

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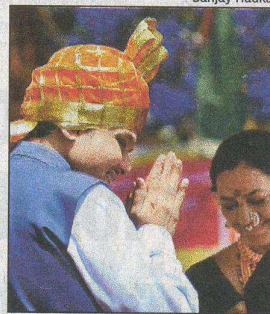
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Mumbai: The city will host the first BRICS Friendship City Conclave, an international summit to discuss and tackle urbanisation issues emerging in the cities of five developing BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) between April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



CM Devendra Fadnavis at a Gudi Padwa event on Friday

formulate an agenda for cooperation to enhance quality of human life in fast growing urban centres across the five countries. "Cities are characterized 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.

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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 Fadnis 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.

► HC order on April 19, P 8

Final HC order on April 19

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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

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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 75 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 50% 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.

Narinder Nayyar 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," Nayyar said.

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BRICS CITIES' CONCLAVE

Delegates to share knowledge, technology, expertise

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NEARLY 75 delegates from major cities of BRICS nations, including Shanghai, Johannesburg, Rio de Janeiro, and St Petersburg, will attend a three-day conclave on urban planning in Mumbai, in what would be India's first BRICS event after assuming presidency. The conference will be held from April 14 to 16.

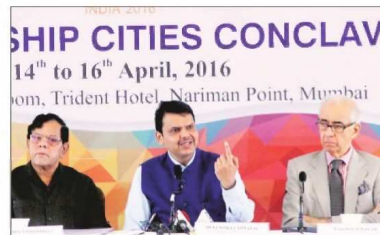
The 'BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave' will focus on various issues of urban development such as urban transport, affordable housing, safety and security, successful models of city governance, building sustainable cities, and financing city infrastructure.

The conference will also host a special session on Mumbai, titled 'Making Mumbai Work', with Municipal Commissioner Ajay Mehta to give a presentation on the financial capital's infrastructure development plans and hurdles. With a bilateral agreement in place between Mumbai and Shanghai to be sister cities since September 2014, Xue

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, successful models of city governance, building sustainable cities, and financing city infrastructure.

Zezhou, minister of organisation from the Ministry of Shanghai will also give a special presentation during the conclave on how best to operationalise the cooperation.

The first day will only be marked by the inaugural session, which Union urban development minister Venkaiah Naidu and chief minister Devendra Fadnis will attend, followed by a special dinner for the delegates



Maharashtra Chief Secretary Swadheen Kshatriya, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Mumbai First chairperson Narinder Nayar briefing the media about the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016 in Mumbai on Friday. *PTI*

and a cultural programme featuring talent from across the BRICS countries.

The cultural show will be held at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalay in South Mumbai.

Conferences will begin from the second day at Hotel Trident, Nariman Point, starting with a discussion on collaboration amongst BRICS cities where all heads of delegations will make their presentations.

Ambassador Tovar Da Silva Nunes will head the Brazilian delegation, and St Petersburg Governor Georgy Poltavchenko will lead the Russian delegation. Xie Yuan, vice-president of Chinese People Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, will be present on behalf of the Chinese delegation, while Subesh Pillay, member of the Mayoral Committee for economic development, city of Tshwane, will lead the South African delegation.

BJP Parliamentarian Poonam Mahajan will make the presentation on collaboration among BRICS cities on India's behalf. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis said we

have managed to have real-time translations of the deliberations here into Russian, Chinese as well as Marathi.

There are nine themes on which this conclave will contemplate, deliberate. All these themes such as planning, security, sustainability, waste management, are absolutely relevant for all cities.

Besides real-time translations, the state and Union governments, and Mumbai First, a think tank of private-sector representatives that is also one of the organisers, has also arranged for interpreters at the venue for delegates to interact with each other, with the media and experts. Sources said various city corporations are also likely to enter into Memoranda of Understanding with cities from the BRICS countries to exchange knowledge and technical know-how.

Chief secretary Swadheen Kshatriya said we have invited all municipal corporations to participate, as well as all proposed smart cities, and cities implementing AMRUT so that they can also benefit from the conference.

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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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City to host international BRICS meet starting 14th

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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, co-operate 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



Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis at a press meet ahead of the conclave

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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 pres-

SESSION LINED UP DURING BRICS

- Strengthening on urban governance
- Urban transport
- Financing city's infrastructure
- Making affordable housing a reality
- Efficiently using land via urban planning

ent 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.

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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.

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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.



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announcing the three-day BRICS Cities Conclave 2016. © SNS

"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 reli-

gion 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 Mum-

bai First will be Urban Development and Future of Cities in BRICS countries, he said.

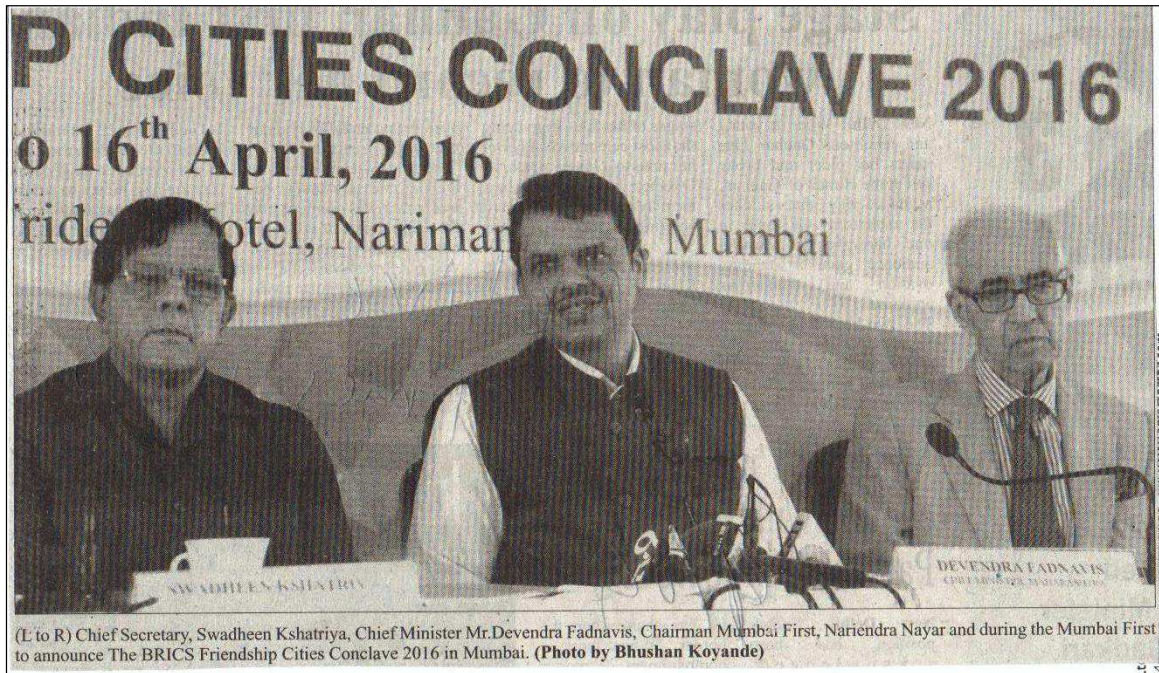
A press release from Mumbai First, which aims to "transform Mumbai into a world-class city, one of the best places in which to live and do business in", noted: "This conclave will provide the private sector with a forum to participate in a free and frank dialogue with governments and other stakeholders 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 Vandana act whilst all other countries are putting on show secular dance and acrobatic sequences.

Mumbai First CEO Shishir Joshi insists it's wrong to read religion into the proceedings. "India is presenting a cultural program," he said via email.

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मुंबईत १४-१६ एप्रिलला 'ब्रिक्स' देशांची परिषद

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शहरांमधील पायाभूत सुविधा, परवडणारी घरे, सुरक्षा, शहरी प्रशासन, जमिनीचा वापर आणि एकूणच शहर नियोजनाबाबत महत्वाच्या माहितीची देवाणघेवाण करण्यासाठी ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन व दक्षिण आफ्रिका अर्थात 'ब्रिक्स' देशांची परिषद १४ ते १६ एप्रिलला मुंबईत होत आहे.

केंद्रीय शहर विकासमंत्री व्यंकट्या नायडू, मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांच्या प्रमुख उपस्थितीत हॉटेल ट्रायडेंटमध्ये राज्यपाल सी. विद्यासागर राव परिषदेचे उदघाटन करतील. याप्रसंगी शहरी आव्हानांवर आधारित 'मेकिंग ऑफ व्हायब्रंट ब्रिक्स सिटीज'

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- शहरी वाहतूक व्यवस्था
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**शहर विकासाची संकल्पना : पाच देशांतील
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मुंबई : ब्राझिल, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या पाच देशांची संघटना असलेल्या 'ब्रिक्स'ची तीन दिवसांची परिषद १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत होत आहे. मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी आज पत्रपरिषदेत या बाबत माहिती दिली.

ब्रिक्स देशांचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे आल्यानंतर भारतात होत असलेली ही पहिलीच परिषद असेल. शहर विकास ही या परिषदेची मूल संकल्पना आहे. नागरी वाहतूक, पायाभूत सुविधांसाठीचे वित्तीय व्यवस्थापन, शाश्वत शहरे, परिणामकारक जनसुविधा पुरविणे, परवडणारी घरे, जमिनींचा परिणामकारक वापर या विषयांवर परिषदेत व्यापक चर्चा होईल. विविध देशांचे प्रतिनिधी आपापल्या

अनुभवांचे आदानप्रदान करतील.

१४ तारखेला राज्यपाल सी.विद्यासागर राव यांच्या हस्ते परिषदेचे उद्घाटन होईल. केंद्रीय नगरविकास मंत्री वेंकय्या नायडू आणि स्वतः मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस यावेळी प्रामुख्याने उपस्थित असतील. पाचही देशांमधील गव्हर्नर, मंत्री, महापौर आणि वरिष्ठ अधिकारी परिषदेत सहभागी होणार आहेत. अमृत शहरे म्हणून निवड झालेल्या देशातील ४३ शहरांच्या आणि स्मार्ट सिटींच्या पदाधिकाऱ्यांचा त्यात समावेश असेल. मेक इन इंडियाच्या अंमलबजावणीचा एक भाग म्हणूनही या परिषदेला महत्त्व असेल.

पत्रपरिषदेला राज्याचे मुख्य सचिव स्वाधिन क्षत्रिय उपस्थित होते. (विशेष प्रतिनिधी)

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मुंबईच्या यजमानपदाखाली 'ब्रिक्स सिटी' परिषद

प्रतिनिधी, मुंबई

जगभरात शहरीकरण मोठ्या प्रमाणात होत असून अनेक आकानांचा कसा सामना करता येईल या दृष्टीने चर्चा करण्यासाठी येत्या १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक आयोजित करण्यात आली आहे. ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य देश असलेल्या ब्राझीलचे पाच, रशियाचे २०, द. आफ्रिकेचे सहा तर चीनचे ३० प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

या निमित्ताने आयोजित पत्रकार परिषदेत बोलताना मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी शहरीकरणाच्या आव्हानांचा सामना करण्यासाठी ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठकीत होणारी चर्चा उपयुक्त ठरेल असा विश्वास व्यक्त केला. मुख्यमंत्री म्हणाले, आज जगात पन्नास टक्के जनता ही शहरात राहत असून नागरीकरण ही निरंतर सुरू राहणारी प्रक्रिया आहे. नागरीकरण ही समस्या न मानता त्याचे निराकरण आणि नियोजन करणे महत्त्वाचे असून या विषयी या बैठकीत विचार विनियम केला जाणार आहे.

जगातील ज्या देशांनी उत्तम प्रकारच्या पायाभूत सुविधा निर्माण करून शहरांचा विकास साधला, अशा उपाययोजनांची चर्चा या बैठकीत केली जाणार असून शहरी प्रशासन मजबूत

करणे, शहरांची सुरक्षा, सुरक्षित वाहतूक व्यवस्था, पायाभूत सुविधांचा विकास, परवडणारी घरे निर्माण करणे तसेच शहरांचे शाश्वत नियोजन या मुद्द्यांबाबत बैठकीत व्यापक चर्चा करण्यात येणार आहे.

'मुंबई फर्स्ट' तर्फे या बैठकीचे आयोजन केले जाणार असून भारत सरकार, महाराष्ट्र सरकारचा या उपक्रमाला सक्रिय पाठिंबा आहे. या मंचाचे स्वरूप जागतिक असून त्याला ब्राझील, रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या भागीदार देशांचा पाठिंबा मिळालेला आहे.

दोन दिवसीय बैठकीसाठी जगभरातून ७५ प्रतिनिधींची उपस्थिती अपेक्षित असून त्यात शहरांचे मुख्याधिकारी, शहर नियोजक, धोरणकर्ते आणि विविध विषयांतील तज्ज्ञांचा समावेश असेल. केंद्रीय नगर विकास मंत्री व्यंकट्या नायडू हे उद्घाटक तर राज्यपाल सी. विद्यासागर राव यांची प्रमुख उपस्थिती असेल.

मुंबई फर्स्टचे अध्यक्ष नरिंदर नायर यांनी दिलेल्या माहितीप्रमाणे, बैठकीनिमित्ताने शहरी आव्हानांवर आधारित 'मेकिंग ऑफ व्हायब्रंट ब्रिक्स सिटीज' या पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशन होणार असून जगभरातील तज्ज्ञ ३५ जणांनी या पुस्तकासाठी लेखन केले आहे. तसेच राज्यपालांच्या हस्ते खास तिकिटाचेही अनावरण करण्यात येणार आहे.

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■ मुंबईत १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान बैठक



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आव्हानांचा सामना कसा करता येईल या संदर्भात चर्चा करण्यासाठी १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक होत आहे. या बैठकीत राज्यातील शहरीकरणाची आव्हाने आपण मांडू, असे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी पत्रकार परिषदेत सांगितले.

जगात नागरीकरणाची प्रक्रिया झपाट्याने होत आहे. पन्नास टक्के जनता ही शहरात रहात आहे. नागरीकरण ही निरंतर चालणारी प्रक्रिया आहे. नागरीकरण ही समस्या न मानता त्याचे निराकरण आणि नियोजन करणे महत्त्वाचे असून याविषयी या बैठकीत विचारविनिमय केला जाणार आहे.

या बैठकीसाठी ब्राझील देशाचे ५, रशियाचे २०, द.आफ्रिकेचे ६, चीनचे ३० प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

जगातील ज्या देशांनी उत्तम प्रकारच्या

पायाभूत सुविधा निर्माण करून शहरांचा विकास साधला, अशा उपाययोजनांची चर्चा या बैठकीत केली जाणार आहे. शहरी प्रशासन मजबूत करणे, शहरांची सुरक्षा, वाहतूक व्यवस्था, पायाभूत सुविधांचा विकास, शाश्वत शहरांची उभारणी, परवडणारी घरे निर्माण करणे तसेच शहरांचे शाश्वत नियोजन या मुद्द्यांबाबत बैठकीत व्यापक चर्चा करण्यात येणार आहे.

मुंबई फर्स्ट या विचार गटातर्फे या बैठकीचे आयोजन केले जाणार असून केंद्र आणि राज्य सरकारचा सक्रिय पाठिंबा आहे. या मंचाचे स्वरूप जागतिक असून त्याला ब्राझिल, रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या भागीदार देशांचा देखील पाठिंबा मिळालेला आहे.

या दोनदिवसीय बैठकीसाठी जगातील ७५ प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार असून त्यात राज्यपाल, नेते, शहर नियोजक, मंत्री आणि या देशांतील विविध तज्ज्ञ यांचा समावेश असणार आहे.

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तीन दिवसीय कार्यक्रम १४ एप्रिलपासून; स्मार्ट सिटीसाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण

सकाळ न्यूज नेटवर्क



देवेंद्र फडणवीस

मुंबई, ता. ८ : ब्रिक्स देशांमधील प्रमुख शहरांमध्ये माहिती-तंत्रज्ञान, शहरीकरण, तेथील समस्या या

माहितीचे आदानप्रदान होण्याच्या दृष्टीने भारतात प्रथमच ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे या संकल्पनेवर आधारित तीन दिवसीय परिषद होणार आहे. आर्थिक राजधानी असलेल्या मुंबईला आयोजनाचा मान मिळाला असून, येत्या १४ ते १६ एप्रिलदरम्यान ही परिषद होईल. स्मार्ट सिटीच्या दृष्टीने केंद्र आणि राज्य सरकारसाठी ही परिषद महत्वाची ठरणार आहे. या परिषदेची घोषणा मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र

ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेतील सहभागी शहरे

- ब्राझील; सॅन पावलो
- रशिया; सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग
- चीन; बीजिंग, शांघाय
- दक्षिण आफ्रिका : केप टाऊन, जोहान्सबर्ग

फडणवीस यांनी शुक्रवारी (ता. ८) मुंबईत केली.

या वेळी मुख्य सचिव स्वाधीन क्षत्रिय ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या देशांचा समूह असलेल्या ब्रिक्सचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे असून, ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेचे आयोजन यातील पहिला महत्वाचा उपक्रम आहे. या परिषदेचे उद्घाटन १४ एप्रिलला केंद्रीय शहर विकासमंत्री वैक्य्या नायडू यांच्या हस्ते होईल. या वेळी कार्यक्रमाच्या अध्यक्षस्थानी राज्यपाल सी.

विद्यासागर राव उपस्थित राहतील. या वेळी राज्यपालांच्या हस्ते विशेष टपाल तिकिटाचे अनावरण होईल, अशी माहिती मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी दिली.

या परिषदेला ब्रिक्स सदस्य देशांमधील जवळपास ७० हून अधिक मान्यवर उपस्थित राहणार आहेत. यानंतर छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराज संग्रहालयात संध्याकाळी सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रम आहेत.

जगभरात दोन दशकात वेगाने शहरीकरण झाले आहे. तसेच या शहरांमधील समस्याही वाढल्या

आहेत. ब्रिक्स शहरांमध्ये सहकार्याची भावना वृद्धिंगत करण्यास ही परिषद महत्वाची ठरेल. या परिषदेत ब्रिक्स देशांमधील विविध शहरांचे गव्हर्नर, स्थानिक प्रशासकीय यंत्रणांचे प्रतिनिधी, नियोजनकार, खासगी गुंतवणूकदार सहभागी होतील. पायाभूत सेवा-सुविधांचा विकास, घनकचरा व्यवस्थापन, परवडणारी घरे, शहरातील वाहतूक व्यवस्था, शहरीकरण आणि समस्यांबाबत या परिषदेत मुख्यत्वे चर्चा होईल. केवळ राष्ट्रीय पातळीवर मर्यादित न राहता स्थानिक पातळीवरही माहितीचे आदानप्रदान करण्याचा यामागचा प्रमुख उद्देश असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले. मुंबई फस्टने या परिषदेसाठी पुढाकार घेतला आहे. या परिषदेला राज्यातील तसेच देशभरातील सर्व आयुक्तांना आणि एएमआरयूटी शहरांना आमंत्रित करण्यात आले आहे.

