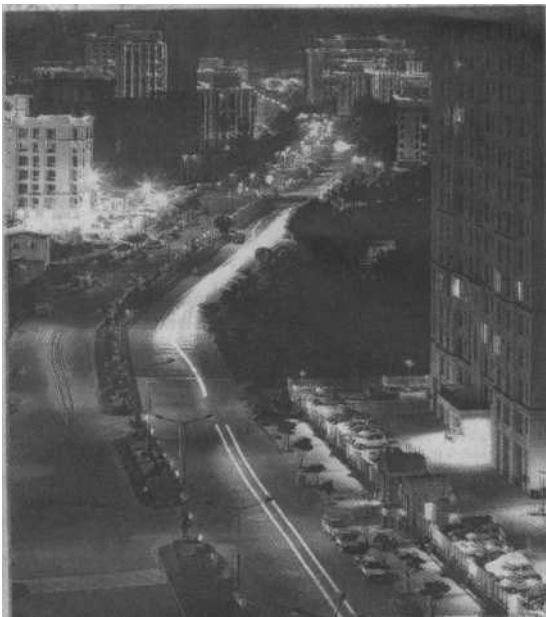


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# Mumbai makeover project status

- Project launched and foundation stone laid for the first corridor of the Mumbai Metro Rail Project (Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar)
- Phase I of the refurbishment of Marine Drive Project launched
- Beautification of Gateway of India initiated.



- 100% funding for the BRIMSTOWAD project approved
- The Government of India released the first instalment of funds under JNURM for the Mumbai Sewerage Disposal Project Phase II.
- The Government of India approved to upgrade KEM Hospital as "A National Centre for Medical Sciences".
- The second International Airport in Navi Mumbai has received an in principle approval.
- Fleet Taxi Scheme launched in October 2006.
- Modernization of the International Airport at Santacruz initiated
- About two thousand pavement dwellers have been rehabilitated under the Mahatma Gandhi Path Kranti Yojna
- Dharavi Redevelopment Plan finalized

- Bandra-Worli Sea Link Project has been expedited and is now expected to be ready by mid-2008.
- Completion of pilot studies on land and housing reforms in Mumbai.
- Draft government resolution for primary education through municipal schools in MMR.
- Mumbai Trans-Harbour Sea-Link has reached the finalisation of tender stage.
- Quadrupling of the Borivali-Virar section under MUDP Phase-I inaugurated in July 2007.
- New Suburban rake inspected at Churchgate on the 28th July 2007.
- MUDP Phase-II has received in principle approval from the Ministry of Railways.
- Mithi River Phase I works successfully completed by 30th June 2006. Phase II works have also been initiated.
- The Finance Minister, in the union budget for 2007 has committed Government of India support to develop Mumbai as an International Finance Centre.
- The Govt. of India has approved 35% funding for the Middle Vaitarna Dam Water Supply Project under JNNURM.

## The Mumbai Makeover is well underway and the initial transformation across the city is already evident

The Mumbai Makeover is not just a dream; it is a reality that is happening here and now. This new reality is what Mumbai-kars have been experiencing over the past three years, each time they zoom across the Jogeshwari Vikhroli Link Road, see the Bandra-Worli Sealink coming up or step into a new, comfortable EMU test rake while commuting to work.

Transforming Mumbai into a world class city and international financial centre has been high on the Democratic Front (DF) government agenda for the last three years. Chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh emphasises, "My government is committed to change the face of Mumbai to make it more liveable. While taking tough decisions on infrastructure I also have to ensure that project affected people (PAP) are rehabilitated in decent homes. Despite certain technical and legal hurdles the administration has been working overtime to fulfil the ambitious target.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has himself declared that he wants to transform Mumbai into Shanghai. While doing so we also keep in mind the prime minister's mantra of inclusive growth with human face. The administration has already rolled out the plans and identified the key areas which require more efforts to change Mumbai into world class city Modernization of Mumbai airport, better transport system,

three star and five star hotels and potholes free, roads are top on priority list.

With multiple agencies at work in Mumbai -BMC, MMRDA, MHADA and Mantralaya - what is more challenging is the perfect coordination between them. Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh has taken the job of ensuring effective coordination on himself to ensure work is not hampered or delayed. In fact, it was state persuasion that resulted in the Centre granting Rs 1200 crore for BRIMSTOWAD project as a special case.

Some of the major decisions taken by the state government for the Mumbai Makeover include the new housing policy, metro rail, skywalk, Borivali Nariman Point waterway and MUTP projects promising faster and better connectivity across the city.

Through its housing policy, the government wants to translate its promise of shelter for all including lower middle class, middle class in Mumbai. Through the redevelopment projects the government has already build homes to accommodate slum dwellers free of cost. This is the first project of its kind in country where slum dwellers are given free accommodation in an expensive city like Mumbai. The housing policy which was drafted in November 2006 was placed at the monsoon session in 2007 for final approval.



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