



FROM 6 STATES TO GOVERNMENTS IN 22 STATES

From Organisation to Government — 1972 to 2001

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1972
Full-Time Pracharak

Became a full-time pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh; served as General Secretary of the Gujarat Lok Sangharsh Samiti during the Emergency (1975–77).

1987 · 1988
In the BJP; Organising General Secretary of Gujarat

Joined the BJP in 1987 and ran the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation election campaign; became Organising General Secretary of the Gujarat BJP in 1988.

1990 · 1991–92
Ram Rath Yatra · Ekta Yatra

Organised the Gujarat leg of Advani ji's Somnath–Ayodhya Ram Rath Yatra and played a role in organising Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi's Kanyakumari–Srinagar Ekta Yatra.

1995
National Secretary of the BJP

Became National Secretary of the BJP, in charge of five states.

1998–2001
National General Secretary (Organisation)

As National General Secretary (Organisation), shouldered the party's biggest organisational responsibility; on 7 October 2001, took the oath as Chief Minister directly — he was not even an MLA at the time.

24 February 2002
First Election — Rajkot-II
First win in the Rajkot-II by-election by 14,728 votes; this was followed by victories in Maninagar 2002 (75,333), 2007 (87,161) and 2012 (86,373), Vadodara 2014 (5,70,128) and Varanasi 2014 (3,71,784), 2019 (4,79,505) and 2024 (1,52,513), each by the margin of votes shown in brackets.