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PUDUCHERRY CONGRESS 2026 ELECTION MANIFESTO



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A Vision for Transparent, Inclusive and Future-Ready Governance

Puducherry stands at an important turning point. The aspirations of its people are clear a government that is honest, efficient & committed to improving everyday life. This manifesto is built on that belief.

Our vision is rooted in transparent and accountable governance across all sectors, ensuring that public resources are used effectively & that every citizen experiences dignity, fairness & opportunity.

At the heart of this vision lies the commitment to uplift the socio-economic condition of every individual in Puducherry. We aim to create a society where access to quality healthcare, education & livelihood opportunities is not a privilege, but a right.

We believe that true progress is built on strong social foundations. Our approach promotes communal harmony, secular values, inclusivity, and equal opportunity for all. Special emphasis will be placed on women's safety, youth empowerment, and support for vulnerable communities, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Development must be responsible and sustainable. We are committed to fostering non-polluting, balanced industrial growth, while preserving the environment and enhancing the quality of life.

Our policies will encourage innovation & investment, while ensuring that growth remains people centric.

Recognizing the importance of rural and traditional sectors, we will strengthen agriculture & livestock development, providing modern support systems and improving incomes for farmers & allied workers.

Infrastructure will be a key driver of progress. We envision a Puducherry with modern, efficient infrastructure, well-planned urban spaces, and improved connectivity, alongside a renewed focus on tourism development that respects our cultural and natural heritage.

To make governance simpler and more accessible, we will adopt technology-driven solutions, including e-governance systems and AI-enabled processes, to reduce paperwork, improve service delivery, and enhance transparency. Urban challenges such as congestion will be addressed through initiatives like traffic-free zones and smart mobility planning.

This manifesto is not just a document of promises- it is a commitment to build a progressive, inclusive, and future-ready Puducherry, where governance works for the people, and development reaches every household. Together, we move forward with clarity, purpose, and the resolve to deliver real change.



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Governance and Administration

Full Statehood for Puducherry

Necessary steps will be taken to obtain full statehood for Puducherry.

Debt Waiver

Action will be taken to waive all loans obtained by the Puducherry government from the Central Government.

Administrative Management

Transparent and honest administration will be ensured in all departments.

Core Mantra

Our core mantra is to improve the livelihoods of socio-economically backward people, ensure well-being, create a hassle-free environment, and maintain social harmony and secularism.

Women's Safety

Transparent and honest administration will be ensured in all departments.

Pollution-Free Industrial Growth

Industries will be developed in a way that does not affect the environment.

Water Management

Water bodies will be protected, and proper water management schemes will be created.

Agriculture and Animal Welfare

Priority will be given to the development of the agriculture and livestock sectors. a hassle-free environment, and maintain social harmony and secularism.

Infrastructure and Tourism

Infrastructure facilities will be increased, and the tourism sector will be improved.

Finance Commission

Efforts will be made to include Puducherry in the 15th Finance Commission.

Local Body Elections

Local body elections will be conducted within six months of coming to power to empower people's representatives.

Pay Commission

Central Pay Commission recommendations will be implemented immediately in the state of Puducherry.

Employee Welfare

A committee will be formed to address the welfare and grievances of government employees.



Employment and Economic Growth

Guaranteed Jobs for Every Family

An intensive employment scheme to ensure jobs and steady income for rural and urban youth. 30,000 government and private sector jobs will be created for unemployed youth.

Income Support for the Unemployed

Unemployed graduates, +2, ITI, Diploma, UG, and PG holders will receive a monthly allowance of ₹2,000.



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Priority for Local Youth in Govt Jobs

A Pondicherry Staff Selection Commission will be established. Group B and Group C positions will be filled with priority for local youth.

New Industries and Job Creation

A new Special Industrial Policy will be implemented to attract investments. An IT park will be set up in Sedarapet. New industries will be established in regions like Karaikal and Polagam.

Coastal Industry

Seafood processing plants will be set up in coastal villages.

Age Relaxation

Measures will be taken to relax the age limit for government jobs to 40 years.

Self-Employment Loans

Loans ranging from ₹5 lakhs to ₹1 crore with subsidies will be provided to help youth become Young Entrepreneurs.

Apprentice Stipend

Apprentices working in local industries will receive a monthly incentive of ₹5,000.

