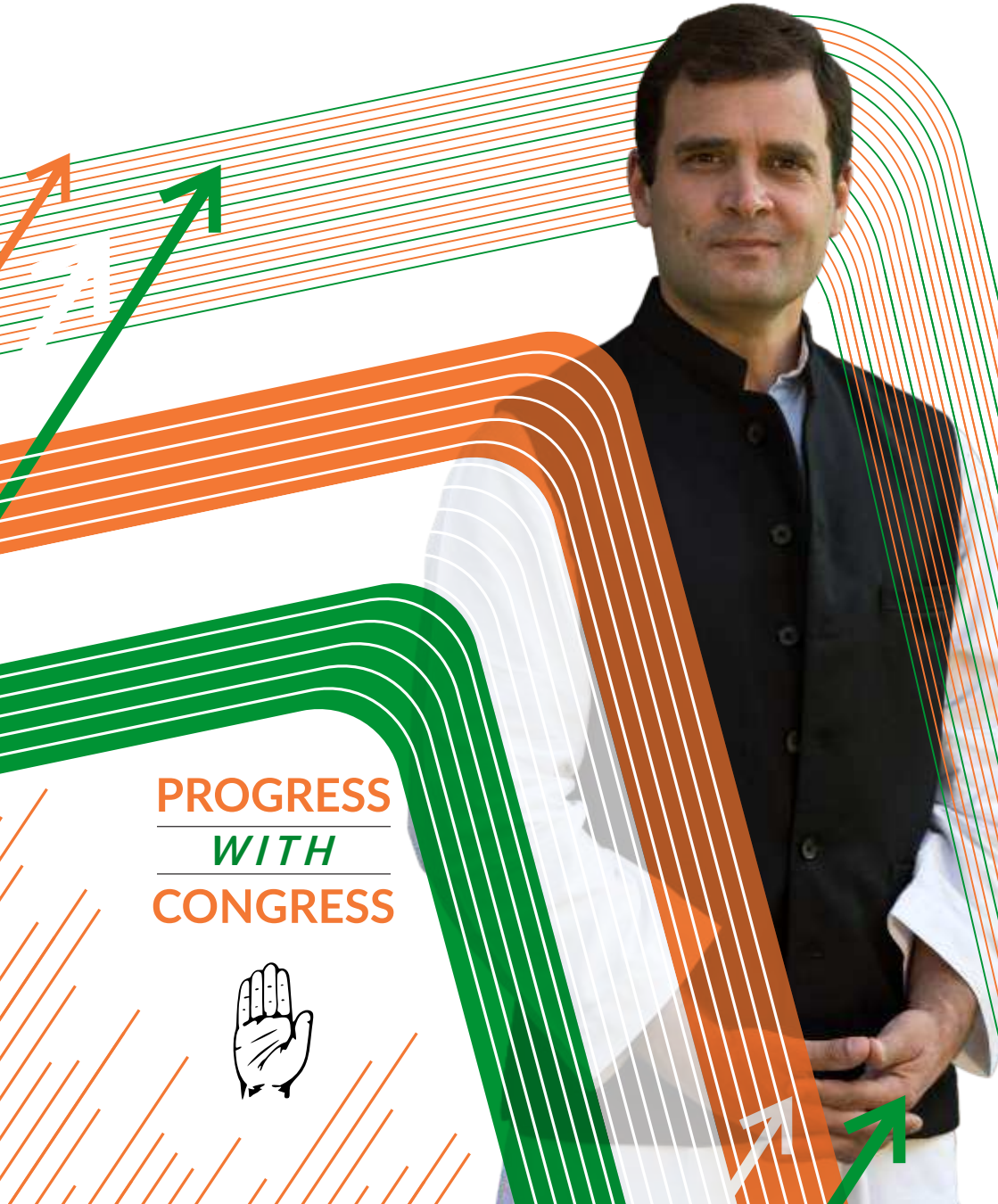
KARNATAKA MANIFESTO 2018 - 2023



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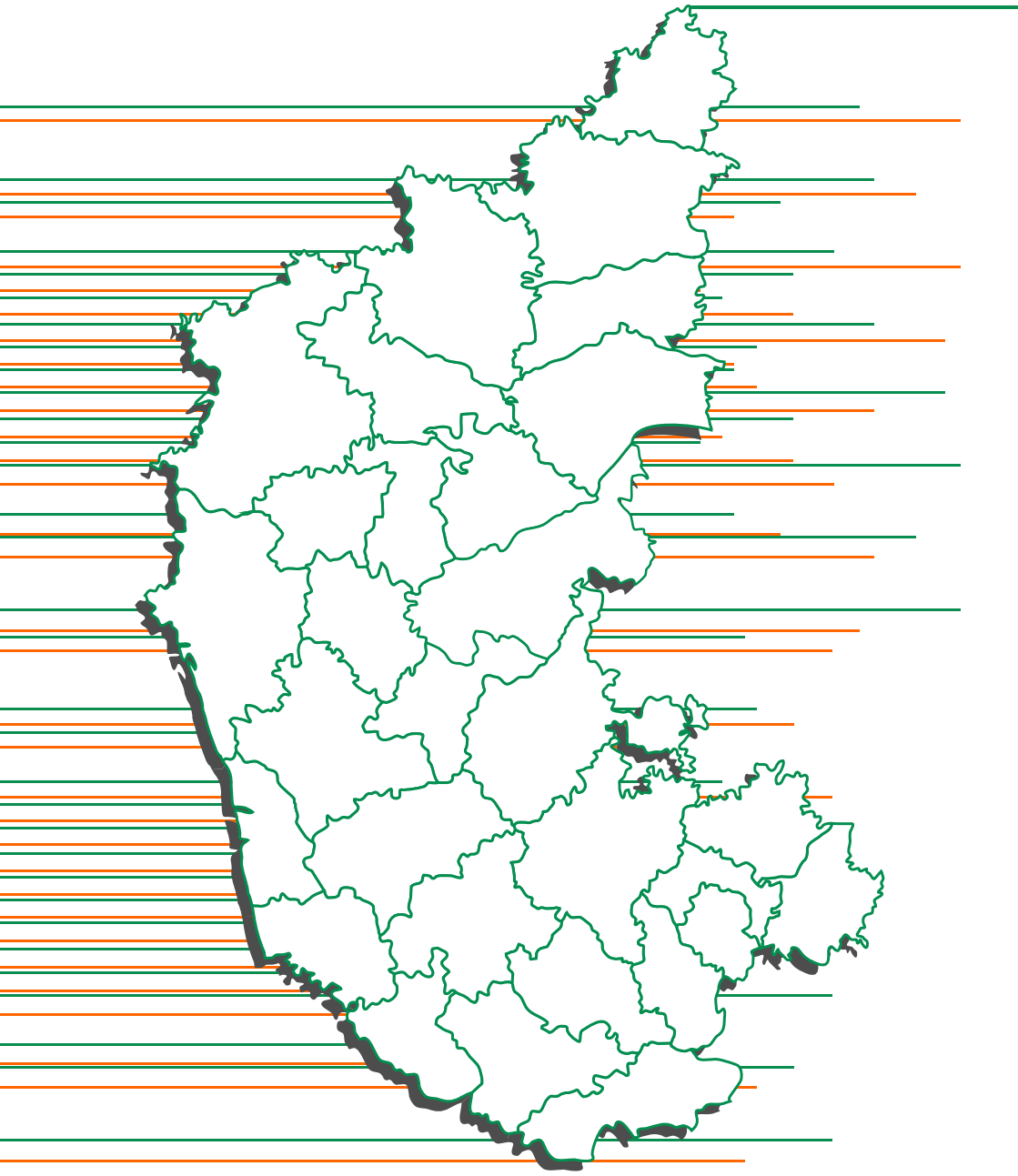


Progress with Congress

The Indian National Congress (INC) has once again pioneered an entirely new way of preparing our election manifesto. Indian National Congress's spirit of being a true representative of the developmental aspirations of the people is reflected in this manifesto. Our manifesto captures and represents the voice and aspirations of the people of Karnataka and a new vision for the State.

This manifesto is the result of several interactions we have had with people from all across sections of society in the various districts and villages and cities that makes up this great state.

We are pleased to present the result of our work - this "**People's Manifesto**" of Karnataka - our vision and pledge for the inclusive growth and development of the people of this great state.

Your party, the Indian National Congress, seeks your vote and support with a solemn pledge to continue to make Karnataka the most sustainable, thriving, progressive and happy state of the country.

The people of Karnataka have given themselves a republic that is socialistic, secular and democratic, and a constitutional system that celebrates its plurality. Karnataka's strength is built upon a diversity of religions, cultures, ideas and opinions. For the Congress Party, equality of opportunity has meant that every citizen, irrespective of one's economic status, caste, religion or gender, is equal.

India's Constitution celebrates the country's plurality by providing linguistic and religious rights to every citizen and a set of individual rights. While the first ensures space for religious and linguistic minorities, the second protects freedom of opinion and the right to dissent. Of late, a certain political party has made repeated assaults on this pluralism by both covert and overt disruptive acts. Through this manifesto, the INC would like to reaffirm its commitment to respecting, defending and protecting Karnataka's pluralism in the coming years as it has always done in the past.

Congress - Driving Excellence and Progress Across All Sectors

KARNATAKA "THE STATE OF MANY FIRSTS"

- **First State to adopt a Unified Agriculture e-Marketing Platform:** Karnataka was the first state to leverage the power of technology with online trading in agro markets, giving farmers the choice to sell their produce at preferred prices. As a result, farmers have realised 38% more income for their produce. The Government of India has now encouraged all states to adopt the same model.
- **First State** to transfer input subsidies through Parihara online platform Rs.1459.1 crores has been directly transferred to Aadhar-linked bank accounts of 21.9 lakh farmers.
- **First State** to provide Unified Mobile Platform with 4000 government and private services
- **First State** to formulate a one of its kind policy for agriculture tourism and agriculture start-ups
- **First State to Launch Universal Health Coverage:** With a vision of Health for All, Karnataka is the first in the country to announce Universal Health Coverage via a comprehensive Arogya Bhagya Scheme. This is slated to benefit 1.4 crore households in the state, with priority households to avail benefits free of cost.
- **First State** to establish free dialysis centres at sub-district level hospitals. Total dialysis centres proposed- 171. Total functional- 67. Services provided free of cost.
- **#1 State in Investment Intentions across the Country:** Karnataka tops the country in investment proposals -Rs. 1.54 lakh crore received in the last 18 months, accounting for a whopping 45% of the all India investment intentions. Pioneering policies, strong administration & a dynamic ecosystem makes Karnataka a global investment hub. 15 major companies making fresh investments will generate 15,000+ job opportunities.
- **#1 State in Manufacturing Excellence:** Apart from IT and BT, Karnataka also tops the country in Manufacturing Excellence, with the best manufacturing process ratio at 2.63. The state has received 10% of India's total investment in Manufacturing, while 32% of the manufacturing sector's share in investments is attracted by Karnataka.
- **#1 State with Pioneering Policies:** Karnataka is nationally renowned for its pioneering policies, aimed to support innovation and enterprise: Karnataka Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (KESDM) Policy 2017-22, Karnataka Animation Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics Policy (AVGC), Multi-Sector Startup Policy, etc.
- **First City** in India to have its own logo - Bangalore
- **#1 State in IT Exports:** The IT Hub of India, Karnataka is home to 3500+ IT companies & has the distinction of being the fourth largest tech cluster in the world. With an export value worth 3 lakh crores in 2017, Karnataka has a lion's share of around 38% of all Indian IT exports, making it an indisputable leader in IT exports. It has the highest growth rate in the country at 30.6%.
- **#1 Biotech Hub in India:** With over 228 Biotech companies & 65 + Biotech Start-Ups, Karnataka accounts for 35% of bio-tech industry revenue of the country, with a third of the country's BT exports. To further boost the bio-economy & ensure its contribution is significant in India's $100 billion biotech sector, Government of Karnataka recently approved the Karnataka Biotech Policy 2017-22.
- **#1 State for Start-Ups & Innovation:** *The* hub for innovation & enterprise, Karnataka is all set to house over 20,000 tech-based start-ups,

including 6,000 product start-ups by 2020 through the first of its kind Multi Sector Start-Up Policy. The policy will create a world-class ecosystem through strategic investment, & create 1.8 million job opportunities. It will also facilitate generation of at least 25 innovative solutions with a social impact in sectors like healthcare, food security, clean environment and education for all.

