



# Key Attendee

## MR. JEETENDRA PARDESHI



SUPERINTENDENT OF  
GARDENS AND TREE (BMC)

**Mr. Jeetendra Vitthalsingh Pardeshi** is the influential Superintendent of Gardens and Tree Officer at the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), a post he has held since 2015. With an M.Sc. in Agriculture and decades of experience since joining the MCGM in 1999, he is a leading force in urban environmental management. His role involves conceptualizing and initiating projects to increase Mumbai's green cover, improve biodiversity, and enhance the city's aesthetic appeal.

Under his leadership, the BMC's Garden Department has pioneered several innovative projects to tackle the challenges of a dense urban environment. Key initiatives include the Miyawaki plantation method, resulting in approximately 5 lakh newly planted trees across Mumbai, and Vertical Gardening to transform underutilized spaces, such as areas beneath flyovers. He also introduced Percolation Pits to combat water logging and boost groundwater, a work that was recognized by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, alongside programs like the Vruksha Sanjeevani Abhiyan for tree rejuvenation.

Shri. Pardeshi's contribution to sustainable urban greening has earned him significant national and international accolades. Notably, his efforts led to Mumbai being recognized as a "Tree City of the World" for three consecutive years (2021, 2022, 2023) by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He is a recipient of awards like the Global Urban Conservation Champion Award 2023 and the Earth Care Award, and his expertise is published in prestigious international magazines such as ARB and Arborist.News.