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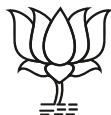
**Highlights of my efforts to serve Malabar Hill
better in the past 5 years.**



Mangal Prabhat Lodha
MLA, Malabar Hill



Inspiration from my role model - Shri Narendrabhai Modi



Dear Friends,

As your representative, I have worked closely with each one of you to understand the problems that affect us and have worked to ensure resolution of these issues. I believe that my first and foremost duty is to ensure that every issue raised by you, however big or small, is attended to in a prompt manner and with the best possible follow-up. Hence, in addition to my main responsibility to ensure that proper laws and legislation are formulated in Maharashtra, I have worked to make a difference in all areas that affect you – be it Education, Business & Employment, Open Spaces, Infrastructure or Healthcare. I present a few highlights of these activities and look forward to your continued support and blessings.

मंगल प्रभात लोढा

Mangal Prabhat Lodha,

MLA, Malabar Hill

We succeeded despite
Congress misrule.
But with the BJP coming to power,
there's so much more we can do.

We have suffered from years of Congress-led misrule in Maharashtra. All development activity had virtually come to a standstill. Business is suffering, jobs have been lost, safety of women and senior citizens is under threat and infrastructure is crumbling. Every new project has ended up costing 3-5 times the original estimate and has taken 2-3 times more to complete than originally forecasted. This is because the main focus of the ruling government has been corruption and nepotism – they have refused to allow Mumbai to progress and have ensured that all development proposals are stalled. In spite of this negative and anti-development attitude, I have worked tirelessly, along with my fellow workers and residents, to ensure that the problems of Malabar Hill are highlighted and acted upon. With Shri Narendra Bhai Modi as Prime Minister and with a new government coming soon in our State (elections will be held in October), I am confident that we can move out of this dark period of Congress misrule and together create a strong and progressive Mumbai. I look forward to serving you in building a world-class Malabar Hill.



LEGISLATION

**I fought for the
right laws.
Because only just
laws can safeguard
our rights.**

Introducing the RTI Act and instilling crucial amendments

I introduced the “Right to Information Act” in 1997 which went on to become a law at the National level. To avoid misuse in 2013, I also proposed an amendment, where the person filing the request for information will have to declare their relationship to the information.



एनिमल वेलफेअर बोर्ड की मांग

मुंबई। केंद्र एवं देश के 20 राज्यों की तरह महाराष्ट्र में भी तत्काल एनिमल वेलफेअर बोर्ड बनाया जाना चाहिए। मलबाराहिल के विधायक मंगलप्रभात लोढा ने विधानसभा में सरकार से यह मांग करते हुए कहा कि प्रदेश में यह बोर्ड बनाने का प्रावधान होने के बावजूद सरकार इसमें बिलंब कर रही है। विधानसभा में विधायक लोढा की इस मांग पर विधानसभा अध्यक्ष दिलीप वलसे पाटिल ने पशुपालन मंत्री मधुकर चव्हाण को निर्देश दिए कि सरकार इस मामले में तत्काल सदन में अपना जवाब पेश करे। विधायक लोढा ने विधानसभा

में कहा कि सरकारी आंकड़ों के हिसाब से पिछले 4 सालों में देश से मांस का निर्यात 44 फीसदी बढ़ गया है। उन्होंने जानकारी दी कि 2008 में देश में कत्लखानों की संख्या 5.57 लाख थी, जो आज आश्चर्यजनक रूप से बढ़कर सिर्फ 5 सालों में 8.05 लाख हो गई है। बीते वर्ष में गोवंश सहित पशुधन के मांस के निर्यात का आंकड़ा 18 हजार करोड़ रुपए को भी पार कर सकता है। विधानसभा में लोढा ने कहा कि महाराष्ट्र में अकाल पड़ले का



कारण भी पशुधन का समाप्त होना ही है। उन्होंने सरकार से मांग की कि प्रदेश में भी शीघ्र एनिमल वेलफेअर बोर्ड बनाया जाना चाहिए, जिससे पशुधन की रक्षा की जा सके। विधानसभा अध्यक्ष के निर्देश पर पशुपालन मंत्री ने एक सप्ताह के भीतर एनिमल वेलफेअर बोर्ड के मामले में सरकार की तरफ से कार्रवाई पर जवाब देने का आश्वासन दिया। विधायक लोढा ने विश्वास जताया कि सरकार इस मामले में कोई सकारात्मक फैसला

Formation of Animal Welfare Board in Maharashtra

The cause of animal welfare has always been close to me. I proposed a bill against cow slaughter. My efforts led to the setting up of the first Animal Welfare Board in Maharashtra to protect cattle.