- **#1 State in Silk Production:** Due to the encouragement provided for the production of silk, 36,147 metric tons of silk have been produced in the past four years. With this, the state has maintained its first position in the production of silk in the country. Of the total silk produced in the country, the state's share is 48%, providing job opportunities annually to 12 lakh people.
- **First State to provide interest free loans:** For the first time in the country, the Government of Karnataka has provided interest free loans up to Rs.3 lakhs; loans of up to Rs.10 lakhs are being distributed at just 3% interest.
- **#1 State in Distribution of Smart Cards:** Our government has a sense of contentment about distributing the highest number of smart cards i.e. 70 lakh smart cards to unorganised labourers in the state, thereby providing them with a sense of security.
- **First state to implement a Transgender Policy** Karnataka was the first state to implement a transgender policy as a first step towards destigmatization.
- **First state with an Industrial Park Dedicated for Women**: Karnataka houses the first ever Industrial tech park conceptualised, designed and dedicated solely for women entrepreneurs. To further encourage entrepreneurship among women, Government of Karnataka has also reserved 20% of seats across 4 incubators for women & launched a Rs. 10 Crore fund for women entrepreneurs.
- **First State to Announce Electric Vehicle & Energy Storage Policy:** EV & ESP is a major thrust to the 'Make in Karnataka' initiative. Launched with a vision to make Karnataka the manufacturing hub of EVs, the policy aims to set up new EV Manufacturing Zones, with an investment of around Rs. 31,000 Crores & envisions setting up charging stations in public & private spaces.
- **First State to Launch Intelligent Transport System:** Karnataka is renowned as the land of innovations and the introduction of Intelligent Transport System has brought much needed efficiency and safety in public transport systems. With ITS, commuters can get information about arrival and departure time of buses and bus shelters with LED boards display real time information about the schedule of buses.
- **First State** to have unitary University for rural development and Panchayat Raj. The University conducts Education, Research and Training in the field of Rural Development and Grassroots governance. The main goal of this University is to develop technology and adoption in rural areas to pave the way to upgrade the living standards of rural people. The University strives to uphold the twin concepts of Rural Reconstruction and Reverse Migration.
- **First State** to develop villagewise, village panchayatwise, Talukwise and Districtwise Human Development Indices that will help us Plan, Design and Implement schemes that will provide an impetus to Human Development.
- **First State** to amend Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act to bring electoral reforms in PRI Elections by enacting compulsory voting, NOTA, Prohibition during entire period of Model Code of Conduct etc., This concept is a leap forward in deepening democratic values into rural administration through people's participation.
- **First State** to establish Bapuji Seva Kendra, a noble scheme of the government delivering the most essential 100 citizen-centric services (G2C) and (B2C) at Gram Panchayat Level. By end of 2017, we have delivered around 52,13,815 services through the Bapuji Seva Kendra.
- **First State** to set up Gandhi Sakshi Kayaka Software – An online updation of all infrastructure schemes in 8 stages, from planning to payment with geo-tagged photographs of each stage. This has ushered in new heights of transparency and efficiency in execution of civil works in rural development.
- **#1 Prize at E-Panchayat Award** - Karnataka has been awarded first prize in implementation of ICT initiatives in

panchayats, consecutively for the past three years.

- **First State** to establish 'Namma Grama Namma Yojane' (Our Village, Our Plan) – A very people-centric plan has been initiated in Karnataka through a Bottom Up Approach. Over 60,000 meetings including Gram Sabhas were conducted to design GPDP and a Budgetary provision has been made in the Budget for implementation of GPDP-Namma Grama Namma Yojane.
- Karnataka has initiated a people's movement to provide access to pure drinking water to all rural populace. At the end of 2017-18 around 10,500 pure drinking water plants have been commissioned, catering to over 2 crore rural people.
- **First State** to provide – the Grievance Redressal Authority, a statutory body in each district, a quasi judicial authority which has been constituted to redress the grievances of citizens in rural areas.
- **First State** in India to identify the best performing Gram Panchayat in each Taluk (Block). The Gandhi Grama Puraskara awards are given annually on October 2nd, Gandhi Jayanthi. This has motivated the Gram Panchayats to deliver services to the rural people more effectively.
- **First State** through the department of rural development and Panchayat Raj to make the decision making process totally transparent, by hosting the decisions, directions and orders of the Minister, along with the note sheets of the file on the department website. The decision making process is transparent even at GP level - by giving direct access to the video proceedings of Gram Panchayat/ Gram Sabha meetings under RTI in CD format to the people, hence empowering them.

CONTINUING PROGRESS THROUGH CONGRESS

Why it is imperative for the people of KARNATAKA to choose CONGRESS

Achievements of the Congress Party in Karnataka since Independence

- *As per Jawarlal Nehru's Vision setting up of* - ISRO, NAL, DRDO, BEL, BEML, BGML, IIM
- Common Entrance Test (CET) for admission to professional colleges
- A Transparent System created for appointment of Teachers
- Creation of Rajiv Gandhi Health University in Bengaluru
- Creation of Visveswaraiah Technology University, Belagavi
- Passed the Kudala Sangama Development Board Act to commemorate the memory of Basaveshwara both at Kudala Sangama and Basavakalyan
- 4% reservation to minority Muslims in Government appointments
- Setting up of Jindal Vijayanagara Steel Ltd
- Construction of Almatti Dam
- Implementation of the recommendation of the Havanur Commission Report and Chinnappa Reddy Commission for OBCs
- Setting up the International Airport at Mangalore
- Setting up the KEMPEGOWDA International Airport, Bengaluru
- Created the Almatti Dam- hydroelectric project on the Krishna River
- Ghataprabha Major Irrigation Project.
- Opening up of Bagur Naveli Tunnel, Kadabaghatte Tunnel and Chattamagere Tunnel
- Creation of Krishna Jala Bhagya Nigama
- Creation of Cauvery Neeravari Nigama
- Creation of Visveshwaraiah Jala Nigama for a Drought Free Karnataka
- Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.
- International Tech Park Bangalore (ITPB) - the icon of India's IT success story, Electronic City developed by our government and made Bangalore the Silicon Valley of India.

Achievements of UPA I & II

- Right to Information Act
- Right to Education Act
- Food Security Act
- Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA)
- Viability Report for setting up of LNG Terminal at Mangalore
- Kochi – Mangalore gas pipeline project
- Right to Fair Compensation, Transparency in Land Acquisition and Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act for farmers
- Company's Act
- Dabhol to Bengaluru Gas Pipe Line – GAIL
- Creation of City Gas for supply of gas to households with the Kochi-Kuttanad-Bengaluru-Mangalore Gas Pipeline Project
- Creation of Strategic Reserves of crude oil at Padur in Mangalore and Udupi
- "Namma Metro"M etro Rail in Bengaluru
- Created Mangalore Special Economic Zone (MSEZ) - one of India's successful SEZs MSEZ has emerged as one of the most vibrant operational multi-product SEZs in India. -
- Expansion on MRPL Mangalore Refinery & Petrochemicals Ltd.
- Establishment Of Centres Of Excellence - Agritech, Aerospace, Machine Learning & Big Data, AI, IoT, Robotics, Animation, Cyber Security
- UPA Government has granted Special Status 371 J to Six Backward districts of Hyderabad Karnataka Region. The State Government has approved the action plan to speed up the development in the Region, the required allocations have been provided.

Progress Made & The Road Ahead

- Basavanna, Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. B.R Ambedkar, Smt. Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Dr. Manmohan Singh and Devaraj Urs are the sources of inspiration for our development model.
- Ever since the Congress returned to power on its own in May 2013, the people of Karnataka have seen rapid improvements in their socio-economic conditions as evident in all the socio-economic indicators.
- The Three day Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar International Conference was a meaningful tribute to the Father of the Indian Constitution and his thoughts.
- With a geographical area of 1,91,791 square kms a per capita income of Rs. 1,59,893 during 2016-17, Karnataka is one of the most prosperous and progressive state of its size in India.

Agriculture:
Harvesting Progress Through Agriculture

INC is dedicated to work towards the overall empowerment of farmers in Karnataka by ensuring improved productivity and income security through climate resilient technologies, value addition and reformed market network to help them achieve their right to a sustainable livelihood.

Our Key Achievements

- The INC Government combated the drought situation efficiently and have provided assistance to farmers. Seeds and fertilizers have been provided to them on time. As many as 1.2 Lakhs Farmponds have been constructed for farmers under the Krishi Bhagya Scheme. A large number of loans at zero interest being given to framers.
- The INC Government have provided farmers and Stree Shakthi Groups interest free loans up to three lakh. Farm loans worth Rs.8165 crore have been availed by 22,27,506 farmers upto Rs.50000 each were waived on June 20th 2017.
- As irrigation is one of the top priorities of the State government, the INC Government has earmarked Rs.50,000 crore for Major and Medium and Minor irrigation projects, creating irrigation capacity in 6,40,900 acres across the State in the last four years.
- Animal Husbandry and livestock sector has been playing a significant role in the rural economy.
- The State has established 161 Agricultural Produce Market Committees to facilitate and regulate the marketing of agricultural commodities.
- National level seminar on Agriculture Marketing Reforms was organised in 2015 at Hubbali.
- The State government has been providing Rs.5 as subsidy per litre to the milk producers across the State.
- Horticulture sector has emerged as an important component of the economy of our State under the INC government.
- Sericulture is the one of the major employment generating sectors in the State. The government has been providing subsidies to the farmers and other infrastructure facilities to modernise the sericulture Industry.
- The entire cost of supply of free power to Agricultural sector has been made good by the State Government through subsidy. To provide a big push to solar energy, government has published and implemented its Solar Policy.

Creation of Agricultural Corridor for Karnataka

Karnataka with its ten different agro-climatic zones and other bounteous natural advantages offers immense opportunities for high growth in agriculture and allied sectors. The INC will launch an initiative for developing sustainable agribusiness enabled through an 'Agricultural Corridor for Karnataka' for agriculture and it's allied sectors covering production, infrastructure and industrial segments on an end to end concept.

The corridor will focus on improving:

- production and productivity
- reducing production cost and wastage
- increasing value addition
- price stabilisation
- use of high tech agriculture technologies and explore genetically modified varieties
- micro propagation, micro irrigation/fertilization
- integrated nutrient management
- organic farming
- integrated pest management
- protected cultivation / greenhouse technology
- post-harvest management
- adoption of state of the art food processing technologies
- high unit value realisation in export markets etc.

The above initiatives will cover the territories from Chamarajnagar to Belagavi covering 10 districts of Karnataka running parallel to the Economic Corridor, which is well fed by rivers.

The agricultural corridor will include the following infrastructure:

- Packaging Units
- Processing Units
- Preservation
- Warehousing
- Cold Storage
- Power sources
- Soil / crop health analysis;
- Satellite imagery
- Drone based survey;
- Reduce wasting of water;
- Detection of disease in Animal Husbandry sector
- Value addition training and processing unit

A Vibrant Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem

- Double the farmers income
- Constitute a Statutory Farmers Income Commission to ensure basic livelihood for farmers, agri-labourers and agricultural households
- Compensate farmers against the loss of crop revenues, owing to natural calamity or otherwise, through Annadaata Fund at a state/district level
- Provide 24x7 power to horticulture and Animal husbandry sector from June 1, 2018
- Ensure branding, product promotion outside the state and enable farmers to realise better value for their produce. E.g. Amul, Warana, Himachal/Kashmir apples etc
- Set up a one-of-its-kind federation of silk weavers to promote supply, trading and marketing
- Set up a **Sona Massori Rice Research Centre** at Raichur and Marketing Centres at Koppal, Gangavathi and Kushtagi
- Establish a Cotton Export, Research & Marketing Centre at Raichur to encourage marketing of export variety of cotton
- Provide 100% tax subsidy to industries innovating, manufacturing and selling products directly to farmer
- To set up Millets Abhivrudhi Mandali

Make Horticulture sector a Bright Spot

- Promote PPP partnerships in developing agriculture-infrastructure, such as agriculture markets, warehouses, cold storage and irrigation delivery and extension services.
- Exclusive cargo terminal in Bangalore and Mangalore International Airports for Floriculture/ Horticulture

Productivity Growth of Animal Husbandry sector

- Double the income of dairy farmers by providing them the required support for increased production and market to sell their products
- Set up two Fish Agro-Processing Parks in each coastal district (Uttara Kannada, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi).

