



ADDRESS

Delivered by

Hon'ble Shri CH. Vidyasagar Rao

GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA

JOINT SESSION OF THE MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATURE AT MUMBAI

25 February 2019

**HON'BLE CHAIRMAN, HON'BLE SPEAKER AND
HON'BLE MEMBERS**

1. It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to the first Session of State Legislature for the year 2019.

2. The high ideals laid down by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Bharat Ratna Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj and many other great leaders and social reformers continue to inspire my Government to serve the people of the State.

3. My Government strongly condemns cross border terrorism and pays homage to the martyr soldiers and paramilitary personnel who laid their lives at Pulwama and across the country. My Government is committed to assist the Government of India in combating terrorism and cessationist activists.

4. My Government is sensitive to the constitutional rights and privileges of the Marathi-speaking people of 865 villages claimed by my Government in relation to Maharashtra-Karnataka border. My Government is continuing to take a firm stand in the matter pending in the Supreme Court.

5. My Government has issued work order for construction of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Memorial in September 2018. All legal issues are being addressed to ensure that the physical work proceeds without any hindrance and the project is completed in the time-bound manner.

6. My Government pays homage to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary. To propagate his thoughts and ideals to the new generation, various programmes are being organised in the State.