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### **Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil**

*Chancellor PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, Pune*

**Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil: Trustee of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust & Chancellor of PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University**

Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil, born on 21st August 1963, is a distinguished Indian politician associated with the Bharatiya Janata Party and hails from Indapur, near Pune in Maharashtra.

Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil serves as a trustee of the Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust & Chancellor of PCET's Pimpri Chinchwad University, emphasizing his commitment to educational excellence and advancement.

A seasoned veteran in politics, Patil's illustrious career spans four consecutive terms as a minister from 1995 to 2014 within the Government of Maharashtra. Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil, held several significant positions. He served as a Cabinet Minister in the Maharashtra government, overseeing various portfolios in different administrations. His roles included Minister of Cooperation, Minister of Marketing, Minister of Textiles, Minister of Revenue, and Minister of Energy among others. His reputation for fostering harmonious relationships across party lines stands as a testament to his diplomatic acumen.

Throughout his tenure, Patil was involved in various developmental and administrative initiatives within Maharashtra. He actively participated in policymaking, governance, and developmental projects aimed at the state's progress across different sectors.

Notably, he served as the co-operation and parliamentary affairs minister in Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan's ministry, displaying adeptness in navigating complex political landscapes. Under his guidance, he facilitated development while addressing the challenges surrounding Indapur, mediating between the Nationalist Congress Party and Indian National Congress.



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Beyond his political contributions, Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil is a visionary and a philanthropist, spearheading various initiatives aimed at educational empowerment and community development. His notable accomplishments include:

- **Establishment of Educational Institutions:** Instrumental in founding Primary and Secondary Schools, Junior Colleges, Hostels, and Colleges at Bhigvan. He also played a pivotal role in establishing an Agricultural School and Technical School at Bavada through the Shri. Shivaji Education Society and Indapur Taluka Shikshan Mandal.
- **Founding Initiatives for Social Welfare:** Shri. Patil's commitment extends to fostering societal welfare, evident through initiatives such as Sports Complex Centre and Pimpri –Chinchwad Engineering College. He has implemented programs aimed at instilling good values among students, organized Blood Donation Camps, conducted Social Forestry programs, Eye Checking Camps, and extended support and encouragement to budding artists.
- **Community Development Endeavors:** Patil has been instrumental in founding and supporting various cooperative ventures, including the establishment of Indapur College Indapur Co-operative Urban Bank, Dudhganga Taluka Sangh, Indapur Taluka Horticulture Co-operative Sangh, as well as initiatives related to Dairies and Co-operative Societies.

Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil's dedication to both political leadership and community development reflects his commitment to the holistic growth and welfare of society.

### Journey of Shri. Harshwardhan Shahajirao Patil

- **1991 to 1994**

Chairman, Nira-Bhima Co-operative Sugar Factory, Indapur

- **1995- 1999,1999-2004**

Member, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly

- **March 1995 to October 1999**

Minister of State for Agriculture, Water conservation and Horticulture

- **8th July 2002 to 17 October 2004**

Minister for Marketing, Employment Guarantee Scheme

- **Since 16th November 2004-2009**

Minister for Marketing, Employment Guarantee Scheme, Parliamentary Affairs and Women and Child Development.