Sericulture sector

- Double the income of silk reelers
- Create one of its kind “Sericulture Stability Fund" to provide a cushion to the farmer.

Planter - Coffee

- Special measures to tackle Arabica - white stem borer menace - Coffee board to intensify research on white stem borer in collaboration with private research organization both Indian & foreign
- Scholarship schemes for children of plantation workers and tiny planters
- Create a brand for coffee produced in our state
- Create state-of-the-art coffee museums and research centers in Kodagu and Chikamagalur districts.

Planter - Pepper

- Continue and expand the pepper processing units in Kodagu and Chikamagalur districts.
- Remove the APMC cess on pepper to boost the prices and help pepper planters increase production and offer better marketability

Setting up of other Commodity Boards

- Our Government will establish a Commodity Board - comprising of pepper, cardamom, areca, ginger, cashew and other products to provide a platform to address the problems of all these planters
- Price Stability Fund will be created for the farmers dealing with the above commodities and incentives will also be provided to encourage export of these commodities

New organic farming department

- By forming a new Organic Farming department under the Ministry of Agriculture, we will work towards ensuring 100% pesticide-free Karnataka.
- Government will facilitate the branding of some of the agricultural commodities to enhance quality and enable better prices in the country and abroad.

Education, Sports and Culture:

Creating Vibrant Minds For A Progressive Future

INC is devoted to build an equitable, inclusive and futuristic education system that promotes all round excellence by modernizing our educational institutions, empowering teachers for higher performance and preparing students to avail the best opportunities in life.

INC Government has taken Karnataka to the fifth position in the Education Development Index (EDI) in India with a score of 0.661, higher than the Indian average. INC has led Karnataka to become the one of the highest performing state in effective literacy rate which is now 82.47% for males and 68.08% for females. INC's effort to make the education system of Karnataka more efficient is reflected in the fact that the average performance of our students in the state was significantly higher than the national average in English, Mathematics, Science and Social Science (Source: National Achievement Surveys)

INC will take advantage of the demographic dividend with a high quality of education, skill training, professional education with a roadmap that will achieve this goal.

Our Key Achievements

- Our government set up Dr. B.R Ambedkar School of Economics in Bengaluru.
- All eligible students belonging to minorities are given scholarships
- The Government has been providing free laptops to 1.5 lakh students pursuing Medical, Engineering, Polytechnic, Post Graduation Courses to draw them to IT based education.
- A New University is being set up at Raichur to promote higher education in Raichur and Yadgir districts.
- Bengaluru University has been bifurcated into three – North, South and Central Universities.
- The State Government has been implementing various development programmes for Socio-economic welfare of the backward classes in the State. Financial assistance is being provided for the students with aid for higher studies in foreign Universities. with a maximum allowance of Rs. 10 lakh per annum
- For OBC students we have built, 90,998 new total capacity hostels to help them pursue post-matric education.
- The Department of Collegiate Education selected 2,034 Assistant Professors for filling up vacant posts through KEA.
- We have conducted Educational tours every year for SC, ST and OBC students in coordination with the Department of Tourism
- In Vidyasiri Scheme, we have extend financial assistance (Rs. 1, 500) to poor OBCs to pursue education, a 106% increase in progress was achieved.
- State cabinet has approved to distribute free laptops to students of 10th, 11th and 12th standards.
- We will also provide fee exemption to the nearly 1.19 Lakh Girls in Aided Higher Educational Institutions.
- Successfully implemented the Free and Compulsory Education Act assuring elementary education to all children between the age group of 6 years and 14 years from Class 1 to Class 8.
- Ensured an equitable distribution of schools in the five revenue divisions.

School education (grades 1-12)

- Every child in Karnataka will be guaranteed 12 years of school education of good quality, beginning in Grade 1. Our Government will be the guarantor and provide free education in government schools until Grade 12.
- Setup residential schools for all the dropouts in order to enable them to continue their studies
- The focus of education will be on achieving targeted learning outcomes. Expertise on specifying learning outcomes, implementing pedagogies and measuring learning outcomes will be developed.
- Ensure that all vacant teacher posts, including government lecturer posts, are filled and will also introduce regular crash course for training of teachers
- Setup a sainik school in each division
- Create Patyapusthaka Rachane Pradhikara
- We shall give autonomy to private institutions and make compulsory extensive declarations on the websites w.r.t staff qualification, details of infrastructure, fee structures etc. Misrepresentation of facts will result in severe penalisation. Reimbursement of 25% of seats reserved for poor children will be done through Direct Benefit Transfer to the student as a scholarship to uphold the dignity of the poor students.

Higher education

- Set up govt aided coaching/training institute for competitive exams like Banking, Railways, Civil services both State and Central (KAS/IAS) to train aspirants at the preliminary stage in every district. One coaching/training institute at the state level to train aspirants for central services and state services and advanced preparation for those who clear the preliminary stage.
- Create a University for Vocational Training for Skill Development
- Introduce cultural orientation programs – two months crash course for all students who pass out of degree colleges in order to educate them on the culture and heritage of Karnataka and instil in them a feeling of pride for their State at Hampi Heritage Centre
- All college going students between 18 and 23 will be given a smart phone
- All administrative activities related to admissions, examinations and transcripts will be automated within the next 2 years.
- We will develop an International School of Architecture at Badami to take advantage of the ancient architecture of Pattadakal, Ihole, Mahakuta and Bijapur
- Vidyasiri scheme will be extended to all students

Performance assessment and professional development of teacher's research and innovation

A new Karnataka Science, Technology, Humanities and Social science Foundation (KSTHSF) will be created to foster research in all these subjects.

Technology integration

Internet connectivity both cable and WiFi along with other technologies and infrastructure at colleges and universities will be augmented.

Strengthen the governance and management of the school education system

- We will improve infrastructure of all government schools with all basic amenities to enhance the quality of education
- Appropriate legislation will be put into place in order to ensure greater financial transparency with regard to revenue and expenditure of all educational institutions.
- Build a strong framework that will provide a wide range of skilling programs to meet the industry –skill gap and the report on "**Karnataka Skill Development Plan**" provides guidance and policy recommendations to build such a framework.
- Introduce vocational education in the schools at secondary level.
- Introduce proposal for appointment of VCs start at least 6 months prior to retirement of a sitting VC and ensure that VCs take charge on the day the present incumbent VC retires.

- Appointment of Vice Chancellors will be based on them having at least 10 years of regular charge as professors in any one of the Universities in Karnataka or any Central Universities or any Institutes of National Excellence
- Nurture five universities in Karnataka to the level of World Class University and to make these universities globally competent and acknowledgeable
- Establishing Career Centres
    - State Skill Department
    - Corporate Championship Program
    - State Apprenticeship Program
    - State Level Skill Development Program

Vibrant Sports State

Our objective in sports is to create a vibrant, knowledge-enabled, technology driven, transparent eco-system for the development and promotion of sports participation and sports excellence in Karnataka.

Our Commitment to Sports for the People of Karnataka will include:

- We will set-up Sports Academies for indigenous sports like Kabbadi, Kho-Kho etc with residential facilities.
- Any sports person from Karnataka winning a medal in Olympics will be given a cash award of 1 crore and any sports person from Karnataka winning in any other international sports events will be given prize money
- Schemes will be launched to develop stadiums and create sports centres with coaching facilities for all sports at taluka level.
- Bangalore will be developed as national hub by creating at least 10 sporting arenas of international standards
- We will establish a Sports University at Mysore
- Sports and Yoga will be introduced as a compulsory subject in school curriculum to inculcate sports culture in the students
- 'Yuva Chaitanya' Scheme will be further enhanced to cover 1 lakh youth clubs
- Will ensure that at least one national event in any sports will be conducted in the State every year and at least one International Event will be conducted every 4 years

Classical Language & Kannada Culture

We are devoted to promote and facilitate Kannada language statewide, encouraging a congenial atmosphere for every citizen to learn, respect and appreciate the richness of Kannada. Our objective is to build a road map for Kannada development. This would include the following:

- We will set up Rural Classical Centres to teach Classical Dance/ Rural Folk Dance & Songs / Janapadha etc
- We will create Sahitya Bhasha Pradhikara to meet the challenges of the new era at Dharwad
- We will create a state-of-art National Theatre to promote art, literature, music and poetry at Gadag – This will be fitting tribute to stalwarts like Adi-Kavi Pampa, Ranna, Kumara Vyasa, Nayasena, Durgasimha, theatre artists like Garuda Sadashiva, H.H. Hoogar, Galaganatha, Chamarasa, Raja Pundalika, Basavaraj Kattimani musicians like Bharat Ratna Bhimsen Joshi, Kumara Gandharva Mallikarjuna Mansoor, Putraj Gavai, Panchamukhi Gavai, Shadakshari Joshi, , Gangubhai Hangal, who hail from this region, painters like Murugappa Chettiar etc (Lakkundi, Gadag, Annegeri, Lakshmeshavara)
- We will create a freedom memorial and theme park at Belgavi to commemorate the 1924 Congress Session- the only session presided over by Mahatma Gandhi.
- We will establish Writers Guild in memory of Da Ra Bendre Prof. R.C Hiremath, N.K.Kulkarni, and living legend like Dr. Patil Puttappa, G.P Amur, Giraddi Govindraj, Channaveera Kanavi
- To honor legends of Unified Karnataka Struggle, we will develop a theme & freedom park along with an exhibition authority to demonstrate the Indian Freedom Struggle and also struggle for unification of Karnataka – Alur Venkatrao, Kadapa Raghavendra, Andannappa Doddamane etc

Energy:
Powering Progress

INC is committed to its goals of providing adequate, clean, reliable and sustainable energy, to enable an improved quality of life for all. The installed generation capacity in Karnataka increased from 13,394MW in 2012 to 21,492MW in September 2017.

Various projects and initiative spearheaded by INC in the state have tapped Karnataka's rich Renewable Energy (RE) potential and as on 31st March 2017, 36% of its installed generation capacity and 18% of total electricity came from RE sources — making it a frontrunner in power generation from renewables. The installed capacity of independent power producers in the state increased at a CAGR of 13% between 2012 and 2017.

Our Key Achievements

- The State Government has undertaken various initiatives to implement projects in the public as well as private sectors for adding new installed capacities in power generation.
- 2,300 farmers of Pavagada Taluk of Tumkur district helped creating the World's largest Solar Power Park

INC is committed to save its environment and use cleaner form of energy. The government will shift to renewable sources of energy. We promise adequate, clean, reliable and sustainable energy to all and assure 100% electricity for all by

- Ensuring complete basic household electrification and beyond:
  - Assess actual number of households which need to be electrified
  - Assess district-level needs of productive and social loads
  - Enhance grid energisation and network strengthening
- Adopting cleaner energy sources and will :
  - Set higher Renewable Purchase Obligation targets for the state
  - Mandate adoption of Rooftop Photovoltaic systems in government buildings
  - Analyse feasibility of solar-powered agricultural feeders
  - Explore renewable energy integrated storage options for pumping
  - Evaluate charging infrastructure needs and business models for Electric Vehicles
  - Assess waste generation potential for Waste to Energy generation
- Ensure improved Energy Efficiency in industrial, residential and commercial buildings, and agriculture sectors
- Improve grid planning to ensure seamless integration of Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) and Electric Vehicles
- Improving the financial health of utilities by
  - Ensuring 100% metering of consumption
  - Explore Direct Benefit Transfer schemes for subsidy disbursements
  - Mandate feeder-level energy auditing to ensure accountability
  - Establish vigilance cells for monitoring of end-use consumption
- Promoting employment opportunities from energy and allied services across all districts
  - Encourage manufacture of Bureau of Energy Efficiency 5-star and super-efficient rated appliances
  - Establish EV, charging infrastructure and battery manufacturing units
  - Include energy-related topics in curriculum of schools and colleges
  - Establish training and skill development centres for energy allied services in rural areas
  - Focus on capacity building in rural areas, particularly, training in operations and maintenance (O&M) services

Governance:
Great Governance for Greater Progress

INC Government in its tenure has ensured that Nama Karnataka became one of the better performing states, heralding a sustainable and equitable development process based on innovative policy interventions. INC is committed to sustain its focus on changing environments, addressing challenges and energizing policy systems and stakeholders towards potential upgradation and enhancement of services. Citizen centric service delivery systems represents our new emphasis of governance. The Public Affairs Index (PAI) study conducted in 2017 by Public Affairs Centre (PAC), reflects the achievement of INC - Karnataka ranked 4th in aggregate ranking and 2nd - transparency and accountability

Our Key Achievements

- Good Governance and building a Nava Karnataka on the basis of growth oriented social justice, secular values and democratic principles with equal opportunities to all, the Government has been striving for the welfare of all sections of society.
- Sri. Siddaramiah as Chief Minister has carved Karnataka's unique model of development.
- The Karnataka Budget for the financial years 2013-2017 is inclusive in approach and Growth Oriented.
- Per capita State Income (NSDP) of Karnataka is estimated at Rs.1.59.893 during 2016-17. The per capita National Income is expected to reach Rs. 1.03.007 during the same period
- The State Fiscal consolidation efforts have continued to be effective with all the Fiscal indicators contained within the stipulated limits of the Karnataka Fiscal Responsibility Act 2002
- The launch of Pratibhimba, the website of the Government of Karnataka helps the people across the state to check the progress of development.
- Flagship programme consists of Krishi Bhagya, Housing Schemes, Vidyasiri, Annabhagya, Pure Drinking Water Programmes, Narega Programmes, Pashu Bhagya Schemes, Ksheera Bhagya Schemes, Mythri, Manaswini, Mangalya Bhagya.

