

## **Marching towards progress; Maharashtra's Cabinet unveils key decisions towards development**

### ***Abstract***

The State Cabinet is the topmost decision-making body in the executive sphere of the state government. The cabinet decisions steer the course of development in a state<sup>1</sup>. The Cabinet of Maharashtra, chaired by the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, convened on 10th of February, 2026, and undertook significant decisions, aimed at improving the quality of life for residents of Maharashtra, across the state. The following article, aims to provide a bird's eye view of some of the aforesaid cabinet decisions.

### ***Introduction***

The Government of Maharashtra is focussed on sustainable and inclusive development, in line with the vision of Vikasit Bharat-Vikasit Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra has heralded various developmental initiatives in order to realise such a vision for the state of Maharashtra. In furtherance of such developmental objectives, the State of Maharashtra's Cabinet met on 10th February, 2026 and announced a slew of developmental decisions. The following paragraphs provide a brief overview of some of the aforementioned cabinet decisions.

### ***“Majha Gaav, Arogya Sampanna Gaav Abhiyan” (My village, Healthy village)***

Recognising that health of the residents has a multiplier effect on the development objectives of the government<sup>2</sup>, the cabinet has authorised a campaign named “Majha Gaav, Arogya Sampanna Gaav Abhiyan” (My village, Healthy village). The state government through this campaign aims to implement village-level health improvement activities. The campaign has 4 major focus pillars: lifestyle changes, improved nutrition, preventive measures and timely treatment and rehabilitation.

It was further decided to allocate a sum of Rs 80 crore and 75 lakhs towards setting up of awards for this campaign, to incentivise healthy competition among the administrative units. Approval

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<sup>1</sup> Vajiram & Ravi, *Cabinet and Cabinet Committees: Role and Principles* (Vajiram & Ravi, 2 January 2026) <https://vajiramandravi.com/upsc-exam/cabinet-and-cabinet-committees/> accessed 17 February 2026.

<sup>2</sup> World Health Organization, *Working for Health and Growth: Investing in the Health Workforce* (Report of the High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, WHO 2016) ISBN 978 924 1511308 <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/10665/250047/1/9789241511308-eng.pdf> accessed 17 February 2026.

was granted to set up awards ranging from Rs 5 lakhs to 2 crores at Gram Panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad levels.

### ***Push towards Digital India***

In order to provide impetus to the Digital India campaign, the Cabinet has approved amendments to section 230 of the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966, to legally validate email notices served in revenue hearing cases. The decision is expected to streamline and expedite the land related cases in the revenue courts.

### ***Administrative reforms***

Efficient and transparent administration is the bedrock of good governance<sup>3</sup>. Keeping this in mind, the cabinet has decided to bring in a new public-private partnership policy (2026). Under this policy, projects valued over Rs 25 crores will be approved by the Cabinet Infrastructure Committee, chaired by the Chief Minister. In order to facilitate this new PPP policy, approval was granted to create a separate unit in the Planning department of the state of Maharashtra.

The cabinet, based on the recommendations of the high-level committee, has approved the creation of 11 additional district collector posts, considering geographical area, population growth and administrative needs.

Streamlining and simplifying is also an essential facet of good governance. In pursuance of it, the cabinet has sanctioned a single tender process for transportation contracts under the revised public distribution system, across 5 regions in Mumbai-Thane and 34 districts statewide.

The cabinet also authorised an ordinance to amend the Maharashtra Unaided Private Professional Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Fees) Act, 2015. Further, clearance was provided for the issuance of Maharashtra (amendment and validation) ordinance on settlement of arrears of tax, interest, penalty and late fees.

### ***Infrastructure***

A resilient network of physical infrastructure is a sign of development. To facilitate the improvement in such infrastructure, the cabinet has taken a slew of decisions.

First, the cabinet has decided to constitute a special purpose authority for the upcoming Purandar airport in Pune district, besides approving a loan of Rs 6000 crores for land acquisition and allied

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<sup>3</sup> UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), *What Is Good Governance?* (Policy Brief, 2009) <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/good-governance.pdf> accessed 12 February 2026.

activities, in order to accelerate the airport project. The cabinet decided that Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), Maharashtra Airport Development Company limited (MADC) and City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO) shall participate in the special purpose authority, established for the airport project.

Further, it was decided that the loan repayment responsibility will be in accordance with the ratio of the respective shares subscribed by each of the aforesaid agencies in the special purpose authority, constituted for the purpose of airport construction. On top of it, the Maharashtra government has guaranteed the loan amount.

Second, a sum of Rs 15000 crore was secured as a long-term loan from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the purposes of completing and improving water resources projects. The amount will be utilised to complete 57 pending irrigation projects and in improving the distribution systems of 193 completed projects. This exercise will create irrigation facilities for 8 lakh hectares of agricultural land, which ultimately benefits farmers across the state of Maharashtra. Further, an approval was granted for a sum of Rs 6 crores and 60 lakhs for the repair of the minor irrigation project at Pimpalshendra (Murtijapur Taluka), Akola district, which will benefit 255 hectares of irrigated land.

### ***Industries***

Industries are a life line of employment for millions of people in India. The health of industries closely mirrors the pace of development in a country. Keeping this in mind, the state cabinet decided to transfer around 1000 acres of land belonging to the Maharashtra State Farming Corporation in Ratnapuri Mala (Indapur, Pune district) to Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) for a new industrial estate, with the aim of improving investment and employment opportunities.

The Cabinet authorised allocation of 117 hectares and 19 acres of land to MIDC, located at Mouje Linga (Kalmeshwar Taluka), in Nagpur district, for the purpose of developing a coal-to-chemical project. Also, a decision was taken to provide financial aid package to Indrani Cooperative Spinning Mill, located in Manavat Taluka of Parbhani district.

### ***Sports***

The cabinet in order to boost the sports ecosystem in the state, announced a series of decisions in this regard. It was decided to provide for 12 hectares and 76 acres of government land at Mouje Vikaswadi (Karveer Taluka), for the purpose of constructing an international standard cricket stadium in Kolhapur district. Also, the cabinet approved a budget of Rs 75 crores and 13 lakhs, in order to develop additional sports facilities (Phase 3) at the district sports complex in Mouje Katfal,

Baramati taluka of Pune district. The developed sports facilities with an area of 80000 square metres will include pavilion, swimming pool, archery range, basketball court etc.

In order to boost infrastructure for Tennis in Mumbai, the state cabinet has approved development of tennis infrastructure through Maha Tennis foundation at Mouje Kolekalyan (Andheri, Mumbai). For this purpose, an approval was given to implement a development plan, on a joint partnership basis with Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA).

### ***Third Mumbai***

The state cabinet in furtherance of developing a “Third Mumbai”, approved land acquisition and land allocation policy, within the jurisdiction of Navi Nagar Development Authority and future projects under Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), in the influence area of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu (Mumbai Trans Harbour Link).

The decision is aimed at providing a clear framework for land acquisition and allocation, enabling faster execution of infrastructure and urban development projects in the region.

### ***Science and Technology***

To incentivise interest in science and technology, the state cabinet has approved an increase in prize money for the state level science exhibition, in order to benefit students, teachers and laboratory assistants.

### ***Conclusion***

The State Cabinet has taken a holistic view point, in respect of its aforesaid cabinet decisions. The decisions span various developmental sectors like health, infrastructure, industry, sports, administrative reforms etc. The above decisions of the cabinet go a long way in meeting the development objectives of the Government of Maharashtra. The decisions, if executed in letter and spirit, will certainly improve the quality of life for residents in Maharashtra.