

Bhoomipujan of Metro-5 and Metro-9 corridors
We promise 275-km Metro network by 2024, says Prime Minister
Chief Minister announces
Dombivli-Taloja and Mira Bhayandar-Virar Metro corridors

Mumbai, December 18, 2018 – “We promise to bring more than 275-km long Metro network for you by 2024”, said Mr.Narendra Modi, Hon. Prime Minister of India receiving thunderous applause from the five thousand strong crowd. “It’s the urban mobility and the travelling comfort that builds cities and in turn countries. Our thrust,therefore, will revolve around cities such as Mumbai which is also the financial capital of our nation”, emphasised the Prime Minister.



The Prime Minister initially won the hearts of the thousands present by paying tributes to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar, Mahatma Phule, Shahu Maharaj, Dnyaneshwar Maharaj, Tukaram Maharaj, Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Swatanrya Veer Sawarkar in Marathi and appreciated the spirit with which Thane and Mumbaikars live life and said, everyone carries a dream in his or her eyes and we want to fulfil those dreams. He also affectionately said that one finds entire India and varied cultures in these cities and, therefore, the focus of the administrators must remain on developing infrastructure facilities. “Urban mobility is the key to developing cities and its pertinent to note that the top ten developing cities in world, as far as transportation development is concerned, are from India. Our vision is to first remove congestion and thereafter provide speedy, comfortable and safe Metro network. The two new Metro projects – Thane-Bhiwandi-Kalyan Metro-5 and Dahisar (East) to Mira-Bhayandar Metro-9 corridor – are the very part of our vision. The city of Mumbai and its metropolitan region will have 35-km long Metro network in the next

three years and I reiterate that you will have more than 275-km long Metro network by 2024”, Prime Minister concluded receiving roaring response.

Mr.Devendra Fadnavis spontaneously announced two Metro corridors – Dombivli to Taloja and Mira Bhayandar to Virar Metro corridors responding to the demand by Mr. Ravindra Chavan, Minister of State for Medical Education and Information and Technology while welcoming the Prime Minister and other dignitaries. “Our’s has always been a 360-degree approach towards urban mobility – Metro, Mono, Bus, Water transport and Railways. Through Urban Transportation Authority we promise you a single-ticket journey from anywhere-to-anywhere within an hour. If we have emphasised on Metro network in Mumbai, we have introduced the same in Pune, Nagpur and very soon Nasik will be our focus area. The State is investing more than Rs.1.25 lakh in the environment friendly Metro network only in the city of Mumbai and its metropolitan region”, said Mr.Fadnavis.



Mr.Fadnavis further mentioned the 60% progress achieved by the Dahisar to DN Nagar Metro-2A and Andheri (East) to Dahisar (East) Metro-7 corridors and that at present along with these two, three more Metro corridors – DN Nagar to Mankhurd Metro 2-B, Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 and Wadala-Ghatkopar-Kasarvadavali Metro-4 – are being constructed on a war footing.

During the event Prime Minister was felicitated by Mr.Fadnavis, also Chairman of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), with a piece of Warli Painting which is the local flavour.

Also present on the occasion were Mr.Ch.Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra; Mr.Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister of State for Housing; Mr.Ramdas Athawale, Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr.Vinod Tawde, Minister for Higher Education and Dr.Ranjit Patil, Minister of State for Urban Development among other Mayors, MPs and MLAs. Mr.R.A.Rajeev, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA; Mr.Lokesh Chandra, VC/MD, CIDCO; Mr.Pravin Darade, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA and other senior bureaucrats.