



The future of Mumbai

Milind Deora's victory for a second term in a row has silenced all his critics. In a candid discussion, Mr. Deora spoke to us about the Maharashtra elections, the MNS, changes since 26/11 and of his message for the youth. He is our voice in the capital and Mumbai is extremely proud of this young, dynamic leader. We discuss with him his plans for the future.

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Sir, after graduating from prestigious institutions such as Boston University. What inspired you to get into politics? When I graduated from school went to college, studied abroad and worked abroad for a year and when I came back in 2000 I basically took up jobs in various private sector companies. I guess for me the greatest motivating factor then and even today is that a lot of my peers, people who studied in Cathedral for example went abroad to study and worked abroad, I think to a large extent there is a huge disconnect between what is happening in India and what they are doing to give an example a lot of my friends from school are bankers, consultants who are working abroad or joining their family business in India and I think we as a society and especially that section of society tend to overlook poverty and think that this is India, Altamount Road to Marine Drive is what India is. So for me that was the biggest reason why I joined politics as it allows me to connect with an India that does not have as powerful a voice as some other section does and allows me to represent that group.