

**Foundation stones laying for 3 Metro Lines and Metro Bhavan;
Inauguration of First Metro Coach and Bandongri Metro Station
And release of Brand Vision Document for Maha Mumbai Metro**

“Let’s work for our kids” says Prime Minister

Mumbai, September 7, 2019 – “Let’s work for our kids. Let’s give them better life and not make suffer the way our generation has”, said Mr. Narendra Modi and he won the hearts of the crowd that assembled in the Convention Center in the Bandra-Kurla Complex [today](#). The Prime Minister also was cheered as he attributed the Shiv Sena Party President Mr.Uddhav Thackeray, as his, “Lahaan Bhau” (younger brother).

“In the last five years India has constructed about 400-km of Metro network and we are constructing about 850-km of Metro network at present. It is our effort to make sure that the next generation enjoys a better and comfortable commute. We are aiming at a holistic development and are inspired by Mumbai’s never-say-die attitude”, said Mr.Modi. He also complimented Maharashtra Chief Minister Mr.Devendra Fadnavis for speeding up the Metro work in the city. “I am also proud of the fact that now the Metro coaches are manufactured in India itself under the “Make-in-India” initiative which is creating jobs for the direct and indirect sectors. We have also given one of the biggest orders to BEML”, said Mr.Modi after inaugurating the first Metro Coach at the MMRDA grounds. The Coach will remain for exhibition at the same place for a few days.

“We will have constructed, at least, 120-km of Metro work by 2021-22 and another 85-km of Metro work by 2024-25. This is our priority as Metro is a green transport. It is also notable that the construction of Metro network also has already afforded employment to 10 thousand engineers and 40 thousand skilled and unskilled workers”, announced Mr.Fadnavis. “in 2024-25 more than one crore commuters will travel by Metro and all will be equipped with one Smart Card that can be used in Metro, Mono, Buses and water transport”, Mr. Fadnavis said further.

Mr.Fadnavis further elaborated on the Metro Bhavan which will house Operation and Control Center for all the Metro lines running in the city and its metropolitan region. “Our goal is to achieve zero-failure target; and the ambition is to reach from anywhere to anywhere in minutes”, concluded Mr.Fadnavis.

Union Minister for Railways, Commerce and Industries Shri. Piyush Goyal and Shiv Sena Party President Mr.Uddhav Thackeray, both, thanked the Prime Minister for providing so many infrastructure projects to the city of Mumbai. Mr. Thackeray also complimented the Chief Minister for starting electric bus service between cities.

While Mr.R.A.Rajeev, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA, welcomed the Prime Minister; Dr.Sonia Sethi and Mr.Sanjay Khandare, both Additional Commissioners, MMRDA, presented the Prime Minister, Chief Minister and Mr.Bhagat Singh Koshyari, Maharashtra's new Governor with the Brand Vision Document for Maha Mumbai Metro.

While the Prime Minister digitally performed Bhoomipujan and Inauguration ceremonies and released the Brand Vision Document of Maha Mumbai Metro present were Ministers Mr.Ashish Shelar, Smt.Vidya Thakur, Mr.Ravindra Waikar, Mr.Ravindra Chavan, Mr.Yogesh Sagar, Mr.Avinash Mahatekar; MPs Mr.Gopal Shetty, Smt.Poonam Mahajan, Mr.Shrirang Barne, Mr.Shikant Shinde and Mr.Rahul Shewale.

