
- **Nishek Jain**, Senior Advisor, MITRA
- Moderator: **Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

03:50 pm - 04:10 pm

Fireside Chat- The Nawazuddin Siddiqui Story: Actor as an Institution

- **Nawazuddin Siddiqui**, Actor
- Moderator: **Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

04:10 pm - 04:50 pm

Panel Discussion: Energy Storage, Battery Ecosystems & India's EV Infrastructure Vision

- **Sanjay Khanna**, Chairman & Managing Director, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
- **Indra Dev Narayan**, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd.
- **Akhilesh Kumar Dixit**, CEO, Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.
- **Sarit Maheshwari**, CEO, NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd. and NTPC Green Energy
- **Vikas**, Managing Director, Bharat PetroResources Ltd.
- **Anand Mimani**, CEO - EV & New Energy Business, Blue Energy Motors
- Moderator: **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

04:50 pm - 05:30 pm

Panel Discussion: Powering the Last Mile: Decentralized Energy Access for an Inclusive India

- **Bipin Shrimali**, Managing Director, Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd.
- **Puneet Kumar**, Additional Chief Secretary, Power Department, Government of Kerala
- **Om Prakash Bakoria**, Director General, Maharashtra Energy Development Agency, Government of Maharashtra
- **Sanjiv Kumar Katiyar**, Managing Director, Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Ltd., Government of Chhattisgarh
- **Prashant Sinha**, Chief Executive Officer, Resonia
- Moderator: **Sumit Chaturvedi**, Consulting Editor, The Economic Times

05:00 pm - 05:20 pm

Fireside Chat- Era of Digital Governance; Cybersecurity and Data Protection

- **Brijesh Singh**, Principal Secretary, Directorate General of Information & Public Relations, Government of Maharashtra
- Moderator: **Sneha Jha**, Editor - Special Initiatives, ETCIO & CISO, The Economic Times

05:20 pm - 05:50 pm

Guest of Honour Address:

- **Dr. Pankaj Bhojar**, Hon'ble Minister of State, School Education, Home (Rural), Housing, Cooperation, Mining, Government of Maharashtra

Closing Remarks

Networking Cocktail & Snacks



09:00 am - 10:00 am
REGISTRATION

10:00 am- 10:45 am
Opening Session: Maharashtra 2030: Policy, Capital & Infrastructure for a Trillion-Dollar Economy.

Welcome Address:

- **Amol Dethe**, Editor, ETBFSI

Special Address:

- **Sumnesh Joshi**, Deputy Director General, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India

Keynote Speaker:

- **Ashok Kapur**, IAS (Retd.), Director General, Institute of Directors

Guest of Honour:

- **Adv. Ashish Jaiswal**, Hon'ble Minister of State, Finance, Planning, Agriculture, Relief & Rehabilitation, Law & Judiciary, and Labour, Government of Maharashtra

10:45 am - 11:15 am
NETWORKING BREAK & EXPO VISIT

11:15 am - 12:00 pm
Panel Discussion: Financing Maharashtra's Growth Engine: Credit, Capital & Confidence

- **Ashwani Kumar**, MD & CEO, UCO Bank
- **Goverdhan Singh Rawat**, Deputy Managing Director, NABARD
- **KVS Manian**, MD & CEO, Federal Bank
- **Shrutika Patade**, Research Officer, MITRA
- Moderator : **Amol Dethe**, Editor, ETBFSI

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm
Future-Ready Financing: REITs & InvITs in India's Infrastructure Decade

- **Ajay Saxena**, Sector Head (Infrastructure Development) and Head of Public Private Partnership Cell, MITRA, Government of Maharashtra
- **Meghana Singh**, Vertis Infrastructure Trust, General Counsel, Vertis Infrastructure Trust
- **Meghana Pandit**, IndiGrid Infrastructure Trust, Chief Financial Officer, IndiGrid Infrastructure Trust
- **Preeti Chheda**, Executive Committee Member, Indian REITs Association and CFO, Mindspace Business Parks REIT
- **Neeraj Toshniwal**, Executive Committee Member, Indian REITs Association and CFO, Knowledge Reality Trust
- Moderator : **Arpit Gupta**, Senior Associate Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

12:30 pm- 12:50 pm
Scripting impact from Entrepreneurship to Philanthropy

- **Sonu Sood**, Actor, Entrepreneur & Humanitarian
- Moderator: **Amol Dethe**, Editor, ETBFSI

