

SUNIL DATTATREYA RANE:

A EDUCATIONIST, POLITICIAN AND PATRIOTIC SOCIAL WORKER

Sunil Rane was born on 3rd September, 1963 in Mumbai. He has imbibed the mantra of hard work and courage since childhood to convert challenges into opportunities. After graduation, he joined the Indian cricket team and participated with players considered to be world-class cricket legends. He has also been a member of international games like Nairobi, London Cricket Team, Kanga League and County Cricket.



The Indian education system is considered important not only in India but also in the world. Atharva Educational Institute was established in the year 1998 with the aim of creating a world-class educational environment that promotes the development of professional capabilities among students and strengthens their sense of responsibilities and ethical values. After facing many difficult challenges to develop an educational institution that provides excellent and innovative quality education and runs on that basis, Atharva Engineering College was started. NAAC accredited with A+ Atharva College of Engineering has a fully-fledged KUKA robot to train students in the latest automation technology in factories. Atharva is an important centre in India for imparting modern technical education in robotics. The facility also has a state of the art ground station and tracking system. A new I-Lab has also been developed to encourage innovation in creative engineering designs.

Further exploring various options in education, Sunil Rane diversified fine arts education by establishing Atharva Institute of Management Business School (MBA), Information and Technology, Hotel Management, Fashion and Arts, Natya and Performing Arts Mahavidyalaya and Film and Television. He also made available a new AR/VR Centre of Excellence for design, development and testing of advanced virtual environment platforms for students. The Satellite IT Park, which will be the center of industrial development in Mumbai, will soon be set up by Atharva Group at Dharivali Village, Malad (W), Mumbai.

The establishment and success of Atharva Foundation for social welfare is due to the visionary leadership of Sunil Rane. The main objective of Atharva Foundation is to train women, children and youth in India. Various activities such as welfare of martyred soldiers' families, empowerment of women, encouragement of sportspersons are implemented through Atharva Foundation from time to time.

To commemorate and honor the bravery and sacrifices made by the brave soldiers who showed indomitable courage while protecting the country, the Atharva Foundation organizes the country's largest program 'One for All, All for One' under the guidance of Sunil Rane. Through this program, the families of martyrs' from various parts of the country are met and the family members are honored. Daughters of Martyred Soldiers are assisted with laptops and other educational materials to provide them with modern education.

With the aim of providing employment opportunities, "Blue Ocean Resort and Spa" was started near Ganapatipule in Ratnagiri, Konkan with the aim of attracting tourists from both the country and abroad through tourism and providing them with the highest level of comfort. This project, which is connected to the environment with the help of modern technology along with the

idea of protecting the forest resources, soil and nature without causing any harm to nature, was developed through the vision of Sunil Rane.

Sunil Rane started his political career in the nineties after being impressed by the political struggles and achievements of Dattatray Rane, the former Technical and Higher Education Minister of Maharashtra. In 1998 Vice President of Bharatiya Janata Party's Maharashtra Youth Union, District General Secretary of South Central Mumbai, District President of South Central Mumbai, General Secretary of Mumbai, contested the assembly elections from Sewri and Worli. Then they was elected as an MLA from Borivali Assembly in 2019 with a margin of more than 95,000 votes. Sunil Rane not only has the merit of his father behind him, but his own hard work is also important. In a very short period of time, his leadership emerged as a respected figure in the public mind.

From 2019 to 2024, he served as the MLA of Borivali and contributed to many development works. During Covid-19, he vaccinated more than 10,000 citizens, organized many types of health check-ups, treatments and blood donation camps. Helped Many girls in Borivali through Bicycles, I-Pads, Tablets, Laptops and Educational materials. They encouraged the youth to participate in international sports and started training by creating modern Basketball / Boxing rink / Skating rink / Cricket ground / Archery / Rifle shooting grounds. Organized social and cultural programs from time to time. Provided appropriate help to make women self-reliant. Organized employment fairs for unemployed youth. Also distributed modern computers, laptops, printers in the police station of Borivali. CCTV cameras have been installed at all the places required for protection. Mangrove Park developed to promote tourism in Borivali. Solar lamps were installed on the roads of remote villages, Constructed flats were provided to the slum dwellers through the government, assistance was provided to the Koli brothers of Gorai Manori village in natural disasters. Various schemes were implemented for the overall development of Borivali and development works were done for the public interest.

Apart from this, Sunil Rane worked as the Executive President of the Children's Aid Society. He also worked as the Executive President of the BDD Chawl Redevelopment Project by the Housing Department, Government of Maharashtra.

After being appointed as the President of the Maharashtra State Mill Workers Monitoring Committee, he took appropriate action to unders stand the problems of the mill workers and distributed houses to more than 2000 mill workers of Maharashtra in buildings at Kon Gaon, Panvel by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and resolved the long pending issue.

Attended the Assembly session and raised questions suggessions on verious social issues such as health, education, Environment, social development and Encroachment etc. through discussion and apprised the government.