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**शहर विकासाची संकल्पना : पाच देशांतील
गव्हर्नर, मंत्री, महापौर येणार**

मुंबई : ब्राझिल, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या पाच देशांची संघटना असलेल्या 'ब्रिक्स'ची तीन दिवसांची परिषद १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत होत आहे. मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी आज पत्रपरिषदेत या बाबत माहिती दिली.

ब्रिक्स देशांचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे आल्यानंतर भारतात होत असलेली ही पहिलीच परिषद असेल. शहर विकास ही या परिषदेची मूळ संकल्पना आहे. नागरी वाहतूक, पायाभूत सुविधांसाठीचे वित्तीय व्यवस्थापन, शाश्वत शहरे, परिणामकारक जनसुविधा पुरविणे, परवडणारी घरे, जमिनीचा परिणामकारक वापर या विषयांवर परिषदेत व्यापक चर्चा होईल. विविध देशांचे प्रतिनिधी आपापल्या

अनुभवांचे आदानप्रदान करतील.

१४ तारखेला राज्यपाल सी.विद्यासागर राव यांच्या हस्ते परिषदेचे उद्घाटन होईल. केंद्रीय नगरविकास मंत्री वेंकय्या नायडू आणि स्वतः मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस यावेळी प्रामुख्याने उपस्थित असतील. पाचही देशांमधील गव्हर्नर, मंत्री, महापौर आणि वरिष्ठ अधिकारी परिषदेत सहभागी होणार आहेत. अमृत शहरे म्हणून निवड झालेल्या देशातील ४३ शहरांच्या आणि स्मार्ट सिटींच्या पदाधिकाऱ्यांचा त्यात समावेश असेल. मेक इन इंडियाच्या अंमलबजावणीचा एक भाग म्हणूनही या परिषदेला महत्त्व असेल.

पत्रपरिषदेला राज्याचे मुख्य सचिव स्वाधिन क्षत्रिय उपस्थित होते. (विशेष प्रतिनिधी)

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मुंबई, दि. ८ (विशेष प्रतिनिधी): जगभरात शहरीकरण मोठ्या प्रमाणात होत असून अनेक आव्हानांचा कसा सामना करता येईल, या दृष्टीने चर्चा करण्यासाठी १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत 'ब्रिक्स' मैत्री शहरे' बैठक आयोजित केली असल्याचे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी हॉटेल ट्रयडेंट येथील पत्रकार परिषदेत सांगितले.

मुख्यमंत्री यांनी सांगितले की, "जगात नागरिकणाची प्रक्रिया झपाट्याने होत आहे. पन्नास टक्के जनता ही शहरात राहत असून नागरिकरण ही निरंतर चालणारी प्रक्रिया आहे. नागरिकरण ही समस्या न मानता त्याचे निराकरण आणि नियोजन करणे महत्वाचे असून या विषयी या बैठकीत विचार विनियम केला जाणार आहे." या बैठकीसाठी ब्राझील देशाचे ५, रशियाचे २०, द.आफ्रिकेचे ६, चीनचे ३० प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

जगातील ज्या देशांनी उत्तम प्रकारच्या पायाभूत



सुविधा निर्माण करून शहरांचा विकास साधला, अशा उपाययोजनांची चर्चा या बैठकीत केली जाणार असून शहरी प्रशासन मजबूत करणे, शहरांची सुरक्षा, सुरक्षित वाहतूक व्यवस्था, पायाभूत सुविधांचा विकास, शाश्वत शहरांची उभारणी, परवडणारी घरे निर्माण करणे तसेच शहरांचे शाश्वत नियोजन या मुद्द्यांबाबत बैठकीत व्यापक चर्चा करण्यात येणार आहे.

'मुंबई फर्स्ट' या विचार गटातर्फे या बैठकीचे आयोजन केले जाणार असून भारत सरकार, महाराष्ट्र सरकारचा सक्रिय पाठिंबा आहे. या मंडाचे स्वरूप जागतिक असून त्याला ब्राझिल, रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या भागीदार देशांचा पाठिंबा मिळालेला

आहे.

या दोन दिवसीय बैठकीसाठी जगातील ७५ प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार असून त्यात राज्यपाल, शहर नेते, शहर नियोजक, मंत्री आणि या देशातील विविध तज्ज्ञ यांचा समावेश असणार आहे. केंद्रीय शहर विकास मंत्री व्यंकट्या नायडू यांच्या उपस्थितीत १४ एप्रिल रोजी संंध्याकाळी पाच वाजता हॉटेल ट्रयडेंट येथे या कार्यक्रमाचे उद्घाटन होणार आहे. राज्यपालचे. विद्यासागर राव या उद्घाटन समारंभाच्या अध्यक्षस्थानी राहणार आहेत. याप्रसंगी शहरी आव्हानांवर आधारित 'मेकिंग ऑफ व्हायब्रंट ब्रिक्स सिटीज या खास पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशन होणार असून या विषयात तज्ज्ञ असलेल्या जगभरातील ३५ जणांनी या पुस्तकासाठी लेखन केले आहे. तसेच राज्यपाल महोदयांच्या हस्ते खास तिफिटाचेही अनावरण करण्यात येणार असून या कार्यक्रमाचा समारोप शनिवार, १६ एप्रिल रोजी दुपारी ४.३० वाजता होणार आहे.

ब्रिक्स देशाचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे!

२०१४ मध्ये ब्राझिल येथे झालेल्या ब्रिक्स परिषदेत पंतप्रधानांनी व्यक्त केलेला दूरदृष्टीकोन या बैठकीद्वारे चर्चिला जाणार आहे. गेल्यावर्षी रशिया येथे झालेल्या बैठकीत पंतप्रधानांनी ब्रिक्स देशांमधील घट्ट परस्परसंबंधांचे महत्त्व प्रामुख्याने विशद केले आणि ब्रिक्स राष्ट्रांदरम्यान राज्य/स्थानिक सरकार, आणि शहरांमधील परस्पर सहकार्य यांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित केले होते. फेब्रुवारी २०१६ पासून एका वर्षासाठी ब्रिक्स देशांचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे आले आहे. 'मैत्री शहरे बैठक २०१६' ही भारताकडे असलेल्या अध्यक्षपदाच्या जबाबदारी अंतर्गत आयोजित करण्यात आलेला पहिला मुख्य कार्यक्रम आहे.

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‘ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक’



मुंबई : जगभरात शहरीकरण मोठ्या प्रमाणात होत असून अनेक आव्हानांचा कसा सामना करता येईल या दृष्टिने चर्चा करण्यासाठी १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक आयोजित केली असल्याचे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी हॉटेल ट्रायडेंट येथील पत्रकार परिषदेत सांगितले. जगात नागरिकरणाची प्रक्रिया झपाट्याने होत आहे. पन्नास टक्के जनता ही शहरात रहात असून नागरिकीकरण ही निरंतर चालणारी प्रक्रिया आहे. नागरिकीकरण ही समस्या न मानता त्याचे निराकरण आणि नियोजन करणे महत्त्वाचे असून या विषयी या बैठकीत विचार विनियम केला जाणार आहे.



या बैठकीसाठी ब्राझील देशाचे ५, रशियाचे २०, द. आफ्रिकेचे ६, चिनचे ३० प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत. जगातील ज्या देशांनी उत्तम प्रकारच्या पायाभूत सुविधा निर्माण करून शहरांचा विकास साधला, अशा उपाययोजनांची चर्चा या बैठकीत केली जाणार असून शहरी प्रशासन मजबूत करणे, शहरांची सुरक्षा, सुरक्षित वाहतूक व्यवस्था, पायाभूत सुविधांचा विकास, शाश्वत शहरांची उभारणी, परवडणारी घरे निर्माण करणे तसेच शहरांचे शाश्वत नियोजन या मुद्द्यांबाबत बैठकीत व्यापक चर्चा करण्यात येणार आहे.

♦ मुंबई फर्स्ट या विचार गटारफे या बैठकीचे आयोजन केले जाणार असून भारत सरकार, महाराष्ट्र सरकारचा सक्रिय पाठिंबा आहे. या मंचाचे स्वरूप जागतिक असून त्याला ब्राझिल, रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या भागीदार देशांचा पाठिंबा मिळालेला आहे.

♦ या दोन दिवसीय बैठकीसाठी जगातील ७५ प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार असून त्यात राज्यपाल, शहर नेते, शहर नियोजक, मंत्री आणि या देशातील विविध तज्ज्ञ यांचा समावेश असणार आहे.

♦ केंद्रीय शहर विकासमंत्री व्यंकट्या नायडू यांच्या उपस्थितीत १४ एप्रिल रोजी संध्याकाळी पाच वाजता हॉटेल ट्रायडेंट येथे या कार्यक्रमाचे उद्घाटन होणार आहे. राज्यपाल चे. विद्यासागर राव या उद्घाटन समारंभाच्या अध्यक्षस्थानी राहणार आहेत.

♦ याप्रसंगी शहरी आव्हानांवर आधारित ‘मेकिंग ऑफ व्हायबंट ब्रिक्स सिटीज’ या खास पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशन होणार आहे.

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बीएस संवाददाता

मुंबई, 8 अप्रैल

मुंबई 14 से 16 अप्रैल तक ब्रिक्स फ्रेंडशिप सिटीज कॉन्क्लेव की मेजमानी करेगी। इस इवेंट का आयोजन एक थिंक टैंक मुंबई फर्स्ट कर रहा है और इसे भारत सरकार और महाराष्ट्र सरकार का समर्थन हासिल है। इस फोरम को ब्राजील, रूस, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका समेत सभी भागीदार देशों से अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया मिली है। कॉन्क्लेव को उन विभिन्न हितधारकों के बीच सार्थक संवाद को सुगम बनाने के लिए तैयार किया गया है जो शहरी इलाकों, सार्वजनिक एवं निजी क्षेत्रों आदि के विकास और बदलाव में भागीदार बनेंगे। इन देशों से 75 सदस्यीय प्रतिनिधि मंडल इसके उद्घाटन के अवसर पर उपस्थित होगा।

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मुंबई, कासं. विश्व में बड़े पैमाने पर हो रहे शहरीकरण से पैदा हो रही समस्याओं से कैसे निपटा 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 थीम ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहर बैठक नाम दिया गया है. मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने यह जानकारी दी है.

समस्याओं पर होगा मंथन

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 मंथन के लिए यह बैठक आयोजित की गयी है. इस बैठक में ब्राजील 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 तरफ से यह बैठक आयोजित की जा रही है. इसको भारत सरकार और राज्य सरकार का समर्थन प्राप्त है. केन्द्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री वेंकैया नायडू 14 अप्रैल को इस बैठक का उद्घाटन करेंगे. इस बैठक में विश्व के 75 प्रतिनिधि शामिल होंगे.

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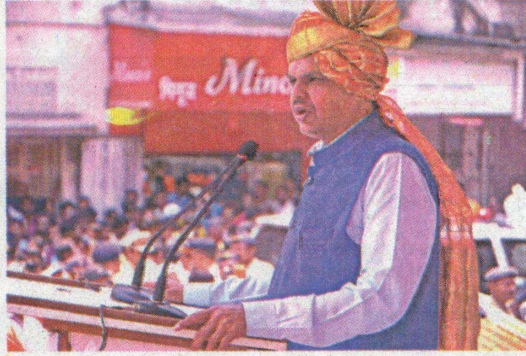
ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठकीत चर्चा करणार : मुख्यमंत्री

मुंबई :

जगभरात शहरीकरण मोठ्या प्रमाणात होत असून अनेक आव्हानांचा कसा सामना करता येईल या दृष्टिने चर्चा करण्यासाठी १४ ते १६ एप्रिल दरम्यान मुंबईत ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे बैठक आयोजित केली असल्याचे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी हॉटेल ट्रुव्हंट येथील पत्रकार परिषदेत सांगितले.

मुख्यमंत्री यांनी सांगितले की, जगात नागरिकरणाची प्रक्रिया झपाटवाने होत आहे. पन्नास टक्के जनता ही शहरात रहात असून नागरिकीकरण ही निरंतर चालणारी प्रक्रिया आहे. नागरिकीकरण ही समस्या न मानता त्याचे निराकरण आणि नियोजन करणे महत्वाचे असून या विषयी या बैठकीत विचार विनिमय केला जाणार आहे. या बैठकीसाठी ब्राझिल देशाचे ५, रशियाचे २०, द.आफ्रिकेचे ६, चिनचे ३० प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार आहेत.

जगातील ज्या देशांनी उत्तम प्रकारच्या पायाभूत सुविधा निर्माण करून शहरांचा विकास साधला, अशा उपाययोजनांची चर्चा या बैठकीत केली जाणार असून शहरी प्रशासन मजबूत करणे, शहरांची सुरक्षा, सुरक्षित वाहतूक व्यवस्था, पायाभूत सुविधांचा विकास, शाश्वत शहरांची उन्नतता, परवडणारी घरे निर्माण करणे तसेच शहरांचे



शाश्वत नियोजन या मुद्द्यांबाबत बैठकीत व्यापक चर्चा करण्यात येणार आहे.

मुंबई फर्स्ट या विचार गटातर्फे या बैठकीचे आयोजन केले जाणार असून भारत सरकार, महाराष्ट्र सरकारचा सक्रिय पाठिंबा आहे. या मंचाचे स्वरूप जागतिक असून त्याला ब्राझिल, रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या भागीदार देशांचा पाठिंबा मिळालेला आहे.

या दोन दिवसीय बैठकीसाठी जगातील ७५ प्रतिनिधी उपस्थित राहणार असून त्यात राज्यपाल, शहर नेते, शहर नियोजक,

मंत्री आणि या देशांतील विविध तज्ज्ञ यांचा समावेश असणार आहे. केंद्रीय शहर विकास मंत्री वैजकुंठ नायडू यांच्या उपस्थितीत १४ एप्रिल रोजी संध्याकाळी पाच वाजता हॉटेल ट्रुव्हंट येथे या कार्यक्रमाचे उद्घाटन होणार आहे. राज्यपाल चे.विद्यासागर राव या उद्घाटन समारंभाच्या अध्यक्षस्थानी राहणार आहेत.

याप्रसंगी शहरी आव्हानांवर आधारित मेकिंग ऑफ व्हॉलब्रंट ब्रिक्स सिटीज' या खास पुस्तकाचे प्रकाशन होणार असून या विषयात तज्ज्ञ असलेल्या जगभरातील

३५ जणांनी या पुस्तकासाठी लेखन केले आहे. तसेच राज्यपाल महोदयांच्या हस्ते खास तिकिटाचेही अनावरण करण्यात येणार असून या कार्यक्रमाचा समारोप शनिवार, १६ एप्रिल रोजी दुपारी ४.३० वाजता होणार आहे.

या पत्रकार परिषदेला मुख्य सचिव स्वाधीन क्षत्रिय केंद्रीय सहसचिव आलोक डिमरी, मुंबई फर्स्टचे अध्यक्ष नरिंदर नायर, मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी शेखर जोशी आदी उपस्थित होते.

ब्रिक्स देशाचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे!

२०१४ मध्ये ब्राझिल येथे झालेल्या ब्रिक्स परिषदेत पंतप्रधानांनी व्यवहृत केलेला दूरदृष्टीकोन या बैठकीद्वारे चर्चित जाणार आहे. गेल्यावर्षी रशिया येथे झालेल्या बैठकीत पंतप्रधानांनी ब्रिक्स देशांमधील घट्ट परस्परसंबंधांचे महत्त्व प्रामुख्याने विशद केले आणि ब्रिक्स राष्ट्रंमध्ये राज्य/स्थानिक सरकार, आणि शहरांमधील परस्पर सहकार्य' यांचे महत्त्व अधोरेखित केले होते. फेब्रुवारी २०१६ पासून एका वर्षासाठी ब्रिक्स देशांचे अध्यक्षपद भारताकडे आले आहे. मैत्री शहरे बैठक २०१६ ही भारताकडे असलेल्या अध्यक्षपदाच्या जबाबदारीअंतर्गत आयोजित करण्यात आलेला पहिला मुख्य कार्यक्रम आहे.

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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 Maharashtra 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 impor-



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis (third from right) making the announcement of BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016, in Mumbai.

tance of engagement between states, cities and local bodies while addressing a BRICS Summit in Brazil in 2014.

This conclave will 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 50% 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.

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બ્રિક્સ સિટી કોન્ફલેવમાં પણ પાણીની કટોકટી પણ ચર્ચાશે

જળ વ્યવસ્થાપનનો મુદ્દો પાણી સંકટના ઉકેલ માટે ધ્યાને લેવાશે : ફડણવીસ રાજેશ પટેલ, મુંબઈ

મુંબઈ 14થી 16 એપ્રિલના પ્રતિષ્ઠિત આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય બ્રિક્સ ફેન્ડશિપ સિટીઝ કોન્ફલેવનું યજમાન બનશે, જેમાં પાણીની કટોકટી સહિત અન્ય મહત્વપૂર્ણ મુદ્દાઓ ચર્ચામાં લેવાશે. આ સંમેલન ટ્રાઈડન્ટ હોટેલમાં યોજાશે અને તેમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓ સહિતના સંબંધિતો માટે સહભાગ પૂર્વનોંધણીની શરતે મફત છે. આ કોન્ફલેવનું આયોજન થિંક ટેંક મુંબઈ ફર્સ્ટ ભારત સરકાર અને મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારના સહકારથી કર્યું છે. આ સંયુક્ત પહેલ છે. આ મંચ ખરા અર્થમાં વૈશ્વિક બની રહેશે તેવી અપેક્ષા છે, જેને તમામ ભાગીદાર દેશો બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, (ભારત), ચીન અને દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકાનો સહકાર મળ્યો છે.