Job Reservation

A law will be enacted to provide 75% job reservation for local people in private industries.

Job Regularization and Salary Hikes

PWD Voucher employees, NRHM, 108 Ambulance drivers, Asha, Rotti Pal staffs, Temporary College Professors, Pasic, PRTC, Papsco, Ration shop employees, Anganwadi workers, and all voucher/temporary health workers will receive salary hikes and job security.

Contract Teachers

Contract teachers in schools and colleges will be paid based on University Grants Commission (UGC) standards.

Health and Education Workers

Immediate salary hikes and job security for NRHM, AIDS Control Society, and Asha workers. Teachers in government-aided institutions will be made permanent.

Government-sponsored insurance will be provided for workers in Swiggy, Zomato, Zepto, Blinkit, sanitation workers, domestic workers, street cleaners, auto drivers, and small-scale artisans.



Education and Youth

International Standard Education

To raise the quality of education for urban and rural students, 4 international-standard Residential Schools will be established.

Free Education from Primary to Research

With the goal of removing social inequalities through education, completely free education will be provided from school level up to PhD/graduation.

Monthly Stipend for Students

Students studying in colleges will receive a monthly stipend of ₹2,000.

Education Loan Waiver

Education loans for all students will be cancelled/waived.



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Free Laptops

Free laptops will be provided to students from the 8th standard onwards to promote digital education.

State Education Policy

To counter the "Imposition of CBSE" by the Central Government's New Education Policy, a State Education Policy will be implemented. This aims to reduce dropouts and give students the right to choose subjects according to their preference.

Medical & Engineering Seats

Action will be taken to fill 50% of seats in private medical, engineering, and other technical colleges through the government (CENTAC).

Youth Advisory Committee

A committee will be formed to listen to the expectations of youth and create policies for employment, education, and industrial growth.

Universities for Puducherry State

A Government Medical University, Agricultural University, and Law University will be established in Puducherry.

Reservation

The Central Government will be urged to provide 25% reservation for Puducherry state students in Pondicherry University.



Healthcare

₹20 Lakh Medical Insurance per Family

All families living in Puducherry will be provided with ₹20 lakh medical insurance along with an annual full medical check-up.

Medicines Directly to Your Home

A government scheme will be created to deliver monthly essential medicines to the doorsteps of senior citizens and patients with chronic illnesses (such as diabetes and blood pressure).

Emergency Medical Transport

Ambulance services will be established to transport patients from Puducherry to Chennai and other major cities for medical needs.

Specialized Cardiac Center

A dedicated super-specialty hospital for cardiac treatment will be opened at the Puducherry Government Medical College.

Upgrading Hospitals

Government general hospitals will be upgraded with new modern facilities.

Rural Postmortem Facilities

Postmortem (autopsy) facilities will be brought to rural areas.

Support for Chronic Illness & Autism: Monthly financial assistance of ₹15,000 will be provided for patients at home suffering from chronic illnesses and for children with autism.



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Food Security

Grocery Kits

Grocery items worth ₹2,500 will be provided monthly to all families through ration shops.

Essential Commodities

While the current administration only provides rice through fair price shops, our administration will provide rice, wheat, and other essential commodities every month without interruption.



Women's Empowerment

Ensuring Women's Safety

Surveillance systems will be strengthened to ensure women's safety. Intensive security measures will be taken to create a peaceful living environment for women.

Student Safety

Surveillance systems will be strengthened to ensure the safety of women. Intensive security measures will be taken to create an environment where women can live in peace

Safety App & Call Center

A dedicated 24-hour help center (call center) and a new mobile application will be developed to ensure the safety of women.

Monthly Allowance for Homemakers

A monthly rights grant (Urimai Thogai) of ₹5,000 will be given to women in every family.

Free bus travel for women

Free bus service will be provided to all women throughout Puducherry.

New convenience for housewives

Housewives will be given a coupon worth ₹10,000 to purchase household appliances like fridge, washing machine, AC as per their requirement.

Self Help Groups will be strengthened

To expand the livelihoods of women, interest-free loans, direct market linkages for selling the products of self-help groups, and government-supported platforms will be created to generate income.

