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Bhoomipujan for two Metro corridors, Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, MUPT-3, flyovers at Kalanagar Junction and Kurla-Vakola elevated Road performed

Mumbai, December 24, 2016 – “Development is the only way we can ensure future of young generations”, emphasized Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi while performing digital Bhoomipujan for the two Metro corridors, 22-km Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, MUTP-3, 2-km flyovers at Kalanagar and 5-km long Kurla-Vakola elevated road.



The State Government has been implementing Metro Rail projects across the city of Mumbai and its metropolitan Region and has recently approved two more metro projects –The 23.5-km DN Nagar to Mankhurd Metro-2B corridor and the 32-km Wadala-Ghatkopar-Mulund-Thane-Kasarvadavali Metro-4 corridor.

Besides the two corridors the State is also implementing 18.5-km Dahisar-West to DN Nagar Metro-2A corridor, 33.5-km Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor and 16.5-km Dahisar-East to Andheri-East Metro-7 corridor. These Metro corridors are aimed at reducing overcrowding in suburban trains and relieving the city of its vehicular traffic woes.

“The five corridors will dot areas right from Dahisar to Bandra (West) to BKC to Mankhurd and Thane connecting eastern and western areas such as Andheri (East and West), Ghatkopar, Mulund including Wadala. More importantly, more than five million (50 lakh) commuters will board – every day – Metro network from the 114 stations that will be constructed on this 125-km Metro network. The network will be inter-connected with each other as also provide interchanges at Mono corridor and suburban rail system”, said Chief Minister Mr. Devendra Fadnavis.



“The heartening part of the implementation of this five-corridor Metro network is the number of jobs that it will create. The network will create more than 50 thousand jobs in skilled and unskilled sector. The cost of constructing this 125-km Metro network is pegged at Rs. 61,289/- crore”, said Mr. UPS Madan, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA.

“Metro rail network spells out Commuter Comfort on various fronts”, explained Mr. Pravin Darade, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA. “Congestion in each suburban rail compartment will be reduced by 35-40%, 7 people will get a square meter of space as compared to 12 today. Reduction in congestion will reduce the number of accidents significantly; vehicular traffic on roads will be reduced by 35-40%; travel time will be reduced by 30-50 minutes, on an average depending on route and there will be notable reduction in noise and air pollution. More significantly, about 10L liters of fuel will be saved every day”, concluded Mr. Darade

“The 6-lane and 22-km long crucial Mumbai Trans Harbour Link project will establish connectivity between South Mumbai and main land and will help develop main land and parts of Raigad District”, said Mr. Fadnavis. The Chief Minister also profusely thanked the Prime Minister, environment Ministry and Railway Minister Mr. Suresh Prabhu for joining hands with the State Government for providing better rail network to Mumbai.

“This link will connect southern Mumbai with the main land and pave way for the easy connectivity to Panvel, Pune and further down towards southern India”, said Mr. Sanjay Khandare, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA.

The State Government, during the ceremony, also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Railway Ministry for implementing MUTP-3 which will provide various facilities such as construction of 96-km double line suburban corridors, provide additional 47 new EMU rakes, 300 additional suburban services, decongest Thane station etc. during the next five years.

The two flyovers at Kalanagar Junction, Bandra – one leading towards Sea Link and the other approaching Bandra-Kurla Complex are expected to provide seamless connectivity to the Complex as also to reduce traffic congestion in the Complex.

The 5-km long Kurla-Vakola Elevated Road – an extension to Santacruz-Chembur Link Road – will not only provide better connectivity to the Bandra-Kurla Complex but also will decongest traffic in the area.