BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave
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CM: Need to study Brazil model of affordable housing

Mumbai: The city will host the first BRICS Friendship City Conclave, an international summit to discuss and tackle urbanisation issues emerging in the cities of five developing BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) between April 14 and 16.

Announcing the schedule of deliberations at the three-day event, CM Devendra Fadnavis said he had already asked for studying Brazil’s most successful model of affordable housing in order to benefit cities of the state, especially Mumbai region.

BRICS nations are developing or newly industrialised but are distinguished by their large, fast-growing economies and significant influence on regional and global affairs. Since 2009, the BRICS nations have met annually at formal summits and India currently holds the chair of the BRICS group.

Experts from BRICS nations, besides from globally successful cities, will participate at the conclave that will formulate an agenda for cooperation to enhance quality of human life in fast growing urban centres across the five countries. “Cities are characterised by poor service delivery standards and in turn quality of life. The first session will focus on key governance issues, experiences of cities like Shanghai, that have transformed in a decade and leadership and institutional character needed to accelerate the growth,” said the agenda of the summit released by Fadnavis.

Paulo, Hongkong will also be at the centre of discussion.
I don’t mind if IPL matches are moved out: CM

‘Won’t Supply Potable Water For Pitches’

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Mumbai: Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday said he would not mind even if the IPL matches—which begin in Mumbai today—were shifted out of the state but no potable water would be supplied to prepare the pitches. The Wankhede stadium alone would need over 40 lakh litres for watering the ground for its eight matches.

Following the Bombay high court’s criticism—it called wasting water on IPL matches during a drought criminal—there are chances that two or three matches of the Punjab team scheduled in Nagpur may be shifted to Mohali.

“No potable water will be supplied for watering pitches. Water is more important for us than cricket. So, even if the cricket matches are shifted out of Maharashtra, I don’t mind,” the CM told reporters on the sidelines of a press conference to announce a summit of BRICS cities in Mumbai.

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The IPL T20 tournament is set to begin with the first match between Mumbai Indians and Rising Pune Supergiants at Wankhede today. Twenty of the 60 matches, including the final on May 29, are being held in Maharashtra since it is the only state with two teams—Mumbai and Pune.

The HC has allowed the inaugural match but will decide on petitioners’ demand to shift the other matches on April 19. Although the tournament organizers said that water safe for drinking was not being used to water pitches, the court has asked for more information to substantiate this. In some parts, where scarcity of water is particularly egregious, the police has banned groups of people from gathering at reservoirs and tanks to prevent violence after water riots were reported in some villages.

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MUMBAI SET TO HOST BRICS CITIES CONCLAVE THIS MONTH

HT Correspondent

MUMBAI: The financial capital of the country is all set to play host to the three-day BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave. The conclave, which will begin on April 14, will be inaugurated by governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao and attended by Union urban development minister Venkaiah Naidu. More than 76 high-profile delegates from international cities including Cape Town, Johannesburg, Shanghai and Beijing, among others, will attend the conclave.

Governors, city leaders, urban planners, ministers and experts from Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa will discuss issues such as inclusive growth, urban transport, affordable housing, waste management and water supply in the nine sessions spread over three days at Trident in Nariman Point.

In line with the concept of federalism promoted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this conclave will provide a platform of opportunities for cooperation between governments, provinces and people, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis told media persons on Friday.

“Conclaves have helped strengthen sister-city relationships between cities and countries. This conclave will formally allow cities to cooperate and collaborate with each other on many fronts,” said Fadnavis.

“Around 60% of the world’s population resides in urban areas and the urban problems faced by the BRICS countries are more or less alike, even though the extent may differ. Many have found innovative solutions for their problems and I am sure if these solutions are shared, knowledge transferred and cooperation is ensured, we can change cities for the better,” said Fadnavis.

Nartinder Nayer of Mumbai First, an organisation that will be organising this conclave in association with the state government and the Government of India, said this will be second big international event after the Make In India Week organised in February. "It has received an overwhelming response from the member countries," Nayer said.
Delegates to share knowledge, technology, expertise

The BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave, to be held from April 14 to 16, will focus on various issues of urban development such as urban transport, affordable housing, safety and security, smart cities, technology, environment, and building sustainable cities and financing of city infrastructure.

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BRICS conclave begins April 14

MUMBAI: The first ever three-day BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave will begin in Mumbai on April 14, with cities of the BRICS member countries namely Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa participating to leverage each other's strengths and share expertise for addressing urban issues.

As reported in The Hindu (Feb 13, 2016), this initiative brings together city planners, administrators, and experts of BRICS member nations under one umbrella. It is part India's contribution to the emerging nations group as BRICS president for a year. “This conclave will pave the way for dialogue in shaping, renewal and development of urban areas. With growing urbanisation, this will be a great platform to exchange solutions and ideas from cities from across the globe,” said Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday.
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The city is set to host the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016, between April 14 and 16. Delegates from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa are expected to attend it. The three-day event is an initiative of Mumbai First, a think tank, along with the support of the central and state government.

Speaking about the conclave, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said, “BRICS is a forum which will open a new door for urban planning and management where all promising economies, cooperate and collaborate for overall development of the countries. In a federal structure, not only government-to-government but also people-to-people connect is also a must. This forum will allow global cities of BRICS to cooperate and collaborate to share solutions and knowledge on similar urban problems.”

Further, the event will see major participation from China as the country is sending more than 30 delegates including of urban planners, governors and city mayors. There will also be 20 delegates from Russia, six from South Africa and five from Brazil who will discuss the best practices and partnership in offering solutions for urban planning and designing.

Mr Fadnavis also said that today urbanisation was inevitable, and on the one hand one had to work on making rural development sustainable and on the other also plan in a balanced manner for urban areas. Sixty per cent of the state today lives in urban or semi-urban areas and planning and management is a crucial factor for the state.

The state will also host the delegates and will showcase its culture in the form of a cultural event on the evening of April 14. Leaders from cities like Cape Town, Johannesburg, Beijing, Shanghai will also be present with the ambassador of Brazil who will be present for the event via video-conference.

India took the chairmanship of BRICS on February 15 this year from Russia and its tenure will last till December 31, 2016. The ministry of external affairs will also host the eighth BRICS Summit at Goa on October 15 and 16 this year.
Mumbai To Host BRICS Cities Conclave

Mumbai will host the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave from April 14-16, 2016. The event is being organized by Mumbai First, a think tank, along with the active support of the Govt of India and Govt of Maharashtra. The forum has received support from all the partner countries Brazil, Russia (India) China and South Africa. As many as 75 delegates comprising Governors, City Leaders, Urban Planners, Ministers and experts from across these countries will be attending the inauguration and two day conclave. The Governor of Maharashtra C Vidyasagar Rao will preside over the inaugural function in the august presence of Union Urban development Minister Venkaiah Naidu and the Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis. On the occasion, a special book on Urban Challenges called ‘Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities’ will be released. Over 35 experts on this subject from around the world have contributed to this book.
DHARMA FIRST: PROUD CM PUTS BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR CITIES’ MEET

BRICS Cities Conclave

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“Our Sanatan Dharma does not believe in differentiation on the basis of caste or gender. People must understand that,” Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said these lines this afternoon while speaking to reporters at the media interaction following the announcement of the BRICS Cities Conclave in Mumbai, starting 14 April.

Although reporters were asked to refrain from asking off-topic questions, a Marathi-speaking journalist had asked for the CM’s views on the prevailing tension over women being denied entry in Ahmednagar’s Shani Shingnapur temple despite a court order to the contrary on 1 April.

“There’s no point in stationing police at the temple to ensure women are not denied entry. The temple administration and the people need to understand that women have equal rights. The government has made its stand on this clear in the High Court...Our religion does not allow this,” the CM said.

The message on ‘dharma’ delivered to his domestic audience, Fadnavis returned to business as usual, in English. The theme of the three-day conclave being organised and paid for by a think tank called Mumbai First will be Urban Development and Future of Cities in BRICS countries, he said.

A press release from Mumbai First, which aims to “transform Mumbai into a world-class city one of the best places in which to live and do business in”, noted: “This conclave will provide the private sector with a forum to participate in a free and frank dialogue with government and other stakeholders on its participation in areas ranging from water, inclusive growth, urban transport, affordable housing, waste management and the like. The CM said he was proud that the first major event during India’s Presidency of BRICS was happening in Mumbai. “This is a great opportunity for Mumbai, for Maharashtra...participants in the conclave from various cities in Brazil, South Africa, China and Russia will offer real-time solutions for our problems and vice-versa. The conclave will open new doors for urban planning and management,” he assured in English.

Yet, it isn’t as if the “truly international” event is bereft of religious undertones. The inaugural function on 14 April, to be attended by the CM, Governor and other international dignitaries, will have India putting up a religious Ganesh Vadana act whilst all other countries are putting on show secular dance and acrobatic sequences.

Mumbai First CEO Shhirer Joshi insists it’s wrong to read religion into the proceedings. “India is presenting a cultural program; he said via email.”

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announcing the three-day BRICS Cities Conclave 2016 - ckm
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मुंबई : जगभरत महानगरकूल गौरव मानने होते अभूत-अनेक आहारनंतर कसा सामना करता पेटाळ या गूंठेचे पर्यंत कार्यकाळातील १५ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबई ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक आरोग्यता केली असल्याचे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांचे होटल ट्रायबंट पेशील पकात "वर्तमान समयात सर्वत्रीत माण्यता आहे, मदतीला किंवा मदत करून आहे. मुंबई ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक, येथे होणार देशांच्या दृष्टीने नागरिक किंवा प्रशासनाच्या नियोजनात साक्षी दिलेल्या होतांनी आहेत. नागरिक किंवा प्रशासन यांच्यास समस्त प्रशासनी सुविधा अनुभव ते विविधता देताना किंवा विभिन्न विषयांत निवड होतांनी देखील चांगली अनुभवाची संबंधत करून समजून घ्यावा लागेल."