The key sector initiatives that will be undertaken by our party:

- Eliminate corruption
- Further improve delivery of services act (SAKALA)
- Leverage e-Governance mechanisms with respect to distribution of natural resources
  - Auctioning (spectrum, iron ore / mines)
  - Rational allocation of resources – enhancement of efficiency – water, power
- Transparent government construction process
  - Out-sourcing design – example of Konkan Railway
  - Limit scope change and additional payment opportunities – e.g. KPCL
- Leveraging technological options
  - Focus on Mobile Governance
  - Use of Big Data Analytics
  - Use of AI / Machine learning
- Big Data & Artificial intelligence
  - Machine learning platforms;
  - Intelligence algorithms for speech, vision and audio recognition.
  - Supporting technologies for data Acquisition, management and automation.
- Establish Civic Rights Club

To renew commitment to our constitution and spread awareness about citizen rights guaranteed by constitution, we will set up constitution awareness & civic rights club in every town

- Civic rights groups will enable discussion on the constitution, its history, its guarantee via talks, movies, debates, group activities etc.
- Civic rights groups will train the citizens about their rights under the law (local and national)- RTI, RTE, MNREGA etc.
- Civic rights groups will be set up in MNC's, Apartment complexes, Bastis, village and panchayat levels.
- Trained volunteers will play the role of a 'Sahayak' in setting this up and ensuring principles of Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are upheld in the programmes

Single widow project clearance

INC will strengthen the Single Window project approval system by delegating the powers of approvals/sanctions under the respective Acts and rules of the concerned line Departments to the Chairman, Karnataka Udyog Mitra and Commissioner for Industrial Development in respect of the projects which are approved by State Level Single Window Clearance Committees (SHLCC / SLSWCC)

Institutional Strengthening

Establishing committees of secretaries for convergence across all departments

- Updating cadre and recruitment rules across all the departments to make governance more efficient
- Improving capacity of institutions to get things done by focusing on effective organization principles like change management and performance management
- Incorporating systems of Government Process Architecture (GPAF) proposed by DPAR/DARPG.
- Refurbishing departmental competencies in evolving fields like analysts, strategists, planners, project managers, negotiators, promoters that are imperative to facilitate competitive growth
- Institutionalising convergence based planning to stop departments functioning in silos, through the introduction of policy and budgetary enabled convergence on issues/activities having broad impact.
- Leveraging best of technology further advance E-Governance initiative and continue to hold the best rank in the country
- To ensure Decentralization till the last level
- Facilitate capacity building by
  - Setting up of capacity building management cells at state, district & taluka levels
  - IEC programs for all citizens
  - Compulsory induction training of officials about rules/departments/ about customer centric governance.
  - Establish JanaSpandana offices at district level to enhance the capacity for district / sub district participation in governance.
  - Mandatory designated percentage of allocations for capacity building in all Departments.
  - Mandatory Training for updating of

functional skills at least once in 3 years for personnel before promotions

- Provide refresher trainings every three years. Capacity Building centres to develop department wise syllabus, and time-table of all refresher trainings

Transparency and Accountability will be achieved by

- Initiatives to encourage innovation & entrepreneurship
- Participatory and collaborative governance
- Ensure use of actionable charts, suo-moto disclosures, citizen charters, measurability attainability in all government offices
- Full implementation of RTI
- Monitoring of Citizen charters annually by third party (civil society/NGOs)
- Ensuring time bound service delivery under Sakala for more services

Complete digitization

- **A single database for all departments to ease delivery of services**
- Digital library/cyber café at gram panchayats for computer literacy
- Digitisation of all government departments
- Ensure safety and encryption of the volumes of data being collected by various departments
- M-enablement of all the services
- Offering all the government services through sakala
- Creation of Appellate Authority to review/evaluate grievance redressal
- Setting up of Online grievance redressal system
- Establishing mega call centers for public grievances

Creating Awareness and Citizen Participation

- INC will organise a farmers contact programme “Raithajana Samparka Karyakrama’ in every hobli with compulsory and active participation of the concerned District Minister, Legislators, DCs, ACs, Thasildars, officers of the various departments in the district, representatives from the Zilla Panchayat, Taluka Panchayat and Gram Panchayat to meet and address the issues related to farmers and redress them within a fixed time frame.
- INC will ensure redressal of issues raised and complaints received during the Raithajana Samparka Karyakrama are cleared within 10 days by the Thasildar, 15 days by the ADCs and within 30 days by the DCs concerned.
- The Chief Minister will convene a Samudhaya Sabha every year between September and October at District levels to address and redress core issue concerning the state.
- We will take appropriate decision to make 5 day working per week in all State Government Offices including corporations, boards and government entities wherever feasible

Health and Nutrition:
Healthy State Healthy Progress

INC believes in serving its people to provide universal health care through an **equitable, accessible, affordable, high quality and well governed health system for a healthy Karnataka.**

Our government in Karnataka has made great progress in the field of health and nutrition such as becoming polio-free, decline in Infant Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Rate and reduction in anemia cases. There has also been good progress in bringing out many state-level initiatives, such as Madilu, Prasooti Araike, to address the concern of reaching out to pregnant mothers and reducing maternal deaths. Under our leadership Karnataka has become one of the few states to have its own State Health Integrated Policy and a Palliative Care Policy.

Our government has also introduced a State Nutrition Mission to address the nutritional concerns. We have made use of the presence of the mix of health service providers by collaborating and introducing Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST) to address the lag in secondary and tertiary services. This has helped us address the concern of high Out of Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) that the citizens have faced.

Our Key Achievements

- First State to roll out “Arogya Karnataka” - Universal Health Coverage (UHC), protecting citizens’ right to health.
- First in the country to have come up with a Private Medical Establishment Bill i.e., Karnataka Private Medical Establishments (Amendment) Bill 2017
- Our Government’s Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust provides free and quality medical care to BPL families and senior citizens
- **Mukhyamantri Santwana Harish Yojana** is implemented to cover accident victims and the beneficiaries will get free services of up to INR 25,000 across the state in government hospitals and in the empanelled private hospitals
- About 711 **Arogya Kavacha** ambulances, covering 10–12km range and 827 state ambulances have been integrated with “Arogya Kavacha” 108 Emergency service to provide services to cover 25km range.
- Our Government is feeding about 10 lakh pregnant and lactating women across the State with nutritious meals under the Mathru Purna Scheme.
- We provide milk for 5 days in a week to around 1 crore students in State- run and Aided Schools under the Ksheera Bhagya Scheme and eggs twice a week to 60 lakh infants at Anganawadi Centers.
- Arogya Bhagya Scheme is a boon to the aspirations of the common man. The scheme which will cover over 1.3 crore families and provide cashless treatment facilities at all Government Hospitals as well as some selected private Hospitals.

The key initiatives that will be undertaken by our party:

We are committed towards a Malnutrition-Free Karnataka by implementing a robust state-wide nutrition programme through sustainable inter-sectoral and inter-generational approaches

Right to Health Services for all

Healthy Karnataka Agenda

We will fully implement the five integrated care programs for Chronic Disease, Older Persons, Children, Patient Flow and Maternity in a manner that moves beyond hospital-focused care pathways to build integrated models of care across all services – acute, primary care, social care health services.

- We will declare Cancer as a notifiable disease and establish cancer detection centers
- Diabetic Care
- We will provide Diabetic and Blood Pressure medications through all PHCs
- Establish "Nerehore" clinics in slums and labour colonies across the state

Karnataka Public Health Policy

- India is home to the second-largest number of elderly (60 years and above) persons in the world. Changes in family structure leading to loneliness, lack of care givers, unfriendly physical and social environments and elder abuse are factors which need will be addressed on a priority basis. INC aims to implement the National Programme for Healthcare of the Elderly (NPHCE) and evolve social support measures

Commitment towards Universal Access to Healthcare

- We will raise the budget allocation for health from current level of less than 0.9% of GDP to at least 1.5% of GDP in the course of 5 years.
- Setting up of old age homes in every talukas with in-house geriatric care clinics (Indira Clinics) provided with dialysis units, oxygen plants, yoga and counselling centres. Setting up of Rajiv Gandhi Clinics in every ward under corporation limits.
- Setting up of counselling centres for war-veterans and rehabilitation centre for war disabled and war widows

Special Focus

- We will allocate funds and provide framework for an MCH (maternity and child health), universal screening of newborns to diagnose genetic disorders and its support and the roll out of disability services

We will make the government hospitals vibrant

- A three-month course will be offered through the Karnataka Skill Development Council to up skill rural women and train them to offer home healthcare to take care of the mother who has given birth recently and also care of the elderly at home
- Karnataka state skill council and Paramedical body will be encouraged to start courses that are helpful in addressing unique healthcare needs in the country. Eg. Nurse Assistant, Home Health Aide, Day centre assistant, elderly care Assistant, etc.

Commitment to Food Security of the people

- We will improve the vigilance and monitoring mechanisms at all levels- FPS, card distribution, transport leakages and storage leakages
- We will expand the Anna Baghya for migrant labourers
- INC government will deploy well trained Food Inspectors and labs equipped with latest technology at district level to ensure the quality of the food distributed and abolish corrupt practices
- Under the Mathru Poorna Scheme INC will ensure nutrition to lactating mothers until the child attains an age of 2 years to in order to prevent child mortality and anaemia in lactating mothers.

Industrial Development:
Productive Industry for a Progressive State

INC has and will build a prosperous Karnataka through inclusive, sustainable and balanced industrial development thereby creating large employment opportunities.