રાજ્યમાં મુંબઈ સિવાય પાણીની તીવ્ર કટોકટી છે. મુંબઈની પાડોશમાં થાણેમાં તો સપ્તાહમાં ત્રણ જ દિવસ પાણી આવે છે. લાતુરમાં તીવ્ર જળ સંકટ છે. આથી પાણીની સમસ્યા બાબતે પણ આ સંમેલનમાં ચર્ચા કરાશે. ઉપરાંત ડો. બાબાસાહેબ આંબેડકરનાં સાહિત્યોમાં બંધારણ ઉપરાંત શહેરી મુદ્દાઓ, જળ

શહેરી વિકાસ અને ભવિષ્યનાં શહેરો

આ ત્રણ દિવસના કોન્ફલેવની થીમ બ્રિક્સ દેશોમાં શહેરી વિકાસ અને ભવિષ્યના શહેરો છે. શહેરીકરણની આ પ્રક્રિયા વચ્ચે સમગ્ર દુનિયાના શહેરો મોટા પડકારોને સામનો કરી રહ્યાં છે, જેમાં વિકાસશીલ દેશોના શહેરો સામાન્ય પડકારોનો સામનો કરી રહ્યાં છે. કોન્ફલેવ બ્રિક્સ દેશોના મહાનગરોના આગેવાનોને અન્ય શહેરોના અનુભવોને જોવા, જાણવા અને સમજવાની તથા તેમાંથી શીખવા ઉત્તમ પ્લેટફોર્મ પ્રદાન કરશે.

ચર્ચામાં લેવાનાર વિષય

શહેરી શાસનને મજબૂત કરવું: શહેરી શાસનના સફળ મોડલમાંથી બોધપાઠ, બ્રિક્સ મહાનગરોને સર્વસમાવેશક બનાવવા, આપણા મહાનગરોને સુરક્ષિત અને સલામત બનાવવા, શહેરી પરિવહન: શહેરોના મુખ્ય વિસ્તારોને ચીજવસ્તુઓના પરિવહનલક્ષી વિકાસ કેન્દ્રોમાં બદલવા, શહેરી માળખાને ધિરાણ, શહેરી સેવાઓમાં સુધારો કરવા ટકાઉ શહેરોનું નિર્માણ કરવું, ટકાઉ અને વાજબી હાઉસિંગને વાસ્તવિક બનાવવું, જમીનના અસરકારક ઉપયોગ અને શહેરી આયોજન મારફતે મહત્તમ મૂલ્યનું સર્જન કરવું.

વ્યવસ્થાપન, અર્થવ્યવસ્થા વિશે પણ ઉલ્લેખ છે, જેમાંથી જળ વ્યવસ્થાપનનો મુદ્દો પાણી સંકટના ઉકેલ માટે ધ્યાનમાં લેવાશે, એમ મુખ્યમંત્રી ફડણવીસે કહ્યું હતું.

આ બે દિવસના કોન્ફલેવમાં તમામ દેશોના લગભગ 75 જેટલા ગવર્નર્સ, શહેરના આગેવાનો, શહેરના આયોજકો, સરકારના પ્રધાનો અને નિષ્ણાતો ભાગ લેશે. રાજ્યપાલ સી વિદ્યાસાગર રાવ 14 એપ્રિલના રોજ સાંજે 5 વાગ્યે કેન્દ્રીય શહેરી વિકાસ પ્રધાન વેંકયા નાયડુ

અને મુખ્ય મંત્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસની હાજરીમાં આ કોન્ફલેવનું ઉદઘાટન કરશે અને તેની અધ્યક્ષતા પણ કરશે. આ પ્રસંગે શહેરી પડકારો પર પ્રકાશ ફેંકતાં ખાસ પુસ્તક 'મેકિંગ ઓફ વાઈબ્રન્ટ બ્રિક્સ સિટીઝ'નું વિમોચન કરશે. સમગ્ર દુનિયાના આ ક્ષેત્રના 35થી વધારે નિષ્ણાતોએ પુસ્તકમાં પ્રદાન કર્યું છે. રાજ્યપાલ એક વિશેષ સ્ટેમ્પ કવર પણ જાહેર કરશે. આ કોન્ફલેવનો સમારંભ સમારોહ 16 એપ્રિલને શનિવારે બપોરે 4.30 કલાકે યોજાશે.

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મુંબઈમાં ૧૪ એપ્રિલથી ત્રણ દિવસની બ્રિક્સ ફેન્ડશીપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન

મુંબઈ, તા.૮

મુંબઈ ૧૪થી ૧૬ એપ્રિલ, ૨૦૧૬ પ્રતિષ્ઠિત બ્રિક્સ ફેન્ડશીપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવનું યજમાન બનશે. આ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન થીંક ટેક મુંબઈ ફસ્ટ ભારત સરકાર અને મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારના સહકારથી કર્યું છે.

આ મંચ ખરા અર્થમાં વૈશ્વિક બની રહેશે તેવી અપેક્ષા છે. જેને તમામ ભાગીદાર દેશો બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, (ભારત), ચીન અને દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકાનો સહકાર મળ્યો છે.

આ બે દિવસના કોન્કલેવમાં તમામ દેશોના લગભગ ૭૫ જેટલા ગવર્નર્સ, શહેરના આગેવાનો, શહેરના આયોજકો, સરકારના પ્રધાનો અને નિષ્ણાતો ભાગ લેશે.

મહારાષ્ટ્રના રાજ્યપાલ સી. વિદ્યાસાગર રાવ ૧૪ એપ્રિલના રોજ સાંજે ૫ વાગે કેન્દ્રિય શહેરી વિકાસ પ્રધાન વેંકયા નાયડુ અને મહારાષ્ટ્રના મુખ્યમંત્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસની હાજરીમાં આ કોન્કલેવનું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરશે અને તેની અધ્યક્ષતા પણ કરશે.

આ પ્રસંગે શહેરી પડકારો પર પ્રકાશ ફેંકતા ખાસ પુસ્તક 'મેકિંગ ઓફ વર્લ્ડબ્રાન્ડ બ્રિક્સ સિટીઝ'નું વિમોચન થશે. સમગ્ર દુનિયાના આ ક્ષેત્રના ઉપથી વધારે નિષ્ણાતોએ પુસ્તકમાં પ્રદાન કર્યું છે.

સાથે સાથે અહીં આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ એક વિશેષ સ્ટેમ્પ ક્વર પણ જાહેર કરશે.

આ કોન્કલેવનો સમાપન સમારોહ ૧૬ એપ્રિલને શનિવારે બપોરે ૪.૩૦ કલાકે યોજાશે. જેની અધ્યક્ષતા મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસ કરશે.

આ કોન્કલેવ વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ ૨૦૧૪માં બ્રાઝિલમાં યોજાયેલી બ્રિક્સની બેઠકમાં કરેલા સંબોધન દરમિયાન વ્યક્ત કરેલી ઇચ્છાને હકીકતમાં રૂપાંતરિત કરવાની પહેલ છે. તેમાં વડાપ્રધાને દુનિયાના દેશો, શહેરો, સ્થાનિક સંસ્થાઓ અને 'વિવિધ દેશો અને શહેરોના લોકો વચ્ચે' વચ્ચે આદાનપ્રદાન પર ભાર મૂક્યો હતો તથા શહેરી પડકારોને ઝીલવા વિજ્ઞાન અને રૂપરેખા વ્યક્ત કરી હતી.

ભારતે ફેબ્રુઆરી, ૨૦૧૬થી એક વર્ષ માટે બ્રિક્સ

કોન્કલેવમાં કયા વિષયો પર ચર્ચા થશે ?

આ ત્રણ દિવસના કોન્કલેવની થીમ બ્રિક્સ દેશોમાં શહેરી વિકાસ અને ભવિષ્યના શહેરો છે. શહેરીકરણની આ પ્રક્રિયા વચ્ચે સમગ્ર દુનિયાના શહેરો મોટા પડકારોને સામનો કરી રહ્યાં છે, જેમાં વિકાસશીલ દેશોના શહેરો સામાન્ય પડકારોનો સામનો કરી રહ્યાં છે. આ કોન્કલેવમાં મુખ્યત્વે આઠ વિષયો પર ચર્ચા થશે. જે આ મુજબ છે :

સત્ર ૧ : શહેરી શાસનને મજબૂત કરવું : શહેરી શાસનના સફળ મોડલમાંથી બોધપાઠ

સત્ર ૨ : બ્રિક્સ મહાનગરોને સર્વસમાવેશક બનાવવા

સત્ર ૩ : આપણા મહાનગરોને સુરક્ષિત અને સલામત બનાવવા

સત્ર ૪ : શહેરી પસ્ટિવલન : શહેરોના મુખ્ય વિસ્તારોને ચીજવસ્તુઓના પસ્ટિવલનલક્ષી વિકાસ કેન્દ્રોમાં બદલવા

સત્ર ૫ : શહેરી માળખાને ધિરાણ

સત્ર ૬ : શહેરી સેવાઓમાં સુધારો કરવા ટકાઉ શહેરોનું નિર્માણ કરવું

સત્ર ૭ : ટકાઉ અને વાજબી હાઉસિંગને વાસ્તવિક બનાવવું

સત્ર ૮ : જમીનના અસરકારક ઉપયોગ અને શહેરી આયોજન મારફતે મહત્તમ મૂલ્યનું સર્જન કરવું

દેશોની આગેવાની લીધી છે. તેના ભાગરૂપે ફેન્ડશીપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવ ૨૦૧૬ ભારતની પ્રથમ મુખ્ય પ્રવૃત્તિ છે. આ કોન્કલેવમાં વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમોનું આયોજન વિવિધ દેશો અને ભાગીદારો વચ્ચે અર્થપૂર્ણ સંવાદ સ્થાપિત થાય એ રીતે કરવામાં આવ્યું છે, જેમાં શહેરી વિસ્તારોના નવીનીકરણ અને વિકાસને આકાર આપવા સરકારી અને ખાનગી ક્ષેત્રો, નાગરિક સમાજ અને શૈક્ષણિક ક્ષેત્ર સામેલ થશે.

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Brics event on urban progress in Mumbai from Thursday

BS REPORTER
Mumbai, 8 April

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-



BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016 to be hosted Thursday-Saturday in Mumbai was announced on Friday by Devendra Fadnavis, chief minister, Maharashtra.

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 deliberate 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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મુંબઈ 14 એપ્રિલે બ્રિક્સ સિટી કોન્ફરેન્સનું યજમાન બનશે

મુંબઈ, એપ્રિલ 8, 2016: મુંબઈ 14થી 16 એપ્રિલ, 2016 પ્રતિષ્ઠિત બ્રિક્સ ફેન્શિપ સિટીઝ કોન્ફરેન્સનું યજમાન બનશે. આ કોન્ફરેન્સનું આયોજન થીંક ટૅંક મુંબઈ ફસ્ટ ભારત સરકાર અને મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારના સહકારથી કર્યું છે. આ સંયુક્ત પહેલ છે.

આ મંચ ખરા અર્થમાં વૈશ્વિક બની રહેશે તેવી અપેક્ષા છે, જેને તમામ ભાગીદાર દેશો બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, (ભારત), ચીન અને દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકાનો સહકાર મળ્યો છે. આ બે દિવસના કોન્ફરેન્સમાં તમામ દેશોના લગભગ 75 જેટલા ગવર્નર્સ, શહેરના આગેવાનો, શહેરના આયોજકો, સરકારના પ્રધાનો અને નિષ્ણાતો ભાગ લેશે.

મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ મહામહિમ શ્રી સી વિદ્યાસાગર રાવ 14 એપ્રિલના રોજ સાંજે 5 વાગે કેન્દ્રિય શહેરી વિકાસ પ્રધાન શ્રી વૈક્યા નાયડુ અને મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી શ્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસની હાજરીમાં આ કોન્ફરેન્સનું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરશે અને તેની અધ્યક્ષતા પણ કરશે.

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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 mega-challenge for cities globally, cities in devel-

oping 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 learnt 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 importance of engagement

between states, cities, local bodies and 'people to people'.

At the BRICS Summit in Russia in 2015, Modi specifically emphasises the importance of close cooperation between the member-nations, and included a forum of state-local government governments from among the BRICS countries, and coopeation 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 contribution 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 substantive 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, Mahindra, 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.

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Headline	BRICS urban development conclave in Mumbai	Date	11.4.16	Page No	8

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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મુંબઈ ૧૪ એ-લે
બ્રિક્સ સિટી કોન્કલેવનું
યજમાન બનશે

મુંબઈ, મુંબઈ ૧૪થી ૧૬ એ-લે, ૨૦૧૬ -તિષ્ઠિત બ્રિક્સ ફેન્ડશિપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવનું યજમાન બનશે. આ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન થીક ટેક મુંબઈ ફર્સ્ટ ભારત સરકાર અને મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારના સહકારથી કર્યું છે. આ સંયુક્ત પહેલ છે. આ મંચ ખરા અર્થમાં વૈશ્વિક બની રહેશે તેવી અપેક્ષા છે, જેને તમામ ભાગીદાર દેશો બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, (ભારત), ચીન અને દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકાનો સહકાર મળ્યો છે. આ બે દિવસના કોન્કલેવમાં તમામ દેશોના લગભગ ૭૫ જેટલા ગવર્નર્સ, શહેરના આગેવાનો, શહેરના આયોજકો, સરકારના -ધાનો અને નિષ્ણાતો ભાગ લેશે. મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ મહામહિમ શ્રી સી વિદ્યાસાગર રાવ ૧૪ એ-લેના રોજ સાંજે ૫ વાગે કેન્દ્રિય શહેરી વિકાસ -ધાન શ્રી વૈં કયા નાયડુ અને મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી શ્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસની હાજરીમાં આ કોન્કલેવનું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરશે અને તેની અધ્યક્ષતા પણ કરશે. આ -સંગે શહેરી પડકારો પર -કાશ ફેકતા ખાસ પુસ્તક ઉમેર્કિંગ ઓફ વાઈબ્રન્ટ બ્રિક્સ સિટીઝ નું વિમોચન કરશે. સમગ્ર દુનિયાના આ ક્ષેત્રના ઉપથી વધારે નિષ્ણાતોએ પુસ્તકમાં -દાન કર્યું છે.

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મુંબઈ ૧૪ એપ્રિલે બ્રિક્સ સિટી કોન્કલેવનું યજમાન બનશે



મુંબઈ ૧૪થી ૧૬ એપ્રિલ, ૨૦૧૬ પ્રતિષ્ઠિત બ્રિક્સ ફેન્ડેશિપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવનું યજમાન બનશે. આ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન થીંક ટેક મુંબઈ ફસ્ટે ભારત સરકાર અને મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારના સહકારથી કર્યું છે. આ સંયુક્ત પહેલ છે. આ મંચ ખરા અર્થમાં વૈશ્વિક બની રહેશે તેવી અપેક્ષા છે, જેને તમામ ભાગીદાર દેશો બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, (ભારત), ચીન અને દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકાનો સહકાર મળ્યો છે. આ બે દિવસના કોન્કલેવમાં તમામ દેશોના લગભગ ૭૫ જેટલા ગવર્નર્સ, શહેરના આગેવાનો, શહેરના આયોજકો, સરકારના પ્રધાનો અને નિષ્ણાતો ભાગ લેશે.

મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ મહામહિમ શ્રી સી વિદ્યાસાગર રાવ ૧૪ એપ્રિલના રોજ સાંજે ૫ વાગે કેન્દ્રિય શહેરી વિકાસ પ્રધાન શ્રી વૈક્યા નાયડુ અને મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી શ્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસની હાજરીમાં આ કોન્કલેવનું ઉદ્ઘાટન કરશે અને તેની અધ્યક્ષતા પણ કરશે. આ પ્રસંગે શહેરી પડકારો પર પ્રકાશ ફેંકતા ખાસ પુસ્તક ‘મેર્કિંગ ઓફ વાઈબ્રન્ટ બ્રિક્સ સિટીઝ’નું વિમોચન કરશે. સમગ્ર દુનિયાના આ ક્ષેત્રના ઉપથી વધારે નિષ્ણાતોએ પુસ્તકમાં પ્રદાન કર્યું છે. સાથે સાથે અહીં આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ એક વિશેષ સ્ટેમ્પ કવર પણ જાહેર કરશે. આ કોન્કલેવનો વસમારંભ સમારોહ ૧૬ એપ્રિલને શનિવારે બપોરે ૪.૩૦ કલાકે યોજાશે, જેની અધ્યક્ષતા મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી શ્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસ કરશે. આ કોન્કલેવ આદરણીય વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ ૨૦૧૪માં બ્રાઝિલમાં યોજાયેલી બ્રિક્સની બેઠકમાં કરેલા સંબોધન દરમિયાન વ્યક્ત કરેલી ઈચ્છાને હકીકતમાં રૂપાંતરિત કરવાની પહેલ છે. તેમાં વડાપ્રધાને દુનિયાના દેશો, શહેરો, સ્થાનિક સંસ્થાઓ અને “વિવિધ દેશો અને શહેરોના લોકો વચ્ચે” વચ્ચે આદાનપ્રદાન પર ભાર મૂક્યો હતો તથા શહેરી પડકારોને ઝીલવા વિઝન અને રૂપરેખા વ્યક્ત કરી હતી. બ્રિક્સની બેઠક ગયા વર્ષે રશિયામાં ઉદ્ઘાટિત થઈ હતી. તેમાં વડાપ્રધાન મોદીએ બ્રિક્સના સભ્ય દેશો વચ્ચે ગાઢ સાથસહકારના મહત્વ પર ભાર મૂક્યો હતો, જેમાં “બ્રિક્સ દેશો વચ્ચે શહેરીકરણના પડકારોને ઝીલવા રાજ્ય/સ્થાનિક સરકારો વચ્ચે મંચ બનાવવા તથા શહેરો વચ્ચે સાથસહકાર” આપવાની વાત પર ખાસ ભાર મૂક્યો હતો. ભારતે ફેબ્રુઆરી, ૨૦૧૬થી એક વર્ષ માટે બ્રિક્સ દેશોની આગેવાની લીધી છે. તેના ભાગરૂપે ફેન્ડેશિપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવ ૨૦૧૬ ભારતની પ્રથમ મુખ્ય પ્રવૃત્તિ છે.

