Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, addresses unveiling ceremony of statue of Maharashtra's former Deputy Chief Minister, Ajit Pawar, in Pune

Ajit Pawar's untimely demise in this manner is an irreparable loss for Maharashtra and especially for Pune

We have suddenly lost a people's leader who had a broad vision spanning Panchayati Raj, cooperatives, agriculture and modern urban development; even today it is hard to believe that Ajit Pawar is no longer among us

Whether it was a milk union, a PACS, a sugar factory, an urban cooperative bank, or a district cooperative bank, Ajit Pawar Ji was an encyclopedia of knowledge when it came to resolving every issue related to the cooperative sector

Ajit Pawar Ji was known for his frankness and straightforward views, even on the most complex and challenging issues, such courage and conviction are rarely seen in politics

When the Modi government resolved the issue of double taxation on cooperative sugar mills, Ajit Pawar Ji remarked, "There could be no greater relief for cooperative sugar sector than this"

While deciding to join our alliance, Ajit Pawar Ji had said, "After Narendra Modi Ji became Prime Minister, the development of the country could no longer be viewed separately from the Mahayuti"

For Ajit Pawar Ji, party workers always came first, he fearlessly fought for the rights of his party's workers and consistently placed their interests above everything else

Rising from Baramati to the highest echelons of Maharashtra's

leadership, Ajit Pawar Ji remained deeply connected to his roots, even at the highest level, the development of his constituency remained his foremost priority in every conversation

Even while serving as Deputy CM, Ajit Pawar Ji would visit Baramati to hold public grievance sessions and listen to people's concerns, he remained connected with the people and continued to be accessible to them until the very end

During COVID-19 pandemic, he would be present at the Secretariat as early as 7 a.m., demonstrating remarkable dedication and urgency in overseeing every aspect of relief and rescue operations, such commi

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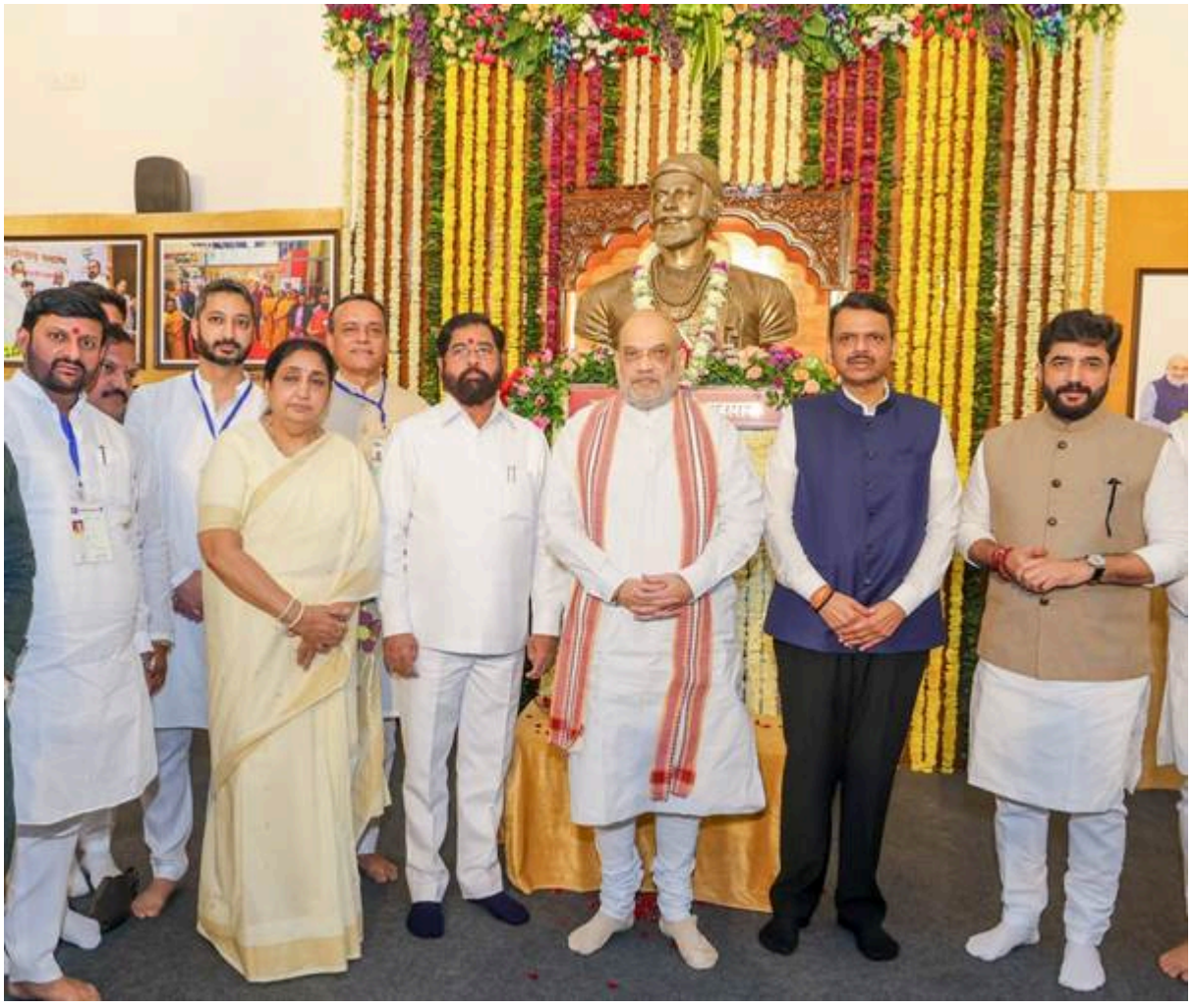
Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, today addressed the unveiling ceremony of statue of Maharashtra's former Deputy Chief Minister, Ajit Pawar, in Pune. On this occasion, Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde, Smt. Sunetra Pawar, Union Minister of State for Cooperation Shri Murlidhar Mohol, and many other dignitaries were present.