Entrepreneurship training for self-help groups. Subsidies, incentives, and the establishment of a separate welfare board will be ensured to ensure financial independence and local economic development.

10,000 new self-help groups will be formed and they will be given Rs. 1 lakh as deposit fund.

Loan assistance to self-help groups

Annually, around 5000 self-help groups will be provided with loan facilities ranging from a minimum of Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 50 lakh, of which Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 5 lakh will be provided as subsidy.



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Housing and Basic Amenities

Free Land Pattas and Houses

25,000 free land pattas and houses will be provided to families who are homeless or living in rented houses.

Slum-Free Puducherry

The government subsidy for house construction will be increased to ₹15 lakhs for all sections of people.

Clean Drinking Water

Steps will be taken to solve drinking water shortages in urban areas and provide quality water to all households.

Shelter for the Homeless

Shelter will be provided to homeless people living on the streets in urban areas of four regions of Puducherry.

Free land titles will be provided to tribal people.

Steps will be taken to provide free land to tribal people living in Puducherry.

Housing project for the differently abled

The funding (subsidy) for the housing construction project for the differently abled will be increased to Rs. 8 lakh.

Steps will be taken to build apartment buildings in the urban area.



Social welfare

Minority welfare

Based on the principle of secularism, the welfare of minorities will be protected.

Waqf Board Reforms

The Waqf Board will be restructured and amended to increase transparency and efficiency.

Debt Waiver

All loans obtained through the Adi Dravidar Corporation and Backward Classes Corporation will be waived.

Special Component Plan (SCP)

Funds for Adi Dravidars will be fully utilized for the community's development.

Tribal Status

The Irular community is already included. Steps will be taken to include Kattu Nayakan, Yerukkula, Malaikuravan, and Kurumans in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) category.

Reservation for Differently Abled

A 5% job reservation will be provided for differently-abled persons.

Welfare Allowance

The monthly assistance for differently-abled and mentally challenged persons will be increased to ₹4,000.

Indira Canteen

Indira Canteens providing nutritious food at low prices will be launched throughout the state.

Free LPG

Two gas cylinders will be provided free of cost per year.



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Rabies Prevention

Rabies vaccination will be administered to stray dogs.

Free Two-Wheelers for Working Women

Free two-wheelers will be provided to women working in the unorganized sector to enhance their independence and safety.

Elderly Assistance Allowance

To safeguard the welfare of the elderly, measures will be taken to increase the monthly assistance allowance provided to them to ₹10,000.



Corpus Fund for SC Upliftment

Ambedkar Industrial Development Scheme

Enthusiastic entrepreneurs from SC/ST communities will receive financial assistance up to ₹1 crore.

This includes ₹25 lakhs as a front-end subsidy and ₹75 lakhs as a bank loan.

Subsidies

A 35% subsidy will be given for industries, manufacturing, services, and trade sectors.

Women Entrepreneurs

A 50% subsidy will be provided for women entrepreneurs.

Unemployment Allowance

₹1,000 for those who have completed +2.

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Infrastructure and Transport

More Buses & Better Connectivity

New buses will be operated in all areas to reduce transportation difficulties for the public.

Traffic Congestion Control

A scheme to create a traffic-free environment will be implemented by expanding roads, bridges, bypasses, flyovers, and expressways.

Multi-Level Parking

Multi-level parking facilities will be constructed to reduce roadside congestion & provide secure parking in limited spaces.



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Rabies Prevention

Puducherry Airport will be expanded with increased flight services and the introduction of helicopter connectivity.

Improved Drainage System

Advanced drainage systems with treatment facilities will be created to prevent sewage stagnation.



Agriculture and Environment

Environmental & Water Protection

To protect Puducherry's environment, water resource management will be improved, water bodies will be kept pollution-free, and a "Clean Air" initiative will be launched.

Agricultural Loan Waiver

Cooperative bank loans for farmers will be completely waived.

Subsidies for Farmers

Subsidies for free electricity, inputs, crop insurance, and produce—which were provided during previous Congress regimes—will be increased.

Welfare of Farmers

Steps will be taken to provide double the price for agricultural produce to protect farmers' interests.

Sugar Mill Reopening

Action will be taken to reopen the Lingareddipalayam Cooperative Sugar Mill for the benefit of sugarcane farmers.

