BRIGADIER SUDHIR SAWANT

Ex-MP & MLC – Convenor, Aam Aadmi Party, Maharashtra

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| Date of Birth | 09-02-1955 | Father | Sitaram Sawant (MLA, 1957–71) |
| Education | M.Sc, P.Sc, LLB |  | Renowned educationist |
| Profession | Politician, Lawyer, Army | Political Party | PWP & JD |

**After April 1991 :**

* Become MP (Rajapur) – 1991-1996. Seat won by Congress after 1952.
* First MP to be elected as Secretary of Parliamentary Party in the First Term.
* Special invitee to the Congress Working Committee (CWC) – 1994-1996.
* Secretary AICC (Independent charge) 1998–1999.
* MLC till 2008

**Military**

* Graduate from Defense Services Staff College.
* Commando Instructor 1982–1984 (3 years)
* Field Service In J&K & Siachen – 1987
* Military Intelligence 1988–1991
* Re-commissioned in Army part time in 1993
* Retired as Brigadier rank in 2014

**Service after 1991**

* Secured Surrender of Terrorist group in 1995 & Raised demand for Surrendered Terrorist in army, Successful absorption of surrendered terrorist in army in 2003, formed an army of 8th battalion i.e. 8000 soldiers and finish terrorism in Kashmir.
* In face of election in 1998 joined Kargil operations - Operation parakram

**Writings**

* Editor of magazine Farmers and Parliament
* Written several articles for newspapers & magazines on Terrorism, Nuclear Warfare, National Security etc.
* Writing a book on Narco Terrorism which includes chapters on Legal provision, Money Laundering, International Co-operation to root out the scourge of drug trafficking and terrorism.
* **NGO’s and Institutions:**
* Founder Chairman – **Forum for Strategic Studies**. Founded a think tank in Delhi which examines National security and internal security issues.
* Founder Chairman –**Krishi Vidyan Kendra**, Cha. Shivaji Maharaj Agriculture College & Business Management College Sindhudurg. Chairman of Agriculture Trust, **SZKP**. Launched movement of direct marketing by farmers – Organized Mango Festival in Mumbai. College first in Maharashtra for last 4 successive years.
* Chairman, **Maharashtra Night High School**, Mumbai (90% S.C. Students) – School is the largest night school in India. Consists of mainly dropouts from slums
* Executive Director – **Farmers Parliamentary Forum, New Delhi**. Founded by late S.K Patil 1965. Represents farmers in Parliament.
* Director – **Ayurvedic College**, Sawantwadi.
* Founder – **Sainik School and Colonels Academy of Adventure** Sports Amboli (Hill Station)
* Founder of **Ex- Servicemen Co-operative Credit Society**, Sindhudurg in 1991, it is the premier society which is graded as class A (15 branches, Rs. 50 crores turn over)
* Founder of the first ever **Sindhudurg Zilla Paryatak (Tourist) Sahakari Sanstha**. First society in India .Took over MTDC resort at Tarkarli converted the loss making Unit into profit.
* Founder Chairman – **Tourism Co-operative Concept** of bringing people together;staying in each others home. Successfully run the first ever facilitation center for passengers at New Delhi IGI airport.
* Founder- **Mumbai Festival and Foundation**

**Foreign Assignments:**

* Regular lectures to various institutions in US & Europe mainly on terrorism, international security, Antidrug movement.
* Interaction with FBI in US, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)US, Customs UK, Police UK.
* Talk to National Defence University - Pentagon.
* U. N. Preparatory Conference on Extension of Non Proliferation Treaty. Represented parliamentarians of the world in the conference. Indian Government was not a party to the treaty hence, the only Indian at the conference.
* Participated in World Population Preparatory Conference at UN New York on behalf of parliamentarians .
* Participated several times on UN Drug Control Program (UNDCP).
* Delegate to Italy political party PDS National convention.
* Led Congress party delegation to China met President Jiang Zemin.
* Collaboration with agriculture university of Madrid with our college.
* Organised and participated in program break the siege of gaza. Took relief to gaza.

**CULTURE – India & Abroad**

* Organised Goa Carnival in 1997. A cultural Festival in Goa.
* Organised Indian Cultural presentation in Chamonix France.
* Organised Indian Cultural Group to include classical and folk artists and crafts in Edinburgh Festival annually from 2000 to date.
* Organised Indian Cultural Group show in Ireland 2001&2002.
* Mango Festival Mumbai annually from 2002 to date.
* Organised Mumbai Festival From January 2004 an annual event.

**Corporate And Others :**

* Convener – High powered Government Committee on Narco terrorism Govt of India 1993-1997
* Murari Committee on Fisheries.
* Many committees in Maharashtra dealing with Home, Agriculture, Education etc.
* Now Member, Regional Committee ICCR.
* Chairman, Sawant Dynamics Pvt Ltd (Consultancy Company)
* Director, INSPA, Company in Madrid.