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मुंबई 14 से 16 अप्रैल तक ब्रिक्स प्रेंडशिप सिटीज कॉन्वैलेव की मेजबानी करेगी। इस इवेंट का आयोजन एक धीरे-धीरे मुंबई की जगह कर हो रहा है और इसे भारत सरकार और महागृह सरकार का समर्थन हासिल है। इस फोर्म से ब्राजील, यूएस, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका की सभी भागीदार देशों में अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया मिली है। कॉन्वैलेव के उन विभिन्न हितभारों के बीच सार्थक समावेश को सुरक्षित बनाने के लिए तैयार किया गया है जो शहरों का, सार्वजनिक एवं निजी क्षेत्रों आदि के विकास और बदलाव में भागीदार बने। इन देशों से 75 सदस्य वित्तीय मूल्य इसके उद्धारण के अवसर पर उपस्थित होगा।
मुंबई में ब्रिक्स की 3 दिवसीय बैठक

मुंबई, कासंद्रा, विश्व में पहले विश्व विश्वविद्यालय पर हो रहे शहरीकरण से पैदा हो रही समस्याओं से रेखा निष्पा जाय, इस पर तीन दिवसीय बैठक मुंबई में आयोजित की गयी है। 14 से 16 अप्रैल के बीच होने वाली इस बैठक में ब्रिक्स देशों के प्रतिनिधि भाग लेंगे। इस आयोजन को धीम ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहर बैठक नाम दिया गया है। मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने यह जानकारी दी है।

सीएम ने कहा कि विश्व में शहरीकरण की प्रक्रिया तेजी से हो रही है। 50 प्रतिशत जनता ही शहरों में रहती है, इसलिए शहरीकरण की प्रक्रिया निरंतर चलती रहेगी। इस पर मंडन के लिए यह बैठक आयोजित की गयी है। इस बैठक में आंशिक के 5, रूस के 20, दक्षिण अफ्रीका के 6 और चीन के 30 प्रतिनिधि भाग लेंगे।

शहरों में उच्च कोटि की सुविधा और विकास, प्रशासन की मजबूती, सुरक्षा, यातायात, प्राकृतिक संसाधनों का बचाव और निर्माण की सुविधा कैसे उपलब्ध कराई जाए। इस पर गहन चर्चा होगी। सीएम ने कहा कि मुंबई फर्स्ट संस्था की तरह से यह बैठक आयोजित की जा रही है।

इसकी भारत सरकार और राज्य सरकार का समर्थन प्राप्त है। केंद्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री बेंकेरा नायडू 14 अप्रैल को इस बैठक का उद्घाटन करेंगे। इस बैठक में विश्व के 75 प्रतिनिधि शामिल होंगे।
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Mumbai to host BRICS Conclave from Apr 14-16

PANJIM Mumbai will host the "BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave" from April 14th to April 16th, this year. A think tank, called "Mumbai First" with the support of the central government and the state government of Maharsahtra will organise the event.

All partner countries of BRICS—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa—have supported the event.

Urban development and future of cities in BRICS countries is the theme of three day conclave. The cities of developing countries are facing similar challenges due to rapid urbanization. The conclave provides a platform for leaders from BRICS cities to converge, connect and learn from the experiences of other cities.

A book on urban challenges called "Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities" will be released on the occasion.

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, had stressed on importance of engagement between states, cities and local bodies while addressing a BRICS Summit in Brazil in 2011. This conclave with take forward Prime Minister's vision as it is designed to facilitate meaningful dialogue between various stakeholders who partake in shaping the renewal and development of urban areas— the public and private sectors, civil society, and academia.

The BRICS countries together with few other developing world countries like Mexico, Indonesia, Nigeria and Turkey account for 90% of the world's urban population. These countries are expected to attract substantive capital investment, as infrastructure worth trillions of dollars is built. Top delegates like governors, city leaders, urban planners and ministers from all these countries will be present at the event.

C Vidyasagar Rao, governor of Maharashtra, and Devendra Fadnavis, chief minister of Maharashtra, will be present on April 14th at the event.
Mumbai set to host BRICS Cities Conclave this month

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The city will host the Brics Friendship Cities Conclave from April 14-16. The event is being organised by Mumbai First, a think tank, along with the support of the government of India and the government of Maharashtra. The forum has received support from all Brics countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

The conclave is designed to ease meaningful dialogue between various stakeholders that partake in shaping the renewal and development of urban areas — the public and private sectors, civil society, and academia. As many as 75 delegates comprising governors, city leaders, urban planners, ministers, and experts from across these countries will be attending the inauguration and two-day conclave. The theme of the three-day conclave is Urban Development and Future of Cities in Brics countries. In the midst of urbanization posing a mega challenge for cities across the world, cities from developing countries face a common set of challenges and the conclave provides an outstanding platform for leaders from BRICS cities to converge, connect and learn from the experiences of other cities. The state chief minister Devendra Fadnavis told reporters that the conclave will pave way for dialogue in shaping renewal and development of urban areas. “With growing urbanization, this will be a great platform for deliberation and exchange solutions and ideas from cities across the globe,” he said. The participants will deliberate on the strengthening urban governance, fixing the nerve centre of cities to shift to transit-oriented development, financing city infrastructure, building sustainable cities to improve delivery of urban services, making sustainable and affordable housing a reality and maximizing value through efficient land-use and urban planning.
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BRICS urban development conclave in Mumbai from April 14

Mumbai,
A three-day BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave with the theme ‘Urban Development & Future of Cities in BRICS Countries’, will open here on April 14, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Friday.
The conclave is jointly organised by think tank Mumbai First and the state government, with support from BRICS countries like Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

With urbanisation posing a major challenge for cities globally, cities in developing countries face a common set of challenges and the conference will provide a platform for 75 governors, city leaders, urban planners, ministers and experts from BRICS nations to deliberate and learn from each other’s experiences.

“With increasing urbanisation, this will be a great platform to debate and exchange solutions and ideas from cities around the world,” Fadnavis said.

The topics for discussions will include strengthening urban governance, making BRICS cities inclusive, making cities safe and secure, urban transport, fixing the nerve centre of cities to shift to transit-oriented development, city infrastructure financing, building sustainable cities to improve delivery of urban services, making sustainable and affordable housing a reality and maximizing value through efficient land-use and urban planning, he added.

Fadnavis said the conclave will put into reality the vision and dream outlined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BRICS Summit in Brazil in 2014, focusing on the importance of engagement between states, cities, local bodies and ‘people to people’.

At the BRICS Summit in Russia in 2015, Modi specifically emphasised the importance of close cooperation between the member-nations and included a forum of state-local government governments from among the BRICS countries, and cooperation among cities in urbanisation.

India has taken over the BRICS presidency for one year from February 2016 and the upcoming conclave is the first major activity with Mumbai being the commercial capital of India and best example of development, connectivity, infrastructure, and varied cultures.

To mark the conclave, a special book ‘Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities’ will be released which has contributions on urban challenges from 35 experts around the world.

Union Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu, Maharashtra Governor C.V. Rao, Fadnavis and other dignitaries shall be present at the inauguration on April 14, and Rao will release a special stamp cover on the occasion.

The BRICS countries, along with some of the other developing countries like Mexico, Indonesia, Nigeria and Turkey account for 50 percent of the world’s urban population and are expected to attract substantial capital investment for the infrastructure worth trillions of dollars which will be built. Mumbai First was created in 1995 with the initiative of Bombay Chamber of Commerce & Industry with the participation of Tatas, Godrej, Mahindras, Hindustan Lever, Asian Paints, SBI, ICICI, HDFC and others.
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**Mumbai to host three-day BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave**

Mumbai is all set to host a three-day BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave from April 14-16. Urban planners, policy makers from BRICS countries, along with representatives from various municipal corporations, smart cities and cities under the Amrut Scheme in Maharashtra will participate in the event. This conclave would be first event of this size after India assumed the presidency of BRICS in February 2016. Mumbai First, an organisation involved in progress of the city along with the state government, is organising the conclave. Around 75 delegates from these countries would attend the conclave to yield ideas of development for cities in all the countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Addressing a press conference chief minister Devendra Fadnavis informed that a special book on Urban Challenges named Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities will be released along with release of a special cover by the postal department.
Brics cities conclave in Mumbai

MUMBAI, DHNS: Mumbai, the commercial capital of the country, will host the prestigious Brics Friendship Cities Conclave from April 14-16. The event is being organised by Mumbai First, a think tank, along with the support of the government of India and government of Maharashtra.

The forum is expected to be global in nature and has received support from all the partner countries Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
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Mumbai, Mumbai 14वीं 1 वीं ऑरिजिनल 2016 तिथिक विकस कृतिक कोर्टलेव स्थानमान अन्वेषणोपकारी. आ कोर्टलेव स्थानमान आयोजन वीक टे स्थानीय कृतिक व्यावसायिक भारत सरकार अने महाराष्ट्र सरकारा सहकार्य करू येईली. आ समुदायात पावल आहे. आ मंत्र परा अभ्यासाचे विषय बनवेली तरी अपेक्षा आहे, जेने तमाम भागीदार देशांतरावें (भारत), तीन अने हलके आधिकारिक स्थळांना सुलभता मिळवणे आहे. आ ने दिवसस्थळांतर कोर्टलेवांमध्ये तमाम शेल्फ्स व जूली अन्वेषण गरवलेले, शाहिद अहमदावानी, शाहीद अहमदावानी, आशा जी, सरकारने बांधून अने निष्ठावार्ती माने असेले. महाराष्ट्राच्या आर्थिक राजस्वपात सुरक्षितीमध्ये सारी शेती विवासागार राय 14 ऑरिजिनल वेळा रोज साजे पाणे व जेकिंग शाहीद विकस -धान करणाऱ्यांप्रमाणे, अने महाराष्ट्राचा आर्थिक मुख्यमंत्री श्री देवेंद्र कार्तवीरंगनाऱ्यांनी आर्थिक राजस्वपात सुरक्षितीमध्ये अने तत्कालीन अन्वेषणात पाठ परते, आसारे. शाहीद अहमदावानीच्या दयेस अशा शेतीपक्षांनी निर्भर असलेले पुस्तकमध्ये अंदून वाचवलेले शेतीविषयी उपलब्धता व धान उपलब्धत करणाऱ्यां. संपादक डॉ. आमिराना उपन्यासह वधाये शेतीविषयी उपलब्धता धान पक्षांच्यांना -धान करणाऱ्यां -धान करणाऱ्यां.
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मुंबई में 14 अप्रैल को आयोजित होगा ब्रिक्स शहरों का सम्मेलन

मुंबई, तक आयोजित हो रहे प्रतिष्ठित ब्रिक्स शहरों सम्मेलन को मेजबानी करेगा।

ब्रिक्स टैंक, मुंबई परिसर के साथ-साथ भारत सरकार एवं महाराष्ट्र सरकार के सक्रिय सहयोग से यह कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया जा रहा है। यह एक संयुक्त पहल है।