Our Key Achievements

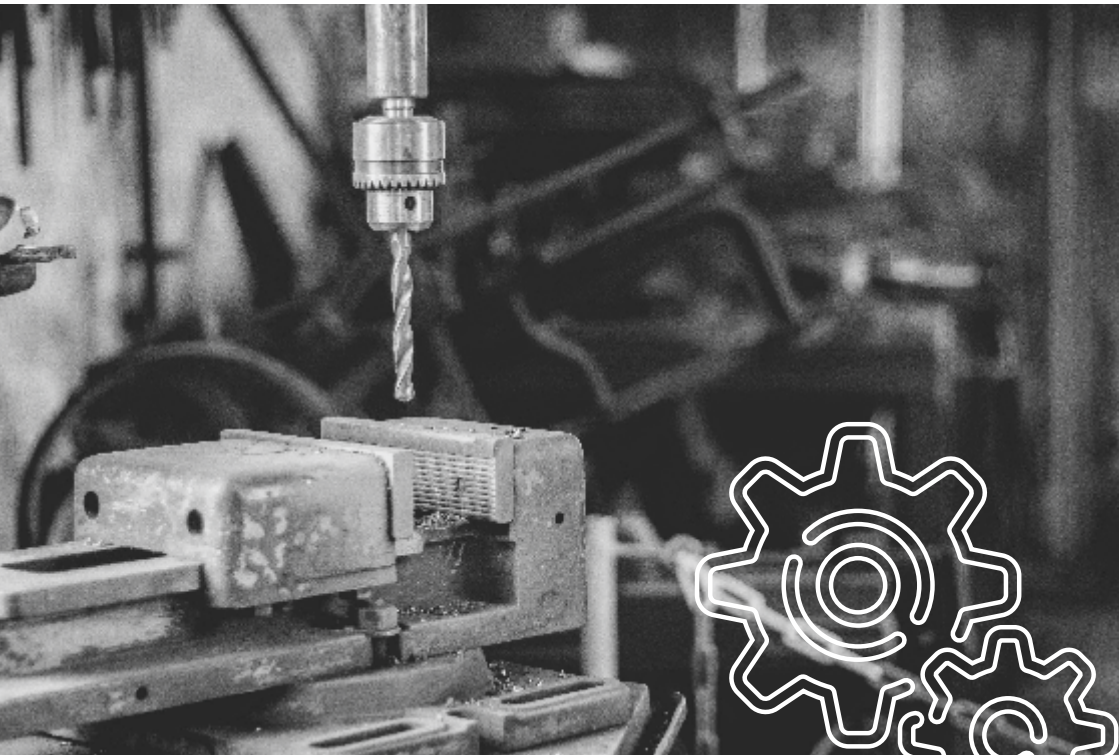
- Karnataka's investor friendly and responsive administration which is proactive in attracting private investment has introduced many reform initiatives to make Karnataka a competitive and attractive destination for global Investments.
- During 2014–17, 1,823 projects have been approved by the State Level Single Window Clearance Committee / State High Level Clearance Committee, with an investment of Rs. 3.34 lakh crore, generating employment for 8.98 lakh people.
- The Karnataka State Industrial Policy for 2014-19 sets aside a minimum of 20–30% of allocable land for industrial development to SMEs. The initiative and projects launched by us, from 2014–17, resulted in 1.89 lakh employment in large industry sector and 12.30 lakh employment in the MSME sector i.e., 14.19 lakh of total employment.
- Karnataka is one of the five most favoured destinations for foreign direct investment.
- The annual fish production in Karnataka has increased to 600,000 metric ton and stands 6th in fish production in the country.
- Karnataka is the first state in the country to launch a State Textile Policy which aims to attract Rs.10.000 crore of investments by 2018.
- Establishing Tumkur Industrial Node across 9,629 acre at Vasanth Narasapura, Tumkur under Chennai–Bengaluru–Chitradurga Industrial Corridor
- Establishing Machine Tool Park to an extent of 540 acre at Vasantha Narasapura Industrial area, Tumkur, with a project cost of Rs. 425 crore
- Developing Japanese Industrial Township at Vasanth Narasapura, Tumkur to an extent of around 500 acre in consultation with JETRO to promote Japanese investments in the state

The key sector initiatives that will be undertaken by our party

- Single-window clearance for projects under Karnataka Facilitation Act, 2002, through online portal (www.ebizKarnataka.gov.in), including registrations and approvals of 15 line departments

Key focus areas

- We will provide adequate financing to meet both capital investment and working capital needs.
- Insurance: MSMEs mostly rely on a single person. When there is an accident or health issues with that key person, the business and revenues suffer. We will mitigate this through appropriate insurance products.
- We will aim to promote global OEMs into a cluster for focused development of tier-1 and tier-2 ancillaries
- Branding of products, training of workers to refine skills, changing products based on market demand etc will be facilitated through MSME centres.
- To take forward the 2014-2019 Karnataka Industries Policy
- We will encourage low cost manufacturing and employment generation
- Employment generating industries will be incentivized & awarded
- We will create High Skilled Training Centre in all Divisions – to train students in Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, Data Analytics and latest skills required for industries etc.
- Policy will be evolved to tap local industries for their skill and employment requirements and train people in specific skill to cater to the local industry requirements.
- ITIs will be upgraded in and upscaled to the requirements of industries
- ITIs will tie up with industries and have a sector-wise skill training
- Every district will have a skill centre and have tie-ups with local industries – to train students for skills required by the local industries and local demand
- Setup Central Institute of Plastic Technology



Information Technology & Biotechnology:

Technology for the Future. Technology for Progress

INC will develop Karnataka **into a technology driven sustainable progressive society and make it the Global Innovation Hub for all sectors of the state's economy, and the innovation capital of the world**.

Various projects started and introduced by the INC Government in Karnataka has made the State the IT hotbed of the country, contributing more than 35% of India's computer software / services exports. We have created a very strong startup ecosystem in the state, and Bengaluru is recognised as one of the top startup cities globally. Our efforts have elevated Bengaluru to the fifth-most preferred destination for global multinational companies that are looking to set up innovation centres.

Our Key Achievements

- Karnataka is the pioneer in information technology revolution of India. Bengaluru is the 4th best technological hub in the world.
- Karnataka has played a key role in India's emergence as a significant player in the Global Biotechnology Industry.
- Karnataka has carved out a niche for itself in the global market and Bengaluru is the knowledge and technology capital of the country.
- The state is at the cusp of a Digital Revolution and Bengaluru is rated as the world's most dynamic city.
- Bengaluru has been named among the top 10 global innovation hubs in the world and is considered a city of Global R&D centres.
- INC Government was the first to launch the Startup and Innovation policy of Karnataka, once again making Karnataka the State of Many Firsts.
- The image of Karnataka created by us, as the leading global innovation destination had resulted in many Incubation Centres being opened here and sealing Bengaluru's status as a global innovation hub.

The key IT sector initiatives that will be undertaken by our party

- Expand the IT sector to contribute to more than 25% of state GSDP and 33% of the total technology-related business of India.
- Make IT as an important driver of the State economy by increasing IT contribution from the current USD 60 billion to USD 300 billion;
- Build a high-tech IT talent pool to cater to over 3 million IT jobs in the State through skill upgradation and IT-driven curriculum;
- Evolve the start-up entrepreneurial eco-system in the State to be the best in the country and make the State a leading destination globally for start-ups by increasing the number of startups to 20,000 with about 5,000 of them assisted by Venture Capital (VC)
- Make the State a test hub for all emerging technologies by creating technology Centers of Excellence in high-intensive areas such as Machine Intelligence & Robotics; Automation and Machine Learning; AI & Big Data Analytics; Secure systems including cyber security and Blockchain; Internet of Things (IoT); and Mobile App development.
- Establish a patent office in Bangalore to incentivise companies with International patents to set up shop
- There will be a 'start up subsidy" of upto approximately Rs. 1 crore, so that the company can kick start production. The subsidy would have a grant component of upto Rs. 25 lakhs and soft loan of about Rs. 75 lakhs @ 6% interest
- We will create ESDM Park. A manufacturing hub be created for ESDM companies and land will be made available at reasonable rates.
- We will create a Hardware Park: Siddlaghatta-Chikkaballapur
- We will create a IT Park at Devanhanalli
- We will give more impetus and speed up the Aerospace Hub in Devanahalli
- Programmes to tap and leverage Digital Talent- to transform, Agriculture, Health and Education, investment in any other sectors

Biotechnology

INC has made Karnataka the most proactive state in terms of various initiatives taken to promote the sector of Bio-Technology (BT).

The key BT sector initiatives that will be undertaken by INC:

- Contribute biotech products, processes and services to the bio economy worth Rs. 3.25 trillion (USD 50 billion) which has risen from Rs. 0.42 trillion (USD 6.5 billion) in 2015
- Increase the number of startups and incubators
- Establish stronger and wider academia–industry linkages
- Produce well-trained manpower for the biotech industry's evolving needs
- Increase investment in research and development
- Provide incentives, special funds and promotion of BT firms by government

Infrastructure:
Providing all Resources for Rapid Progress

INC will provide safe, reliable, and environmentally sustainable last mile connectivity across Karnataka in order to achieve increased socio-economic development of the state.

Our Key Achievements

- Taken various developmental activities for road development – Rural Roads, District Major Roads, State Highways, and National Highways.
- Constructed a 2000 mtrs. long seawall at places vulnerable to sea erosion in three coastal districts.
- To increase the rail density and increase the pace of implementation of projects, we have agreed with the Ministry of Railways to undertake new Railway Projects on 50:50 cost sharing basis.
- Chennai–Bangalore–Chitradurga Industrial Corridor (CBCIC) and Bangalore–Mumbai Economic Corridor (BMEC) expedited on the lines of Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) with the support of the Government of India
- New sand mining policy has been introduced by the Government.

The key Infrastructure initiatives that will be undertaken by our party

- Enhance regional connectivity with roads ensuring first and last mile connectivity to all villages
- Develop robust airport and airstrip infrastructure in the state
- Augment the existing rail connectivity across the state to deliver a seamless, accessible, multimodal, and secure transport offering
- Develop quality port infrastructure and promote coastal shipping
- Develop corridor infrastructure to augment cross-sector potential of the state
- Attract large investments in the infrastructure sector
- Establish Inland Ports Authority for the State and make it operational
- Establish air connectivity between Mangalore and Hubbali
- Promote development of satellite towns
- Provide infrastructure for all tier 2 cities by laying gas pipelines
- Government will ensure providing permanent infrastructure by way of constructing tunnels in the Shiradi Ghat.
- Special package for infrastructure development will be taken up with the support of Government of India and other agencies for the development of Tier II cities viz. Mysuru, Hubli, Dharwad, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Mengaluru.
- Mangalore harbour will be developed to take care of the export from the hinterland. Necessary infra will be created and Augmented. We will also move the Govt. of India to set up 3 more ports in the western region to capture all the exports moved through Karnataka.
- Karnataka will be made number one in Shrimp farming, pisciculture and aquaculture.
- We will move the Govt. of India to rationalise CRZ regulations to facilitate fisheries industry
- Mining fund collection of Rs. 8000 cr will be utilised for developing infrastructure and providing basic amenities and skilling for those affected by mining activities in the region.
- Ensure necessary infrastructure, finance and assistance is provided to fishermen who mainly depend on inland fisheries for their living. Will also ensure to create appropriate marketing platforms for sale of their catch both for local consumption and also for export.

Irrigation:
Mane Mane – Hola Hola Ke Neeru
(Water for every household and every farm)

INC is committed towards improving the agriculture and allied services in the State. We will introduce special initiatives and implement new strategies in areas of irrigation with special support to areas with poor or no irrigation facilities.

INC will ensure maximum utilisation of irrigation and drinking water supplies of Cauvery, Krishna, Godavari, Bheema and other reservoirs.

INC will fight for its legitimate rights in getting the rightful share of Mahadayi river.

INC will undertake to ensure filling of tanks in the state to achieve the objective of a drought free Karnataka (Baramuktha Karnataka)

Our Key Achievements

- The INC government provided Rs. 58,393.51 crores in the budget and as on February 2018 spent Rs. 45,848.33 crores and created 6,56,906 acres irrigated land and also created infrastructure for irrigation facility for the remaining works in UKP.
- The total spend on irrigation was Rs. 27,078.69 crores more than what was spent by the BJP government between 2008- 2013.

Our Irrigation Strategy

Spend Rs. 125,000 crore for irrigation in the next 5 years (2018 to 2023)

- Provide drinking water and irrigation for central part of Karnataka covering Hubli, Dharwad, Haveri and Gadag.
- Upper Bhadra Project will be completed
- Upper Krishna Project Stage III will be expanded and completed.
- Fair & acceptable rehabilitation and resettlement package in line with Right to Fair Compensation & Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation & Resettlement Act 2013 will be provided to the project affected people of the Upper Krishna Project Stage-III.
- Impounding 130 TMC of water which will be used for 9 projects under UKP Stage III
- Mission Visveshwaraiah will be launched for the filling up of tanks, and lakes all over Karnataka.
- Cauvery V Phase will be expedited to augment drinking water supply of Bengaluru City, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagaram, and other areas falling under Cauvery basin by planning and implementing projects which can utilise nearly 75 TMC of water.
- Mission Mode Programme will be launched to cleanse and rejuvenate 192 lakes in Bengaluru and prepare blue print for water sports in the next 5 years.
- Scheme to supply tapped drinking water to village pockets with a minimum population of 2000 people.
- Storage deficit due to high siltation in Tungabhadra Dam will be addressed by creating new storage facility.
- Paschima Vahini project will be given immediate impetus to provide drinking and for irrigation in Dakshina Kannda, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada districts.
- Enact a law for closure of lake polluting industries and also to implement tertiary treatment of sewerage water before planning reuse of the same.
- Prepare and implement blue print for 80 TMC to utilise 15 TMC additional water in Cauvery Basin allocated as per the recent Supreme Court Orders.