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मुंबई, तक आयोजित हो रहे प्रतिष्ठित ब्रिक्स प्रेजिडेंसिप सम्मेलन की मेजबानी करेगा।

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

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महाराष्ट्र के माननीय राज्यपाल, महामहिम श्री सी

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इस मौके पर शहरी चुनौतियों पर केंद्रित विशेष पुस्तक, 'मेकिंग ऑफ वाइब्रेट ब्रिक्स सिटीज' जारी की जायेगी। दुनिया भर के 35 से अधिक इस विषय के विशेषज्ञों ने इस पुस्तक को तैयार करने में योगदान दिया है।

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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, urban planners and 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

THE WAY AHEAD

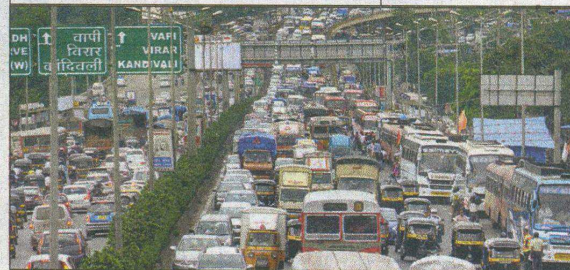
NEW TAXES & FEES PROPOSED TO CURB POLLUTION, TRAFFIC JAMS

Source	Revenue (per yr)
Parking fees	₹700 cr
One-time road cess	₹500 cr
Environment cess on fuel	₹600 cr
Road user fee per annum	₹480 cr
Toll on cars	₹100 cr
Fines on traffic	₹100 cr
Increase in suburban rail fares	₹1,500 cr

(The generated revenue will be used to fund projects like Metro rail and to improve bus system, footpaths, cycling tracks, roads, etc)

DELAYED PROJECTS

- > **Metro routes** | Colaba-Bandra-Airport-Seepz | D N Nagar-Dahisar | Andheri-Dahisar | Wadala-Ghatkopar-Thane-Kasarwadavali | Bandra-Mankhurd
- > **Dedicated bus lane** on WEH and EEH
- > **Nhava-Sewri Trans Harbour Link (MTHL)**
- > **Coastal Road from Nariman Point to Dahisar**



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 car 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 12-rake cars,

AC locals, additional lines and increased frequency.

"The government's policy to only expand roads and add flyovers has encouraged cars to grow by almost 56% 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.

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Elsewhere, Heavy Dependence On Govt Funds & Loans

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Mumbai: When it comes to meeting their financial needs, municipal corporations in Maharashtra stand apart from their counterparts from 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 50% of their expenses, mainly because of poor revenue collection and weak self-financing capacity.

Cities such as Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, Bhopal and Jaipur show a very high dependency on 'transfer funds' in

THE BREAK-UP			MUNICIPAL BODIES	OWN REVENUE	GOVT FUNDING
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Ajmer	9	91	Chennai	57	43
Varanasi	22	78	Coimbatore	58	42
Chandigarh	27	73	Kolkata	60	40
Indore	31	69	Hyderabad	63	37
Bhopal	31	69	Visakhapatnam	71	29
Lucknow	33	67	Mumbai	90	10
Jaipur	34	66	Nagpur	93	7
Madurai	49	51	Pune	94	6
Bengaluru	52	48	Mira-Bhayander	96	4
Ludhiana	55	45	Kalyan-Dombivli	96	4
Mysuru	55	45	Nashik	98	2
Amritsar	57	43	Nanded	99	1
			Navi Mumbai	99.5	0.5

the absence of a strong treasury of their own. Cities in Madhya Pradesh and southern states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka fair a little better.

A review of fiscal health taken by experts on urbanization 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 urbanization 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, Kalyan-Dombivli, Nashik, Pune and Nanded show a very minimum 0.5% to maximum 10% dependency on funds from other the state, banks or Centre. In Ahmedabad, 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 revenues of municipal bodies have declined by nearly 5%. The central funding to the cities has also declined during the 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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મુંબઈ ૧૪ એપ્રિલે બ્રિક્સ સિટી કોન્કલેવનું યજમાન બનશે

મુંબઈ, ગુરુવાર

મુંબઈથી ૧૪થી ૧૬ એપ્રિલ, ૨૦૧૬ પ્રતિષ્ઠિત બ્રિક્સ ફ્રેન્ડશિપ સિટીઝ કોન્કલેવનું યજમાન બનશે. આ કોન્કલેવનું આયોજન થીંક ટેંક મુંબઈ ફસ્ટ ભારત સરકાર અને મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારના સહકારથી કર્યું છે. આ સંયુક્ત પહેલ છે.

આ મંચ ખરા અર્થમાં વૈશ્વિક બની રહેશે તેવી અપેક્ષા છે, જેને તમામ ભાગીદાર દેશો બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, (ભારત), ચીન અને દક્ષિણ આફ્રિકાનો સહકાર મળ્યો છે. આ બે દિવસના કોન્કલેવમાં, તમામ દેશોના લગભગ ૭૫ જેટલા ગવર્નર્સ, શહેરના આગેવાનો, શહેરના આયોજકો, સરકારના પ્રધાનો અને નિષ્ણાતો ભાગ લેશે.

- મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ મહામહિ સી વિદ્યાસાગર રાવ ૧૪ એપ્રિલ રોજ સાંજે ૫ વાગે કેન્દ્રીય શહેરી



વિકાસ પ્રધાન વૈક્યા નાયડુ અને મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસની હાજરીમાં આ કોન્કલેવનું ઉદઘાટન કરશે અને તેની અધ્યક્ષતા પણ કરશે. આ પ્રસંગે શહેરી પડકારો પર પ્રકાશ ફેંકતા ખાસ પુસ્તક 'મેકિંગ ઓફ વાઈબ્રન્ટ બ્રિક્સ સિટીઝ' નું વિમોચન કરશે. સમગ્ર દુનિયાના આ ક્ષેત્રના ઉપથી વધારે નિષ્ણાતોએ પુસ્તકમાં પ્રદાન કર્યું છે.

સાથે અહીં આદરણીય રાજ્યપાલ એક વિશેષ સ્ટેમ્સ કવર પણ જાહેર કરશે. આ કોન્કલેવનો સમારંભ સમારોહ ૧૬ એપ્રિલને શનિવારે બપોરે

૪.૩૦ કલાકે યોજાશે. જેની અધ્યક્ષતા મહારાષ્ટ્રના આદરણીય મુખ્યમંત્રી દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસ કરશે.

આ કોન્કલેવ આદરણીય વડાપ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ ૨૦૧૪માં બ્રાઝિલમાં યોજાયેલી બ્રિક્સની બેઠકમાં કરેલા સંબોધન દરમિયાન વ્યક્ત કરેલી ઈચ્છાને હકીકતમાં રૂપાંતરિત કરવાની પહેલ છે. તેમાં વડાપ્રધાને દુનિયાના દેશો, શહેરો, સ્થાનિક સંસ્થાઓ અને "વિવિધ દેશો અને શહેરોના લોકો વચ્ચે" આદાનપ્રદાન પર ભારે મૂક્યો હતો તથા શહેરી પડકારોને ઝીલવા વિઝન અને રૂપરેખા વ્યક્ત કરી હતી.

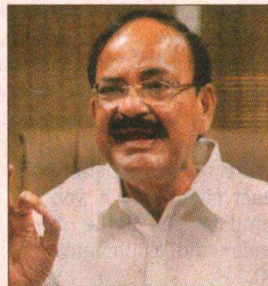
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Naidu calls for greater cooperation among BRICS member countries

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. *PTI*

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Uniform bldg construction policy likely

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Mumbai: The country will soon implement probably the first uniform model bylaws for building permission and constructions 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 intimate 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 ex-

pressed willingness to go ahead with it. Very soon we will take a decision on its implementation," Union urban development minister Venkaiah Naidu told reporters on the sidelines of a conclave of BRICS, an association of five major emerging national economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), here. Around 80 delega-

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tes from five countries are participating in the event, the first of its kind in India.

Similar bylaws were recently announced by Naidu 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 building proponents (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 pay-

ments 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 50% of its population living in cities alone and had taken a decision to develop its 10 cities on its own as smart cities.

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At Brics conclave, call for combating terror

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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 western countries too have realised the threat of terror and are willing to unite to combat it. He said the world should come together to crush terrorism, which has no relation to any religion. As BRICS coun-



■ CM Devendra Fadnis speaks at the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave in Mumbai on Thursday. BHUSHAN KOYANDE

tries are home to a major part of the population, in the absence of peace, steady growth will not be possible, Naidu said.

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At Brics conclave, call for combating terror

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

"All major BRICS cities are faced with the similar challenges - 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 guidance," Naidu said.

Fadnis said though India was resistant to urbanisation soon after independence, forced urbanisation made governments channelise growth in a systematic way over the past two decades. "Maharashtra has planned ten smart cities across the state and 22 in NAINA in MMR to respond to the rapid rate of

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urbanisation. With our sister city pact with some international cities, we look forward for better cooperation from the BRICS countries," Fadnis said.

The deliberations during the conclave will focus on strengthening urban governance, making BRICS cities inclusive, safe and secure, improving urban transport, financing 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.

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Centre wants state to bring in by-laws for construction

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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 the 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.

Publication	DNA	Edition	Mumbai	Language	English
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Centre making model building bye-laws, says Venkaiah

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Union minister for urban development M Venkaiah Naidu informed that the Centre was in the process of making model building bye-laws by bringing together six ministries of the Union government so that uniformity is arrived at in all the states in this regard. He informed that Maharashtra chief minister Devendra Fadnavis is also trying to bring in

uniformity in building bye-laws.

Naidu informed that he had a discussion with Fadnavis on the matter and handed over the recently prepared model building bye-laws to the chief minister. 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

Union minister meets Fadnavis

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Conclave 2016, comprising representations 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 25 eminent writers. The book depicts the challenges and the opportunities that are before cities from BRICS nations in becoming a

truly vibrant urban city. Chief post master general Ashok Das, Mumbai, first chairman Narendra Nair, chief secretary of Maharashtra Swadheen Kshatriya were also present on the dais. CEO of Mumbai First Shishir Joshi conducted the inaugural session.

Naidu said that the mindset of administrators and the people would have to be changed for creating smart cities and that only funding of Rs500 crore from the Union govern-

ment was not enough for the same. He also said that the cities aiming to becoming smart cities would have to create their own credit-worthiness 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 22 smart cities. He said that the first integrated development plan for the same was ready while the second was in process of making.

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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 representations 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 10 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

Conclave will bring together over 75 delegates including governors, leaders from BRICS nations

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 urbanization 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 infrastructure, 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.

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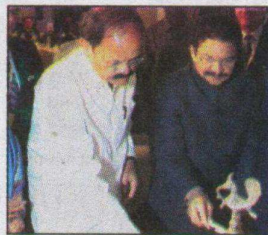
BRICS fuelling urban growth and development: Venkaiah

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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



Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu at the inauguration of the BRICS conclave. *Dilip Kagda*

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

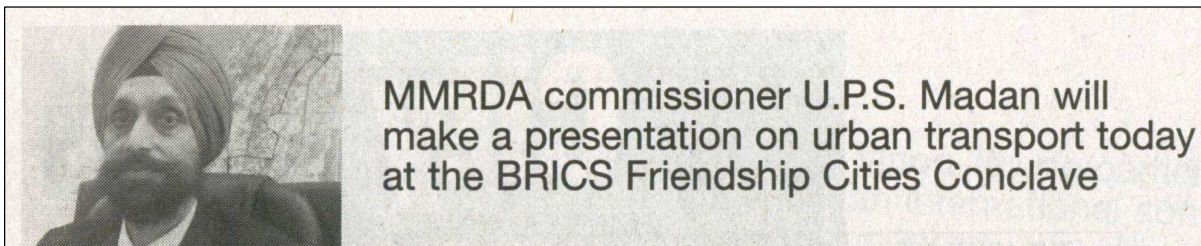
housing, safety and security, successful models of city governance, building sustainable cities, and financing city infrastructure.

"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 Vishakhapatnam in September 2016 with an agenda to deepen the understanding or urban-rural linkages and city clusters.

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Publication	Maharashtra Times	Edition	Mumbai	Language	Marathi
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‘ब्रिक्स परिषदेला सुरुवात’

म. टा. विशेष प्रतिनिधी

नागरीकरण ही निरंतर चालणारी प्रक्रिया असून ती थांबवता येणे शक्य नाही. या प्रक्रियेमुळे अनेक समस्याही निर्माण झाल्या आहेत. मात्र या समस्यांपुढे कच न खाता त्यांना आव्हान मानून ठोस उपाय योजले पाहिजेत, असा सूर ‘ब्रिक्स’च्या परिषदेत उमटला.

ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन व दक्षिण आफ्रिका या पाच देशांच्या ‘ब्रिक्स’ परिषदेला मुंबईत सुरुवात झाली. राज्यपाल सी. विद्यासागर राव यांनी या परिषदेचे उद्घाटन केले. वाढत्या नागरीकरणामुळे ‘ब्रिक्स’ देशांपुढे वाहतूक, पायाभूत सुविधा, सुरक्षा, वाजवी दरातील घरे, वीज, पाणी, घनकचरा आदी विविध प्रश्न निर्माण झाले आहेत. या प्रश्नांची सोडवणूक करण्यासाठी तसेच त्यावर उपाय योजण्यासाठी परस्परांमध्ये कोणत्या गोष्टींचे आदान-प्रदान करणे शक्य आहे, यावर उद्घापोह करणे हा या परिषदेचा मुख्य उद्देश आहे, अशी भूमिका ‘मुंबई फर्स्ट’चे नरेंद्र कुमार नायर यांनी स्पष्ट केली. ‘मुंबई फर्स्ट’च्या पुढाकाराने राज्य व केंद्र सरकारने या परिषदेचे आयोजन केले आहे.

नागरीकरण झपाट्याने होत असताना आपण त्यावर नियंत्रण आणू शकलो



नाही आणि नियोजनही करू शकलो नाही, त्यामुळे अनेक प्रश्न निर्माण झाले आहेत, याकडे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी लक्ष वेधले. हे चित्र बदलण्यासाठी केंद्र व राज्य सरकारने विविध योजना आणल्या असून ‘ब्रिक्स’च्या तीन दिवसांच्या बैठकीत विविध प्रश्नांवर ठोस उपाय पुढे आले तर ही या परिषदेची फलनिष्पत्ती ठरेल, असा आशावाद त्यांनी व्यक्त केला.

राज्य तसेच स्थानिक संस्थांना सक्षम करणे गरजेचे असून त्याकरीता केंद्र सरकार ४९ टक्के निधी राज्यांना तर पाच टक्के निधी स्थानिक संस्थांना देत आहे, अशी माहिती केंद्रीय नगरविकास मंत्री व्यंकट्या नायडू यांनी

दिली.

देश तसेच आंतरराष्ट्रीय विद्यापीठ स्तरावर ज्ञान आणि माहितीचे आदान-प्रदान होते, त्याच धर्तीवर ‘ब्रिक्स’ देशांमध्येही सहकार्य असले पाहिजे, अशी अपेक्षा राज्यपालांनी व्यक्त केली.

बांधकामक्षेत्रासाठी निकष

देशपातळीवर बांधकाम क्षेत्रासाठी समान निकष असावेत यासाठी केंद्र सरकार पावले उचलत असून लवकरच अशा प्रकारचे निकष तयार होतील, असे नायडू यांनी सांगितले.

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वेंकय्या नायडू यांचा विश्वास; मुंबईत ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेचे उद्घाटन उत्साहात

सकाळ न्यूज नेटवर्क

मुंबई, ता. १४ : जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेचे इंजिन बनू पाहणाऱ्या ब्रिक्स सदस्य देशांनी एकमेकांमधील सहकार्य वाढवल्यास येत्या काही वर्षांत ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये विकासाचे नवे पर्व सुरू होईल, असा विश्वास केंद्रीय शहर विकास मंत्री वेंकय्या नायडू यांनी व्यक्त केला. मुंबईत भरलेल्या पहिल्या ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेचे उद्घाटन नायडू यांच्या हस्ते गुरुवारी (ता. १४) झाले, या वेळी ते बोलत होते.

ब्रिक्स देशांमधील प्रमुख शहरांमध्ये माहिती-तंत्रज्ञान,

शहरीकरण, तेथील समस्या या माहितीचे आदानप्रदान होण्याच्या दृष्टीने मुंबईत प्रथमच ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे या संकल्पनेवर आधारित तीन दिवसीय परिषद होत आहे. या परिषदेच्या उद्घाटन सोहळ्याला नायडू यांच्यासह राज्यपाल सी. विद्यासागर राव, मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस, महापौर स्नेहल आंबेकर, परराष्ट्र खात्याचे सचिव अमर सिन्हा, मुख्य सचिव स्वाधीन धनिय, पोस्ट मास्टर जनरल अशोक कुमार दाश, मुंबई फर्स्टचे नॅज्द नायर आदी उपस्थित होते. राज्यपालांच्या हस्ते यानिमित्त पोस्टाच्या विशेष कव्हरचे अनावरण झाले. या परिषदेसाठी ब्राझिल, रशिया,

भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या देशांतील ७० जणांचे शिष्टमंडळ सहभागी झाले आहे. भारताची अर्थव्यवस्था झपाट्याने वाढत आहे. त्याचप्रमाणे ब्रिक्स सदस्य देशांचाही वेगाने विकास होत आहे. या देशांचा विकास दर हा जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेच्या एकचतुर्थांश आहे. त्याचबरोबर ८० टक्के लोकसंख्या शहरांमध्ये राहत आहे. मैत्री शहरे परिषदेतून शहरीकरण, स्थानिक प्रशासकीय यंत्रणेपुढील आव्हाने यावर साधकबाधक चर्चा होईल. यातून काही ठोस कृती आराखडा तयार होईल, असा विश्वास नायडू यांनी व्यक्त केला. ब्रिक्स देशांमधील संबंध

दृढ होऊन त्यांच्यामध्ये मैत्रीची आणि सहकार्याची भावना निर्माण व्हावी या उद्देशाने भारताकडून पुढील काही महिन्यांत विविध कार्यक्रम हाती घेतले जाणार असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले. या वेळी राज्यपाल सी. विद्यासागर राव, मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस, महापौर आंबेकर यांनी उपस्थितांना संबोधित केले. ब्रिक्स देशांमधील त्रिविध शहरांमधील पायाभूत सेवा-सुविधांचा विकास, मनकचरा व्यवस्थापन, परवडणारी भरे, शहरातील वाहतूक व्यवस्था, शहरीकरण आणि समस्यांबाबत पुढील दोन दिवस परिषदेत चर्चा होणार आहे.



मुंबई : पहिल्या ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेच्या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी बोलताना केंद्रीय शहर विकास मंत्री वेंकय्या नायडू.

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व्यंकय्या नायडू : 'ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदे'चे उद्घाटन

मुंबई : 'जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेचे इंजीन बनू पाहणाऱ्या 'ब्रिक्स' सदस्य देशांनी एकमेकांमधील सहकार्य वाढविण्याची आवश्यकता आहे. शहरीकरणाच्या रेट्यात निर्माण झालेल्या समस्या सोडविण्यासाठी एकमेकांना सहकार्याचा हात दिल्यास, येत्या काही वर्षात ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये विकासाचे नवे पर्व सुरू होईल,' असा विश्वास केंद्रीय शहर विकास मंत्री व्यंकय्या नायडू यांनी व्यक्त केला. मुंबईत भरलेल्या पहिल्या 'ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदे'च्या उद्घाटनप्रसंगी ते बोलत होते.