यह फर्स्ट अनुमान है, सही मानने में वैश्विक होगा और इसे सभी सहयोगी देशों ब्राजील, रूस (भारत), चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका से महत्वपूर्ण प्रांत है।

इस देशों के गवर्नर, सिटी शीर्ष, अर्थ तलाश, मंत्री एवं विभागों सहित 75 प्रतिष्ठित इसके उद्योग समारोह एवं हॉटेलों समेत में शामिल रहेंगे।

महाराष्ट्र के मुनियन मंत्री राज्यपाल, महामहिम श्री सी विवासागर राव 14 अप्रैल, साप 5 वर्तमान सम्मेलन के अध्यक्षता करेंगे।

यह मौक़े पर शहरों चुनावीयों पर के दिल्ली विवास युगल, 'मैक्स अफ्रिक वाइब्रेंट ब्रिक्स मिटिंग' जारी की जाएगी।

डिस्नायर ब्यूरो के 35 दिनों देर इस विषय के विशेषज्ञों ने इस प्रकार की तैयारी करते हुए रहस्यमय रूप से किया।

यह अवसर पर मुनियन रायपाल एवं विभागों का सहयोग भी जताने करेंगे।

शनिवार, 16 अप्रैल को शाम 4.30 बजे विवाह समारोह आयोजित किया जाएगा, जिसकी आयोजना महाराष्ट्र के मुनियन मंत्री ने की है।
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Monday snarl an eye-opener ahead of BRICS city conclave

Experts Suggest Higher Taxes To Decongest Roads

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Mumbai: Ahead of the crucial BRICS city conclave, which begins on Thursday and will deliberate on cooperation for urban projects, transport experts in Mumbai have proposed new taxes and fees to discourage buying and driving of vehicles in the city. According to them, this can generate an additional Rs 4,000 crore revenue per year, besides reducing cars on city roads. The money can then be used for developing Metro rail and bus systems.

Monday’s traffic mess on the western corridor, prompted by a failure in commuter trains, left thousands of vehicles stranded, not just on the Western Express Highway but also on Linking Road, SV Road, Jogeshwari-Vikhroli Link Road, Santacruz-Chembur Link Road and the Eastern Expressway. The traffic chaos, which comes as an eye-opener ahead of the conclave, threw the city’s schedules out of gear.

Experts blame it on the inordinate delay in developing the Metro system and subsequently, the dedicated bus lane. According to them, had the Metro been in place, instead of cars, people would have just walked to take metro or buses, leaving roads empty.

Besides representatives and urban experts from many countries, officials from BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) will discuss the agenda for development to meet growing urban demands—from water supply and roads to sewage and waste management.

Making of ‘Vibrant Cities’, a compilation of essays written by town planning and transport experts and that has been brought out by Mumbai First especially as an agenda for discussion during the conclave, suggests heavy taxes to discourage people from buying second cars as vehicles add to pollution and consume a lot of fuel, especially during jams. An essay suggests a hike in railway fares to bring suburban commuter system in profit to enable capacity addition such as 13 rake cars, AC local, additional lines and increased frequency.

“The government’s policy to only expand roads and add flyovers has encouraged cars to grow by almost 50% in the last six years, with majority of them in western suburbs. Government should now come up with a firm plan of execution to eradicate this mess and stop cars from multiplying,” the experts say. They also questioned environmentalists’ opposition to Metro depots as the system will only take away cars from roads and make the western corridor greener if there are prohibitions on private transport.
State civic corporations buck national trend, raise 90% revenue on their own

Elsewhere, Heavy Dependence On Govt Funds & Loans

Mumbai: When it comes to meeting their financial needs, municipal corporations in Maharashtra stand apart from their counterparts in other states, with Gujarat coming close. In Maharashtra, municipal corporations are able to meet more than 90% of their expenses from revenue they generate on their own, compared to most civic bodies in the country that depend on funds from the Centre, state or bank loans to meet over 60% of their expenses, mainly because of poor revenue collection and weak self-financing capacity.

Cities such as Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Chennai, Thrissur, Trivandrum, Bhopal and Jaipur show a very high dependency on ‘transfer funds’ in the absence of a strong treasury of their own. Cities in Madhya Pradesh and southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka fare a little better.

A review of fiscal health taken by experts on urbanisation ahead of the BRICS city conclave beginning in Mumbai from Thursday suggested that none of the 41 leading corporations were fully dependent on their own revenue, leave alone making profits. Unlike cities abroad where local bodies are capable of granting loans, the conclave will see hundreds of experts from across the world deliberating on civic issues to formulate a strategy for cooperation in sectors of urbanisation among BRICS nations.

The compilation ‘The making of vibrant cities’ published by Mumbai First, an NGO instrumental in holding the evening, said Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Nagpur, Kolhapur, Nashik, Pune and Nanded showed a very minimum 0.5% to maximum 10% dependency on funds from other the state, banks or Centre. In Ahmadabad, Rajkot and Vadodara, up to 90% revenue is being generated at local level.

It may be mentioned that between 2007 and 2013, the own tax revenue of municipal bodies have declined by nearly 5%. The central funding to the cities has also declined during this period except for the finance commission funding, which has gone up marginally.

Experts suggest that the bodies should now go for public-private partnership models of development to expedite the quality of growth in their cities.
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Mumbai, 14 April

Mumbai, 14 April 2016 will host the 2016 BRICS Cities Conclave. The conclave will bring together representatives from the 5 BRICS cities - Mumbai, Delhi, Shanghai, Kolkata, and Johannesburg. The conclave aims to strengthen the partnerships between the cities and promote economic growth and cultural exchange.

The conclave will feature panel discussions and keynote speeches from experts in fields such as urban development, infrastructure, and technology. The conclave is organized by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) and the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India.

The conclave is expected to attract over 1000 delegates from the five BRICS cities, including city officials, business leaders, and academic experts. The conclave will also provide a platform for the cities to showcase their urban development projects and applaud the success stories.

The event will be held at the Mahavir Hall, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, on 14th April 2016. The conclave is open to the public and registration is free.
Naidu calls for greater cooperation among BRICS member countries

Mumbai, April 14: Union Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu on Thursday called for greater cooperation and people-to-people contact among the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

After inaugurating BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave here, Naidu said, “A collaborative effort is needed by the five nations to fight social discrepancies and inequalities. They need to articulate their diplomatic and political joint interest. Less industrialised nations can learn a lot from the BRICS experience, both good and bad, and so steer their own urbanisation onto a more secure path.”

The three-day programme is being organised by the Maharashtra and the Union governments, and involves top urban policy makers/planners from BRICS countries.

Irrespective of the socio-economic and political context, the nature and aspirations of the people in BRICS nations are the same, Naidu said. They seek advancement in their life term for themselves and for their children. These aspirations are the driving force of urbanisation across the country, he said.

The experiences of BRICS and newly industrialised countries including the big Asian economies have demonstrated the power of urbanisation as an engine of development, the minister stated.

The Minister said that the third generation policy regime initiated by Narendra Modi government is based on integrated planning and holistic development of urban areas through Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission and Heritage City Development Mission (HRIDAY).

These new missions entail a total investment of about ₹18 lakh crore by 2022 in urban areas in developing basic infrastructure in 500 cities with a population of above one lakh each, core infrastructure in 100 smart cities and construction of 2 crore houses for urban poor in all the 4,041 statutory cities and towns, he said.

“We have made substantial ground towards improving the ease of doing business in urban areas, promoting better land use planning, vertical construction through Transit Oriented Development, promoting efficient public transport, much desired green and open spaces in urban areas etc. In the next few years, every urban household will be provided with water supply and sewerage connections. Every poor urban household will be provided with a decent house promoting inclusivity,” Naidu added.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said his government had selected 10 cities in the state to be Smart Cities, which will have IT backbone and all basic infrastructure facilities. The first Smart City of the country will be launched in Navi Mumbai, he said.

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Uniform bldg construction policy likely

Mumbai: The country will soon implement probably the first uniform model bylaws for building permission and construction across cities to eliminate discrepancies and complexities. Submission of certificates and NOCs to obtain building permits, occupancy certificates and construction commencement orders may be reduced drastically and applicants who have obtained building permits can intimidinate the local body concerned and proceed with construction work.

“I have given details and shared the draft with chief minister Devendra Fadnavis. We have discussed it and the CM has expressed willingness to go ahead with it. Very soon we will take a decision on it’s implementation,” Union urban development minister Venkaiah Naidu told reporters on the sidelines of a conclave of BRICS, an association of the five major emerging national economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), here. Around 80 delegates from five countries are participating in the event, the first of its kind in India.

Similar bylaws were recently announced by Noida for Delhi. A decision is expected in three months. As per the new bylaws, building applicants can make an online application to the urban local body, instead of approaching various agencies, thereby reducing the human interface and enabling approvals in 30 days. He said a single window mechanism comes into effect so as to improve the ease of doing construction business in the national capital, as desired by the Prime Minister’s Office, besides promoting investment.

One application form has been devised for online submission by the buildingponents (applicants) to the urban local body instead of applying to various agencies like the Airports Authority of India, environment and forest departments, MMRDA, railways and defence.

Applicants will not have to make payments to agencies separately and instead can make a payment to the urban local body electronically. Seamless integration will be put in place so that the urban local body will obtain approvals from other agencies online, drastically reducing the time taken for sanctions, besides eliminating human interface with various agencies.

Fadnavis called upon cities in BRICS countries to form a sister city linkage with cities of Maharashtra to develop its smart cities and translate best practices in civic management into reality. He said the state was leading the country in urbanization with almost 60% of its population living in cities alone and had taken a decision to develop its 10 cities on its own as smart cities.
At Brics conclave, call for combating terror

Mumbai: India asked BRICS countries to come together to combat terrorism, calling it a major global concern. Union urban development minister M Venkaiah Naidu said for economic prosperity and development in this part of the globe, the entire world must join hands to fight terror.

Naidu was speaking at the inaugural function of the three-day BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016, at a Mumbai hotel.

The minister said several countries are now dealing with the threat of terror and are willing to unite to defeat it. He said the world must come together to crush terrorism, which has no relation to any religion. As BRICS countries...

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MORE THAN 75 DELEGATES ARE PARTICIPATING IN NINE SESSIONS FOCUSED ON URBAN ISSUES

At Brics conclave, call for combating terror

Naidu inaugurated the conclave with Maharashtra Governor Ch. Vidyasagar Rao, CM Devendra Fadnavis and officials from other BRICS countries. More than 75 delegates are participating in nine sessions focused on urban issues.

