

# MAHARASHTRA VISION FORUM

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A youth-centric social initiative by Rohit Pawar



## **Maharashtra Vision Forum Concept**

Young minds have superfluous possibilities and potentials that if equipped with knowledge and creativity can work wonders for a country

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

India celebrated 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' as it completed 75 years of independence. In these 75 years, India has come a long way and is considered a potential superpower. Although India has achieved growth, but we are still lagging in achieving the socio-political and economic justice that our forefathers envisioned at the time of independence. With one of the youngest populations in the world (with an average age of 29), India is at a turning point and facing a second tryst with destiny. India's journey towards a USD 5 trillion economy and ushering in equitable, inclusive and sustainable growth cannot be fulfilled without harnessing the power of the youth and ensuring their meaningful participation and inclusion in governance and decision-making. However, representation of 'Youth' under 40 years in elected bodies such as State Assemblies and Parliament is minimal.

Maharashtra has been the torchbearer of socio-economic development in the country and has instituted many policies which were replicated in India – such as the Employment Guarantee Scheme, education of the girl child, engendering the budget by establishing the Women and Child Department, providing free health insurance, etc. However, today, after 62 years of its formation, although Maharashtra is among the most progressive states in the country, it has fallen outside the top states in various governance indicators, such as SDG India Index (Rank 9) and Public Affairs Index -2022 (Rank 16).

Although around 60% of the population is under 40 years in the state, the participation of youth in public discourse and policy-making mechanisms is minimal. The representation of MP's and MLA's under 40 years is also disproportionate. There is no platform for youth wherein they can meaningfully contribute to governance and policy-making process.

Youth have been a major force in catalysing change in Maharashtra through their vibrancy and new thinking. Developing an enabling environment for youth to influence policy and political processes is central to bring back the heydays of Maharashtra and ensure it returns to its position as the No.1 state in the country.

To bring in this change, Maharashtra Vision Forum (MVF) establishes an effective, inclusive, and efficient platform wherein youth can directly contribute to setting a development vision for Maharashtra. MVF is a movement to bring together the youth of Maharashtra to re-imagine and co-create Maharashtra's priorities to formulate an actionable agenda to achieve equitable and sustainable growth by 2035 – the state's 75th anniversary year.

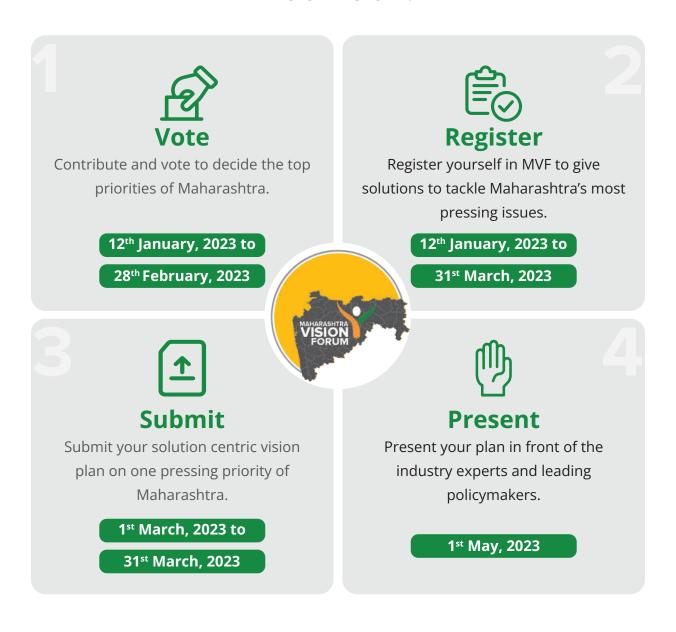
MVF is the brainchild of a young and dynamic leader - MLA Rohit Pawar. He started his political career from the grassroot level by getting elected first to Zilha Parishad in 2017 and made his way into the State Legislature in 2019. His journey in both politics and business is an example for youth in Maharashtra. MVF is his attempt to capture the aspirations of the youth of Maharashtra to achieve the growth **Of the Youth, By the Youth, For the Youth.** 



#### **Maharashtra Vision Forum Brief**

Maharashtra Vision Forum is a platform for youth of the state to influence the political and policy-making process and formulate a youth-centric agenda for Maharashtra. MVF seeks to build a movement to bring together the youth of Maharashtra to re-imagine and co-create Maharashtra's priorities to formulate an actionable agenda to achieve equitable and sustainable growth by 2035 – the state's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. It aims to harness the vibrancy and creative thinking of the youth to bring back the heydays of Maharashtra and ensure it returns to its position as the No.1 state in the country.

# Steps to Participate in Maharashtra Vision Forum:



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### A message from Rohit Pawar

Any organization, if asked what they want to succeed, will say, 'Give us the best of people and resources'. Maharashtra has the best of both – there is nothing that can stop us! What Maharashtra thinks today, India thinks tomorrow!

I believe in the potential of Maharashtra, and to realise this potential – our potential – it is crucial to ensure that the youth of Maharashtra are partners and not mere bystanders in the state's developmental journey.

Maharashtra's youthful and aspirational population deserves a rapid transformation, which can deliver inclusive growth, jobs, and prosperity to all. Maharashtra Vision Forum (MVF) is an attempt to provide the youth of the state a platform to come together and co-create a youth-centric vision for Maharashtra to achieve this rapid transformation by 2035 – the state's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. MVF seeks to harness the vibrancy and creative thinking of the youth to bring back the heydays of Maharashtra and ensure it returns to its position as the No.1 state in the country.

It is my humble appeal to my fellow Maharashtrians to participate in the Maharashtra Vision Forum to contribute to the growth story of our own state.

