

PM LAYS FOUNDATION STONE, INAUGURATES AND DEDICATES TO THE NATION MULTIPLE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES WORTH AROUND RS 38,800 CRORES IN MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA

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The Prime Minister stressed the role of cities in the creation of Viksit Bharat. He said that during the Amrit Kaal, many cities of Maharashtra will drive India's growth. 'That is why preparing Mumbai for the future is one of the key priorities of the double-engine government' he said. Shri Modi gave the example of the Metro in Mumbai and said that in 2014 Mumbai had 10-11 Km long Metro route, with double engine government Metro got a new speed and scale as Mumbai is rapidly moving towards a 300 km Metro network.

The Prime Minister informed that work in mission mode is being carried out across the country for the advancement of Indian Railways and Mumbai Metro and local trains are also benefiting from this. He noted that the Double Engine Government strives to give an experience to the general public of the same advanced services, cleanliness and speed of traveling that were only within the reach of the people who had resources. As a result, the Prime Minister said, the railway stations of today are being developed like airports, and one of the oldest railway stations

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The Prime Minister informed that the city of Mumbai will get a facelift in the years to come with the technological advancements of Mumbai Local, expansion of the Metro network, Vande Bharat trains and advanced connectivity faster than the bullet train. "From poor labourers and staff to shopkeepers and huge business owners, living in Mumbai will be convenient for everyone", the Prime Minister said. He also informed that traveling to Mumbai from the neighbouring districts will now become easier. The Prime Minister highlighted that projects like Coastal Road, Indu Mills Smarak, Navi Mumbai Airport, France Harbour Link and such projects are giving new strength to Mumbai. He also observed that projects like Dharavi Punarvikas and Old Chaul Developments are getting back on track and congratulated Shri Eknath Shinde and his team for this remarkable achievement. The Prime Minister also touched upon the work taken up today for the improvement of roads in Mumbai and remarked that it showcases the commitment made by the double-engine government.

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