ब्रिक्स देशांमधील प्रमुख शहरांमध्ये माहिती-तंत्रज्ञान, शहरीकरण, तेथील समस्या या माहितीचे आदानप्रदान करण्याच्या दृष्टीने मुंबईत प्रथमच ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे या संकल्पनेवर आधारित तीन दिवसीय परिषद होत आहे. या परिषदेच्या उद्घाटन सोहळ्याला नायडू यांच्यासह राज्यपाल सी.

ब्रिक्स देशांमधील विविध शहरांमधील पायाभूत सेवा सुविधांचा विकास, घनकचरा व्यवस्थापन, परवडणारी घरे, शहरातील वाहतूक व्यवस्था, शहरीकरण आणि समस्यांबाबत पुढील दोन दिवस परिषदेत चर्चा होणार आहे.

विद्यासागर राव, मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस, महापौर स्नेहल आंबेकर, परराष्ट्र खात्याचे सचिव अमर सिन्हा यांच्यासह वरिष्ठ अधिकारी उपस्थित होते. या परिषदेत ब्राझिल, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या देशांतील ७० जणांचे शिष्टमंडळ सहभागी झाले आहे.

भारताची अर्थव्यवस्था झपाट्याने वाढत आहे. त्याचप्रमाणे ब्रिक्स सदस्य देशांचाही वेगाने विकास होत आहे. या देशांचा विकासदर हा जागतिक अर्थव्यवस्थेच्या एक चतुर्थांश आहे. त्याचबरोबर ८० टक्के लोकसंख्या शहरांमध्ये राहते. मैत्री

शहरे परिषदेतून शहरीकरण, स्थानिक प्रशासकीय यंत्रणेपुढील आव्हाने यावर साधकबाधक चर्चा होईल. यातून काही ठोस कृती आराखडा तयार होईल, असा विश्वास नायडू यांनी व्यक्त केला. ब्रिक्स देशांमधील संबंध दृढ होऊन त्यांच्यामध्ये मैत्रीची आणि सहकार्याची भावना निर्माण व्हावी, याउद्देशाने भारताकडून पुढील काही महिन्यांत कार्यक्रम हाती घेतले जाणार असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले.

जगभरातील विकासात शहरांचा वाटा मोठा होता. सर्वाधिक रोजगाराच्या संधीही इथेच आहेत. दुर्दैवाने स्वातंत्र्यानंतर भारतात शहरीकरणाला विरोध झाला. या धोरणामुळे शहरीकरण तर थांबलेच नाही उलट शहरातील पायाभूत सुविधांना खिळ बसली. केंद्र आणि राज्यातील नव्या सरकारने शहरांच्या पायाभूत विकासावर भर दिल्याचे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी यावेळी सांगितले. (प्रतिनिधी)

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ब्रिक्स देशों के बीच बृहद सहयोग का वेंकैया नायडू का आह्वान

मुंबई, केन्द्रीय शहरी विकास मंत्री एम. वेंकैया नायडू ने ब्रिक्स देशों - ब्राजील, रूस, भारत, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका - के बीच बृहत्तर सहयोग और अवाम के बीच ज्यादा संपर्क का आज आह्वान किया। नायडू ने ब्रिक्स मित्रता नगर सम्मेलन का उद्घाटन करने के बाद कहा, 'सामाजिक विसंगतियों और गैर-बराबरी से संघर्ष करने के लिए पांच देशों की तरफ से सहयोगात्मक प्रयास की ज़रूरत है। उन्हें अपने कूटनीतिक एवं

राजनीतिक संयुक्त हितों को बढ़ाना चाहिए। कम औद्योगिकीकृत राष्ट्र अपने शहरीकरण को ज्यादा सुरक्षित रास्ते पर ले जाने के लिए अच्छे और बुरे दोनों तरह के ब्रिक्स अनुभवों से बहुत कुछ सीख सकते हैं।' तीन दिन के इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन महाराष्ट्र और केन्द्र सरकार कर रही हैं और इसमें ब्रिक्स देशों के शीर्ष शहरी नीति निर्माता और प्लानर हिस्सा ले रहे हैं।

शहरी विकास मंत्री ने कहा कि

सामाजिक-आर्थिक और राजनीतिक संदर्भ चाहे जो हो ब्रिक्स देशों के लोगों की प्रकृति और आकांक्षाएं एक हैं। वे अपने जीवन में अपने लिए और अपने बच्चों के लिए तरक्की चाहते हैं। ये आकांक्षाएं देश भर में शहरीकरण के लिए प्रेरक शक्ति हैं।

नायडू ने कहा कि ब्रिक्स देशों और बड़ी विशाल अर्थव्यवस्थाएं समेत नव औद्योगिकीकृत देशों के अनुभवों ने प्रदर्शित किया है कि शहरीकरण की शक्ति विकास का इंजन है।

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City's population will dip by 1 million in 18 yrs: BMC chief

Civic Body Now Revising Draft DP 2034 Based On MMRDA Report

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

The municipal corporation is now revising the Draft Development Plan-2034 based on the new projections.

Mehta, on Friday, made a presentation on "Making Mumbai Work" at the BRICS Summit being held at a hotel at Nariman Point.

The city's population, as per the 2011 census, is 12.44 million. Between 2001 and 2011, it declined by 7% in the island city and grew by only 8% in the suburbs. As per the 2001 census, the population was 11.9 million, in 1991, it was 9.92 million and in 1981, it was 8.2 million. The decadal growth in 1981-91 was 20.41%, in 1991-2001, it was 20.68% and in 2001-11 it was 3.87%.

Mehta said though the projection is for a declining population, the BMC will have to make provisions in open spaces, housing and other infrastructure because adequate amenities have not been created and the shortfall will have to be taken care of.

"Since only 10% of the current development plan has been implemented, there will be a shortfall of one million houses. The sharp growth rate between 1981 and 2001 has thrown up four challenges—housing, open spaces, employment and social equity," he said. "We are short of 75 lakh dwelling units and need 100 lakh tenements by 2034. This can be achieved by rehabilitation of slums and old buildings and striking a balance between in-situ development (vertical) and creating new nodes. We will have

MMRDA'S PROJECTIONS

MUMBAI'S POPULATION WILL DECLINE BY ONE MILLION BY 2034	2011 census 12.4 million	2034 (projected) 11.4 million
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However, the decline in population will not result in more space as the BMC has to make up for the shortfalls in open spaces, housing, employment and social equity between 1981-2001

➤ The shortfall in housing is estimated at 1 million

➤ To create more open spaces, BMC plans to offer private landowners incentives

➤ BMC proposes to develop mangroves as bio-parks

➤ To correct shortfall in employment, it plans to offer higher FSI and reduce premiums and taxes for commercial spaces

➤ For social equity, the BMC proposes to reserve land for working women hostels, daycare centres for children, old-age homes, geriatric care

"We are short of 75 lakh dwelling units and need 100 lakh tenements by 2034. This can be achieved by rehabilitation of slums and old buildings and striking a balance between in-situ development (vertical) and creating new nodes. We will have to ensure that the population is neither too thinly spread nor too densely packed"

—Ajoy Mehta | MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER



to ensure that the population is neither too thinly spread creating problems of transport nor too densely packed."

To create more open spaces, the BMC has proposed participatory regulation, whereby a portion of a private land will be reserved for an open space and to ensure the landowner offers the plot voluntarily, s/he will be allowed concessions in development for the remainder. The municipal corporation will also create more open spaces by enabling citizens to access the vast mangroves along the coast by developing bio-parks.

Mumbai, said Mehta, is

the country's economic hub. To ensure it retains its primacy and employment is created, the BMC, through the new development plan, will offer higher floor space index (FSI), thereby increasing volume of commercial space. It will also reduce premiums and taxes on commercial spaces.

The draft DP will also focus on social equity by reserving land for transit hostels for working women, daycares for children to enable women to go to work and create women-only vendor zones. For senior citizens, the BMC will reserve land for old-age homes and geriatric care centres.

Panel: BRTS on coastal road; more FSI to facilitate Metro

Mumbai: The proposed coastal road project will have one lane each on either side dedicated for bus rapid transit system (BRTS). Also, charging premium on additional floor space index (FSI) for buildings along the upcoming Metro rail routes and using it for Metro construction is the only and proven option to accelerate mass rapid transit system development in the city, concluded a panel of experts that deliberated on transit-oriented development (TOD) at the BRICS city conclave on Friday.

"TOD is the way we can generate funds for the Metro and road projects, better housing and commercial facilities close to the Metro corridor to improve quality of life. Such a model has achieved success in Japan, Europe, China and Brazil," said Prabhat Sahai, CMD of the Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC).

MMRDA commissioner U P S Madan said that the TOD concept had been given in-principle approval.

Sahai said legislation and policies have been framed in these countries to accommodate TOD, but India does not have the framework. "MRVC and MMRDA have started work on this. The challenge will be to get all stakeholders on board and create confidence among citizens about the projects by adopting a transparent system of implementation," he said.

Chinese and Brazil experts insisted on a uniform law to govern the transport system and a comprehensive plan by taking into account footpaths, cycling tracks, buses, cars and rail systems.

Municipal commissioner Ajoy Mehta suggested higher FSI for commercial spaces and a mechanism to bring down taxes on commercials and employment to reduce their costs to promote the services industry. —Chittaranjan Tembhekar

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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 FSIs 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.

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'We are not prepared for a nuclear attack'

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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 Praveen 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 it is necessary for safety and have also interacted with the countries, who have hosted the games in the past," said Nunes.

Mbanga Shitole, a chief executive officer representing South Africa, said, "We need to be proactive than reactive. You can't stop urbanisation but you can manage 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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SWADHEEN KSHATRIYA **NARINDER NAYAR**

■ Chief secretary Swadheen Kshatriya (left) and chairperson, Mumbai First, Narinder Nayar at the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave, on Friday.

BHUSHAN KOYANDE

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 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

OTHER EXAMPLES

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SHANGHAI MODEL FOR MUMBAI REALTY

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MUMBAI: As the city is struggling to provide housing to its citizens, it can take a cue from the realty 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 6,800sqkms, 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.

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'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 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 ad-

vanced 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.

Mbanga Shitole, chief executive officer of 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 not reactive when we deal with issues of safety. Safety is about modernisation of thoughts and involvement of people. Use of technol-

ogy 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 a 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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15 **THE URBAN** TRACKING CITIES OF TODAY & TOMORROW

TUESDAY: GOVERNANCE | WEDNESDAY: BUILDING INDIA | THURSDAY: THE RURAL | FRIDAY: NUSE | SATURDAY: THE URBAN



BRICS CITIES CONCLAVE: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

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

MANASIPHADKE

WITH INDIA having rolled out an ambitious 'Housing for All' programme, it is hardly a surprise to see local planners and authorities looking for cues — such as the strategic approach adopted by Shanghai — a city very often compared with Mumbai, to bring an over four-fold increase in its per capita living space over the past three decades.

On the second day of the three-day BRICS cities conclave that started on Thursday in Mumbai, Huang Rong, deputy secretary, General of Shanghai Municipal Committee, gave a detailed presentation on affordable housing in Shanghai.

Unlike Mumbai — one of the costliest real estate markets — which has relied on giving free houses to slum dwellers and construction of a few low-cost houses for the general public, Shanghai has adopted four approaches to affordable housing for different types of residents — low-rent housing, public rental housing system, houses on shared ownership, and houses for people relocated from old dilapidated buildings.

"Shanghai was among the first cities in China to reform the housing system. We set up a housing provident fund, low-cost housing. We have taken up many large measures and government projects, Shanghai was the first in China to also

launch a low-rent housing system," Huang Rong informed.

Shanghai's low-rent housing system, under which the government does not provide ownership of the houses, is targeted at the city's poorest families who find great difficulty in finding housing. The delegate said, the public rental housing too is based on a no-ownership model, but is particularly for the migrant population in Shanghai with stable incomes and jobs.

"Shanghai launched the public rental housing system in 2010. There is no income criteria. Rentals are a bit lower than the market rates. They are for a limited period, and there is no income criteria. The model is managed through market operation and government support," Huang Rong said.

Mumbai too had toyed with the idea of a rental housing system in areas such as the Mumbai Metropolitan Region to prevent proliferation of slums by constructing and renting out 160-square-foot houses with rents ranging from Rs 800 to Rs 1,500 per month. However, the scheme failed to take off with a tepid response from developers, and a thought in hindsight that the government cannot be an efficient landlord and manage rentals, making these houses prone to encroachment. The scheme was ultimately scrapped and turned into an affordable housing scheme.

Besides houses on rent, the Shanghai administration also provides options of shared ownership to low and middle-income group families, where the government partly owns the house.

"The cost of construction is regarded as the basis, and we consider the payment capabilities of applicants. The owner occupier has right to use the entire apartment, but at the time of sale, the proceeds are shared with the government in a fair manner," Huang Rong said.

While Mumbai has been facing several hurdles in evacuating and redeveloping old dilapidated buildings, grappling with issues such as tussles between landlords and tenants, reluctance of tenants to leave their houses, and political pressure, Shanghai, under a communist framework, has swiftly removed 78 million square metres of old battered apartments in recent years.

Simultaneously, Shanghai builds houses to relocate those who have been evicted from old shanty apartments. Since 2002, the administration has built 9,70,000 apartments for those who had to be relocated from rickety buildings.

The government also tries to control real estate prices in the city by adjusting demand and supply through release of land, encouraging small and medium-sized apartments, and purchase restriction policies, Huang Rong added.

Pankaj Kapoor, managing director at Liases Foras, a Mumbai-based real estate consultancy firm, said, "Our government too had been talking about rental housing, housing for the economically weaker sections by mandating developers to construct a certain percentage for the sector, but the problem in India is that urban local bodies haven't really participated in affordable housing. Urban local bodies did not do certain things that they were meant to do when they were instituted. Conceptually, Shanghai's approaches are good, and even doable, but there should be intent."

However, Kapoor said that adjusting demand and supply through controlling the release of land may not be the best approach to rein in property prices. "This approach was tried in Mumbai too and is a main reason for the growth of slums and skyrocketing of property prices," he said.

As part of the Union government's 'Housing for All' initiative, formulated under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, the Narendra Modi-led government has also charted out four approaches to provide affordable housing — slum redevelopment on the existing plot, an interest subsidy scheme, creation of housing stock on a public private partnership model, and beneficiary-led individual houses. Using these approaches, the government plans to create houses of up to 30 square metre (323 square feet) for the weaker sections, and 60 square metres (646 square feet) for the lower-income groups.

However, the slum redevelopment scheme of the Union government's programme will not be implemented in Mumbai, as it only promises subsidised housing whereas successive governments have stuck to a free housing policy for slum dwellers, a major votebank in Mumbai.

The slum rehabilitation scheme in Mumbai, where at least 42 per cent of the population lives in slums, allows private developers to house slum dwellers living in structures built before January 2000 in high rises constructed on a portion of the plot that the slum occupies. As an incentive, builders are granted a higher construction area and are allowed to commercially exploit the remaining public land free of cost. The scheme, which was launched two decades ago with the intention of housing 8 lakh families within five years, has managed to rehabilitate a little over 1.5 lakh families until now.

COMPARISON BETWEEN MUMBAI AND SHANGHAI

AREA		POPULATION	
SHANGHAI 7,037 square kilometre	MUMBAI 603 square kilometre	SHANGHAI 242 crore	MUMBAI 124 crore
SLUM POPULATION		POPULATION DENSITY	
SHANGHAI 20% approximate	MUMBAI 42% approximate	SHANGHAI 3,800 per sq km	MUMBAI 20,000 per sq km

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Top rail official says city needs transit-oriented development

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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 Prabhat 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 in 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



Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation chief Prabhat Sahai said lack of support through legislation and poor public confidence were stalling implementation of TOD systems. *Express*

'Urban transport: fixing the nerve centre of cities to shift to transit-oriented development' organised as part of the BRICS Cities conclave 2016.

He said most 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.

UPS Madan, MMRDA commissioner, said that apart from the integration of land use planning and transport planning that would be needed for TOD, an-

other 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 civic 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 Manners, senior director at Chip and Contactless Solutions, Visa, said it was best to stick to simple and trusted solutions.

Later, making a presentation on 'Making Mumbai Work', Municipal Commissioner Ajoy 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 2014-2034.

"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, Aadhaar 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 120 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.

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State looking at St Petersburg for technology to make Mithi river navigable



Devendra Fadnavis

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THE MAHARASHTRA government is considering roping in expertise from St Petersburg in Russia to clean up the sluggish Mithi River and make it navigable, with plans of using the 18-km river for transportation. On the sidelines of the BRICS cities conclave 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 river 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 toilets, 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

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.

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 brown field 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 Qindao Municipal Government, China who was present at the discussion appreciated the ambitious planning of National mobility card that could provide seamless travel by different metros 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.

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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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'ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेत' महाराष्ट्राच्या मुख्य सचिवांचे मत

प्रतिनिधी, मुंबई

भारतात झालेल्या भागातून शहरी क्षेत्रात मोठ्या प्रमाणात स्वारसित होत आहे. कच्चा शहरांचा विकास अपरिहार्यच आहे, पण त्या शहरीकरणामात पायाभूत सुविधांमात्र टुसत अव्यवस्थेक सुविधांची उपलब्धता काढलीही पाऊ लागली आहे. असे प्रतिपादन राज्यचे मुख्य सचिव स्वराधीन हरिवंश यांनी मुंबईच्या वेबे केले. असे झाले त्याच शहरी ही सर्व स्तरातील लोकरीत वास्तव्य होणे

बनविले असे यामने सांगितले. वेबे शुक्र असावेलाच लोक दिवसीय ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेत आयोजित 'ब्रिक्स साहामितीय आंतराष्ट्रिय' या विषयावरील चर्चासत्रात हरिवंश यांनी केले.

यावेळी झालेल्या शिटमेंटमध्ये प्रमुख तोंडार या विन्यास न्याय्य, रसमन शिटमेंटमध्ये प्रमुख 'जाली' पोस्टकार्येन्को, चीनमधील शिटमेंटमध्ये प्रमुख ची युआन, टाईम ऑफिशिटील शिटमेंटमध्ये प्रमुख सुपेस रिशर्ट, सांघाव मारविलेके

उपसचिव हजारी वीर, कोट शासकचे अधिकार सचिव सचिवर सचिव अहो सचिवर सचिवर होत.