12:50 pm - 01:30 pm
Panel Discussion: Building a Sustainable MSME Financing Ecosystem: The Fintech-NBFC Playbook

- **Vikas Pansare**, Managing Director, Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Development Corporation Limited, Government of Maharashtra
- **Nehal Vora**, MD CEO, CDSL
- **Girija Subramanian**, CMD, New India Assurance
- **Vijay N. Kamble**, Executive Director, UCO Bank
- **M Paramasivam**, Executive Director, Punjab National Bank
- Moderator: **Amol Dethe**, Editor, ETBFSI

01:30 pm - 02:30 pm
NETWORKING LUNCH

10:00 am- 10:25 am
Welcome Address:

- **Kartik Sharma**, Deputy Editor- ETGovernment, The Economic Times

Guest of Honour Address

- **Nitesh Rane**, Hon'ble Minister, Fisheries and Ports Department, Government of Maharashtra

10:25 am- 11:00 am

Opening Session: Building Future-Ready Supply Chains: Empowering India's Shipping, Ports & Logistics Infrastructure

- **G.V.L Satya Kumar**, Managing Director, Centre for Railway Information Systems
- **Vishal P. Mehta**, CEO, Rushabh Sealink & Logistic Pvt. Ltd., and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Djibouti, Maharashtra
- **Capt. Sushmit Biswas**, CEO - Oil & Gas (Shipping), Saigal SeaTrade

11:00 am - 11:15 am

NETWORKING BREAK & EXPO VISIT

11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Panel Discussion: India Maritime Vision 2030: Building India's Leading Smart Port Ecosystem

- **R.K. Mishra**, Additional DGFT, Mumbai, Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- **Praneet Choudhary**, Deputy Director General, Shipping, IT & E-Governance, Directorate General of Shipping Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Government of India
- **Capt. Arvind Kumar**, Director, Indian Port Rail & Ropeway Corporation Ltd
- **Daljit Singh Kohli**, India Representative, Port of Antwerp-Bruges
- **Devi James Melchior**, Senior Vice President - Logistics, K-Index Logistics
- **Deepak Karanjikar**, Member - Governing Council, MITRA
- Moderator : **Sumit Chaturvedi**, Consulting Editor, The Economic Times

12:00 pm- 12:15 pm

Fireside Chat: From Connectivity to Competitiveness: Logistics-Led Transformation of the Konkan Corridor

- **Santosh Kumar Jha**, Chairman & MD, Konkan Railways
- Moderator: **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

Business Leadership

12:15 pm- 12:30 pm

From Spaces to Experiences: Redefining Urban Living in a Changing India

Keynote Address:

- **Vijaya Raheja**, CDO, K Raheja Group

12:30 pm - 12:50 pm

Fireside Chat: Bandhan Group 2.0: Institution Building at Scale in India's Defining Decade

- **Chandra Shekhar Ghosh**, Chairman, Bandhan Group
- Moderator: **Sneha Jha**, Editor, ETCISO and ETCISO

12:50 pm - 01:30 pm

Panel Discussion: The Consumption Economy: Why Maharashtra Sits at the Heart of India's Retail Boom

- **Sagar Daryani**, Co-Founder, CEO, Wow! Momo Foods
- **Devang Sampat**, MD, Cinepolis India
- **Prakash Patel**, MD, Bhumi World
- **Zorawar Kalra**, Founder, Massive Restaurants
- Moderator: **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

02:30 pm - 02:45 pm

Guest of Honour

- **Mangal Prabhat Lodha**, Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of Maharashtra

02:45 pm - 03:35 pm

Building Smarter, Scaling Wiser**Adapting to a capital-scarce, AI-rich world**

- **Ankur Sharma**, Co-Founder, Rebel Foods
- **Shrini Vishwanath**, Co-Founder, Upstox
- **Nitish Mittersain**, CEO, Nazara Technologies
- **Natasha Malpani**, Founder, Boundless Ventures
- **Gaurav Sachdeva**, CEO, JSW One
- Moderator: **Saurabh Kumar**, Consulting Editor, Times Internet

03:35 pm - 04:20 pm

Backing AI Intelligence: Who's Investing, What's Working**The new metrics for evaluating AI startups**