Law and Justice:

Uphold the Law and Ensuring Justice in Progress

INC is dedicated to **enforce the 'Rule of Law', reduce crime and eliminate the backlog of cases whilst leveraging the power of information communication and technology.** We have strived hard to provide justice — social, economic and political, through the preservation of the Rule of Law.

Our Key Achievements

- Karnataka Police tops the list in the number of CCTVs deployed for traffic, security and investigative purposes among the states
- Karnataka police became one of the first police departments in the country to own a fleet of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)
- The High Court of Karnataka has adopted many technological changes and is using Free Open Source Software (FOSS) developed in-house
- Special courts have been established to dispose cases relating to crimes against women, children and special section of the society

The Law & Justice initiatives that will be undertaken by our party

- End all forms of discrimination based on gender, gender identity or sexual orientation
- Protect people's right to freedom of expression and privacy
- We will strive to bring pendency in courts to a minimum level in 3 years
- We will create a state of art International Arbitration Centre to settle litigations.

Propagate alternative dispute resolution mechanisms

Curb communalism – a "Communal Violence Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims Act will be brought on the lines of the bill brought by Central Govt. during UPA regime.

Justice through specialised courts

- Labour court will be established in every district
- Ensure effective implementation of provisions of POCSO

Law enforcement

- Community policing in all police stations must be developed while guaranteeing equal representations to all sections; this will lead to the empowerment of the public. Building rapport between the public and police via 'sampark meeting'
- Restore the powers of the Lokayukta to take Suo Motto cases and ensure zero tolerance to corruption
- We will further strengthen the functioning of State Police Complaints Authority and District Police Complaints Authorities
- We will increase the number of women in police force from 20% to 33% with at least 5% reservation for transgender
- We will set up internal complaints committee on sexual harassment (ICC) in each police zone
- Our government will legislate separate law to prevent and deal with those who are accused of Vigilantism, Cultural Policing and Communal Instigation
- Our government will plan to meet 100% the housing requirements of the police on top priority
- Contribution of our government towards Benevolent Fund needs will be doubled.

Personnel

- Presence of at least two-woman officers (one sub-inspector and one constable) round the clock. Attrition of women personnel will be specifically addressed
- Special Police Officers to investigate and deal with cybercrimes

Investigations

- Establish a Forensic Science University in Karnataka in order to enhance the quality of the specialists available across the state
- Forensic Labs will be developed in all districts with appropriate state-of-the art technology. Further, types of labs (ballistics, toxicology, etc.) will be increased as per the needs of local police

Karnataka Legal Policy

- Formulate a Karnataka State Litigation Policy

Enhancing Community Participation by launching a one of its kind "Safe City initiative"

- Revive the Community Police Concept

Prison Reforms

- A state of art prison reforms will be launched both for undertrials and convicts to ensure that they are transformed to join the mainstream of the society without any stigma

Women's rights

- We will make the setting up of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and Local Complaints Committee (LCC) mandatory
- We will ensure effective functioning of One Stop Crisis Centre (OSCC) and create adequate shelter homes in every district to provide physical, medical and psychosocial support and rehabilitation

Rural Development:
Creating Shining Examples of Great Rural Progress

INC strongly believes in and is devoted to a community centric human development, that strives to constantly expand the human, social and economic capital of all rural people of Karnataka. INC will strengthen the provisions of the Panchayat Act in letter and spirit and also ensure power of gram sabhas, grama panchayats, taluk panchayats and all zilla panchayats are restored to the full extent.

Our Key Achievements

- We have successfully built 169,774 houses under various housing schemes during 2016–17
- Under NRDWP, 7,527 households were covered and 9,300 RO plants installed till date, touching 1.6 crore people.
- In rural Karnataka, 63,374.15km of asphalted roads have been constructed up to March 2017.
- In rural elementary education, 4,972,276 enrolments have taken place during 2015-16.
- Under Soura Belaku Yojane, 1,409 villages have been covered in selected districts of Karnataka (2016-17).
- 10,000 pure drinking water RO Plants are installed through which pure drinking water has been supplied to rural people.
- The progressive Grama Swaraj and Karnataka Panchayath Raj Act 2015 have been implemented.
- The Karnataka land reforms (Amendment) that helps to convert 58.000 habitations into Revenue villagers and residents will be given Property ownership rights.

The Key Initiatives for Rural Development will include

- Develop one smart village in each gram panchayat

Improve rural governance

- Encourage GPs to expand their revenue base beyond mere dependence on state and central funds
- Digitising all activities of GP and promote data-driven governance
- Conducting feedback surveys once a year in the village on GPs performance GP to support business ideas that involve usage of locally available products
- Promoting GPs for maintenance of rural infrastructure among the community
- Integrating information of all public services at the GPs and display this through LED display board powered by solar energy
- Creating a single village development committee per village which would work on all the areas of development — health and sanitation, education, infrastructure, ecology, etc.
- Ensuring that district level reviews focus on the spatial approach
- Usage of Public Expenditure Tracking Survey (PETS) for social accountability and making sure of public disclosure of this information in all GPs
- Applying blockchain-based platforms for storing land records is being explored in several countries and may be piloted in Karnataka

Bringing Innovation in agriculture

- Encourage diversification from farm activities like aquaculture in coastal regions
- Set up cold storage units to store the fish and fish-based products
- Make small farming viable through massive public investment in basic and social infrastructure and establish new institutions like farmers groups, so as to reduce the cost of cultivation and contribute to more marketed surplus
- Promote Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) — a unique approach to agriculture that has been successful in many parts of the world. The structure of the establishment comprises buyers who invest money in farmers and eventually get yield of farming in return to their money invested
- Leverage technology to provide accurate information of market and monsoon
- Use drone technology in agriculture to perform a series of functions on the agricultural land like soil and field analysis, planting, crop spraying, crop monitoring and health assessment of the crops

Strengthen rural finance

- Increase the budget allocation for taluk panchayats / gram panchayats
- Promote investment in Self Help Groups (SHGs) through venture capital. Women-led rural enterprises can be established using the capital
- Explore the space of social venture capital where private sector organizations can invest in government-supported social ventures (community economic units)
- Set up challenge fund which would reach the community through GPs and CBOs. The challenge fund would be conditional to the fact that it would be used to employ rural people in rural areas only. The CBOs and GPs can apply for it by submitting proposals
- Provide banking services to all unbanked villages either through brick and mortar branches, mobile banks (including Mobile ATMs) and banking correspondents

Skilling and Employment: Mobilising Skills for Accelerated Progress

INC will create a conducive environment to provide internationally acceptable skills to enable decent employment and sustainable livelihood opportunities for all citizens, and thereby reap optimum demographic dividend.

Our Key Achievements

- Provided Government jobs to one dependent of the soldiers from Karnataka who were martyred or disabled in war or war like situations
- Steps taken to provide cooking gas connection free of cost to poor households
- Created a Skill Ministry
- Finalised a Skill Policy to create a skilled labour force for large and diverse industrial and business sectors.

We will focus on the following to achieve our goal of providing decent employment and sustainable livelihood opportunities for the people of Karnataka

Employability Increase by 50%

We will increase employable professionals in Tier 1, 2 and 3 cities using finishing schools, bridge courses and other skill development workshops by coordinating efforts across different ministries.

- We will offer internships in govenments and private projects to graduates to improve their employability.
- We will also conduct ward level job fairs to ensure jobs that are available locally and are filled instantly by deserving candidates of the locality.

Provide skill development opportunities for artisans & craftsman

- Skill University will be established with appropriate network to reach the bottom line of the society
- Skill development courses for artisans in their respective occupation (Extensive training will be imparted to the artisans and craftsmen to improve their skills to improve quantity and quality of products by way of latest machine technology)
- Provision of interest free loans to rural youth and artisan to encourage self-employment
- Expert Committee to decide pricing of respective handicrafts
- Create markets for sale through co-operative societies.
- Certified courses in areas like Artificial Intelligence, Machine learning, global

economy, automotive, environmental engineering and banking sector.

- Incentive based scheme for upgrading skills of government staff to increase their efficiency and responses.
- We will establish exclusive sales outlets for artisan products through a franchise model at the district level
- We will set up export promotion centres at the regional level or appropriate agencies and ensuring efficient overseas marketing support
- RUDSET will be established at Taluka level with several trades
- ITIs will also be strengthened for providing upgradation of skills

Youth & employment

Out of a total population of 6.1 Crores, the number of people in the age group of 15-24 years is 1.18 Crores. This represents an opportunity to achieve faster economic growth through a favorable demographic dividend.

- We aim to create at least 15-20 lakh jobs per annum
- Programs for Empowering Youth in Karnataka
    - **Koushalya Karnataka** – Provide Skill Development - Providing information, awareness and mobilization to promote skill aspirations among youth
    - **Antarprerana** – Developing an Entrepreneurship Spirit - Promoting Entrepreneurship program for youth to setup their own Business enterprise in Cottage and Tiny Industries thru the Cluster Development Program
    - **Prayukthe** – Enhancing their Employability Quotient - Promoting career guidance, creating job opportunities in their home town and Providing Employability Enhancement program to students pursing higher education in Tier 2 and Tier 3 Cities and Towns.
- We will set up Rural Development and Self Employment Training institutes (RUDSET) in every Taluk, currently there is one in each district
- We will ensure the requirements of industrial jobs are created in the respective districts and also guarantee training and jobs to persons displaced during land acquisition for setting up industries
- We will set up centers for training master trainers in skill development similar to the Mokshagundam Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Center for training master trainers in skill development at district level
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Working professionals

- **Reduction in Professional Tax:** Our government will reduce professional tax to ease the burden that the central government budget has imposed on the state's tax-paying professionals

Strengthened governance and implementation mechanism at the district and sub-district level

- Establish a 'Skill Mission Fund'
- Establish KSQA
- Develop 'Livelihood, Entrepreneurship and Social Business Policies'
- Develop a strategy for skill development and employment
- Develop a policy for migrant labourers finalised after survey of Migrant labourers

Inclusive skill development system for training Persons with Disability

- Accessible IEC and other resource materials on skill development to reach PwDs effectively
- Ensure accessibility to all training resources (physical and intellectual) for the PwD
- An exclusive cell at the state level to design, facilitate, ensure and monitor programmes for skilling PwD
- All training infrastructure, existing and new, government and private will be made accessible to people with disabilities based on the standards as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

Social Justice:
Strengthening the Social Fabric for Smooth Progress

INC during its service to the people of Karnataka has and is devoted to persistently move ahead with its affirmative actions and beliefs intended to empower SCs, STs; BCs; religious and ethnic minorities; senior citizens, children and underprivileged women against all types of discrimination.

Our Key Achievements

- As many as 3.5 Crore people have taken the benefit of Anna Bhagya Scheme. Free food grains are provided to more than 1 crore families living below poverty line.
- The launch of Indira Canteen is a new milestone in the history, which serves as a benevolence for poor people
- For the development of SC / ST's the sub plan act 2013 has been brought into force. Based on their population, 24.10 percent of the budgetary allocation has been earmarked for their welfare. Special law is enacted to ensure that SCP/STP allocations are utilised.
- To make the state hut free and provide shelter to all 11.75 lakh houses have been constructed so far and another 7 lakh houses has been sanction in 2018
- Karnataka has taken major steps towards promoting gender equality. Gender based budgeting is yet another development in this direction.
- The State government has introduced various developmental schemes. to promote and uplift minority communities such as Muslims, Buddhist, Jains, Christians, Sikhs, and Parses To bring them on par with other communities.
- UPA Government has granted Special Status 371 J to Six Backward districts of Hyderabad Karnataka Region. The State Government has approved the action plan to speed up the development in the HK Region, required allocations have also been provided.
- Have increased the revolving fund from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 25,000 to SHG Groups

To empower the minority communities and create an enabling environment to strengthen the multi-racial, multi-ethnic, multi-cultural and multi-lingual, and multi-religious character of the state, we will focus on the following.