“All major BRICS cities are faced with the similar challenge of urban governance, inclusivity, making cities safe and secure and urban transport and they have found solutions to them in their own way. The deliberations over the next three days will give insights through shared experience and guidelines,” Naidu said.

Fadnavis said that although India was resistant to urbanisation even after independence, focus on urbanisation made governments channelise growth in a systematic way over the past three decades. "Maharashtra has planned ten smart cities across the state and 22 in NAINA in MMR to respond to the rapid rate of urbanisation. With our sister cities, we look forward for better cooperation from the BRICS countries,” Fadnavi said.

The deliberations during the conclave will focus on strengthening urban governance, making BRICS cities inclusive, safe and secure, improving urban transport, enhancing infrastructure and building sustainable cities among other urban issues.

Naidu released a collection of Essays titled ‘The Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities’, while Maharashtra Governor released a special postal cover on occasion of the summit.
Centre wants state to bring in by-laws for construction

Mumbai: The Centre wants by-laws for construction work to be adopted by the Maharashtra government at the earliest. Union urban development minister M Venkaiah Naidu said on Thursday that he has discussed it with the Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis, who has assured him to implement it.

While speaking on the sidelines of the BRICS Friendship Conclave inauguration, Naidu said that the model building by-laws are a part of the ease of doing business initiative by the central government and all key cities need to implement them. He said that a copy of the model by-laws has been handed over to the Maharashtra Government.

“Maharashtra has been going in the right direction, but still we want the by-laws to be rolled out for the ease of the approval in big cities. This will help us in developing smart cities,” he said.

Fadnavis said the by-laws will be introduced in the state to ensure better integration with all state and central government departments and agencies. “This will help us in integrating all other departments such as environment, so that no separate permissions are required from these departments. This will help the construction sector with hassle-free approvals,” Fadnavis told HT.

The model by-laws were recently introduced in the New Delhi.

While speaking about the Rent Control Act, Naidu said that it was under consideration and there would be not unilateral changes made in the Act. He said the state governments are being taken into confidence before making any changes in the Act.
Centre making model building bye-laws, says Venkaiah

Union minister meets Fadnavis

Naidu informed that he had a discussion with Fadnavis on the matter and handed over the recently prepared model building bye-laws to the CM. He added that Fadnavis told him about the efforts being made by Maharashtra government to bring in uniformity in these laws.

Naidu was speaking to media persons after inaugurating the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016, comprising representatives from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. A special postal cover was also released by governor of Maharashtra Ch. Vidyasagar Rao, who presided over the inaugural function.

Naidu released a collection of essays titled 'The Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities', authored by more than 30 eminent writers. The book depicts the challenges and the opportunities that are before cities from BRICS nations in becoming a vibrant urban city. Chief guest during the event is Maharashtra Swadeshi Khettarakosha was also present on the dais. CED of Mumbai First Bishwajit Joshi conducted the inaugural session.

Naidu said that for creating smart cities and that only funding of Rs.100 crore from the Union government was not enough for the same. He also said that the cities aiming to becoming smart cities would have to create their own creditworthiness so that investors would be attracted to invest in them.

Fadnavis announced that his government plans to create an urban agglomeration, NAINA, which would host 20 smart cities. He said that the first integrated development plan for the same was ready while the second was in process of making.
Maharashtra setting up integrated plan for 22 smart cities: Fadnavis

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI: Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday announced that the state government plans to create an urban agglomeration called NAINA, that will host 22 smart cities and the first integrated development plan for this programme was ready.

He was speaking as the host of the first ever BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave which was inaugurated in Mumbai on Thursday to coincide with the inauguration of the Maritime India Summit 2016 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The conclave has brought together representatives from Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, and is the first initiative after India took over the BRICS presidency in February this year.

Mr Fadnavis said, “Maharashtra is the most urbanised state in India. This new government under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi looks at urbanisation as an opportunity. We (Maharashtra) are going ahead with our own programme of making 30 smart cities and countries from all across the world are willing to help us in that. The first Indian smart city is launched in Maharashtra and I am sure it would set an example for all other states and cities.”

Stating that his government is focusing on improving solid waste management and Swachh Maharashtra Mission under the aegis of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Mr Fadnavis said, “The key to bring about sustainable development in urban areas is urban mobility and a single integrated public transport system. Time has come to collaborate, work together, translate and move ahead.”

Terming the process of urbanisation as “inevitable”, Union Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu stressed on the importance of positive correlation between urbanisation and development in spite of the challenges of urbanisation.

The three-day conclave, organised by Mumbai First in collaboration with the state and central governments, will bring together more than 75 delegates including governors, city leaders, urban planners, and experts from BRICS nations.

The BRICS Conclave aims to provide a common platform for delegates to converge, connect and learn from the experiences of other cities. Urban governance, safety of cities, transport, financing city infrastructures sustainable and affordable housing are some of the topics that will be discussed at the conclave.

Mr Naidu also released The Making of Vibrant BRICS Cities, a collection of essays authored by more than 25 eminent writers.

The book depicts the challenges and the opportunities before cities in BRICS nations in becoming a vibrant urban city. A special postal cover was also released by Maharashtra Governor Ch Vidyasagar Rao, who presided over the inaugural function.
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**BRICS fuelling urban growth and development: Venkaiah**

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THE MAHARASHTRA government expects to strengthen its existing sister-city relations and establish more international collaborations through the three-day BRICS Cities conclave, being attended by officials of major cities from all the BRICS nations, that started on Thursday in Mumbai.

At the inaugural function, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said, “Till now, sister-city relationships were restricted to just Memoranda of Understanding (MoU), but now it is time to take them forward and translate them into reality.” Among the cities in attendance, Mumbai already has sister-city agreements in place with Shanghai from China and Russia’s St Petersburg.

The very first session of the BRICS cities’ conclave on Friday will be on the collaboration amongst BRICS cities, where all heads of delegations will make presentations. There will also be a special presentation by Xue Zezhou, minister of organisation from the Ministry of Shanghai, on how best to operationalise the sister-city agreement between Shanghai and Mumbai.

Senior government representatives and planners from cities such as Shanghai, Beijing, Qingdao, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Johannesburg, and St Petersburg, among others will attend the conclave. The conference will focus on various issues of urban development such as urban transport, affordable housing, safety and security, successful models of city governance, building sustainable cities, and financing city infrastructure.

“The BRICS countries are home to 42 per cent of the world’s population and contribute 20 percent of the world’s Gross Domestic Product. They are not only managing challenges of urbanisation, but also playing a major role in fuelling urban growth and setting the development discourse,” Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister of Urban Development said, adding that world over, urbanisation and migration from rural to urban areas is inevitable, and the conclave will be helpful in sharing experiences.

The BRICS cities conclave in Mumbai would be the first one after India assumed presidency of the group in February.

Naidu said there would be any urban forum of the BRICS nations in Vishakapatnam in September 2016 with an agenda to deepen the understanding or urban-rural linkages and city clusters.
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‘ब्रिक्स परिषदेला सुरुवात’

म. ट. विवेक प्रतिनिधि

नागरिकता ही निरंतर चालणारी प्रतिक्रिया असून ती शोधता येणे शक्ती नाही, या प्रकरणातून अनेक समस्यांची निविड्या जाणुन आहेत. माहृत्यु वा समस्यांच्या काही न खालील तयार आहान मानून तोस उपयोग घेतले पाहिजे, असा मुळ ‘ब्रिक्स’ परिषदेच उमेदला.

-Cooperation will lead to development-

Pune, 15.4.16: येल्ला अभिलक्षणाले होती मुख्यांक ब्राह्मण ब्राह्मण सहकाराचे नवे पर्व घडवल्याने नावमी यांच्या विश्वासात राहिलेल्या मुंबई सरकार व मुंबई शहराने विकासाच्या उद्घाटनात उत्साहात.

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सहकार्यातून विकासाचे नवे पर्व

व्यक्तित्वातून: ‘ब्रिक्स मैत्री राहे परिषदेचे उद्घाटन’

मुंबई : ‘जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेतही बृहद बुद्ध पाण्याच्या ब्रिक्स सदस्य देशांतील एकमात्री सहकार्याची आवश्यकता असेल, शहरीकरणाच्या रूपाच्या निर्माणाने हल्लेच्या समस्या सोडविला यांनी सहकार्याची एकमात्र साधन असलेल्या हात मिळवावा, त्यास फक्त ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये विकासाचे नंदन पर्यंत सुरू होणार.’ असा विवादेत रूढ शहर ब्रिक्स मैत्री अर्थव्यवस्थेतील वातावरणाच्या वातावरणाच्या खाताच्या जनेकरणाच्या पहलाने यांनी वाचवली.

‘ब्रिक्स देशांमधील विदेशी माहिती, शहरीकरणाचा प्रभाव संस्कृतीचा सुविधांशा, संरक्षणाचा, धरतीनिरपेक्ष प्राप्तीमय खाताच्या जिह्वाच्या वाहकाच्या अभिव्यक्ती अव्यवस्थेत होते. या परिवहन ब्राह्मण, तरीका, भारत, चीन आणि डच्या आणि या देशांमध्ये ११ जणांचे संडेशेने माहिती दिलेली आहे.’

भारताच्या अर्थव्यवस्थेत ब्रिक्साचे भाग असलेला नवे विकासाचे प्रयोग आहेत. नव्वूनची समस्या ब्रिक्स सदस्य देशांतील ब्रिक्स मैत्री राहे परिषदेची उद्घाटन होती. या देशांमध्ये विकासाचा म्हणजे जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेत एक परिणाम म्हणून यांनी वाचवली. त्यास अनुसार राज्यपालमध्ये राज्यांत राज्यांनी मराठीत विकासाचे धोरणाचा प्रयोग केले असल्याने यांनी सांगली. (अतिहित)
ब्रिक्स देशों के बीच ब्रह्म सहयोग का वेंकैया नायडू का आह्वान

मुंबई, केंद्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री एम. वेंकैया नायडू ने ब्रिक्स देशों - ब्राजील, रूस, ब्रांडोन और अपाक अफ्रीका - के बीच ब्रह्म सहयोग और अवाम के बीच व्यवस्था संपर्क का आह्वान किया। नायडू ने ब्रिक्स मिश्रित नगर सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करने के बाद कहा, ‘समाजवादिक विस्मितियों' और गैर-विश्वासी संस्थों के लिए पाँच देशों का तरफ से लोगों द्वारा विश्वास का जोखिम है। उन्होंने अपने प्राचीन प्राचीन एवं राजनीतिक संदर्भों को बहुत प्राचीन किया।

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नायडू ने कहा कि ब्रिक्स देशों और ब्रह्म सहयोग विश्वास से शामिल नहीं और आपाक विश्वास से आपाक विश्वास का इन्हें समझने हेतु जो ब्रिक्स देशों के लोगों की गुड़गुड़ और आकांक्षाओं के तरफ से प्रशंसित नहीं है। ब्रिक्स के देशों के बीच सहयोग का आह्वान किया।
City’s population will dip by 1 million in 18 yrs: BMC chief

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By Ayesha Mehrotra

Mumbai: By 2034, Mumbai’s population will decline by one million, said municipal commissioner Ayesha Mehrotra. The projection has been made by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) and the report was submitted to the BMC two months ago, she added.

