

'Third Mumbai' To Take Birth: New City To Be Linked by Trans Harbour Link

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Mumbai: Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, and now, strategically addressing the expanding demands of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), the state government has authorized a plan to create a new metropolis known as the 'Third Mumbai.' The goal of this ambitious project is to cater to the growing population of the area with improved housing, transportation options, and infrastructure.

The planned metropolis would be heavily connected to Mumbai via the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sewri-Nhava Sheva Atal Setu, sometimes referred to as the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL), and will be centred around the future Navi Mumbai International Airport.

Officials from the government attest that the plan was approved last week, as per HT reports. With the creation of the New Town Development Authority (NTDA), the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) is anticipated to take the lead in transforming the outer reaches of MMR. The NTDA will span a large area of 323 sq. kilometers, including portions of Ulwe, Pen, Panvel, Uran, Karjat, and adjacent areas.

What Will Be The 'Third Mumbai'?

It is envisaged that 'Third Mumbai' will be a sophisticated metropolis with a wide range of facilities, such as luxurious and reasonably priced residential areas, business buildings, data centers, hubs for multinational corporations (MNCs), banks, financial institutions, and big knowledge parks. The establishment of a strong public transit network will also be given top priority by the city.

But Why?

The proposal from the city seeks to boost the economy and make a major GDP contribution to the nation. The construction of a second Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) in Kharghar is one of the plans. It will occupy over 150 hectares and be mostly commercial in nature, luring MNCs and Indian businesses alike.

The envisioned 'Third Mumbai' is a key component of the economic masterplan that the MMRDA and NITI Aayog are jointly working on to increase Mumbai's GDP from USD 140 billion to USD 300 billion by 2030.

Transportation Developments:

With a projected 1per cent increase, the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link (MTHL) and Navi Mumbai International Airport are expected to have a major impact on India's GDP. When the MTHL opens in December of next year, it will improve regional connectivity and relieve some of the strain on Mumbai Airport.

'Third Mumbai' Challenges and Opportunities:

Developers worry that high building costs in places like Naina may overshadow cheap housing prospects, even as they highlight the need for emerging economic and commercial hubs surrounding Mumbai.

A new suburban rail corridor between Panvel and Karjat is being developed to boost public transportation. This will address the demand for better connectivity and stimulate development in Panvel, Karjat, Naina, and the projected NTDA.

Towards a Sustainable Future: In order to alleviate traffic and improve general quality of life, it is imperative that efforts concentrate on the comprehensive development of the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.