

Anna Hazare profile



■ **1937:** Born in village of Ralegan Siddhi, in Indian state of Maharashtra

■ **1975-1980s:** After army service, returns to native village, lifting it out of grinding poverty so successfully that state government replicates model across Maharashtra

■ **1991:** Launches first campaign against corruption

■ **1997:** Uses hunger strike to push Maharashtra government to enact Right to Information law – precursor to national law enacted in 2005

■ **2003:** Forces Congress-NCP state government to set up investigation against four ministers

■ **Apr 2011:** Ends three-day fast after Delhi agrees to introduce bill creating ombudsman with powers to investigate and punish corrupt officials

■ **Aug 16:** Detained hours before beginning indefinite hunger strike in protest against proposed legislation he condemns as toothless. Up to 1,300 supporters also arrested