Shri Amit Shah said that the sudden demise of 'Dada' Ajit Pawar is an irreparable loss for Maharashtra, especially for the Pune, Baramati and Pimpri-Chinchwad regions. The vacuum created by his sudden demise cannot be filled by any single individual. He said that this is such a huge loss for the entire Maharashtra that it cannot be compensated. Shri Shah said that the passing of Ajit Pawar is a personal loss for him. He added that he was a

good friend of his. Shri Shah said that with his departure, we have lost a people's leader who possessed a deep vision for development and had long experience and a clear vision in the fields of Panchayati Raj, cooperation, agriculture and modern urban development.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that Ajit Pawar's personality was so vibrant and positive that the moment one closes one's eyes, it feels as if 'Dada' is still standing in front of us. He was never seen without a smile. An always cheerful face, positive thinking, and the ability to turn his ideas into reality — such rare qualities have been bestowed by God on very few people. Shri Shah said that Ajit Pawar was straightforward. If something could be done, he would say 'yes', and if it could not, he would say 'no'. In the most difficult and decisive political negotiations, 'Dada' always appeared clear and forthright. His answer was either 'yes' or 'no'. Very few people possess such courage.



Shri Amit Shah said that Ajit Pawar started his career from Baramati and rose to the highest leadership of Maharashtra. He was a leader who remained connected to the grassroots even after reaching the topmost position. Shri Shah said that 'Dada' used to speak to him with great authority, and this is possible only when there is a very deep affection in the heart.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that Ajit Pawar dedicated his entire life to the cooperative sector and accomplished a great deal of work in it. He said that 'Dada' had such a keen sense of work that he knew very well what was important and what needed to be emphasized.



Shri Amit Shah said that during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, when he used to speak to state governments on a daily basis, Ajit Pawar Ji would be available at the Secretariat from 7 a.m. He would immediately answer phone calls and ensure that prompt action was taken by noon to address the requirements for oxygen and other essential arrangements. He further recalled that the situation at the time was such that stepping outside carried a serious risk of contracting COVID-19. Despite this, Ajit Pawar Ji remained present in his office and led relief efforts on behalf of the entire state government. Shri Shah said that this was truly remarkable.

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah said that whether it is milk cooperative federation, PACS, sugar factories, urban cooperative banks or district cooperative banks —for an encyclopedia of the problems of every cooperative sector, only name emerges, and that is Ajit Pawar. He said that this is possible only when there is a deep understanding of the importance of the cooperative sector and a genuine attachment towards farmers, villages and poor milk-producing women. He said that the shortcomings, strengths and administration of the cooperative sector cannot be learned from any book. This understanding comes only when someone works in this field from the grassroots to the top. Shri Shah said that Ajit Pawar not only nurtured the cooperative sector of Maharashtra very well, but also continuously worked hard to take it forward and resolve its difficulties.



Shri Amit Shah said despite being the Deputy Chief Minister, he maintained the habit of staying among the people till the end of his life.

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah said that Ajit Pawar ji was a leader deeply dedicated to his work. God called him back far too soon, and we all mourn his untimely demise. However, the work he accomplished and the work ethic he established—marked by sensitivity towards people's concerns, systematic planning, discipline, and timely execution—will continue to inspire many young politicians in Maharashtra in the years to come.

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