The municipal corporation is now reviewing the Regional Development Plan 2034 based on the above projections.

Mehrotra, on Friday, made a presentation on “Making Mumbai Walk” at the BMC Summit being held at a hotel in Andheri East.

The city’s population, as per the 2011 census and BMC figures, is 18.99 million. Between 2001 and 2011, it increased by 7.8% internally and grew by only 0.6% in the suburbs. As per the 2001 census, the population was 15.4 million, in 2006, it was 17.6 million and in 2011, it was 18.9 million.

The estimated urban growth from 2011 to 2034 is 25.4%, in 2030-2034, it was 9.6% and in 2035-2034, it was 5.7%.

Mehrotra said though the projection is for a declining population, the BMC will have to make provisions in open spaces, ecological and other infrastructure because adequate amenities have not been created and there will be a shortfall in housing and open spaces for the next 18 years, she said.

She said, “With a population growth of 7.8%, the BMC will be able to ensure that the population is neither too thinly spread nor too densely packed.”

MMRDA’s PROJECTIONS

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However, the decline in population will not impact all areas equally and the BMC has to improve the quality of life in all parts of the city. The BMC has identified four challenges – housing, open spaces, employment, and social equity.

To correct the imbalance, it plans to introduce new strategies.

The BMC will propose to develop mangrove-based parks.

To ensure social equity, the BMC has proposed to reserve land for working-women hostels, elderly homes for children, old age homes, geriatric care centres.

The BMC has identified 75 lakh dwelling units and needs to add 10 lakh tenements by 2034. This can be achieved through the rehabilitation of slums and slum-upgradation and creating new units. We have to ensure that the population is neither too thinly spread nor too densely packed.”

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State move to boost transport grid

BRICS CONCLAVE Government approves transit-oriented growth plan along public transport corridors

MUMBAI: The state government has given in-principle approval to the transit-oriented development (TOD) plan along the public transport corridors. Metropolitan commissioner UPS Madan made the statement on Friday in a discussion on urban transport during the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave in Mumbai.

TOD is an approach to bring area surrounding transit corridor under mixed-use of residential and commercial development to maximise access to public transport.

The MMRDA has already submitted the TOD plan along the Metro One and Monorail to be enforced in 500-meters area, to the state government. Under its TOD plan, the MMRDA aims to encourage “Walk to Work” concept by allowing residential development by allotting floor space index (FSI) of 4. The premium charged by it on higher FSI allocation is planned to be used on developing infrastructure projects in the city.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) had faced severe criticism from experts and activists last year after it proposed FSI of 5 to 8 in congested areas along the SV road, Link Road under TOD in the draft development plan 2034. It was said higher FSI’s without any strategy would lead to reckless vertical growth in the area and subsequent congestion. The DP was scrapped later, with orders to revise it.

Other panelists in the discussion included Diego Blanc, chief advisor for Institutional Relations and Bilateral Cooperation, Brasil, Peter Manners, senior director in VISA, Prabhat Sahai, chairman of Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC), Gao Qun, deputy director, general of Qingdao Municipal Government, China.

On the need to have proper integration of various transport modes, Diego said the Brazilian authorities have started taking steps to encourage public transport mode especially Bus Rapid Transport System (BRTS) in Rio de Janeiro with integration of various modes of transport.
‘We are not prepared for a nuclear attack’

HT Correspondent

MUMBAI: Former Maharashtra director general of police D. Sivanandhan on Friday said many cities lack preparedness to face a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) attack. He was speaking at the BRICS conclave, which was discussing the measures on making the cities safe and secure.

Sivanandhan said, “We have to prepare for a CBRN attack,” he warned during the discussion. The former top cop also highlighted the problem of radicalisation of the youth and the “need of a comprehensive policy.”

“It has to be also done by the elders of the communities,” BRICS comprises five emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Director general of police Praween Dixit said, “This (CBRN) attack is being looked after at all levels. We can say that we are prepared but it is an evolving process.”

Dixit also highlighted the need to focus on the issue of children in conflict with law. “Children are our real properties and it is important to integrate them as responsible citizens. With love and care, we can bring them back to normalcy,” said Dixit. He added that the nation needs to move towards “cashless transactions” to avoid crimes such as robberies and thefts. “People have lost their lives while defending a thief. We need to create a situation that transactions are cashless,” he said.

The Brazilian ambassador to India, Tovar da Silva Nunes, said violence because of poverty is the main challenge in Brazil. He added that his country is prepared with security measures for the summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to be held from August 5 to 21, 2016. “We have taken measures. We have in place what is necessary for safety and have also interacted with the countries, who have hosted the games in the past,” said Nunes.

Mhanga Shitole, a chief executive officer representing South Africa, said, “We need to be proactive than reactive. You can’t stop urbanisation but you can man it.”

Subhash Patil from PricewaterhouseCoopers expressed the need for police modernisation with measures such as cop-friendly police stations, city surveillance, along with enhancing on the cyber front.
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SUCCESS STORIES

TOKYO, JAPAN
Under TOD in Tokyo, each metro station area has access to most of the daily services by walking. It also offers a large number of service sector jobs and some professional jobs. TOD stations are also served by feeder buses.

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA
Brisbane is implementing TOD around BRTS network. Most of this TOD activity has been market-driven, with little encouragement by the government. However, the government now has begun actively promoting TOD in the BRTS station areas.

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**SHANGHAI MODEL FOR MUMBAI REALTY**

*HT Correspondent*

Mumbai: As the city is struggling to provide housing to its citizens, it can take a cue from the reality chapter of Shanghai, one of the most populated cities in China. Shanghai adopts a multi-dimensional approach to provide houses to its citizens. It includes rental housing schemes, shared ownership, along with the regeneration of old dilapidated structures.

According to Huang Rong, the deputy secretary general of Shanghai Municipal Committee, the entire focus is to provide affordable houses to the citizens. “Our focus is on urban housing and we are adopting four methods in this endeavour;” said Rong. He said the Shanghai authorities ensure adequate supply of land and also build small and medium-sized apartments to ensure houses.

Rong was speaking at the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016 on “Operationalising Mumbai-Shanghai Sister Cities Cooperation”. He said Shanghai has been collaborating with various cities like Saint Petersburg, San Polo and Mumbai on various urban issues. Shanghai, spread over 6,800 sqkms, has a population of approximately 24 million. Going by the trend of urbanisation, the rural population tends to shift to urban areas, thus putting a strain on the urban infrastructure.

In Shanghai, the municipal authorities also tend to subsidise the rents for the poor. Another method is to pull down the dilapidated structures and build new structures in their places.
‘City safer than in 2008, still not adequately prepared to deal with terror attacks’
Former Maharashtra DGP says co-operation between global cities necessary

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ADMITTING that Mumbai may be much safer today than in 2008, D Sivanandan, former Maharashtra director general of police (DGP), said the city was still not adequately prepared to deal with terror attacks and international help should be sought and information shared between global cities for adequate preparedness. Talking on making cities safer, other panelists at the BRICS Cities conclave underway in Mumbai also emphasised on the need for modernisation of law enforcement agencies.

“We need an enormous amount of resources and we need to have advanced technology. Unfortunately, terror outfits are using more advanced technologies in carrying out attacks and the law enforcement agencies are trailing behind them. Also, we need to have the latest arms and ammunition as well as protective cover to face suicide attacks like 26/11,” said Sivanandan, adding that advanced intelligence and use of technology was a must for safety and security.

He was talking at a session titled ‘Making our cities safe and secure’ on Friday.

He added that there was a need to involve the entire community in policing. “We must make them stakeholders and training should be given to them,” he said, adding that Standard Operating Procedures for law enforcement agencies should not simply be written and forgotten but also updated, every now and then. He also talked about the need for preparedness to protect cities from fire, floods and organised crime.

Nihang Singh, chief executive officer of the South African Cities Network, representing South African Local Government Association, also emphasised on the importance of technology and people’s participation. “We need to be proactive and not reactive when we deal with issues of safety. Safety is about modernisation of thoughts and involvement of people. Use of technology is important for safety and security of a nation,” he said.

Tovar Da Silva Nunes, the Brazilian Ambassador to India, said that Brazil faced violence in urban areas due to poverty and this was a unique challenge in maintaining Brazilian cities’ security.

Responding to a question from the audience, Sivanandan conceded that children were getting disturbed due to information available on the internet. “Much of radicalisation is happening through the internet. We expect the government to come up with de-radicalisation programme. But, it can’t be implemented by law enforcement agencies alone. It must be done by elders in our society,” he added.

Praveen Dixit, Maharashtra DGP, said safety was crucial for the progress of the city. “We shall overcome the challenges and continue to make the city safer,” Dixit said.

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The Shanghai model

With India taking various steps to create an affordable housing segment, Shanghai’s experience could come handy in developing its own infrastructure here.

BRICS CITIES CONCLAVE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Indian Express, Saturday, April 16, 2016

With India taking various steps to create an affordable housing segment, Shanghai’s experience could come handy in developing its own infrastructure here.

MANAGEMENT

Shanghai is an ideal city to look at, as it is an Asian city that is still developing. The city is known for its clean streets, efficient public transport system, and a well-planned infrastructure. The city has a population of over 24 million people, and it is the economic and financial center of China.

The city has a well-developed public transport system, including metro, buses, and taxis. The city also has a high-speed rail network, connecting it to other major cities in China. Shanghai is known for its high-quality education and healthcare facilities.

The city is also known for its vibrant cultural and entertainment scene, with numerous museums, art galleries, and theaters. Shanghai is also known for its food, with a wide variety of dishes to choose from.

The city is also home to many international companies, with a large proportion of the workforce being employed in the business and finance sectors. The city is also known for its high real estate prices, which have led to the development of many high-end residential and commercial properties.