मुख्य सचिव हरिवंश यांना के, सचिव यावेळील प्रत्येक कुटुंबाला पावडारी पोर उपलब्ध करून देणे हे असले सचिव आहे. मुंबईमधील विकास निर्मितीबरोबर असेच, शिक्षण, कातरक या आनुषंगिक मारतांच्या निर्मितीबरोबर या देणे आवश्यक आहे. पावडारी पोर सांधताना या पारंपर्ये होपासव सुविधा, विषयाचे पाली.

'ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेत' मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस,

धनकषय व्यवस्थापन असापारवक आहे. नागरिकांचा मुख्य बनवले हे ब्रिक्स साहामितीय आश्रय आहे, असे ते म्हणाले.

झालेल हा मोठ्या प्रमाणात संपर्ककाल झालेला देश आहे. झालेल्यामधील शहरांमध्ये पायाभूत सुविधांची निर्मिती करताना सामाजिक विकास, पायली ठेवलेचे जतन आणि शतका विकास बाजली या देण्यात येत आहे, असे या विन्यास यांनी सांगितले.

बनवलेची देवापेक्षा करून ब्रिक्स देशातील शहरे अदरती बनविले आसपास शहर होईल, असा विश्वास प्रतिनिधीमधील केला.

ब्रिक्स : सचिव ही अंतर्गत

एकमेकांमधील दूर असली तरी त्यांच्यातील आंतराष्ट्रिय कळत आहे. हे साहकार्य अधिक वृद्धित होईल, असे चीनमधील पक्षकाचे प्रमुख ची युआन यांनी सांगितले.

कोट शासकचे अधिकार सचिव सचिवर सचिव सचिवर 'सारांश' शहरांचे भविष्य' या विषयावर सादरीकरण केले.

ते म्हणाले की, २०३० पर्यंत भारतातील शहरे हो देशाच्या ७५ टक्के जीडीपीची भागीदार होतील, असून, रमार्ट सिटीकरणामात पोतनांमधील सचिवकायामध्ये नागरिकांचा सहभाग आधुनिकामधील उपलब्धतात केला जात आहे, असे ते म्हणाले.

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नवी मुंबई स्मार्ट शहर होईल : मुख्यमंत्री



मुंबई : प्रतिनिधी

ब्रिक्स शहरांतील समस्या व आव्हाने जवळपास सारखीच असून त्यामुळे या देशांचे अनुभव व कल्पना यांच्या माध्यमातून शहरांचा विकास करणे अधिक

सुलभ होण्यास मदत होईल. राज्य शासनाने देशातील पहिली स्मार्ट सिटी नवी मुंबई येथे सिडको भागात उभारत असून नवी मुंबई हे सगळ्या सेवा देणारे स्मार्ट शहर होईल, असा विश्वास मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस

यांनी ब्रिक्सच्या शिष्टमंडळांसोबत चर्चा करताना व्यक्त केला.

मुंबई ही देशाची आर्थिक राजधानी असून झपाट्याने विकसित होणारे शहर आहे. स्मार्ट सिटी विकसित करणे आणि लोकांना परवडणारी घरे उपलब्ध करून देण्यासाठी शासनाने प्राधान्य दिले आहे. तसेच लोकांच्या सूचना आणि कल्पना मागविण्यासाठी आपले सरकार हे वेब पोर्टल विकसित केले असून जास्तीत जास्त सूचनांची दखल घेवून अंलबजावणी केली जाते. सेवा हमी विधेयकांतर्गत अधिकाधिक सेवा ऑनलाईन पध्दतीने

करण्यात येत असल्याचे त्यांनी सांगितले.

महाराष्ट्रात गुंतवणुकीसाठी पोषक वातावरण असून उद्योग उभारणीसाठी आवश्यक लागणाऱ्या सर्व पायाभूत सुविधा येथे उपलब्ध आहेत. महाराष्ट्र हे आयटी हब असून शासनाने नवीन माहिती तंत्रज्ञान धोरण जाहीर केले आहे. त्या माध्यमातून मोठ्या प्रमाणात राज्यात गुंतवणूक झाली आहे. राज्यात फर्निचर आणि हाऊसिंग उद्योगात गुंतवणूक करण्याची योग्य वेळ आहे यात आपल्याला सहकार्य केले जाईल, असे मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी सांगितले.

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ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये सहकार्याचे नवे पर्व निर्माण होईल - राज्यपाल

मुंबई, शुक्रवार (वृत्तसंस्था) - नागरीकरणाच्या आव्हानाला संधी बनविण्याच्या दृष्टीने तसेच शहरे स्मार्ट, सुसज्ज आणि राहण्यास योग्य बनविण्याच्या दृष्टीने ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेमध्ये प्रभावी मुसंबाद होईल. मुंबईत आयोजित करण्यात आलेली ही परिषद ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये सहकार्याचे एक नवे पर्व निर्माण करेल, असा विश्वास राज्यपाल सी. विद्यासागर राव यांनी येथे व्यक्त केला.

येथील हॉटेल टायडेंटमध्ये तीन दिवसीय ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे. या परिषदेचे राज्यपाल राव यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली झालेल्या कार्यक्रमात



उद्घाटन झाले. त्यावेळी ते बोलत होते. यावेळी मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस, केंद्रीय नगरविकास मंत्री व्यंकट्या नायडू, मुंबईच्या महापौर स्नेहल आंबेकर, राज्याचे मुख्य

सचिव स्वाधीन क्षत्रिय यांच्यासह ब्रिक्सच्या सदस्य देशांतील विविध मान्यवर उपस्थित होते. या परिषदेत ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेल्या भारतासह ब्राझील, रशिया, दक्षिण आफ्रिका आणि चीन देशांतील प्रतिनिधी सहभागी झाले आहेत. राज्यपाल राव म्हणाले की, मागील काही वर्षात जगभरात नागरीकरण मोठ्या प्रमाणात वाढत आहे. ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये नागरीकरण जास्त प्रमाणात होण्याची अपेक्षा आहे.

चीन, भारत आणि ब्राझील हे वेगवेगळे आर्थिक विकास होत असलेले देश आहेत. सन २०५० पर्यंत ब्रिक्स देशांतील शहरे जागतिक

अर्थकारणावर मोठा प्रभाव टाकतील. ब्रिक्स देशांतील शहरांमधील समस्या आणि आव्हाने ही जवळपास सारखीच आहेत. त्यामुळे या देशांनी आपले अनुभव, कल्पना यांची देवाणघेवाण करून स्मार्ट शहरांची निर्मिती करावी.

ब्रिक्स देश आणि महाराष्ट्रातील विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये विद्यार्थी आणि ज्ञानाची देवाणघेवाण करण्याबाबत आपण विचार करू, असे त्यांनी यावेळी सांगितले. पंतप्रधान नरेंद्र मोदी यांनी सांगितल्याप्रमाणे नागरीकरणाला संधी आणि नागरी केंद्रांना विकासाचे केंद्र समजायला हवे, असेही ते यावेळी म्हणाले.

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ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये नवे पर्व सुरू होईल - मुख्यमंत्री

मुंबई : ब्रिक्स देशांच्या शहरांमधील समस्या आणि आव्हाने ही जवळपास सारखीच आहेत. त्यामुळे या देशांचे आपले अनुभव आणि कल्पना यांच्या माध्यमातून शहरांचा विकास करणे अधिक सुलभ होणार आहे. या परिषदेच्या माध्यमातून ब्रिक्स देशांमध्ये सहकार्याचे एक नवे पर्व सुरू होवून औद्योगिक गुंतवणुकीसाठी मैत्रीपूर्ण वातावरण निर्माण होईल, असे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी सांगितले. रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिष्टमंडळांसोबत आज सकाळी होटेल टायटंटमध्ये झालेल्या चर्चेत मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस बोलत होते. तीन दिवसीय ब्रिक्स मैत्री शहरे परिषदेचे आयोजन करण्यात आले आहे. त्या परिषदेस आलेल्या शिष्टमंडळांसोबत मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी सविस्तर चर्चा करून शिष्टमंडळाचे स्वागत केले.

रशिया, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिष्टमंडळांसोबत मुख्यमंत्र्यांची चर्चा

मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस म्हणाले की, मुंबई ही देशाची आर्थिक राजधानी असून इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर विकसित होणारे शहर आहे. राज्य शासन देशातील पहिली स्मार्ट सिटी नवी मुंबई येथे सिडको भागात उभारणार आहे. स्मार्ट सिटी विकसित करणे आणि लोकंना पर्यावरणाची चर्चा उपलब्ध करून देण्यासाठी शासनाने प्राधान्य दिले आहे. महाराष्ट्रात गुंतवणुकीसाठी पौष्टिक वातावरण असून उद्योग उभारणीसाठी आवश्यक लागणाऱ्या सर्व पायाभूत सुविधा येथे उपलब्ध आहेत. महाराष्ट्र हे 'आयटी हब' असून शासनाने नवीन माहिती तंत्रज्ञान घोरण जाहीर केले आहे. त्या माध्यमातून मोठ्या प्रमाणात रत्न्यात गुंतवणूक झाली आहे.

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Small towns show city how to manage trash

'Segregation of Garbage Key To Getting It Right'

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Mumbai: While Mumbai grapples to manage waste at Deonar 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, Wai, Satara, Ramtek, Unred, Ballarpur, Shirdi, Deolali, Shirur, Lonavala, Mahabaleshwar, Mangalwedhe, and Valjapur, have achieved an average 80-90% garbage segregation to make their areas free of open-air defecation and have adopted advanced techniques such as GPS tracking of trash movement and disposal, shows an internal survey by municipal authorities through respective collectors.

Mumbai generates 9,500 metric tonnes of garbage daily but none of it is processed. As a result, almost 3,250 MLD sewage goes directly into the sea, without processing. Town planners question why Mumbai's each ward cannot follow the mechanism adopted by these councils. "Had Mumbai achieved segregation, toxicity in air and Thane creek could have been avoided," said a senior IIT professor, requesting anonymity. As the BRICS city summit involving cities from five developing nations is underway, urban experts said they expect some effective solutions and action in segregating and disposing the megacity's garbage. Director of municipal administration Meeta Rajiv Lochan said in these councils, almost 100% garbage was collected and there was absolutely no open-air defecation.

THE SUCCESS STORY

The strategy at these 21 municipal councils is to motivate staff and involve people



Council	Population	District	Segregation	GPS use
Vengurla	13,000	Sindhudurg	100%	✗
Lonavala	57,313	Pune	50%	✓
Shirur	40,000	Pune	60%	✓
Satara	1,20,195	Satara	50%	✓
Wai	36,025	Satara	95%	✗
Mahabaleshwar	13,393	Satara	90%	✓
Panchgani	18,000	Satara	60%	✓
Kagal	34,106	Kolhapur	95%	✓
Kurundwad	22,372	Kolhapur	65%	✓
Sangola	36,000	Solapur	98%	✓
Pandharpur	98,900	Solapur	65%	✓
Mangalvedha	21,800	Solapur	60%	✓
Kurduwadi	23,000	Solapur	45%	✗
Deolali Pravara	33,497	Ahmednagar	85%	✓
Rahuri	38,813	Ahmednagar	60%	✓
Shirdi	40,000	Ahmednagar	80%	✓
Chalisgaon	97,000	Jalgaon	70%	✗
Valjapur	41,296	Aurangabad	65%	✓

"We have decided to change the concept of dumping and instead of dumping sites, we have decided to convert them into processing units," said BMC commissioner Ajoy Mehta.

The 21 councils have been showing for the past few months that they take the cleaning business very seriously. The smallest in size are Vengurla in the Konkan and Mahabaleshwar in Satara district with a population of about 13,000 and the largest is Satara with a population of over 1 lakh. The on-

ly common thing among them is their determination," said a Mantralaya official.

In these councils, more than 50% households segregate waste at source into dry and wet components and in at least nine councils, segregation at source is more than 75%. The wet waste either is then processed through bio-methanation or composting. Many sell the resultant manure to neighbouring farms. As a result waste generation in all councils has gone down significantly.

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Work on two more Metro lines likely to begin after monsoon

Contractors To Be Announced Tomorrow

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Mumbai: Two years after the city's first Metro rail (Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar) chugged off, Saturday came a ray of hope that the construction of the next two lines (Metro VII between Dahisar East and Andheri East—parallel to WEH, 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 BRICS city conclave that he would be announcing the name of the selected bidders 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 the MMRDA will not take long to construct these new elevated lines as they involve negligible acquisition. "We expect 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-hyped 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 civic const-

IS IT A 2020 DATE FOR METRO II, VII?

> The 16.5-km Metro VII will come up along WEH's service road that goes from south to north and will have 16 stations
> Metro VII's depot will come up on the Airports Authority of India's 16.5ha plot in Dahisar
> MMRDA has received 13 bids from five firms for Metro VII corridor on the Andheri-Dahisar corridor along the Western Express Highway. Metro VII will cost ₹6,208 crore

> The first leg of Metro II (Dahisar west-DN Nagar) will be executed by the DMRC and will be synchronized with Metro VII so that trains can move from one line to another. Also, these Metros will be integrated with railways, buses, taxis and autos

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone for the two Metro routes on Oct 11, 2015



> The Dahisar (W) to D N Nagar line is a 18.6km long with 17 stations and will cost about ₹4,160 crore

> For this, MMRDA has proposed to spend ₹1,892 crore from its own kitty and loan another ₹1,050 from the state and central

governments. The state and MMRDA have decided to raise about ₹1,468 crore to buy land component

> The depot for Metro II may come up in Goregaon

> MMRDA will provide 52% and the ADB will loan 48% of the cost for both these projects

truction cost were 2-5% lower than the estimates.

Of the seven corridors, Metro I was inaugurated in June 2014. MMRDA had planned to start work on Metro II—Dahisar-Charkop-Bandra-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 the 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 3 km, Rs 20 for 3-12 km and Rs 30 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 the rolling stock. To

save on expenses, the state has proposed to get power from the state electricity corporation on a no-profit-no-loss basis.

While the expected completion timeframe for Metro II, III and VII is 2020, the last one is most likely to catch the deadline as it is the shortest—16.5km, 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 WEH a few years ago under the Mumbai Urban Improvement Project so 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 along north-south corridors, unlike Metro-I, which crisscrossed over railway tracks as well as the WEH. 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-DN 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."

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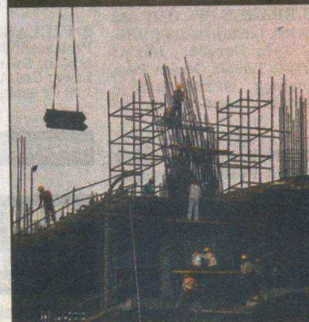
Mumbai: Maharashtra lags behind Gujarat in terms of supply of affordable housing while Mumbai city comes third after Ahmedabad and Indore with better housing stock for people from low-income groups, reveal expert panelists in their papers at the BRICS summit.

According to them, this shortage of housing had put a large burden of 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, decongestion of Mumbai would have been possible. To reduce slums lowering property prices, increasing affordable housing stock for all categories and creating rental housing are the measures," experts such as B C Khattua 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 the private builders without any significant assistance from government.

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Affordable housing stock in cities:

Ahmedabad	Indore
6,726	4,474
Mumbai	Surat
4,270	2,493
Pune	Lucknow
1,796	1,752
Nagpur	1,651

Among states, Gujarat is on top followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and north Indian states (Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan put together)

Source | Hansa: Monitor Deloitte Analysis

This, according to experts such as Vikram Jain, Aditya Agarwal and Ashish Karamchandani 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 is 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 for bid of higher number of low-income housing should be the initiatives," they added.

When it comes to redevelopment, says Abbas Master, Bherdi 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 makeover to the city to achieve holistic, 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

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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 of six breweries and five 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 Fadnis 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 Rs11,000 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 Jaykwadi 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.

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'Let's learn from affordable housing in Brazil, China'

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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 settle-

CM was speaking at the closing function of the BRICS Friendships Cities Conclave

ments. 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 toward 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 under privileged. 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.

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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.

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Mithi clean-up: The Russian way

MODEL PLAN State to adopt St Petersburg's method of cleaning its Neva river to make the infamous Mithi clean and navigable

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MUMBAI: The state government would adopt the St Petersburg model to clean the Mithi river, which brought deluge to the city in 2005.

Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis said there would be collaboration on this front with St Petersburg in Russia. "We will study the model and not only clean up the Mithi but also make it navigable," said Fadnavis.

The Maharashtra government would utilise the expertise of St Petersburg in the project. Mumbai already has sister city agreement with St Petersburg.

St Petersburg is one of main cities of Russia and has been quite successful in cleaning the Neva river. Various initiatives include series of dams, water discharge sluices as well as a tunnel. This was done to prevent flooding, which was an annual feature in St Petersburg. Fadnavis was addressing the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016, where he stressed the need to have collaboration among various cities to tackle the issue of urbanisation, which is growing at a fast pace.

"Now, the time has come to end the deliberations and take action," he added. The three-day BRICS



■ Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis with delegates during the valedictory session of BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave in Mumbai on Saturday.
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seminar, which ended on Saturday saw delegates from Russia, China, South Africa and Brazil making presentations on various initiatives undertaken in their cities. The central idea is to adopt the best practices and replicate the same in other cities.

Mithi is one of the oldest rivers in Mumbai, which acts as a storm-water drain. However, the 17.8-km river has become a glori-

fied nullah over the years because of unabashed discharge of effluents and massive encroachment on its banks.

The river originates from Sanjay Gandhi National Park and travels through areas like Saki Naka, Powai, Kurla and finally discharges into the Mahim bay. After the 2005 deluge, the state government mooted 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 project. "The government already has a plan to clean Mithi but it is languishing because of the vested interests," said the expert.

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

Delegates focus on power to local bodies

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

At a panel discussion on financing city infrastructure, Pune municipal commissioner Kunal Kumar stressed on the need to shift from older tax regimes to user charges. BRICS comprises emerging economies — Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

"We charge just over a dollar for 100 litres of water provided to a family of five. This is less if we had to actually consider the user charges. I think municipal corporations have to move away from its rigid dependence on a few taxes," said Kunal. He added that the Centre needs to make fiscal risk management mandatory

CITIZEN CONSULTATIONS

Apart from including citizen suggestions in the budget, the experts also pointed out at holding citizen consultations in improving water supply in the city. In an interaction on building sustainable cities, retired IAS officer AK Jain said, "Just like the development plan is being prepared by taking suggestions from citizens, we must look at water reforms by holding citizen-consultation workshops."

for the local bodies.

He stressed on the need of taking harsher decisions to augment infrastructure in a political set-up, giving more financial power to the local bodies and capacity-building. His viewpoints were shared with Mbanga Sithole, chief executive officer, South African Cities Network.

Sithole said as colonised countries, BRICS nations have undermined a local body's participation in building nations.

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BRICS CITIES CONCLAVE 2016

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.