Stopped Government takeover of Temples

The proposed bill allowed a government panel to control temple management by simple notification. I strongly opposed this act as it violated our constitutional rights to preach, practice and propagate religion though this act. This bill was finally shelved by the government.

From introducing the RTI act, simplifying housing regulation, to fighting the unjust LBT, I used the law as an agent of positive change.

Opposed the unfair Local Body Tax: Mumbai & Maharashtra spared as a result

I participated in various demonstrations against the implementation of LBT across the state, along with trade delegations such as FAM, MSSMA etc and vociferously opposed the same in the Vidhan Sabha. As a result of my

intervention, LBT was not implemented in Mumbai and Maharashtra Government agreed to revoke all the cases filed against traders across 10 police stations in Mumbai during the LBT strike.

Simplifying Regulation for Housing Societies

When the State Government sought to introduce tough provisions in the Co-op Societies Act to curtail the scams in Sugar Cooperatives, I ensured that the Housing Societies were not subjected to the same draconian provisions. As a result, Housing Societies have easier accounting procedures and society registrar does not have a blanket authority over these societies.



INFRASTRUCTURE & OPEN SPACES

**I believe that
as tax paying citizens,
good infrastructure
is our right.**

While we have done a lot, I look forward to creating a world-class Malabar Hill once the BJP becomes part of the State Government in Maharashtra.

Easing traffic congestion by innovatively connecting Siri Road

To ease the traffic congestion in Malabar Hill, I proposed the use of Siri Road from Hanging Gardens to Chowpaty Band Stand for vehicular traffic. After 4 years of intense efforts this has been approved by MCGM and motorists will be able to start using it shortly. Prior to this, the widening of Napean Sea Road was undertaken in partnership with the local Resident's Association.

Railway over-bridge at Marine Drive

Realizing the difficulty of residents, I facilitated the construction of railway overbridge for pedestrians from Opera House to Birla Krida Kendra at Charni Road Station.

Banganga Tank Restoration

Banganga Tank holds a particular significance with respect to our history and culture. I took over the project to restore entire Banganga Tank, to allow people to worship and encourage tourism.



Beautification of Vasantdada Patil Udyan

Over the years, Vasantdada Patil Udyan at Tardeo was made into a dump yard and a taxi stand. Through my initiative, it is being developed and beautified into a park for public use.

Constructing Senior Citizen's Park at Hanging Garden & upgrading Children's Playground at Kamala Nehru Park

Using my MLA fund, I got a new Senior Citizen's Park constructed at Hanging Garden and also had the Children's playground at Kamala Nehru Park upgraded.



Renovation of Chandanwadi and Banganga Cremation Ghats

The places where our loved ones proceed on their final journey were upgraded under my initiative.



Proper redirection of Babulnath Temple holy water

At Babulnath temple, the water that was used to bathe the Shiv-Ling was flowing into the gutter. Keeping in mind the sentiments of devotees, I got a pipeline constructed, taking the holy water directly to the sea.

Civic work and repairs of dilapidated buildings

Using the MLA Fund, I completed various civic and repair works of more than 100 dilapidated buildings.

Reopening of Birla Kreedha Kendra Auditorium, Chowpatty

This hub of culture and arts in Malabar Hill has been lying closed for many years. I have recently arranged for Rs. 1 crore to be allocated for this renovation. The Auditorium will be reopened for public use in 2015.

I have worked for traffic decongestion, construction of over-bridges and parks and upgradation of public spaces.

Pilot Program for installation of Solar & LED lights

To ensure better lighting of our streets and to do so in an environmentally friendly manner, Solar & LED lights have been installed inside Hanging Garden and Silver Oak Estate lane, off Breach Candy. Following successful pilot, this will now be implemented across Malabar Hill.

Honouring our heroes – erecting of Tukaram Omble Statue

Tukaram Omble sacrificed his life during the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks and was honoured with the Ashoka Chakra. I instituted his statue at Girgaum Chowpatty on November 26, 2009.



Paying homage with the statue of Nana Jagannath Sunker Sett

We paid our homage to Sir Nana Jagannath Sunker Sett by completing the beautification and inauguration of his statue, in spite of the issue being ignored by the State government.



Lodha Foundation ambulance service

HEALTHCARE

When it came to your wellbeing I kept a close check.

Making health accessible through Mobile Health Clinics

In my efforts to make health services accessible to the entire community, we operate medical vans across Malabar Hill which acts as a mobile clinic, which cater to about 60,000 patients annually. These vans organise free medical camps for 2 hours each in morning and evening with provision for free medicines and diagnostic tests.