- **Ritu Verma**, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Ankur Capital
- **Vikram Gupta**, Managing Partner, IvyCap Ventures
- **Sagar Agarwal**, Managing Partner, Beams Fintech Fund
- **Amish Dedhia**, Principal, Portfolio Growth and Exits, Chiratae Ventures
- **Bhaskar Majumdar**, Managing Partner, Unicorn India Ventures
- Moderator: **Amol Dethle**, Editor, ETBFSI

04:20 pm - 04:40 pm

Building Dreams, Building Enterprises**From storytelling to institution-building**

- **Subhash Ghai**, Director, Producer & Founder & Chairman, Whistling Woods International
- **Meghna Ghai Puri**, President, Whistling Woods International
- Moderator: **Saurabh Kumar**, Consulting Editor, Times Internet

04:40 pm - 05:10 pm

Velumani 2.0: Beyond the billion-dollar journey**The power of reinvention, relevance and resilience**

- **Dr. A Velumani**, Creator, AVMLabs, AVMSmiles and Thyrocare
- Moderator: **Saurabh Kumar**, Consulting Editor, Times Internet

05:10 pm - 05:40 pm

Between Frames and Freedom**Building on performance, not formula**

- **Avinash Tiwary**, Actor
- Moderator: **Sneha Jha**, Editor-Special Initiatives, ETCIO & ETCISO

05:40 pm - 06:10 pm

Fireside Chat : Women Leaders Shaping a \$1 Trillion Maharashtra: Education, Enterprise & Social Impact

- **Pooja Misal**, Education Entrepreneur | Policy Advisor | Institution Builder | Senior Advisor, MITRA | Advisor to CMO, Maharashtra
- Moderator: **Adarsh Som**, Special Correspondent, ETGovernment, The Economic Times

06:10 pm - 07:00 pm

NETWORKING BREAK

07:00 pm - 08:00 pm

GRAND AWARD CEREMONY

Special Guest of Honour

- **Eknath Shinde**, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra

8 pm Onwards

Dinner & Cocktail

02:30 pm - 02:45 pm

Keynote Address:

- **Ajit M. Kawade**, Deputy Secretary, Housing Department, Government of Maharashtra

02:45 pm - 03:30 pm

Panel Discussion: Building the Maharashtra of Tomorrow: A Century of Progress & Promise

- **Anil Wankhede**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA)
- **Navin Makhija**, Managing Director - Wadhwa Group
- **Domnic Romell**, Chairman -Romell Group
- **Hafeez Contractor**, Founder, Architect Hafeez Contractor
- **Ashish Raheja**, MD & CEO - Raheja Universal
- **Dipan Merchant**, Sr Counsel- Bombay High Court
- Moderator: **Anuj Puri**, Chairman, Anarock Property Consultants

03:45 pm 04:30 pm

Panel Discussion: Future-Ready Maharashtra: Unlocking Real Estate Potential Beyond Mumbai

- **Ameya Inder Jain**, Managing Director - Kumar Lifespaces
- **Amit Paranjape**, Director- Paranjape Schemes Construction
- **Shailesh Puranik**, Chairman & MD - Puranik Builders
- **CA Sshweta Bhartiya**, Director- Shlok Group
- **Gaurav Thakker**, Director- Thakkers Group
- **Apoorva Sirsikar**, Director - Sirsikar Developers and Builders
- Moderator: **Ajay Sharma**, Managing Director, Valuation & Advisory Services - Colliers

NETWORKING TEA

05:00 pm - 05:15 pm

Fireside Chat: Green Products, Greener Profits: Making Sustainability India's Competitive Advantage

- **Nadir Godrej**, Chairperson, Godrej Industries Group
- Moderator: **Puja Banerjee**, Senior Assistant Editor, The Economic Times

05:15 pm - 05:30 pm

Keynote Address:

- **Niranjan Hiranandani**, Chairman, NAREDCO | Co-Founder & MD, Hiranandani Group

05:30 pm - 06:15 pm

Panel Discussion: Maharashtra's Commercial Real Estate Boom: Opportunities and Challenges

- **Anshu Sarin**, CEO, 91 Springboard
- **Vithal Suryavanshi**, CEO - Commercial Real Estate, Phoenix Mills
- **Gautam Saraf**, Executive Managing Director, Mumbai, New Business & Retail- Cushman & Wakefield
- **Girish Goenka**, CFO, Piramal Realty
- Moderator: **Kailash Babar**, Deputy Editor, The Economic Times

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