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

"We should move to a system in which there is less dependence on taxes and more on user charges," said Kumar, adding that the government also should come out with a law to make fiscal rate management mandatory.

"The profession and entertainment taxes go directly to the state government and the municipal corporations don't get any share of it. It can be devolved," said Kumar, adding that one should look at PPP for skill development, rather than only at financing.

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."

Mbanga 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 by-laws are required," said Jain.

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State to study low-cost housing schemes of Brazil, Shanghai

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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 thinktank 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 was 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 per cent down payment to buyers, subsidised interest rates on mortgages and 100 per cent 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 rickety 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.

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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

● He was speaking at the closing ceremony of the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave 2016

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 mak-

ing 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.

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• LALIT WADHWANI
Mumbai

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

Making Mumbai Work

being held in Mumbai. He explained that due to the population increase from 82 lacs in 1981 to about 1.2 crores today it is causing a severe strain on the infrastructure. However all this is set to change, we have will develop the city in a planned manner with a focus on housing with open spaces and commercial real estate.
“We plan to retain Mumbai’s primacy as economic capital by lowering the cost of

business by increasing the ease of doing business with speedy approvals, reduce business costs and taxes to provide employment.
The development will also focus on social and gender equity and include affordable housing, special facilities for the differently-abled, homes for the aged, care centres for children and shelters for the homeless. For women there will be dedicated vending zones, hostels, rental housing and other

facilities.”
Mumbai will also have 6 sewage treatment plants and waste management and processing plants and with the coastal road coming up Mumbai traffic congestion will reduce 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, 22% of GDP of urban India, 41% of trade and 32% of foreign tourist transit.

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CM SEEKS RUSSIAN HELP FOR CLEANING UP MITHI

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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 expertises 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-

ers must be implemented in Mumbai. At the closing ceremony, Chairman of Mumbai First, Narinder Nayar spoke about the need to incorporate the aspects of solid waste management and tourism from the countries like Brazil, St. Petersburg, Russia and China.

"Areas like solid waste management, water management and tourism must be adopted from these countries. We have got lot to learn a lot from these countries in such aspects", added Nayar.

Nayar also added that the challenges of urbanisation were dealt with the concept of mass housing which could be implemented in the city of Mumbai.

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जलवाहतुकीसाठी सेंट पिट्सबर्गचे मॉडेल

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मिठी नदीत जलवाहतूक सुरू करण्याच्या चर्चा सुरू असतानाच, जलवाहतुकीबाबत रशियातील सेंट पिट्सबर्ग तर स्वस्त घरांच्या उभारणीसंदर्भात ब्राझिल देशाकडे रोल मॉडेल म्हणून बघता येईल, असे प्रतिपादन मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी केले.

‘ब्रिक्स’ देशांच्या परिषदेचा श निवारी मुख्यमंत्र्यांच्या हस्ते समारोप झाला. या परिषदेच्या निमित्ताने नागरीकरण, पायाभूत सुविधा, वाहतूक व्यवस्था, सुरक्षा, जमिनीचा वापर, आर्थिक केंद्र आदी विविध विषयांवर ब्राझिल, रशिया, चीन, भारत व दक्षिण आफ्रिका या देशांमधील तज्ज्ञांनी केलेल्या अभ्यासपूर्ण विवेचनानंतर मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी या सगळ्या मुद्द्यांचा आढावा घेत आपले विचार मांडले. या देशांमध्ये माहितीचे योग्य प्रकारे आदान-प्रदान होत असून आता परस्पर

‘ब्रिक्स’ परिषदेत मुख्यमंत्र्यांचे प्रतिपादन

सहाकार्याने प्रत्यक्ष कृती करण्याची वेळ आली आहे. त्यामुळे भविष्यात ‘टुगेदर वी कॅन गो’ या तत्त्वानुसार काम झाले पाहिजे, अशी अपेक्षा त्यांनी व्यक्त केली. वाजवी दरातील घरांच्या उपलब्धतेचा प्रश्न या सर्वच देशांना भेडसावत आहे. या विषयावर ब्राझिलने भरीव काम केले असून त्यांच्या कार्यपद्धतीतून बरेच काही शिकता येईल, असे मुख्यमंत्री म्हणाले. नद्यांचे संवर्धन करण्याविषयी सेंट पिट्सबर्ग शहरानेही आदर्श ठेवला आहे. मिठी नदीत जलवाहतूक सुरू करण्याच्या दृष्टीने सेंट पिट्सबर्गचा किता गिरवता येईल, याकडे त्यांनी लक्ष वेधले.

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'सर्वांना घरे' हाच केंद्रबिंदू राहणार

मुख्यमंत्र्यांचे प्रतिपादन : ब्रिक्स परिषदेचा समारोप

मुंबई : शहरे ही 'आहे रे' वर्गाबरोबर 'नाही रे' वर्गासाठीही राहण्याजोगी व परवडणारी असली पाहिजेत. शहरांचा विकास करताना तो सर्वसमावेशक असायला हवा; या दृष्टीने परवडणारी घरे उभारून 'सर्वांसाठी घरे' या संकल्पनेवर भर दिला जाईल, असे मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी शनिवारी येथे सांगितले.

मुख्यमंत्र्यांच्या उपस्थितीत शनिवारी 'ब्रिक्स फ्रेंडशिप सिटीज कॉन्क्लेव्ह'चा समारोप झाला. त्यावेळी ते बोलत होते. ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेल्या ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिकेचे प्रतिनिधी या परिषदेत सहभागी झाले होते. राज्याचे मुख्य सचिव स्वाधीन क्षत्रिय, ब्राझीलच्या शिष्टमंडळाचे



प्रमुख तोवर दा सिल्वा न्युन्स, रशियाच्या शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख जॉर्जी पोल्टव्हेन्को, दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख सुभेश पिल्लई, केंद्र शासनाचे अतिरिक्त सचिव अलोक डिमरी, 'मुंबई फर्स्ट'चे अध्यक्ष नरेंद्र नायर आदी उपस्थित होते. सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहरातील नदीची स्वच्छता, त्याचे व्यवस्थापन हे आदर्शवत आहे. मुंबईतील मिठी नदीची स्वच्छता आणि व्यवस्थापन करताना त्यांचा अनुभव आणि कल्पना उपयुक्त ठरतील. याकामी आम्ही त्यांची मदत

घेऊ, असे मुख्यमंत्री म्हणाले. मुख्य सचिव क्षत्रिय म्हणाले की, एकाच वेळी मोठ्या प्रमाणात घरांची निर्मिती करण्यामध्ये चीनमधील शांघाय शहराने चांगली कामगिरी केली आहे. मुंबईत या मॉडेलचा अवलंब करण्याबाबत त्यांचे मार्गदर्शन घेण्यात येईल. या परिषदेतून सहभागी देशांच्या प्रतिनिधींमध्ये विचार व संकल्पनांचे आदान-प्रदान झाले, त्याचा लाभ पाचही देशांतील शहरांना होणार आहे. ब्राझील देशातील शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख तोवर दा सिल्वा न्युन्स म्हणाले की, शहरांचा विकास करताना पर्यावरणप्रिय होणे गरजेचे आहे. यासाठी सर्व ब्रिक्स शहरांनी पुढाकार घ्यावा, असे आवाहन त्यांनी केले. (विशेष प्रतिनिधी)

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मुंबई : प्रतिनिधी

सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहरातील नदीची स्वच्छता, त्याचे व्यवस्थापन हे आदर्शवत आहे. मुंबईतील मिठी नदीची स्वच्छता आणि व्यवस्थापन करताना त्यांचा अनुभव आणि कल्पना उपयुक्त ठरतील. याकामी त्यांची मदत घेण्यात येईल. त्यासाठी सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहराने मार्गदर्शन व सहकार्य करावे, असे आवाहन मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी केले.

ब्रिक्स फ्रेंडशिप सिटीज परिषदेचा समारोप मुख्यमंत्री फडणवीस यांच्या



■ ब्रिक्स परिषदेच्या माध्यमातून नगर विकासविषयक विविध विषयांवर अत्यंत फलदायी अशी चर्चा झाली आहे. ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेल्या ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या पाचही देशांतील शहरांच्या विकासात या परिषदेचा उपयोग होईल, असे ते म्हणाले. वाढत्या नागरीकरणाचा मुंबई शहर सामना करत आहे. परवडणाऱ्या घरांच्या निर्मितीचेही आव्हान आहे. यासंदर्भात शांघाय आणि ब्राझीलमधील शहरांत झालेले काही प्रयोग आदर्शवत असून त्याची मुंबईत निश्चित अंमलबजावणी केली जाईल, असे मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी सांगितले.

उपस्थित झाला. यावेळी ते म्हणाले की, शहरे ही आहे रे वर्गाबरोबर नाही रे वर्गासाठीही राहण्याजोगी, परवडणारी आणि सुसह्य असली पाहिजेत.

यासाठी शहरांचा विकास करताना तो सर्वसमावेशक असायला हवा. महाराष्ट्रातील शहरांचा विकास हा याच धोरणाने करण्यात येईल.

ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेले पाचही देश अत्यंत जवळ आले आहेत. एकाच वेळी मोठ्या प्रमाणात घरांची निर्मिती करण्यामध्ये चीनमधील शांघाय शहराने चांगली कामगिरी केली आहे. मुंबईत या मॉडेलचा अवलंब करण्याबाबत त्यांचे मार्गदर्शन घेण्यात येईल, असे मुख्य सचिव स्वधीन श्रविय यांनी सांगितले.

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शहरांचा विकास सर्वसमावेशक व्हावा

मुंबई, दि. १६ - शहरे ही 'आहे रे' वर्गाबरोबर 'नाही रे' वर्गासाठीही राहण्याजोगी, परवडणारी आणि सुसंयोजित पाहिजेत. शहरांचा विकास करताना तो सर्वसमावेशक असायला हवा, असे मत मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी आज येथे व्यक्त केले. महाराष्ट्रातील शहरांचा विकास हा याच धोरणाने करण्यात येईल, असेही त्यांनी सांगितले.

मुख्यमंत्र्यांच्या उपस्थितीत आज 'ब्रिक्स फ्रेंडशिप सिटीज कॉन्क्लेव्ह'चा समारोप झाला. त्यावेळी ते बोलत होते. यावेळी राज्याचे मुख्य सचिव स्वाधीन क्षत्रिय, ब्राझीलच्या शिटमंडळाचे प्रमुख तोवर दा सिल्वा न्युन्स, रशियाच्या शिटमंडळाचे प्रमुख जॉर्जी पोल्टव्हेचेन्को, दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिटमंडळाचे प्रमुख सुभेश पिल्लई, केंद्र शासनाचे अतिरिक्त सचिव अलोक डिमरी, 'मुंबई फर्स्ट'चे अध्यक्ष नरेंद्र नायर, मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी शिशिर जोशी आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित होते.

मुख्यमंत्री म्हणाले की, शहरांचा विकास हा सर्वसमावेशक



असल्याशिवाय तो शाश्वत होऊ शकत नाही. या ३ दिवसांच्या परिषदेत नगरविकासविषयक विविध विषयांवर अत्यंत फलदायी अशी चर्चा झाली आहे. ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेल्या ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या पाचही देशांतील शहरांच्या विकासात या परिषदेचा निश्चित उपयोग होईल.

वाढत्या नागरीकरणाचा मुंबई शहर सामना करीत आहे. तसेच परवडणाऱ्या घरांच्या निर्मितीचेही आव्हान आहे. यासंदर्भात शांघाय आणि ब्राझीलमधील शहरांमध्ये झालेले काही प्रयोग आदर्शवत असून त्याची मुंबईत निश्चित अंमलबजावणी केली जाईल. सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहरातील नदीची स्वच्छता, त्याचे व्यवस्थापन हे आदर्शवत आहे. मुंबईतील मिठी नदीची स्वच्छता आणि व्यवस्थापन करताना त्यांचा अनुभव आणि कल्पना

उपयुक्त ठरतील. याकामी आम्ही त्यांची मदत घेऊ. सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहरानेही याकामी आम्हाला मार्गदर्शन व सहकार्य करावे, असे आवाहन याप्रसंगी मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी केले.

मुख्य सचिव क्षत्रिय म्हणाले की, या परिषदेतून ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेले पाचही देश अत्यंत जवळ आले आहेत. एकाच वेळी मोठ्या प्रमाणात घरांची निर्मिती करण्यामध्ये चीनमधील शांघाय शहराने चांगली कामगिरी केली आहे. मुंबईत या मॉडेलचा अवलंब करण्याबाबत त्यांचे मार्गदर्शन घेण्यात येईल. ब्रिक्स शहरांमध्ये वेगवेगळ्या ठिकाणी नगरविकासाचे वेगवेगळे प्रयोग यशस्वी झाले आहेत. या परिषदेतून सहभागी देशांच्या प्रतिनिधींमध्ये विचार व संकल्पनांचे आदान-प्रदान झाले, त्याचा लाभ पाचही देशांतील शहरांना होणार आहे.

ब्राझील देशातील शिटमंडळाचे प्रमुख तोवर दा सिल्वा न्युन्स म्हणाले की, शहरांचा विकास करताना तो सर्वसमावेशक आणि पर्यावरणप्रिय होणे गरजेचे आहे. यासाठी सर्व ब्रिक्स शहरांनी पुढाकार घ्यावा, असे आवाहन त्यांनी केले.

रशियन शिटमंडळाचे प्रमुख जॉर्जी पोल्टव्हेचेन्को यांनी मुंबईतील पाहणचार आणि सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाच्या दर्शनाने आपण भारावून गेलो असल्याचे सांगितले. दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिटमंडळाचे प्रमुख सुभेश पिल्लई म्हणाले की, ब्रिक्स देशातील शहरांच्या समस्या या जवळपास सारख्याच आहेत. त्यांच्यावरील उपायही एकच आहेत. त्यामुळे या समस्या सोडविण्यासाठी ब्रिक्स शहरांनी यापुढील काळातही एकत्रित सहभाग द्यावा, असे आवाहन त्यांनी केले.

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बड़े पैमाने पर आवास के लिए मुंबई शंघाई मॉडल अपना सकता है - फडणवीस

मुंबई, महाराष्ट्र के मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने आज कहा कि शंघाई से सीखने के लिए बहुत कुछ है और बड़े पैमाने पर आवास की जरूरत की समस्या को इससे सुलझाया जा सकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि हमें हमारे सहयोगी देश ब्राजील, रूस, चीन और दक्षिण अफ्रीका से बहुत कुछ सीखना है। मुंबई बढ़ती जनसंख्या और शहरीकरण की समस्या झेल रही है। हमने देखा कि किस तरह शंघाई 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 किफायती आवास की समस्या से निबटा जा सके। फडणवीस ने तीन दिवसीय ब्रिक्स फ्रेंडशिप सिटीज सम्मिट के समापन सत्र में यह बात कही। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि सहयोगी देशों को परिवहन, सुरक्षा तथा आवास समेत अन्य क्षेत्रों में अपने द्वारा क्रियान्वित की जा रही बेहतर मॉडल के बारे में विचार साझा करने की जरूरत है।

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શાંઘાઈની જેમ મુંબઈમાં ગૃહનિર્માણ અને મીઠી નદીને સ્વચ્છ કરવા રશિયાની મદદ : ફડણવીસ

મુંબઈ, તા. ૧૬ (પીટીઆઈ) : મુંબઈમાં વધતી વસતી અને શહેરીકરણની સમસ્યાને પહોંચી વળવા તેમ જ ગૃહનિર્માણને વેગ આપવા આપણે ચીનના શાંઘાઈ પાસેથી ઘણું શીખવાનું છે, એમ મહારાષ્ટ્રના મુખ્ય પ્રધાન દેવેન્દ્ર ફડણવીસે આજે બ્રિક્સની મહાસભામાં જણાવ્યું હતું.

બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, ઇન્ડિયા, ચીન અને સાઉથ આફ્રિકા એમ પાંચ રાષ્ટ્રોના બનેલા સંગઠન બ્રિક્સની ત્રણ દિવસની કેન્ડિશિપ સિટી સમિટના સમાપન સમારોહમાં ફડણવીસે જણાવ્યું હતું કે બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, ચીન અને સાઉથ આફ્રિકા જેવાં આપણા ભાગીદાર રાષ્ટ્રો પાસેથી આપણે ઘણું શીખવાનું છે.



હતું કે બ્રાઝિલ, રશિયા, ચીન અને સાઉથ આફ્રિકા જેવાં આપણા ભાગીદાર રાષ્ટ્રો પાસેથી આપણે ઘણું શીખવાનું છે.

મુંબઈમાં વસતી વિસ્ફોટ અને શહેરીકરણની સમસ્યા વકરી રહી છે. ચીને શાંઘાઈની આપણા જેવી જ આફતને ઉત્સવમાં ફેરવીને જે પ્રગતિ નોંધાવી છે અને ગૃહનિર્માણનો જે રસ્તો બિંધ્યો છે તેમાંથી આપણે ઘણું શીખી શકીએ છીએ. આપણે શાંઘાઈના હાઉસિંગ મોડેલને સમજીને મુંબઈમાં પણ તેને લાગુ કરીએ તો લોકોની આવાસની સમસ્યામાં રાહત મળી શકે છે.

ફડણવીસે મિત્ર રાષ્ટ્રોને હાકલ કરી હતી કે બધાંએ એકબીજા સાથે પોતાની સંવાદ સાધીને

પરિવહન, સુરક્ષા અને ગૃહનિર્માણ સંબંધી પોતપોતાની યોજનાઓ એકબીજા મિત્ર રાષ્ટ્રોને સમજાવવી જોઈએ. આ ક્રમમાં જ મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારે મુંબઈની ગટરમાં ફેરવાઈ ગયેલી મીઠી નદીને સ્વચ્છ કરવા માટે રશિયાના સેન્ટ પિટર્સબર્ગના નિષ્ણાતોની મદદ લેવાની વિચારણા આદરી છે. સાઉથ આફ્રિકાની જેમ આપણી સામે પણ સુરક્ષા અને સલામતીનો પડકાર છે. તેથી આવા પ્રશ્ને પણ એકબીજા રાષ્ટ્રોના સહકારની જરૂર છે.

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કોસ્ટલ રોડ ઉપર બસ રૂટ શરૂ કરાશે, તે ટોલ ફ્રી હશે ડેવલપમેન્ટ પ્લાન-૨૦૩૪માં સામાજિક સમાનતા પર ભાર : અર્જુન મહેતા

મુંબઈ, તા. ૧૬: મુંબઈનો ડેવલપમેન્ટ પ્લાન-૨૦૩૪માં સામાજિક એક્સિટીવિટી ઉપર ભાર મૂકવામાં આવ્યો છે.