Organising School Health Camps

We organize regular health check-ups for about 15,000 children annually, studying in primary and secondary level in 35 government aided and private schools. We ensure that the schools are also given a copy of the



Mobile health clinic

medical report so that they can follow up with parents to ensure that the recommendations of doctors are being followed.

Nirogi Mahila Abhiyan: free medical check-up for females

'Nirogi Mahila Abhiyan' (Campaign for Disease Free Females) is a free medical check-up camp specifically for females, including adolescent girls, typically living in slums who are affected from poor health but are unable to seek medical help due to socio-economic constraints.



Malaria & Dengue Control

Unhygienic condition such as stagnation of water in drainage system in slums and housing societies provide breeding ground for malaria and dengue. I have initiated the use of Mosquito Fogging Machines for fogging across our area.

Water tank cleaning for safe water

To ensure clean and safe drinking water to prevent water borne disease, I instituted the idea to clean the water tanks in housing societies, schools, colleges and police stations, which benefits more than 500 complexes and cleans more than 4,000 tanks every year.

From cleanliness & prevention to check-ups & free medical facilities - the future is a healthy one.

Generic Medicine Shop

A generic medicine shop has been opened near Central Plaza, Girgaon to provide patients with over 270 types of good quality generic medicine at low cost. The pharmacy shop provides benefits to about 30,000 patients each year.



Pharmacy for low cost medicines



EDUCATION

Unlocking the potential of young Mumbai.

Initiated reopening of Sharda Mandir High School

In my efforts to ensure more schools in the Malabar Hill Constituency, I recently initiated the reopening of Sharda Mandir High School, Gamdevi. The school had virtually closed down and now will provide over 1000 new school seats of SSC/ICSE medium at reasonable fees.

Prevented New Era School from being shut down

The New Era School on Pedder Road was being closed down. I sat on a hunger strike outside the school for over 9 days, till the time the decision was retracted by the state government.

Instituted Scholarship Programme for weaker sections

Through the Lodha Foundation, a scholarship programme has been instituted with the aim to provide financial support to meritorious students, from economically weaker sections of society. These scholarships have enabled over 5,000 students to attend school over the 5 years since the inception of the program.



English Speaking Classes for adults

In today's corporate world, the importance of being able to communicate in English opens up tremendous opportunities. We conceptualized a programme to improve the English Speaking competency, which is helping over 500 individuals annually, especially young adults and housewives who did not get the opportunity to learn the language at school.



Students during personality building training

Career Guidance Camps

In collaboration with various schools and colleges, we organize career guidance camps, reaching out to over 7,000 students per year to ensure students get detailed information on their career planning and counselling.

Promoting Girls Education

In order to create an environment where women can make independent decisions on their personal development as well as shine as equals in society, education of girls holds high value for me. We promote Girls' Education by sponsoring the education of girls from secondary to undergraduate level by identifying girls who have dropped out of education system and enrol them into an Open University course.



Mobile Library to bring books to the people

The concept of mobile library emerged to meet the need of people who cannot go to library located far from their residence. Each mobile van library goes around the area and stops at 48 different locations during the week and caters to over 4,000 people.



Internet, Computer, Smart Phone Training



In order to transform India digitally by enabling people to use technology to better communicate and educate themselves, trainings have been conducted for over 7,000 citizens (over 40 years of age) in our area to enable them to learn to operate internet, computer, smartphone etc. and ensure that they are not left out of the technology revolution.

Study Centre for Students from Low Income Group

I have developed a study centre in Khetwadi for students from lower income groups who do not have an appropriate place in their homes to study. The centre is open from 8am-10pm every day, and houses over 2000 educational books.

New schools, revival of old ones and vital educational assistance are provided. An educated generation will raise the standards of our nation.

Distributed Educational Materials

We distribute academic books, school bags and notebooks to over 3,000 students of government aided schools and private schools of Malabar Hill every year.



EMPLOYMENT

Providing Training,
self-help
and careers.
Because every
hard-working
citizen deserves
an opportunity.

Formed Self Help Group for women

Over 212 Self-Help Groups consisting of over 2,000 women have been formed by mobilising women to inculcate the habit of saving, engage them in micro-entrepreneurial work to help them financially and involve themselves in social initiatives.



Employment Linkage Programme to prepare young talent

Employment linkage programme helps the youth in the age group of 18-35 years to prepare for interviews, resume building and guidance to seek employment. We assist over 1,000 youngsters each year.

