

1.6-km long Elevated Connector from BKC to EEH
6 girders launched when Mumbai was sleeping
Mumbaikars will drive through by July end

Mumbai, [March 19](#), 2019 – A team of a hundred people; which included 21 engineers, 2 railway officials and 80 workers, launched 6 major girders – weighing 80 tonnes each – for the much awaited 1.6-km long 4-lane elevated connector from Bandra-Kurla Complex to Eastern Express Highway. The heavy-duty activity took place in the wee hours of Sunday, Monday and Tuesday during the different blocks allotted by the Railways. This will help the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority construct bridge across Mithi River and Rail Over Bridge on Central Railway near Sion Station and another Rail Over Bridge on Harbour Railway near Chunabhatti Station.



The 53-meter long girders were launched in three operations each comprising two girders at a time with the help of TEREX-DEMAG Crawler Crane of 600 MTonnes capacity. While the first two girders were launched between 1.06 am and 1.34 am on Sunday, the next two girders were launched between 2 am and 2.46 am on Monday. The remaining set of two girders was launched between 2.22 am and 3.18 am on Tuesday.



“This was a very complex task. But I must admit, a great team work was put up by MMRDA, Railways and Contractors to showcase progress on the project of this magnitude. The team showed total commitment to the job”, said Mr.R.A.Rajeev, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA. “The Rs.155-crore Elevated Connector from BKC to EEH is expected to decongest traffic in Sion-Dharavi area, reduce journey by 3 k.m. and travel time by 30 minutes, in turn, helping environment”, concluded Mr.Rajeev.

The launching operations were carried out under the supervision of the Consultants recommended by Railways, M/s RITES Ltd. and Railway officials within the blocks allotted by Railways.