Storage Facilities

New paddy storage warehouses will be built, and existing ones will be properly maintained.

Minimum Support Price (MSP)

A Minimum Support Price will be fixed for all agricultural produce.



Sports

Playgrounds in every commune

A playground and indoor sports arena will be set up in each commune to improve the athletic performance of athletes

Full support for athletes

Employment opportunities will be provided to players who excel at the state and national levels. Sports stadiums and indoor arenas will be set up for training.



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Financial Assistance during Lean Periods

Monthly assistance during the fishing ban and lean periods will be increased to ₹10,000.

Housing for Fishermen

5,000 houses will be built and provided to homeless fishermen families.

Diesel Subsidy

The diesel subsidy for fishermen will be increased.

Fishermen Welfare Board

The Fishermen Welfare Board will be strengthened to ensure all welfare schemes reach the community directly.

Free Gadgets

GPS devices and safety equipment will be provided free of charge to all fishing boats.



Tourism

Spiritual and Heritage Tourism

Schemes will be implemented to promote spiritual and heritage tourism, preserving the unique French culture of Puducherry.

Water Sports

Modern water sports facilities and beach tourism will be developed to international standards.

Job Creation

Tourism will be treated as an industry to create 20,000 new jobs for the youth.



Law and Security

Legal Aid in Government Offices

Legal assistants will be appointed in government offices to provide legal help.

Welfare of Advocates

Steps will be taken to appoint advocates practicing in the Chennai High Court as judges in the State of Puducherry.

High Court Bench

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Filling Police Vacancies

Action will be taken to fill all vacant positions in the Police Department.

Law and Order

Law and order measures will be improved to ensure the safety and peace of the general public.



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Enforcing Law and Order

If law and order deteriorates, criminal activities increase, affecting public safety. To prevent this, strict measures will be taken to uphold the law.

Ganja-Free Puducherry

To protect the future of the youth and prevent accidents, a healthy society will be ensured by making Puducherry free from intoxicants like Ganja (Cannabis).



Karaikal

New Bus Stand in Karaikal

A new bus stand will be established in Karaikal, consolidating all buses in one location to improve urban accessibility.

Employment at the Port

New industries will be created in the Polagam area near the Karaikal port. The economy will be boosted through new job opportunities by upgrading PIPDIC.

Guarantee for the Completion of JIPMER

Karaikal Within one year of the Congress government being formed, the construction of the JIPMER hospital in Karaikal will be completed to provide high-quality healthcare services.

Karaikal - Peralam Railway flyover

A flyover will be constructed over the Karaikal - Peralam railway line on Bharathiyar Road to ensure smooth traffic facilities.

Expansion of Karaikal Port

The Karaikal fishing harbor expansion project will be completed expeditiously to improve the livelihoods of fishermen.

Coastal Protection Scheme

Measures will be taken to set up "groynes" (stone embankments) in the areas of Karaikalmedu, Kilinjalmedu, and Kazhugumedu to prevent coastal erosion and promote the growth of marine resources.

Assistance for Small-Scale Fishermen

The livelihoods of small-scale fishermen will be protected by providing subsidies for small fiber boats, similar to the practice in Tamil Nadu.

Upgradation of Sewage Drainage System

The French-era sewage drainage systems in Karaikal will be repaired and modernized to improve sanitation.



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We step Forward for a New Dawn

Appeal to the people for a better Puducherry!

Dear! Sons of the soil, relatives, brothers and sisters, greetings! At this time when we are facing the most important assembly elections in Puducherry, we approach you with humility and confidence.

Puducherry in today's challenges

Puducherry is facing many crises today. Over the past few years, we have been facing difficult situations such as rising prices, unemployment, and obstacles to the progress of the youth.

At the same time, the administrative failures of the Double Engine regime, corruption in all sectors, the spread of drugs, and the distribution of fake and substandard medicines that threaten public health have had dire consequences.

The importance of your vote!

This election is not just about electing a better and more efficient government. It is a crucial opportunity to decide the future of your family, your children and Puducherry.

Let every vote be yours.

May your every vote change Puducherry.

We humbly request your support

Support a government that works for you! Participate in the journey of creating a better Puducherry!

Vote for the Indian National Congress and its allies!

Let's bring back hope, progress & respect.

PUDUCHERRY PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE



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