Vocational Training for women

Vocational training programmes for women aim to promote employment opportunity to make them self-reliant through self-employment. The programme provides training on making soft toys, imitation jewellery,

I believe that the less fortunate should not have to suffer for lack of training. These programs ensure every person gains the chance to earn a livelihood.

beautician and Mehendi designing to over 1,200 women yearly.

Computer & mobile repair training

We run 4 computer training centres that provide vocational training in computer hardware and mobile repairing to generate self-employment. There is an increasing demand for these courses considering the everyday increase in the use of computers and smartphones.





Paying tribute to our martyrs with
Shri Narendrabhai Modi & Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar

NATIONAL EVENTS

Creating an atmosphere of one India, neighbourhood by neighbourhood.

Shreshta Bharat: a tribute to the Indian Defence Forces

We conceptualized 'Shreshta Bharat' Day on January 27, 2014 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the patriotic song 'Ae mere watan ke logon', as a tribute to the Indian Defence Forces. Over 100 gallantry award winners were honoured by Shri Narendra Modi on the day, in front of 1,50,000 people. Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar was personally present to celebrate the Golden jubilee of her famous song.



Malabar Hill Mahotsav: when a community comes alive

We promote sports, culture and arts in our constituency by organising the Malabar Hill Mahotsav every year. Over 10,000 community members participate in various activities each year.

Mumbai Ganesh Festival

We have been organizing one of Mumbai's most popular and most awarded Ganesh Mahotsav at Gilder Lane in Grant Road. This celebration combines workmanship of Lord Ganesha with exhibits which promote patriotism and nationalism and expose youngsters to our great culture and history.

Over the years what started as small events, like the Malabar Hill Mahotsav, have grown into iconic

Organising Flag Hosting Ceremony

Pride in our nation is close to my heart. We work to instil the feeling of unity and patriotism by organising flag hosting at over 2,000 housing societies on Republic Day and Independence Day.

"If Mumbai does well, Malabar Hill will do great."

MLA Mangal Prabhat Lodha of the Malabar Hill constituency shares an open letter with Mumbaikars

Dear Mumbaikars,

The Malabar Hill constituency has been very close to my heart—I have lived here for almost 30 years and the constituency is home to a large number of my family, friends and well-wishers—what I call my Malabar Hill family. I am really grateful to the citizens of the constituency for supporting me in every endeavour and hope to continue serving them in the best possible manner.

I believe that the first duty of a public representative is to be available for his constituents. Not only has my mobile number remained the same for the last 30 years but I am proud to say that I

have always stood by my constituents, whatever be the occasion and whenever there's a need. I begin each morning by meeting citizens at my residence to hear (directly from them)



about what we can do to make Malabar Hill a better place. After personally following up with the concerned authorities on actions to be taken, I monitor each task with equal attention. 'Hamesha Aadate Saath' is my philosophy and I have tried to deliver on this promise in every possible way.

My aim is to make Mumbai one of the world's most thriving cities—if Mumbai does well, Malabar Hill will do great. Mumbai continues to remain the commercial capital of the country but I believe that we need to do a lot more to create jobs, encourage businesses and improve the quality of life. The neglect of Mumbai by the State Government needs to be addressed and I am sure that with the advent of the new Central Government led by Shri Narendra Modi and a new government coming to Maharashtra soon, Mumbai's future is not only good but great.

Just as I was the first one to propose the revolutionary Right to Information Act (presented as a Private Member's Bill in late 2005 by me), I am constantly pushing for policies and actions that will benefit the city. So, when I write to you today, it is not about what I have already done for the constituency but about my immediate plans for this great city that we call home.

My immediate plan to transform Mumbai



- Making Mumbai the best place to conduct business in India, through measures like the repeal of octroi and the abolishment of the excess license culture. This will stimulate creation and income growth.
- Building a new link road that will connect Nandam Point to Worli, within five years. This will decongest Malabar Hill's roads and reduce travel time.
- Ensuring at least five new KSE/SSC schools in the Malabar Hill constituency, using the premises of disused or under-utilised municipal schools. In all, 10,000 new school seats with preference for local residents.
- Improving public security especially for senior citizens, women and children, through enhanced lighting of all public spaces, facilitation of streetwatch help mobilisation and a response for emergency response.
- Focused effort on making all open spaces in our area better-maintained, better-managed and accessible to all residents.
- Prioritising environmental issues to make Malabar Hill a better place for future generations. It will be a community-led programme with features that range from solar street lighting to increased tree plantation and waste recycling.
- Ensure that all residents of consent buildings in Malabar Hill get new houses on an ownership basis through re-development within the next 10 years and through the reform of the present regulations.