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CONCLUSION

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Top rail official says city needs transit-oriented development

STATING that Mumbai needs transit-oriented development (TOD), which refers to density proportionate to easy access to mass transit infrastructure, Chairman and Managing Director of the Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) Prabhajit Sahai pointed out on Friday that the lack of support through legislation and poor public confidence are stalling the implementation of TOD systems in the financial capital.

“TOD can generate funds for transport projects. It is successful in Japan and a number of cities of Europe and some cities in China. What is peculiar about these cities is that legislation and policies have been framed to incorporate TOD. The legislation in our country doesn’t support TOD,” said Sahai, who was speaking at a session titled ‘Urban transport: fixing the nerve centres of cities to shift to transit-oriented development’ organized as part of the BRECS Cities conclave 2016.

He said that while TOD projects in Japan were debated across the table, “We should go ahead with TOD and make a mix of low-cost housing and public spaces,” said Sahai.

LPS Madan, MMRDA commissioner, said that apart from the integration of land use planning and transport planning that would be needed for TOD, another type of integration is required for different modes of transport such as creating network and linkages with all modes of transport and a common e-ticket system for all modes of travel.

“There are complexities in achieving both integrations. It requires high-quality infrastructure and funds immediately but the returns take time. Other challenges include selection of the right model,” said Madan.

When asked by Madan about how to choose the right model for TOD from the many models, Peter Mannes, senior director at Chip and Contactless Solutions, Visa, said it was best to stick to simple and trusted solutions.

Later, during a presentation on ‘Making Mumbai Work’, Municipal Commissioner Ajay Mehta said that for the first time, social equity is being included in the Development Plan (DP), which is being prepared by the civic body for 2044-2034.

“In the DP, we are ensuring that infrastructure doesn’t become a constraint. Also, from the social equity point of view, we are making provisions for gender equity and for the differently abled,” said Mehta.

While gender equity includes multi-purpose housing for working women, care centres, Aadhikari Kendras and skill centres, affordable and rental housing and public convenience for women, measures for the differently abled include customized public buildings, roads and housing.

“Due to the coastal road project, the city will get a huge green cover. We will have to reclaim at least 1200 hectares of land. While 60 hectares will go for construction of the road, there will be green cover on the remaining portion and no construction at all,” Mehta added.
State looking at St Petersburg for technology to make Mithi river navigable

Devendra Fadnavis

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THE MAHARASHTRA government is considering copying an expert from St Petersburg in Russia to clean up the sluggish Mithi River and make it navigable, with plans of using the river for transportation. On the sidelines of the BRICS cities conference at Hotel Trident, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Friday held bilateral meetings with delegates from Brazil, Russia and China on the issue.

A senior official said, “St Petersburg has extensive experience in ever cleaning and making rivers navigable. So in our discussions, the chief minister said we could consider the same technology for the Mithi River.” He added that delegates from St Petersburg discussed the work of Vodokanal St Petersburg, a company of the city of St Petersburg, in making waterways navigable. The company operates the city’s water fountains, public fountains, and supplies water to 5 million people. St Petersburg already has a sister-city agreement with Mumbai.

Fadnavis recently said the government plans to send a proposal to start water transport on the Mithi river to the National Inland Waterways Authority.

The chief minister also interacted with delegates from Shanghai on how to further the sister-city agreement signed between the two cities in September 2014.
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Bring about a TOD to improve infrastructure: BRICS 2016

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The need to fix transit-oriented development (TOD) in the city to improve the infrastructure was raised at the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave (BRICS) 2016 conducted here on Friday.

The BRICS India 2016 conducted a panel discussion on the topic Urban Transport: Fixing the nerve centre of cities to shift to transit-oriented development at Trident.

The Metropolitan Commissioner, Metropolitan Region Development Authority, MMRDA, U P S Madan who gave a presentation at the discussion, stressed on the increasing congestion of the roads causing more pollution in the city.

“Transit oriented development would solve mobility issues in the city. In bigger cities like Mumbai, people have to commute long distances, since their place of work is far off. TOD in place could help resolve these issues,” said Madan.

Madan also added that there is a need to plan denser development of both commercial and residential in the close vicinity of public transport corridors which would ensure that people walk to their place of work and residence.

Inadequate public transport infrastructure is evident with suburban trains carrying seven million passengers daily. Similarly, bus transport carries four million passengers on a daily basis. However, placing a TOD in a city like Mumbai also has several challenges. The presence of brownfield environment due to dense development is more in a city like Mumbai. The lack of civic infrastructure also makes it difficult to bring about a TOD in place.

Madan also added that the lack of involvement of the stakeholders namely the slum developers, real estate and government agencies create challenges in bringing about a TOD here.

Gao Qun, Deputy Director General of Qingdao Municipal Government, China who was present at the discussion appreciated the ambitious planning of National mobility card that could provide seamless travel by different metro's across all transport systems in India.

Whereas, Prabhat Sahai, CMD, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation said that the existence of TOD would lead to betterment in the quality of life of people.
Naidu calls for greater cooperation among BRICS countries

Mumbai: Union Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu today called for greater cooperation and people-to-people contact among the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). After inaugurating BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave here, Naidu said, "A collaborative effort is needed by the five nations to fight social discrepancies and inequalities. They need to articulate their diplomatic and political joint interest. Less industrialised nations can learn a lot from the BRICS experience; both good and bad, and so steer their own urbanisation onto a more secure path." The three-day programme is being organised by the Maharashtra and the Union governments, and involves top urban policy makers/planners from BRICS countries.

Irrespective of the socio-economic and political context, the nature and aspirations of the people in BRICS nations are the same, Naidu said. They seek advancement in their life term for themselves and for their children. These aspirations are the driving force of urbanisation across the country, he said. The experiences of BRICS and newly industrialised countries including the big Asian economies have demonstrated the power of urbanisation as an engine of development, the minister stated. The Minister said that the third generation policy regime initiated by Narendra Modi government is based on integrated planning and holistic development of urban areas through Smart City Mission, Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT), Swachh Bharat Mission and Heritage City Development Mission.
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The strategy at these 21 municipal councils is to motivate staff and involve people.

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**Segregation Of Garbage Key To Getting It Right**

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Mumbai: While Mumbai grapples to manage waste at fever and other dumping grounds, around 21 municipal councils in the state can show the city the way to get it right.

The councils, including Vengurla, Wal, Satar, Ramtek, Umred, Bulhar, Shirvi, Daul, Shir, Lonarn, Mahabaleshwar, Mangalmhedwadi, and Valga, have achieved an average 80% garbage segregation to make their areas free of open air dumping and have adopted advanced techniques such as GPS tracking of trash movement and disposal, showroom, in-house survey by municipal authorities through respective collectors.

Mumbai generates 8,000 metric tonnes of garbage daily but most of it is processed. A new, close to 2,000 MLD sewage goes directly into the sea, without processing. Town planners question why Mumbai's much avoided cannot follow the mechanism adopted by these councils. “Had Mumbai achieved segregation, toxicity in air and Tannah creek could have been avoided,” said a senior IIT professor, requesting anonymity. As the BCC city summit involving 21 municipal councils is underway, urban experts said they expect some effective solutions and action in segregating and disposing the municipality’s garbage. Director of municipal administration says Ravi Lochan said in these councils, almost 98% garbage was collected and there was absolutely no open air deletion.

“*We have decided to change the concept of dumping and instead of burning, we have decided to convert them into processing units,*” said IIT commissioner Ajay Mehta.

The 21 councils have been showing for the past few months that they take the cleaning business very seriously. The strategy is to use biogas plants, which are in the Koregaon and Mahabaleshwar in Satar district with a population of about 15,000 and in the largest in Satar with a population of over 1 lakh. The only common thing among them is their determination,” said a municipal official.

In these councils, more than 98% households segregate waste at source into dry and wet components and transport it to the respective councils. Segregation at source is more than 93%. The waste either is then processed through bio-methanation or composting. Many will be used by the different municipal authorities in these councils.
Work on two more Metro lines likely to begin after monsoon

Contractors To Be Announced Tomorrow

Chittaranjan Tembhkar & Manthan R Mehta [TNN]

Mumbai: Two years after the city’s first Metro rail (Versova-Anandher-Chakarpur) came on stream, the new Metro rail (Metro VII) between Dahisar East and Andheri East—parallel to WHE, and a part of Metro II between D N Nagar and Dahisar West—would start after monsoon.

Metropolitan commissioner UPS Madan on Saturday told reporters on the sidelines of the BMRDA city conclave that he would be announcing the name of the selected bidder of Metro VII on Monday. The winners will take up civil work (station and via-duct construction) in three different phases. Four to five developers have bid for each of the three packages. For Metro II’s portion in western suburbs, a similar announcement will be made next week. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had performed bhoomipujan for both the lines in October last year.

It may be recalled that the Metro I had taken six years to start operations after the construction began. A source said that the MMRDA would not take long to construct these new elevated lines as they involve negligible acquisition. “Except the via-duct and station to be done by 2020 as there are less complexities in execution and it is a cash contract,” the source added. Meanwhile, the much-delayed Metro III between Colaba and Seepz via Bandra and Airport is yet to arrive at the construction stage.

According to Madan, the bids for the civil work construction cost were 25% lower than the estimates. The seven corridors, Metro I was inaugurated in June 2014. MMRDA had planned to start work on Metro II—Dahisar-Chandapandur-Mankhurd—but the project got stuck due to absence of an environmental clearance for its depot. Now Metro II’s D N Nagar-Dahisar portion is being awarded for construction.

Unlike in the case of Metro I, which was built on PPP basis and is now caught in a legal tussle over increase in fare, the two new routes are likely to offer a tariff of Rs 10 for first km, Rs 10 for 2nd km and Rs 10 beyond 12 km for a long time. It is because a major share of expenses is being borne by the MMRDA, state and Centre and cheaper bank loans would be used for rolling stock. To save on expenses, the state has proposed to get power from the state electricity corporation on a non-profit no-loss basis.

While the expected completion timeframe for Metro II, III and VII (2020), the last one is most likely to catch the deadline as it is the shortest—14.5km, and simplest to execute since its alignment is along the Western Express Highway. The official said, “There is no major relief and rehabilitation issue. Also, since it is an elevated corridor, it is faster to execute.” MMRDA widened the WHE a few years ago under the Mumbai Urban Improvement Project so that the width is sufficient and there is no issue of right of way. Metro I was delayed due to absence of right of way.