- Skill development of all SC / ST graduates and BC youths for increased employability in industry and service sectors
- Provide loan facility to encourage entrepreneurship among SC/STs -
- Regularisation of Safai Karmacharis' salary-Credit to bank accounts by the municipal corporations with social security schemes such as increase the wage, provide risk allowance, free health insurance, housing, allocation of public toilets for karmacharis
- We will ensure strict implementation of prohibition of Manual Scavenging
- We will reserve 10% houses for Safaikarmacharies, Grave Diggers, etc.
- We will support 100 SCs / STs entrepreneurs each year from each districts.
- Protection of cultural identities will be given priority. Empowerment of OBCs requires social, economic and educational support to bring them on a par with privileged society for which we will focus on the following
    - Protect and enhance the capabilities to support the artisan industries by providing raw materials at lower cost
    - Offer skill development programmes for artisans with the support of improved new technological gadgets
    - Provide marketing facilities for artisan products both at national and international levels, and support them to get trademarks / patents / geographical indication for their products like Channapattna toys and Mysuru silk, Kinhal Crafts, Etc
    - Establish entrepreneurial development fund for artisans and Support 1,000 artisans every year for entrepreneurial development
    - Establishment of 500 artisan industries
    - Ensure skill development of 1,000 artisans every year, starting from 2018 covering 8,000 artisans
- Will create a OBC Nigama to address the issues of Other Backward Classes
- INC government will provide financial assistance with 0% loan for construction of Neekara Bhavana cum Design and Training Centres in every weaver clusters.
- Will give first preference for training and skill development to OBCs in State Government establishments like KEONICS etc.
- INC will give 75% concession in admission fees to students hailing from OBCs
- We will increase the BPL Slab to 2,00,000/-
- OBC women will be considered as first preference in skill development programmes and trainings will be provide by the centers opened by INC government
- Provide 100% housing for Soliga Tribes
- Will also ensure clarity on the names of tribals both Betta Kurubas and Kadu Kurubas
- Will develop programmes to train girls of the Soliga community in nursing and ANMs
- Will also strengthen the Tribal Research Institute at Mysore to fully empower and undertake research on tribals
- Will ensure 100% housing and also work out special packages for appointment of youths (Girls & Boys) of Koraga community of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts
- Create a residential schools in Chamarajnagar for Soligas
- Will also identify youths belonging to Pambada, Nalike, Parava and Kudbi of Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts and to ensure 100% housing and also to train boys and girls for jobs.
- To provide assistance and royalty to labourers of Voddara community who make a living by breaking rocks in quarry's
- INC will ensure that the dignity of Dalits and other weaker sections of the society will be protected at any cost. Steps will be taken to provide appropriate infrastructure and assistance for their development.

Children

We are devoted to ensure that every child in Karnataka lives with dignity in an environment that is free from discrimination and violence. The rights of every child to survival, development, protection, and participation throughout childhood will be protected and fulfilled by the INC Government.

Persons with disability

Provision of equal opportunities for persons with disability in the process of development is the focus for our government and we will

- The provided monthly allowance will be doubled from current levels of Rs 500 and Rs 1200, to Rs 1000 and Rs 3000 over 5 years.
- Honorarium of MRWs and VRWs will be increased to Rs 6,000 and Rs 10,000 in a phased manner, over 5 years.
- Set up vocational training institutions , in every district for persons with intellectual disability / autism

Senior citizen

Promote holistic policies and programmes to deal with the ageing society. To ensure well-being of senior persons and help them live the last phase of their life with purpose, dignity and peace we will:

- Setup old age home and day care centre, in each district in partnership with good NGOs
- Setup geriatric care units within every district and taluk hospital
- Enhancement of Pension to Senior Citizens

Transgenders

To make transgenders part of the mainstream society we will focus on the following

- Create public awareness so that transgenders experience acceptance, respect and security of being part of their families, neighborhood , schools and society at large
- Ensure transgenders enjoy constitutional rights and freedom, especially their access to public spaces, resources and freedom of expression.
- Self-employment grants for taking up small business to all transgenders by 2022
- Provide vocational training to TGs in different areas like jewelry making, tailoring, etc.
- The existing Udyogini scheme to be extended to cover all transgenders

Congress is committed towards reducing inequities between rural and urban areas and we will

- Link every village with all-weather roads and ensure market access to them
- Set up Farmer's Market in peri-urban and urban areas
- Promote Community Supported Agriculture
- Set up State Venture Capital fund to support Social Business Units in rural areas
- Ensure 24x7 220 V - 3 phase power to all villages of Karnataka
- Develop an exclusive 'Food Security Index' for rural areas
- Bring out HDI report at the GP level
- Bring out an equality blue print - action will be taken to minimise inequality in the next 5 years

Ensure right to equality

- Improve the social and economic status of minorities by allocation of more budget for welfare programmes
- To improve the education status among minorities, we will give financial support to 1.25 crore students in pre-matric, post- matric and provide fee reimbursements
- To encourage education among students, we will construct 250 hostels and 150 residential schools, benefitting 12500 and 37500 minority students respectively
- To reduce the dropouts among 60,000 minority students, we propose construction of 1000 Maulana Azad schools
- We will setup Maulana schools in every taluk
- Madrasa board will be established to manage affairs of Madrasas regarding employment, self-employment and skilling
- Christian development board will be established to manage affairs of Christian community
- Will provide Rs. 140 crore financial assistance to 5000 beneficiaries for purchase of domestic animals

- Support WAQF by developing their 300 commercially potential properties in the next five years.
- Constitution of Wakf Properties Development Corporation
- A skill development centre at the district level will be established for the minorities in all 30 districts of the Karnataka State.
- Soft loans will be provided to minorities to set up quality education institutions through KMDC upto Rs. 5 Crores for those institutions who provide collateral security at 4% interest.
- Insurance Scheme to cover the health and children's education of minority Auto and Taxi drivers.
- Upgradation of all Morarji Desai Schools to PUC level with hostels for girls (one in each district)
- 50 Startup Scheme for minorities: a scheme to fund 50 startups of minorities in the incubation stage with a funding of 10-20 lakhs for each startup. Supporting them with world class training on creating successful startups and infrastructure.
- Nere-Hore Health Centres in 100 minority dominated urban areas and wards of Bangalore and Tier II cities and in rural areas. Nere-Hore Clinics to have at least 10 beds with a lab, pharmacy and dialysis unit on PPP basis.

Support NRKs and NRIs by

- To give official recognition to NRK Card
- To create Migration Resource Centres at Bangalore, Mangalore & Hubli
- Issue of Pravasi ID Cards
- To give rebates to NRI investors and also to provide for low interest loans for setting up industries and institutions
- Special concessions in investment and least interest rate facility will be given to those who are back to Karnataka due to unavoidable situations.
- 'Kannada Bhavana' will be constructed in Bangalore to mobilize all kannadigas to avail facility and involve in programmes.

Tourism:
World-Class Tourism Infrastructure for Sustained Progress

INC will make Karnataka one of the top two states in the country in terms of domestic footfalls by creating a world-class tourism infrastructure, thematic circuits, deploying sustainable tourism practices, encouraging private partnerships and investments to provide a conducive business environment, branding and positioning of Karnataka Tourism nationally and internationally, becoming one the largest direct and indirect employment generating sectors in the state.

We have created a progressive tourism policy for Karnataka which encourages private partnership and ICT use.

Our Key Achievements

- According to the Karnataka Tourism Policy 2015–20, it is envisaged that Rs. 54,000 crore investments will be made during 2015–20 period (more investment expected from private sector or under PPP) which can generate about 30 lakh employment
- As per WTTC 2016 report, Karnataka tourism contributed approximately 8% to India's total tourism GDP (assuming tourism share of 14.8% GSDP in 2015)
- Bengaluru became the first Indian city to have its own logo.
- The New Tourism policy 2015-20 which seeks to promote tourism and encourage investments in the sector is a holistic document to ensure Karnataka moves up the value chain of tourism map in the years to come.
- Karnataka tourism has been conferred the third place for the best State under Comprehensive Development of Tourism Category by Ministry of Tourism, Government of India.

The key tourism sector initiatives that will be undertaken by INC:

- Increase tourism contribution to GSDP from current 14.8% to 20%
- Make Karnataka one of the top-two states in India in terms of domestic footfalls
- Provide about 65 lakh tourism industry jobs in the state
- Build a world-class tourism infrastructure to position Karnataka as a world-class tourism destination
- To promote our culture through sustainable tourism, set up Heritage Authority of Karnataka
- Set up Festival Authority of Karnataka
- Develop a robust action plan to setup Beach Tourism in Mangalore Udupi and Karwar districts. Coastal Beach Tourism Authority

Urban Development: Unmatched Quality of Life in Urban Progress

INC is committed **to make urban Karnataka a livable, thriving, safe, resilient and inclusive place resulting in upliftment and happiness for all the state's residents.**

Our belief in attaining full individual and group potential for the upliftment and better quality of life, through sustainable and inclusive growth, is reflected in many of the achievements of the INC in urban development of Karnataka

Our Key Achievements

- Bengaluru, one of the fastest growing and MOST DYNAMIC cities in the world has seen a steady increase in it's population and we have implemented a Mass Rapid Transit system - Namma Metro to address these needs.
- Metro Rail: Bengaluru is the only city with a metro, which is being implemented in two phases. Namma Metro Phase 1 consists of two metro lines — 42.5km in total length. The Phase 2 consists of four extensions to the existing lines and addition of two new lines totaling 72.095km in length
- Karnataka provides efficient public transport to people of different income Groups for inter and intra state travel.
- Ensured that Karnataka Urban Transformation will take place at a faster pace
- Karnataka is now among the first states to develop a state-level Municipal Solid Waste Policy in 2004.
- Karnataka Municipal Data Society has been established to develop a centralised database for ULBs.
- Wealth from waste - We have implemented garbage clearance projects and to recycle the garbage as a resource of energy, manure and other products
- Created a State Slum Development Authority and a comprehensive Slum Development Act to ensure social justice for people living in slums
- INC will create a roadmap to improve the livelihood of street vendors, taxi drivers, auto rickshaw drivers – with a concept 'Every Labourer Belongs to us' 'Prati Kaarmika, Nammavanu'

We will:

- Enhance institutional structures coherent with improved and reformed planning frameworks
  - Amendment of Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act to mandate the preparation of spatial development plans
  - Restructure the role of development authorities as facilitators to the planning and development process
- Ensure planned, environmentally sustainable and resilient growth of urban centres with optimal land and resources utilisation
- Ensure access to water to all by providing at least one tap connection at every household in the state
- Provide safe access to sanitation infrastructure and services for all at all times and ensure zero adverse impact of human excreta on environment and society
- Reduce incidences of urban flooding and minimise its impact on people.
- Ensure cities and their surroundings are free from all filth and ensure zero adverse impact of municipal solid waste on the environment and society.
- Establish a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (UMTA) with legal and financial capability.
- Ensure adequate access to affordable housing for all
- Provide safe and accessible transport for all, while promoting low-carbon modes that lead to cleaner air in cities
- Make cities adaptive to disasters and resilient to climate change
- Set up a truck and cargo terminal outside every City Municipal Council (CMC) on national highways

Transport & Traffic management

- Technology-enabled, auto-synchronized traffic management system with connected signals across the city to improve the traffic situation in the city.

Environment Sustainability

- Protection of environment and sustainability and ensure the availability of District Mining Fund is put to efficient and effective use immediately - necessary monitoring and reporting will be made public.
- 25 species of endangered flora will be restored
- Environment & Forests:
  - Encourage Vanathotagarike to cover 33% of the geographical area in 3 years, at the rate of 11% every year.
  - To develop innovative products and establish activated bamboo carbon industries to generate employment and wealth
  - INC will launch a " Vana Kaval Yojana' in the peripheries of forests to prevent animal-farmer conflict and also to protect their crops from damages caused by frequent animal intrusion into fields and villages.
  - Formulate a Western Ghat Policy to conserve forest and protect the environment.