Connect and converse directly with MLA Lodha through Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MP.Lodha> and Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/MP.Lodha>

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

**I believe the
job of an MLA is
performing
beyond the
role of an MLA.**

Helpline Number – 1278: making the system accountable

I have established a 24x7 helpline for Malabar Hill area constituents, which aides them to registers civic complaints to make the administrative system more responsive and accountable. We follow up on these issues with various government agencies ensuring that citizens don't have to run around.



Civic Support for important identity cards

We aide citizens procure their Aadhar Card, Pan Card, Senior Citizen Card and Ration Card through our volunteer network. Every year more than 25,000 constituents of Malabar Hill are benefitted from this initiative.



Grain support to women

We support women, especially widows and destitute, aged between 45-65, with no family support or source of income, with a monthly ration of wheat, rice, pulses, edible oil, tea powder, sugar, salt for a period of 3 years per person.

Relief Work at Ambedkar Nagar Slum

I have been proactive in undertaking relief work in urban and rural areas. During the November 2013, the fire at Ambedkar Nagar slum, destroyed about 500 homes and affected the lives of 2,500 individuals. We planned an intervention to support the affected families by supplying them with health care facilities and food provisions immediately.

Aid for drought-affected areas of Maharashtra

In 2013, Maharashtra faced one of its severest droughts – we worked in rural Maharashtra to provide drinking water and construct water storage dams, ensuring that Mumbai shows that it cares for the rest of Maharashtra.

Antim Yatra Vehicle

Since there is a shortage of hearse vans in our area, we operate free-of-cost hearse vans for the antim yatra to the cremation grounds.

Self Defence Classes for women

In view the rising crimes against women, self-defence classes are organized for girls and women for the age group of 18-30.



Organising religious pilgrimages

We organise pilgrimages by bus and train to various places of worship to enable our area's residents to fulfil their spiritual wishes.



New places of worship: with facilities for pilgrims

We have started two places of worship – Shri Sai Dham on Nasik Highway near Thane and Lodha Dham on Ahmedabad Highway near

Mira Road to spread our great culture and religion and provide facilities for worshippers.

Safety for women, 24x7 helpline, aid relief, and grain support. Things that others might have overlooked but I deemed a priority.

**This time we can
dream bigger.
And more
importantly,
we can
make it happen.
Let us transform
Malabar hill.**

With the BJP soon coming to power in Maharashtra, I will have the opportunity to take Malabar Hill to the level that it deserves to be. I seek your support and blessings and request you, your family members and friends to give me their support in large numbers and enabling me to fulfil my mission of transforming Malabar Hill into a world class neighbourhood in the coming 5 years.

Jai Hind.

Mangal Prabhat Lodha,
MLA – Malabar Hill

Bolta nahin, karta hoon.

My 7-point plan to transform our city.

Business & Jobs - On Independence Day, Narendrabhai Modi promised to promote production of 'Made in India' goods. This is a great opportunity for India's business capital, Mumbai – a one point tax system, removal of Octroi and abolishing the excess licenses culture will ensure Mumbai becomes the best place to do business in India. This will also ensure job creation and income growth for Mumbaikars.

Connectivity - New roads including a link road that will connect Nariman Point to Worli and further link it to the Eastern Express Highway, within 5 years. This will decongest South Mumbai's roads and reduce travel time. As a start, Siri Road from Hanging Garden to Babulnath has been approved by MCGM after my follow-up for 4 years.

Education - Ensuring at least 5 new ICSE/SSC schools in the Malabar Hill constituency by restarting of closed/underused Municipal school - Creating at least 10,000 new school seats with preference for local residents and controlled seats. We have already started with Sharda Mandir School, Gamdevi.

Security - Improving public security, especially for senior citizens, women and children, through enhanced lighting of public spaces, domestic help verification, and a helpline for emergency response.

Open Spaces - Focused effort on making open spaces in our area equipped to international standards, well managed, and open to all residents. Olympic standard swimming pools to be constructed at Priyadarshini Park & Mumbai Central Park.

Environment - Prioritising environmental issues to make Malabar Hill a better place for future generations. The community led program will vary from solar street lighting to increased tree plantation and waste recycling.

Housing - Ensure that all residents of cessed buildings & old societies (> 30 years old) get new homes by redevelopment, within the next 10 years, through reform of the present regulations.

**If Mumbai does well,
Malabar Hill will do great things.**



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