મુંબઈમાં યોજાઈ રહેલી બ્રિક્સ-ફેડરેશન સિટીસના કાર્યક્રમને સંબોધતાં મુંબઈ પાલિકાના આયુક્ત અર્જુન મહેતાએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે પ્રત્યેક વહીવટી વોર્ડમાં બહુઉદ્દેશીય ગૃહનિર્માણ માટે પ્લોટ અનામત રાખવામાં આવ્યા છે. તેમાં ભાડાનાં ઘર, કેરેસેન્ટર અને મહિલાઓ માટેની હોસ્ટેલનો

સમાવેશ કરાયો છે. મહિલાઓ ફેરિયાઓનો વ્યવસાય કરી શકે એ માટે જગ્યા અનામત રાખવામાં આવી છે. વધુમાં વિકલાંગો માટેની સગવડો વધારવા માટે પણ ડેવલપમેન્ટ પ્લાનમાં જોગવાઈ કરવામાં આવી છે. આ પરિસંવાદમાં રજૂ કરેલા પ્રેજન્ટેશનમાં મહેતાએ મુંબઈ સમક્ષના પડકારો ઉપર ખાસ ધ્યાન આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું તે પડકારોમાં પરવડે એવા ઘર, ખૂલી જગ્યાઓનો અભાવ, રોજગારીની તકોનું નિર્માણ, તેમ

જ સામાજિક સમાનતાનો અભાવ જેવી બાબતોનો સમાવેશ થયો હતો. કોસ્ટલ રોડના વિરોધ અંગે મહેતાએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે તેના ઉપર 'બેસ્ટ'ની વિવિધ બસના રૂટ પણ શરૂ કરાશે. વધુમાં કોસ્ટલ રોડ ટોલ ફ્રી હશે. એક પ્રશ્નના ઉત્તરમાં મહેતાએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે અમે શહેર હોરીઝોન્ટલ અને વર્ટિકલ એમ બંને રીતે વિકસે એ માટે પ્રયત્નશીલ છીએ. તેમાં બધાના અભિપ્રાય જાણવા મળી શકે એ માટે અમે ડેવલપમેન્ટ પ્લાનને લોકો સમક્ષ મૂક્યો છે.

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Ready to host?

India should bid for Olympics, says delegate at BRICS meet

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

Blanc was part of the delegate at the BRICS Friendship Cities Conclave that was 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 crisis.

Massive protests and raucous Congress debated over impeachment of Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff on corruption charges and characterises the political scene of the South American country to host the 2016 Olympic games. Adding to the strife, 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 paralyzed federal bureaucracy, the city will deliver the venues in time, said Blanc. "With more than three months to go, 95% 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 from 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 ses-

CHALLENGES FOR BRAZIL

ZIKA VIRUS

The mosquito-borne Zika fever epidemic is a major concern for travellers, as the virus can cause birth defects and neurological problems. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has so far advised pregnant women to avoid travelling to Rio, yet Blanc is optimistic about the city hosting the games. "The games are during the winter months of Brazil, and it will reduce the threat of mosquito presence because of lower temperatures," claimed Blanc.



SECURITY THREATS

Security is being questioned, as the policing budget was cut by 2 billion reais which is equivalent to \$500 million. Blanc confirmed that terrorism is the most worrying concern for the Olympic organisers. "When you host global athletes and travellers, you bring the enemies of all those countries to yours," he said, adding that adequate measures were being taken to ensure the best intelligence.

sion 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 catering the games. Brazil aims to host its first-ever 'sustainable' Olympics, he informed dna.

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 a 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 prepare 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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मुंबई: वाजवी दरातील घरांची समस्या फक्त मुंबई आणि परिसरापुरतीच मर्यादित नसून ब्राझील, रशिया, चीन व दक्षिण अफ्रिका या ‘ब्रिक्स’ मित्र राष्ट्रांनाही याच समस्येचा सामना करावा लागत आहे. भारतासह या सर्व देशांना मिळून सन २०३० पर्यंत रोज वाजवी दरातील ९६ हजार घरांची गरज भासणार असल्याचे या देशांतील नगररचनाकारांनी केलेल्या अभ्यासात स्पष्ट झाले आहे.

मुंबईत भरलेल्या ‘ब्रिक्स’ देशांच्या परिषदेत इतर अन्य महत्त्वाच्या विषयांसह वाजवी दरातील घरांचा प्रश्नही ऐरणीवर आल्याचे दिसले. विशेष म्हणजे अशी घरे घेण्यासाठी या देशांतील फक्त पाच टक्के लोकांनाच कर्ज उपलब्ध होत आहे, या

वास्तवाकडे तज्ज्ञांनी लक्ष वेधले. या घरांची निर्मिती करण्यासाठी आवश्यक असणाऱ्या परवानग्या मिळवण्यासाठी तब्बल आठ महिन्यांचा कालावधी खर्ची पडतो, असा निष्कर्ष नोंदवून एकप्रकारे या देशांतील ‘लाल फिती’च्या कारभाराकडेही तज्ज्ञांनी लक्ष वेधले आहे. ९६ हजार घरे बांधण्यासाठी २८१ अब्ज डॉलर खर्च अपेक्षित आहे.

असा निर्माण होतोय घरांचा प्रश्न

नागरीकरण न झालेल्या भागातील लोक नागरीकरण होत असलेल्या शहरांमध्ये स्थलांतर करण्याचे प्रमाण वेगाने वाढले आहे. हा वेग लक्षात घेता शहरांचे नियोजन करणे गरजेचे आहे. मात्र, नियोजनाअभावी लोकांना निवारा देण्यासाठी बांधावी लागणारी घरे कमी

प्रमाणात उपलब्ध आहेत. स्थलांतरणाचा हा वेग विकसित देशांमध्येही दिसून येत असून, उपलब्ध साधनसामग्री व पायाभूत सुविधांच्या प्रमाणात गरजांची पूर्तता करण्याची कसरत या देशांनाही करावी लागत आहे.

घरांच्या वाढत्या किमती आणि सुमार नगर नियोजन या दोन घटकांचा परिणाम वाजवी दरातील घरांच्या उभारणीत होत आहे. कमी उत्पन्न गटातील लोकांना वाजवी दरातील घरे

मिळत नसल्याने त्यांना नाईलाजास्तव झोपड्यांमध्ये रहावे लागत असून, त्यामुळे त्यांच्या पुनर्वसनाचा प्रश्नही निर्माण होत आहे. वाजवी दरातील घरांच्या बांधणीसाठी अर्थसहाय्य देण्यास वितीय संस्थाही फारसे स्वास्थ्य दाखवत नाहीत; तर भरपूर नफा मिळवण्यासाठी बिल्डर भरमसाठ किंमतीची घरे बांधण्यावर भर देत असल्याने वाजवी दरातील घरांच्या निर्मितीकडे ही मंडळी पाठ फिरवतात.

काय करता येईल?

- वाजवी दरातील घरे बांधण्यासाठी सरकारने विकसकांना प्रोत्साहन द्यावे. प्रसंगी कायदा करावा.
- लोकांना कमी व्याजदरात अर्थसहाय्य देणे.
- घरांच्या किमती आवाक्यात ठेवण्यासाठी रिअल इस्टेट मार्केटवर नियंत्रण ठेवणे.
- वाजवी दरातील घरे बांधणाऱ्या विकसकांना योग्य परतावा द्यावा.
- झोपडपट्टी सुधारणांचा कार्यक्रम वेगाने राबवावा.



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प्रतिनिधी

मुंबई, सोमवार : शहरे ही 'आहे रे' वर्गाबरोबर 'नाही रे' वर्गासाठीही राहण्याजोगी, परवडणारी आणि सुसह्य असली पाहिजेत. शहरांचा विकास करताना तो सर्वसमावेशक असायला हवा, असे मत मुख्यमंत्री देवेंद्र फडणवीस यांनी व्यक्त केले. महाराष्ट्रातील शहरांचा विकास हा याच धोरणाने करण्यात येईल, असेही त्यांनी सांगितले. मुख्यमंत्र्यांच्या उपस्थितीत काल 'ब्रिक्स फ्रेंडशिप सिटीज कॉन्क्लेव्ह'चा समारोप झाला. त्यावेळी ते बोलत होते. या वेळी मुख्य सचिव स्वाधीन क्षत्रिय, ब्राझीलच्या

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शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख तोवर दा सिल्वा न्युन्स, रशियाच्या शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख जॉर्जी

पोल्टव्हचेन्को, दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख सुभेश पिल्लई, केंद्र शासनाचे

अतिरिक्त सचिव अलोक डिमरी, 'मुंबई फर्स्ट'चे अध्यक्ष नरेंद्र नायर, मुख्य कार्यकारी

अधिकारी शिशिर जोशी आदी मान्यवर उपस्थित होते. मुख्यमंत्री म्हणाले की, शहरांचा विकास हा सर्वसमावेशक असल्याशिवाय तो शाश्वत होऊ शकत नाही. या तीन दिवसांच्या परिषदेत नगरविकासविषयक विविध विषयांवर अत्यंत फलदायी चर्चा झाली आहे. ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य असलेल्या ब्राझील, रशिया, भारत, चीन आणि दक्षिण आफ्रिका या पाचही देशांतील शहरांच्या विकासात या परिषदेचा निश्चित उपयोग होईल. वाढत्या नागरीकरणाचा मुंबई शहर सामना करीत आहे.

(पान ५ पाहा)

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पान १ वरून

तसेच परवडणाऱ्या घरांच्या निर्मितीचेही आवाहन आहे. यासंदर्भात शांघाय आणि ब्राझीलमधील शहरांमध्ये झालेले काही प्रयोग आदर्शवत असून, त्याची मुंबईत निश्चित अंमलबजावणी केली जाईल. सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहरातील नदीची स्वच्छता, त्याचे व्यवस्थापन हे आदर्शवत आहे. मुंबईतील मिठी नदीची स्वच्छता आणि व्यवस्थापन करताना त्यांचा अनुभव आणि कल्पना उपयुक्त ठातील. याकामी आम्ही त्याची मदत घेऊ. सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग शहरानेही याकामी आम्हाला मार्गदर्शन व सहकार्य करावे, असे आवाहन मुख्यमंत्र्यांनी केले. क्षत्रिय म्हणाले, या परिषदेतून ब्रिक्सचे सदस्य

असलेले पाचही देश अत्यंत जवळ आले आहेत. एकाच वेळी मोठ्या प्रमाणात घरांची निर्मिती करण्यामध्ये चीनमधील शांघाय शहराने चांगली कामगिरी केली आहे. मुंबईत या मॉडेलचा अवलंब करण्याबाबत त्यांचे मार्गदर्शन घेण्यात येईल. ब्रिक्स शहरांमध्ये वेगवेगळ्या ठिकाणी नगरविकासाचे वेगवेगळे प्रयोग यशस्वी झाले आहेत. या परिषदेतून सहभागी देशांच्या प्रतिनिधींमध्ये विचार व संकल्पनांचे आदान-प्रदान झाले, त्याचा लाभ पाचही देशांतील शहरांना होणार आहे.

ब्राझील देशातील शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख तोवर दा सिल्वा न्युन्स म्हणाले, शहरांचा विकास करताना तो

सर्वसमावेशक आणि पर्यावरणप्रिय होणे गरजेचे आहे. यासाठी सर्व ब्रिक्स शहरांनी पुढाकार घ्यावा, असे आवाहन त्यांनी केले.

रशियन शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख जॉर्जी पोल्टव्हचेन्को यांनी मुंबईतील पाहुणचार आणि सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाच्या दर्शनाने आपण भारावून गेलो असल्याचे सांगितले. दक्षिण आफ्रिकेतील शिष्टमंडळाचे प्रमुख सुभेश पिल्लई म्हणाले, ब्रिक्स देशातील शहरांच्या समस्या या जवळपास सारख्याच आहेत. त्यांच्यावरील उपायही एकच आहेत. त्यामुळे या समस्या सोडविण्यासाठी ब्रिक्स शहरांनी यापुढील काळातही एकत्रित सहभाग घ्यावा, असे आवाहन त्यांनी केले.

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शंघाई और सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग से मदद ले करेंगे मुंबई का विकास : फडणवीस

ऐजेंसी मुंबई। महाराष्ट्र सरकार इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और हाउसिंग के विकास के लिए चीन के शंघाई और रूस के सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग से सहयोग लेने पर विचार कर रही है। महाराष्ट्र के सीएम देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने कहा, 'मुंबई इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर और अफोर्डेबल हाउसिंग स्कीम के मामले में संघर्ष कर रही है। हम ग्लोबल सिटीज से सबक सीखने को तैयार हैं। शंघाई के हाउसिंग मॉडल से हम काफी कुछ सीख सकते हैं। इसके अलावा सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग से वॉटर ट्रांसपोर्ट की व्यवस्था के बारे में सीखा जा सकता है।'

ब्रिक्स फंडशिप सिटीज कॉन्क्लेव में फडणवीस ने कहा कि हम इन शहरों से सहयोग लेने के लिए तैयार हैं। सीएम ने सेंट पीटर्सबर्ग से मुंबई की मिथी नदी में



जहाज चलाने के लिए सहयोग मांगा। शिवसेना द्वारा सूखा प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में इंडस्ट्रीज को पानी न देने की मांग पर देवेंद्र फडणवीस ने कहा कि वह इस पर विचार करेंगे।

कार्यक्रम से इतर फडणवीस ने कहा कि सरकार ने औरंगाबाद के डिविजनल कमिश्नर से वॉटर

सप्लाई और पानी की जरूरतों को लेकर रिपोर्ट मांगी। उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य सरकार 3 से 4 दिनों में इस बारे में कार्रवाई करेगी। सूबे के मराठवाड़ा इलाके में पानी की खासी किल्लत का दौर है। यहां तक कि लातूर जिले में मिराज से पानी की ट्रेन चलाई जा रही है।

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ബ്രിക്സ് സിറ്റി രാജ്യാന്തര സമ്മേളനം ഏപ്രിൽ 14 മുതൽ മുംബയിൽ - വെങ്കയ്യ നായിഡു മുഖ്യാതിഥി

ജയകുമാർ മുംബയ്

മുംബയ്: ബ്രസീൽ, ചൈന, റഷ്യ, ആഫ്രിക്ക, ഇന്ത്യ എന്നീ രാജ്യങ്ങളുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയായ ബ്രിക്സ് സിറ്റി, സൗഹൃദ ഉച്ചകോടി ഈ മാസം 14 മുതൽ 16 വരെ മുംബയിൽ നടക്കും. ബ്രസീലിൽ നിന്ന് 5 പേരും, റഷ്യയിൽ നിന്ന് 20 പേരും, ചൈനയിൽ നിന്ന് 30 പേരും, അഫ്രിക്കയിൽനിന്ന് 6 പേരും പ്രതിനിധികളായി സംബന്ധിക്കും. കൂടാതെ സംസ്ഥാന മന്ത്രിമാർ, ഗവർണ്ണർ, നഗര പ്രതിനിധികൾ, പ്ലാനിംഗ് വിഭാഗങ്ങൾ എന്നിവരും സംബന്ധിക്കും. കേന്ദ്രമന്ത്രി വെങ്കയ്യ നായിഡു, സംസ്ഥാന ഗവർണ്ണർ വിദ്യാസാഗർ റാവു, മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി ദേവേന്ദ്ര ഫട്നവിസ് എന്നിവർ ഉദ്ഘാടന ചടങ്ങിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കും. നഗരാസൂത്രണം, ഇലവിനിയോഗം, പാർപ്പിടനിർമ്മാണം, നഗരഗതാഗതം, മാലിന്യനിർമ്മാർജ്ജനം തുടങ്ങി നഗരത്തിന്റെ സുരക്ഷിതത്വവും, അടിസ്ഥാനമേഖല വികസനവും വരെ ഈ വേദിയിൽ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യപ്പെടും. സമ്മേളനത്തിന് മുന്നോടിയായി ഏപ്രിൽ 14-ന് മുംബയ് പ്രീൻസ് ഓഫ് വെയിൽസ് മ്യൂസിയത്തിൽ ബ്രിക്സ് സിറ്റിയിൽ സംബന്ധിക്കുന്ന രാജ്യങ്ങളിൽനിന്നുള്ള കലാകാരന്മാർ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്ന പരിപാടികൾ ഉണ്ടാകും. മുംബയിൽ നിന്നും 'ഗണേശ വന്ദനം' അവതരിപ്പിക്കും.



ബ്രിക്സ് സിറ്റി സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നവരുടെ സൗകര്യാർത്ഥം പ്രസംഗങ്ങൾ മറാഠി ഉൾപ്പെടെയുള്ള ഭാഷകളിൽ തത്സമയ തർജ്ജമയും ഉണ്ടാകും.

റ്റാറ്റ, ഗോദ്രേജ്, മഹിന്ദ്ര, ഹിന്ദുസ്ഥാൻ ലിമിറ്റഡ്, ഏഷ്യൻ പെയിന്റ്സ്, എസ്.ബി.ഐ., ഐ.സി.ഐ.സി.ഐ., എച്ച്.ഡി.എഫ്.സി. തുടങ്ങിയ വിവിധ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയായ മുംബയ് ഫസ്റ്റ് ആണ് സംസ്ഥാന, കേന്ദ്ര സർക്കാ

രൂകളുടെ സഹകരണത്തോടെ ഈ സംരംഭം നടത്തുന്നത്. പ്രധാനമന്ത്രിയുടെ 2014 ലെ ബ്രസീൽ ബ്രിക്സ് അഭിപ്രായത്തെ മാനിച്ച് സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളും നഗരങ്ങളും, തദ്ദേശസ്വയംഭരണ സ്ഥാപനങ്ങളും പരസ്പരം അറിവുകൾ കൈമാറുക എന്ന ലക്ഷ്യത്തോടെയാണ് മുംബയിലെ ബ്രിക്സ് ഉച്ചകോടി

നടത്തുകയെന്ന് മുഖ്യമന്ത്രി ദേവേന്ദ്ര ഫട്നവിസ് പത്രസമ്മേളനത്തിൽ അറിയിച്ചു. ചടങ്ങിൽ ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറി സാധിൻ ഷത്രിയ, ജോയിന്റ് സെക്രട്ടറിമാരായ അലോക് ഡിമിനി, സുമിത് മുൻഷി, മുംബയ് ഫസ്റ്റ് സി.ഇ.ഒ. ശിഷിർ ജോഷി, ചെമ്പർമാൻ നരീന്ദർ നായ്ക്കർ എന്നിവർ സംബന്ധിച്ചു.

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