Pollution Control

- Stringent action will be taken on industries/ firms violating pollution norms
- Increase share of public transport from 55% to 80%
- Public transport buses and vehicles will be converted to CNG
- Scrapping of old vehicles
- Encourage afforestation programmes and planting of trees in vacant government and private parcel of lands
- Massive programmes to prevent flow of sewerage into water bodies
- Steps to penalise industries and monitoring authorities for violation of rules.
- Curbs on registration of new vehicles
- Will ensure separate Municipal Law to govern the growth of Bangalore Metropolitan Corporation
- We will formulate policy to protect all the playgrounds in Bengaluru from encroachments and to bring in a legislation against encroachments and retake encroachments.

- All parks to be notified under a special legislation on the lines of Parks Act of Bangalore
- We will encourage CNG and electric vehicles and use of city gas service
- We will target a minimum 2% increase in greenery in the state every year
- Will ensure Bangalore will be the safest city in the country and will minimise heinous crimes like murders, kidnapping and rape.

Federal Issue

Congress party will fight to ensure devolution of funds particularly from the 15th Finance Commission along with other southern states as otherwise they are likely to lose substantially, due to devolution from the Centre.

Women Empowerment & Child Development:

Women & Children at the Heart of all Progress

INC strongly believes in having a of a just and humane society which **empowers women to realise their full potential and live a life of dignity and choice,** enabling them to participate in the process of decision making as equal partners and to influence the process of social change.

Our Key Achievements

- State Government formulated policies and programs for the welfare of women and child development, to ensure protection of women and children.
- The Government has Introduced Karnataka Mahila Abhivrudhi Yojane scheme for the empowerment of women.

We will:

- We will endeavor to raise the employment level of women to 50% in the government workforce
- Will provide 50% subsidy of the cost of vehicle or Rs. 30,000 to purchase women friendly scooters to every women working in the government and panchayats setup with an annual income of 2,50,000/- or less
- Ensuring “Gender Just” budget and track expenditure in the skill development programmes for women
- Development of Gender Development Indices (GDI)/Gender Inequality Index
- Skill development for 1,000 women every year starting from 2018 covering 8,000 rural women
- Support 1,000 women entrepreneurs every year for entrepreneurial development
- Increase the widow pension from present Rs. 500/- to Rs. 1000/-
- State level Stree Shakti federation on Kudumbashree model.
- 5000 Stree Shakti micro-enterprises will be nurtured over 5 years, around 21st century needs: food processing, catering, mobile canteens, solid waste management, parking management.
- Construct Working Women’s Hostel in each taluka, thus empowering them and increasing their participation in the workforce
- Creating Stree Shakti Societies and Groups which will be registered
- Setup training Centres to train Stree Shakti Groups in job oriented courses
- Creation of Agri-oriented jobs in rural areas so as to check flow of rural women to factory units in cities – this will also create local labour for agricultural farms lack of which is ruining farming in villages and rural areas.
- Stringent check of illegal abortion centres and sex determination centres
- Supply of free sanitary napkins to girl students of government colleges and polytechnics
- Subsidize napkin vending machines will be installed in all colleges, polytechnics, ITIs and school and public toilets.
- Abolish taxes on Sanitary Pads
- Distributing Free Sanitary Pads through PDS to BPL women
- Health Cards to women working as unskilled laborers in garment and other processing industries.
- Free education to girls at post-graduation level
- Zero Balance saving accounts in Co-operative Banks and Financial Institutions.
- Houses for widows from economically backward classes
- provide free motor vehicle training for women below metric pass at RTOs and to provide them with subsidised autorickshaws & cars so that they can make a living and also ensure safety to women commuters - (Nirbhaya Vahini)
- Implement sexual harassment prevention policy in all establishments
- Fast Track Courts to try sexual harassment cases
- We will enact a law for awarding life sentence to rape convicted criminals and introduce programs for rehabilitation of victims
- Have a Child Budget Component in the State Budget
- Earmark 4% for Health; 2% for Education and 2% of budgetary allocation for children who are in need of protection
- Bring a suitable amendment to RTE Act 2009 and ensure right to education for all children from 3-18 years (from pre-primary to college level) and to ensure quality education for both rural and urban children
- Promote RTE Act 2009 in totality (Not just Sec 12.1.C) that covers children with special needs, children with learning disabilities and other children in both rural and urban areas
- Establish Children' Court with adequate infrastructure and trained Public Prosecutors to ensure justice to children.
- We will provide Mangalya Bhagya (3 gram gold thali will be provided to all girls of marriageable age below poverty line)

Growth with Jobs

The last five years of the INC government in Karnataka has been a time of robust growth, the state has seen an up-tick in all its economic growth indicators, but what make this growth very special is the fact that it has been accompanied by a steady increase in the number of jobs created.

INC truly believes that sustainable long term growth is possible, only when it results in and in turn is driven by new meaningful jobs being created.

The INC government in Karnataka in the last five years has presided over the creation over 50 Lakh jobs across different sectors, we have not only adopted policies to make people better job seekers (by training and up-skilling them) but also job producers by encouraging and supporting their entrepreneurship.

For the next five years we want to "Double It" - ie create 15-20 Lakh jobs every year, to achieve the creation of 1 Crore jobs at the end of five years.

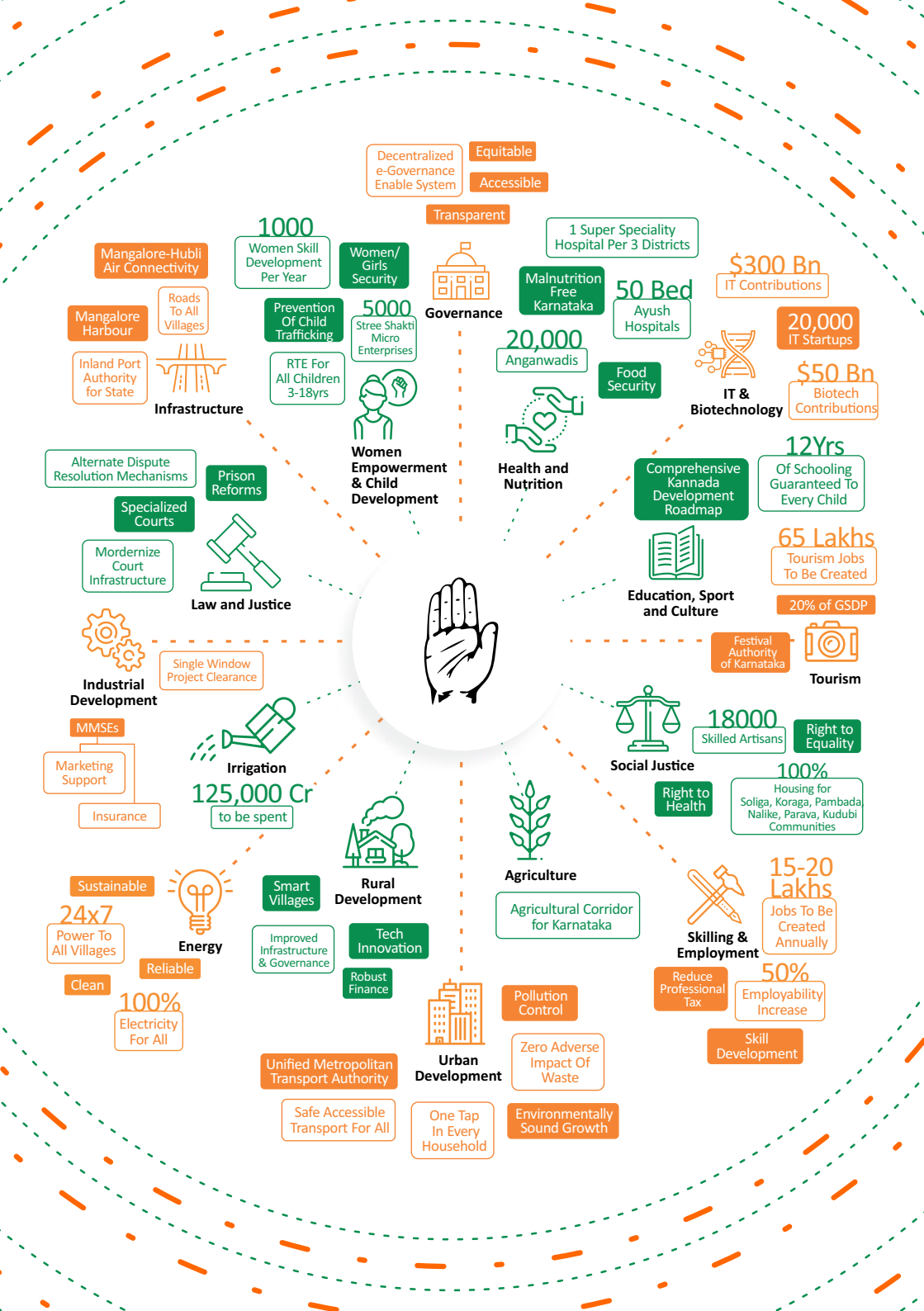
Jobs Created By Sector

8.98 Lakh jobs created with the approval of **1823 projects**

1.89 Lakh jobs created in Large Industry sector as well as
12.30 Lakh jobs in the MSME sector for a total of
14.19 Lakh jobs due the state industrial policy

30 Lakh IT jobs

Total Jobs of 53.17 Lakhs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Women Skill Development Per Year
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Mangalore Harbour
Inland Port Authority for State
Infrastructure
Prevention Of Child Trafficking
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Women Empowerment & Child Development
1 Super Speciality Hospital Per 3 Districts
Malnutrition Free Karnataka
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Tourism Jobs To Be Created
Education, Sport and Culture
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Festival Authority of Karnataka
Tourism
Industrial Development
Single Window Project Clearance
MMSEs
Marketing Support
Insurance
Irrigation
125,000 Cr
to be spent
Social Justice
18000
Skilled Artisans
Right to Equality
Right to Health
100%
Housing for Soliga, Koraga, Pambada, Nalike, Parava, Kudubi Communities
Sustainable
24x7
Power To All Villages
Reliable
Clean
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Skilling & Employment
Reduce Professional Tax
50%
Employability Increase
Skill Development
Pollution Control
Zero Adverse Impact Of Waste
Environmentally Sound Growth
Urban Development
One Tap In Every Household
Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority
Safe Accessible Transport For All

Progress with Congress

The manifesto committee of the INC would like to thank the people of the Karnataka who were an essential and integral part of authoring this "People's Manifesto".

We are humbled by the love, affection and faith that the people have bestowed upon us, and are honored to be the custodians of the hopes and dreams that the people of the state have for themselves and their fellow countrymen.

The vision of the future for the people of the state that we have illustrated comes on the back of the last five years of stable, sustainable and inclusive growth under the able leadership of Shri Siddaramiah.

We know the people of the state expect more from us and we believe we are well prepared to not just to meet those expectations but to exceed them like we have always done in the past.

As a nation we are at a crossroads, we are in a fight against forces that want to redefine who we are, forces that want exclusive and not inclusive growth, forces that want to stifle dissenting views, forces that finally want to impose a perverse definition of what it is to be a true Indian.

We believe Karnataka under the Indian National Congress in the last five years has shown that there is a better way - a way that leads not only to better economic progress for all the people, but a way that has the values and teachings of Basavanna, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawarharlal Nehru, Ambedkar Dr B.R Ambedkar, Shri Vallabhai Patel, Shrimathi Indira Gandhi, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, & Shri Devraj Urs as its lodestar.

The Indian National Congress seeks the vote of the people of Karnataka based on our track record and our vision of a glorious future for the state.

It would be our privilege and honor to serve you.

Building Houses. Making Homes

INC government has successfully built 169,774 houses under its various housing schemes during 2016–17, INC is committed to provide affordable, safe, healthful housing for all.

Urban Housing

We are committed to address the urban housing challenge and propose to build over 300,000 houses per annum under the various schemes that address the needs of different groups of people of the state.

Urban Slum Development

We are also addressing head on the challenge of building better housing for the people currently living in slums under the State Slum Development Authority.

Rural Housing

To make the state hut-free and provide shelter to all, 11.75 lakh houses have been constructed so far, and we propose to build another 10 lakh houses per annum over the next five years.

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