Another official said, “The phase I of Metro II and Metro VII are among south-east corridors, unlike Metro-I, which crisscrossed over railway tracks as well as the WHE. For Metro I, there were delays in getting the design approved from the railway safety authority above the tracks.” Metro VII will be provided interconnectivity with the Andheri Metro station and the Dahisar West D N Nagar stretch will be linked with Metro I in Andheri West, off Linking Road.

An MMRDA official said, “Work on Metro III is expected to begin soon but it is a longer corridor and an underground project, which may get extended to Kanjurmarg. Also, there are issues regarding its depot at Aarey Colony. The project will take much longer to be executed. An underground project can encounter unexpected hurdles.”
City lags in affordable hsg, needs good plans: Experts

Fast Approvals, Duty Waivers To Help Devt

Mumbai: Maharashtra lags behind Gujarat in terms of supply of affordable housing while Mumbai city comes third after Ahmedabad and Indore with better housing stock for people from low-income groups, reveal expert panelists in their papers at the BRICS summit.

According to them, this shortage of housing had put a large burden on unorganized housing, slums, and demand for high FSI on the maximum city, which could put a heavy strain on existing infrastructure such as congestion on roads and demand for water.

“Had affordable housing in distant suburbs been made available, decarceration of Mumbai would have been possible. To reduce slums lowering property prices, increasing affordable housing stock for all categories and creating rental housing is the measure,” experts such as B C Khatua have suggested.

A report on the state of low-income housing market by Monitor Deloitte highlighted that 78,000 houses costing below Rs 10 lakh were sold in urban India, of which 31,000 were built between 2011 and 2013 in over 130 projects in 22 cities by private builders without any significant assistance from government.

This, according to experts such as Vikram Jain, Aditya Agarwal and Ashish Karamchandi of FSG Inclusive Markets, was far short of the millions of homes required by low-income group citizens in the country. Mumbai First, an NGO has come up with a compilation of papers — The Making of the Vibrant Cities — by the experts.

According to the FSG trio, fast and time-bound approvals for low-cost housing, developing infrastructure such as roads, classifying debt to housing finance companies that lent to low-income customers as priority sector lending, and waiving stamp duty and registration for end-customers should be some of the steps to encourage affordable housing stock. “Mandating a fixed percentage of every project for EWS and LIG housing, incentivizing developers by offering additional FSI, providing viability of gap funding, ensuring competitive bidding and offering surplus government land in exchange of bidders of higher number of low-income housing should be the initiations,” they added.

When it comes to redevelopment, says Abbas Master, Bheemili Bazaar redevelopment was stuck due to no-acquisition of properties, time-consuming government approvals and the legal hurdles created by non-consenting landowners and tenants. “Otherwise cluster development can facilitate wider roads, more open space and ample parking and cleaner neighbourhood. It can give a makeover to the city to attract hotels, sustainable safer cities. Dealing with various departments and numerous multi-level approvals cause significant delay,” says Master.
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Aurangabad breweries and distilleries could get dehydrated

After Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray, currently on a tour of Aurangabad, declared “Water supply to beer and liquor companies should be stopped immediately, even if it means loss of revenue and water in dams should be only used for drinking water purposes,” the Maharashtra government is actively considering cutting the water supply to 6 breweries and 5 distilleries in the city.

As Maharashtra witnesses its worst drought in a century, with swathes of the state left without potable water, the clamour to cut water supply for these factories has intensified.

When confronted with Sena’s statement, CM Devendra Fadnavis has said, “I have asked for a report from Aurangabad’s divisional commissioner on how much water is supplied to which industries and from what source and I am expecting a report in day or two. After which government will take decision immediately.”

The CM was attending the BRICS summit in the city today, which had sessions aimed at improving infrastructure and distributing resources.

Aurangabad breweries produce nearly 27 crore litres of beer annually. The production of a single litre of requires four litres of water. The state’s total excise revenue is just over Rs 1,000 crore—of which a third is generated by the breweries and distilleries from the Marathwada region. These factories are supplied with 4 million litres of water every day from the nearby Jayakwadi dam, even as Aurangabad city gets municipal water only once every three days.

Senior BJP leader Pankaja Munde, who is from Marathwada, opposed the idea. “The water given to breweries and distilleries is from an industry quota and it doesn’t affect the quota of drinking water. Anyway, quantity given to liquor industry is very negligible,” she said.
‘Let’s learn from affordable housing in Brazil, China’

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Saturday that the State is looking to collaborate and learn from best practices in cities like Shanghai (China), St Petersburg (Russia), and Sao Paulo (Brazil) to address its challenges in urban development such as building affordable housing. Mr Fadnavis was speaking during the closing function of the BRICS Friendships Cities Conclave in the city.

“The best practices shared here are so insightful that I think many cities will immediately try and implement these solutions,” the Chief Minister said. “Aside from the presentations made at the summit, bilateral meetings with the delegations from each country have opened new doors to cooperation in various fields. It can change the face of city-to-city cooperation.”

Mumbai, he said, has been struggling with several issues of urbanisation; principally the challenge of providing affordable housing to over 60 per cent of its population that still lives in slums and informal settlements. The city government, he said, is keen on studying models for promoting affordable housing such as those presented by delegations from Brazil and China.

Since 2009, Brazil has been attempting to implement an ambitious social housing programme called Minha Casa, Minha Vida (My House, My Life) which aims to give grants to middle and lower middle class workers who would use the money to make down payments on new homes. While the programme has been praised for shifting the focus on the housing industry in Brazil towards the middle classes rather than high income groups, it has also been criticised for not sufficiently providing adequate living spaces for the poorest sections. However, aspects like direct cash transfers for housing are ideas that policy makers in India are looking at emulating.

On safety issues from within and outside that Mumbai faces, Chief Minister Fadnavis said that Maharashtra was looking at the programmes adopted by countries such as South Africa that have tried to resolve this through urban planning, particularly through the creation of open spaces for citizens that makes cities more inclusive. “It’s important to note that cities are not just for the fortunate, but more for the underprivileged. They have to be integrated into the city’s development,” he said.

Elaborating on initiatives for citizen engagement with government, Mr Fadnavis praised the model presented by the delegation from the Russian city of St Petersburg as being progressive. The State government, he said, is also looking at tapping into St. Petersburg’s expertise on water transport and seek its help in making Mumbai’s Mithi river navigable.

“The delegates at the conference have offered something new and fresh to make this word a better place to live in. The time has come to end deliberations and act upon our key findings,” he concluded.
State likely to collaborate with BRICS nations to solve city woes

State is likely to collaborate with BRICS nations like China and Russia to troubleshoot Mumbai’s housing, infrastructure and civic issues. Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday said: “Mumbai is struggling with infrastructure and affordable housing issues.” Cue will also be taken from the coastal city of St Petersburg to work on flooding during monsoon as well as to improve Mithi River and make it navigable.
Mithi clean-up: The Russian way

MUMBAI: The state government would adopt the St Petersburg model to clean the Mithi river, which flows through the city to the sea.

Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said there would be collaboration on this front with St Petersburg in Russia. "We will study their model and only clean up the Mithi but also make it navigable," said Fadnavis.

The Maharashtra government would utilise the expertise of St Petersburg to clean up the project. Mumbai already has a sister city agreement with St Petersburg.

St Petersburg is a major city in Russia and has been quite successful in cleaning the Neva river. Various initiatives include setting of dams, water discharge stations as well as tunnels. This was done to preserve the city, which is an architectural gem.

The Mithi River Clean-up Citizens Convention, which the government announced earlier this year, is an attempt to adopt the best practices and replicate the same in other cities.

The Mithi is one of the oldest rivers in Mumbai, which acts as a storm-water drain. However, the 71.8 km river has become a ghost river, with effluents being discharged into it. The government has a programme to clean the Mithi river but with limited success.

"An expert, however, said collaboration is fine but what is needed is a strong political will to implement the programme. The government already has a plan to clean Mithi but it is lagging behind because of the political interests," said the expert.

He cited that mangroves are being destroyed and there is hardly any check on the wastes which is discharged into Mithi.

Delegates focus on power to local bodies

CITIZEN CONSULTATIONS
Apart from including citizen suggestions in the budget, the experts also pointed out that holding citizen consultations is important.

MUMBAI: For effective growth of urban cities, there is an increasing need to empower municipal bodies, according to people's participation in city budget and look at alternative sources for financing city infrastructure, said delegates at the fourth-day BRICS Friendship Cities Convention 2016 at Convention Centre on Friday.

"There is a need to adopt a holistic approach in urban development," said an expert. He added that the Convention needs to focus on rural areas as well.

Delegates suggested that the Centre needs to make financial management mandatory for the local bodies.

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Financing infrastructure: Changing tax pattern need of the hour, say experts

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TALKING ON ‘financing city infrastructure,’ panelists emphasised on the need to change taxing pattern, evolve participatory budgeting and take firm decisions to complete infra-projects on time. Tover Da Silva Nunes, Brazilian Ambassador to India, said that Brazil had moved to a decentralised taxing system and autonomy had been given to the cities slowly.

“Participatory budgeting is also important for the city’s finances. We have to tax people and collect money. So, one should know how the money is being spent,” said Tovar, who was speaking at the session organised as part of the BRICS cities conclave 2016 on Saturday.

Pune Municipal Commissioner Kunal Kumar said that it was time to change the current rigid taxing system.

Talking about the difficulties in completing projects, he said, “A fair amount of harsh decisions need to be taken. It is difficult in our political set-up but necessary to complete infra-projects on time.”

Mbangi Shitole, chief executive officer, South African Cities Network, representing South African Local Government Association, also emphasised on the need to strengthen local governments and think about pool financing between BRICS countries.

In another session titled ‘building sustainable cities to improve delivery of urban services’, Ajit Kumar Jain, a retired IAS officer, talked about the need of planning water supply, after consulting residents.

“At present, there is no law that makes it mandatory to reduce water loss. So municipal bye-laws are required,” said Jain.
State to study low-cost housing schemes of Brazil, Shanghai

The Maharashtra government is planning to take a closer look at the low-cost housing models of Brazil and Shanghai in China to see if any of the elements can be replicated in the state. It has set a target of creating 19 lakh affordable houses in the state in five years.

The chief minister held bilateral discussions with representatives from Brazil as well as China on the sidelines of the three-day BRICS cities conclave, organised by private think tank Mumbai First, along with the Union and state governments. The conclave ended Saturday in Mumbai.

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said, “Mumbai is struggling with urbanisation and availability of affordable housing. We are very keen on studying models of partner countries such as Brazil’s ‘minha Casa, minha vida’ (my house, my life) and the Shanghai model.”

Brazil’s ‘minha casa, minha vida’ was also discussed in a special session on affordable housing as part of the BRICS conclave. It started in 2009. The Brazilian administration had pledged more than a million single-family homes to low-income families through various schemes. The model, however, does not provide free housing unlike Mumbai’s slum rehabilitation scheme and is designed for working class families with a range of benefits, determined as per their needs. The benefits include 25 percent down payment to buyers, subsidised interest rates on mortgages and 100 percent financing, among others.

The Shanghai model is based on four approaches - low-rental housing for extremely poor families who otherwise find it difficult to be included in the formal housing sector; public rental housing for the working population with stable incomes; shared ownership housing with the government, and housing for those who need to be relocated from their old shanty buildings.

Fadnavis said, “The bilateral discussions have opened new doors for cooperation in varied fields.” He added that Mumbai also had a lot to learn from cities in South Africa that have had effectively used urban planning and inclusiveness of society to combat threats to safety and security as well as residents’ engagement model followed by Russia’s St Petersburg.
Lot to learn from Brazil, Shanghai: CM

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With the population of the city increasing day by day, coupled with the problem of providing housing for masses, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said, “There is lot for us to learn from the Brazil and Shanghai models that have been successful in tackling the dire need for housing for the masses.” Mr Fadnavis was speaking at the closing ceremony of the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016. “We have a lot to learn from our partner countries like Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa. Mumbai is facing the problem of urbanisation and growing population. We have seen how Shanghai has been able to tackle the problem of mass housing and I believe we can learn from that model and implement in Mumbai to solve its problem of providing affordable housing,” he added.

The CM also stressed on cleaning up of the Mithi River in Mumbai and making it navigable for which, the state government plans to take expert help from Russia.

Delegates and governors from countries like Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa termed the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016 as greater cooperation between cities and people of emerging countries. They stressed on the need for inclusive development where the underprivileged had a lot to contribute towards development through involvement.

Speaking on safety and security, chief secretary Swadheen Kshatriya said, “Like South Africa, we are also facing the challenge of safety and security. We can therefore adopt the model being implemented by the country to combat threats to security.”

The event saw major participation from China with 30 Chinese delegates attending the conclave, including urban planners, governors and city mayors. The conclave saw participation of 20 delegates from Russia, six from South Africa and five from Brazil who discussed best practices and partnership in offering solutions for urban planning and designing.
Making Mumbai Work

Mumbai will be getting higher FSI and planned and inclusive all-round development as per the new development plan for 2014-2034. The dream city Mumbai is facing issues in housing, infrastructure, open spaces, transport and employment.

"FSI will be increased strategically in a balance of vertical and horizontal growth so that it does not stress the infrastructure," said Municipal Commissioner Ajoy Mehta at the BRICS Conclave.

Mumbai will also have sewage treatment plants and waste management and processing plants and with the coastal road coming up, Mumbai is facing congestion and the city will get a huge green cover," said Ajoy Mehta.

So in a few years time we Mumbaikars can see a dramatic change in our city considering that Mumbai is the engine of India's economic growth having 28% of total FDI & FII, 32% of GDP of urban India, 41% of trade and 32% of foreign tourist transit.
CM SEEKS RUSSIAN HELP FOR CLEANING UP MITHI

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is seeking help from several experts from Russia in cleaning up the Mithi River and make it navigable.

"A plan could be implemented to clean Mithi River through incorporating techniques suggested to us by the Leader of Russian delegation. I have sought help from the Corporation of St. Petersburg to make Mithi River navigable," said Fadnavis.

He was speaking at the closing ceremony of an infrastructure meet in the city. Speaking about St. Petersburg in Russia, Fadnavis expressed his interest in following a policy of engaging citizens in urban development and planning.

After successful implementation of making the rivers in St. Petersburg navigable, Fadnavis sought help from several experts in Russian countries for adopting a similar concept for Mithi River after its cleaning.

The chief minister also expressed interest in urban planning projects from other BRICS countries such as low-income housing schemes from Brazil.

Fadnavis was keen on implementing a Brazilian programme ‘Minha Casa, Minha Vida’ – ‘My House My Life’ in Mumbai that provides housing for low-income groups. "I am keen on becoming partners with Brazil to implement housing for low-income groups," said Fadnavis.

He also stressed upon the fact that the mass housing solutions must be adopted from countries like South Africa who have faced similar situations of rapid urbanisation like Mumbai.

Mumbai being traditionally exposed to natural and human threats, Fadnavis said that safety of the city must be first ensured before any urban planning takes place.

Swadheen Kshatriya, Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra stressed upon the need to implement mass transport concept through public transport system in Mumbai which is followed in the state of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Kshatriya also added that seamless mode of ferry rid-
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‘सर्वांना घर’ हाच केंद्रबिंदू राहणार

मुंबई: शाहे ही ‘आहे रे’ अभोद्या
‘नाहीं रे’ असाध्याच्या समस्यांची अथवा परिस्थिती असली परिस्थिती, शहराचा विकास करताना तो सर्वसाधारणांक असताना राहू; त्यानिंदून पाहिल्याची धर्मे अशा रुढीतील ‘प्रशीराटी’ या संकल्पनेचा भांडा वाचल, असे मुंबईच्या शेतकऱ्या, गावसेगिरी पारंपरिक प्रजासत्ताकांनी वापरली जाणाऱ्या प्रशीराटीने वेळे सांगितले.

मुंबई मुख्यमंत्रिचा प्रतिपादन: ‘ब्रिल्स परिषदेचा समारोह’

मुंबई: मुख्यमंत्री शिवसेना शेतकऱ्या, गावसेगिरी प्रजासत्ताकांनी वापरलेलेला ब्रिल्स परिषदेचा समारोह समाप्त केला जाणाऱ्यास सांगितले. त्याविरुद्ध रहणारे शेतकऱ्यांनी नवीन म्हणून त्यांना सलाम केल्यास त्यांनी सकाळी सत्यता करताना त्यांना अनुभव आणि कार्यकर्त्य उपरुप देखील दिला. ब्रिल्सचा संघात नवीनता कार्यकर्त्य आणि स्वतंत्रता आणि विद्याप्रदानाच्या क्षेत्रात वृद्धसारख्या कार्यकर्त्यांनी वापरली जाणाऱ्या नवीनता कार्यकर्त्यांच्या उपरुपम दिला. ब्रिल्सच्या संघात नवीनता कार्यकर्त्य आणि स्वतंत्रता आणि विद्याप्रदानाच्या क्षेत्रात वृद्धसारख्या कार्यकर्त्यांनी वापरली जाणाऱ्या नवीनता कार्यकर्त्यांच्या उपरुपम दिला. ब्रिल्सच्या संघात नवीनता कार्यकर्त्य आणि स्वतंत्रता आणि विद्याप्रदानाच्या क्षेत्रात वृद्धसारख्या कार्यकर्त्यांनी वापरली जाणाऱ्या नवीनता कार्यकर्त्यांच्या उपरुपम दिला.
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बड़े पैमाने पर आवास के लिए मुंबई शांघाइ मॉडल अपना सकता है - फड्डवीस

मुंबई, महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री बेरोज़ फड्डवीस ने आज कहा कि शांघाइ से सीखने के लिए बहुत कुशल और बड़े पैमाने पर आवास की जरूरत की समस्या को इससे सुलझाना जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि हमें इसके सहयोगी देश ब्राजिल, रूस, चीन और पश्चिम अफ्रीका से बहुत कुशल सीखना है। मुंबई नवी जनसंख्या और शहरीकरण को समस्या झेल गूही है। हमने देखा कि किस तरह शांघाइ ने बड़े पैमाने पर आवास की समस्या को हल किया और मेरा मानना है कि हम इस मॉडल से सीख सकते हैं और मुंबई में लागू कर सकते हैं ताकि किम्बाटी आवास की समस्या से निपटा सकें। फड्डवीस ने तीन दिवसीय प्रिवेट स्क्रिप्टिंग मिट्ट्ज समिट के समापन सम्मेलन में यह बात कही। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि सहयोगी देशों को परिष्कार करना, सुरक्षा तथा आवास समस्या से निपटने में अपने द्वारा किया जा रहा भेंट आकार के बारे में विचार साजा करने की जरूरत है।
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India should bid for Olympics, says delegate at BRICS meet

India should bid for the Olympics in the upcoming years says Diego Blanc chief adviser for Institutional Relations and Bilateral Cooperation, Rio de Janeiro City Hall.

Blanc was part of the delegate at the BRICS Friendship CIties Conclave held in Mumbai last week. The delegate discussed various concerns that have risen over Brazil’s preparation for the Olympics, being a developing country similar to India, and facing political and economic crises.

Massive protests and raucous Congress debated over impeachment of Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff on corruption charges and characterise the political scene of a country that is set to host the 2016 Olympic Games. Adding to the strides, is the ongoing economic recession, the worst in 25 years, which had caused Brazil’s GDP to fall by 4% in 2015, and showed no signs of relief.

Even with a paralysed federal bureaucracy, the city will deliver the venues in time, said Blanc. “With more than three months to go, 96% of the venues are ready for operation. The execution of the projects is being handled by the municipal government, chiefly in collaboration with private bodies so the problems at the federal level will not affect the games,” he informed.

Concerns apart, the venue preparations, include tepid ticket sales, which is on the rise and water pollution, which is also being swiftly dealt with. Speaking at a session on improving infrastructure of cities at the BRICS event, Blanc said that the priority for the municipal government of Rio was to build a long-lasting legacy, in terms of infrastructure for citizens to enjoy, and not only entertaining the games. Brazil aims to host its first-ever ‘sustainable’ Olympics, he informed.

Brazil has not been among the highest performing nations in Olympic games and hosting the games is a plan to change that and to promote sports, he said. “On one hand, we are instilling in our children, the importance of sports and the spirit of Olympic Games, and on the other hand, we are building world-class facilities for our athletes to train, on the pretext of the Olympics. The legacy of the games will surely improve Brazil’s performance,” he said.

When India does propose to host the Olympic games, logistical issues will be the greatest obstacle, Blanc said. Taking from Brazil’s instance, hosting the Olympics will be an impetus to promote athletes in various fields resulting in the development of several less popular sports, that were still in their nascent stage in India.

India has toyed with the idea of bidding for the 2024 Summer Olympics, yet did not pursue the idea as prime minister Narendra Modi believed that it was too early.
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