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## To create open spaces, BMC looks at unique redevelopment plan

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THE BRIHANMUMBAI Municipal Corporation (BMC) is considering a first-of-its-kind concept of a redevelopment plan in Mumbai, which is aimed at creating more public spaces.

According to sources, with matters moving rapidly, Municipal Commissioner Praveen Pardeshi has asked Additional Municipal Commissioner Pravin Darade to look into the feasibility of the project for an Expression of Interest (EOI) to appoint a consultant for the project.

The BMC is working on a concept called local area planning (LAP), under which "systematic redevelopment" will lead to creating more space for streets and open areas.

Higher-ups in the civic body hold the view that if successfully implemented, the plan could be replicated in other congested parts of the city to free up space for roads and other public areas.

The plan is the brainchild of architect and urbanist Bimal Patel, who presented it earlier this month to a select group of planners in the city. Pardeshi was also present at this meeting.

This was followed by an internal meeting of the BMC, where the plan was put before officials for feedback and Patel, who heads CEPT University in Ahmedabad, was invited to make another presentation on Monday.

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This time, it was a large gathering of all stakeholders — urban planners, developers, architects, ward officers and others. Civic officials also came up with suggestions for areas that could be redeveloped such as Suparibaug (near KEM Hospital) in Parel, Bangur Nagar in Goregaon (West) and Garodia Nagar in Ghatkopar (East), where the project could be implemented on a pilot basis.

Under the plan, a particular area will be chosen for redevelopment on a pilot basis and property and landowners will be convinced to remove compound walls around buildings, turning them into street space or other public space to be utilised for footpaths, wider roads and open space. Owners will be persuaded to give up land around the building through the incentives, in terms of floor space index (FSI).

According to civic officials, the BMC is also exploring the possibility of using Section 33 of the Maharashtra Regional and Town Planning (MRTP) Act, 1966, under which it can make plans for areas of comprehensive

development.

Section 33 empowers a planning authority to prepare a plan or plans showing proposals for the development of an area or areas, which in the opinion of the planning authority, should be developed or redeveloped as a whole.

A BMC official, who was part of the meeting, told *The Indian Express*, "Though areas are yet to be finalised, Suparibaug in Parel could be one of the areas where this scheme can be implemented. There are about 280 plots in the locality that have to be accommodated if we go for the LAP," an official said.

The official added, "We can use Section 33 of the MRTP Act, under which the local body can take a particular area for comprehensive development. Also, to avoid any legal tangle, introducing a new act in development control regulations could also be an option."

Officials also discussed the ongoing cluster redevelopment in Bhandi Bazar by Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust (SBUT).

"Under the SBUT redevelopment, the road space will be about 26 per cent, which is quite good. But according to the numbers presented by Patel, Mumbai has road space of about 12 per cent," said another official, who was at the meeting.

## Govt puts Mumbai-Pune super train project on the fast track

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THE STATE government on Tuesday put the ambitious hyperloop project between Mumbai and Pune on the fast track. To speed up acquisition of land for the project, the Cabinet on Tuesday accepted a proposal to grant it the status of "infrastructure project".

The project aims to cut down travel time between the two cities to just 23 minutes. Having already given a go ahead to use the 'Swiss challenge' method to

Project gets infra tag, Swiss challenge bids to be floated

hold the bidding for the Rs 70,000-crore project, the government on Tuesday named a consortium of DP World FZE and Hyperloop Technologies Inc as its original project proponent. Global firms will now be invited to challenge them under the bidding method.

While the entire project involves construction across a length of 117.5 km, sources said that Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is keen to perform a bhoomipujan for a 11.8-km test

track, being developed in the first phase, before the model code of conduct for the Assembly polls kicks in.

The Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority will oversee the implementation of the first phase, which is expected to take about two to three years to complete.

Meanwhile, ahead of the state polls, the Fadnavis government also okayed another proposal to facilitate urban local bodies to raise loans for various

infrastructure projects. The Maharashtra Urban Infrastructure Development Company will be provided with a dedicated budget of Rs 50 crore for funding such infrastructure projects.

## Seven men get 8 years in jail for armed robbery

Mumbai: A sessions court has sentenced seven men to eight years in jail for an armed robbery in 2015, in which they fled with Rs 2 crore. The accused include the security guard of a van supplying cash to an ATM of a bank and his accomplices whom he helped in the heist at Vile Parle. According to the prosecution, team comprising guards, supervisor and driver, were on their way to fill up ATMs, when their vehicle was intercepted and money stolen. **ENS**

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## 13-yr-old fakes kidnapping to distract parents from his poor geography score

SAGAR RAJPUT  
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A 13-YEAR-OLD boy allegedly faked his kidnapping to divert his parents' attention from his poor Geography score at school, said the Sahar police, which spent 16 hours searching for the supposed kidnappers.

The boy confessed to faking the kidnapping after police confronted him with CCTV footage, said sources.

Police said that at around 8.30 pm on Sunday, the teenager walked inside a Crime Branch office in Ghatkopar and said he was kidnapped by two assailants in a rickshaw and brought to Ghatkopar.

He claimed he managed to give them the slip.

The information was then passed to Sahar police station as the teenager stayed near Marol Naka area.

"As soon as we were informed, we formed three teams to locate the culprits. As in cases in which a woman or a minor is attacked, the case needs to be solved at the earliest," said a senior police officer.

After the teen, a Class VII student, was brought to the police station for inquiry, he said that on Sunday at around 7.30 pm, he left the house after informing his mother. He said he was going to his classes. But while he was walking, two assailants came from behind, covered his face with a black

cloth and took him in a rickshaw, he claimed.

He said he was ferried for a while, but later he heard that one of the two accused had dropped something outside the rickshaw.

As one of the two kidnappers was looking out, he claimed that he dodged the second kidnapper and slipped away.

"He said that as he ran further, he saw the Ghatkopar unit's office of Mumbai Crime Branch. He went inside and informed them that he was kidnapped," said the officer.

"Things started unfolding when we started working on the leads he provided. We checked CCTV footage of the area from where he claimed he was kidnapped, but we could clearly see him walking alone," added the officer.

The police also spotted the teen boarding a bus in footage of one of the CCTV cameras.

Realising the boy was lying, sources said police confronted him with the CCTV footage, following which he revealed he did it to avoid being scolded by his parents.

"He is apparently not good at Geography, so he cooked up a story of being kidnapped," said the officer.

Police said they hadn't registered a case as they were still looking into the matter. "We have mentioned the incident in our station house diary," said an officer.

## Narrow escape for three

Mumbai: The driver of a taxi and his two passengers had a narrow escape as a steel rod pierced the car's windshield below Jogeshwari flyover on the Western Express Highway on Tuesday. The incident took place when a fashion designer, Rinku Jain, and her aunt were travelling from Goregaon to south Mumbai, police said. Strong wind accompanying the afternoon showers sent a steel rod, measuring 16 mm, crashing through the taxi's windshield. Police said neither the passengers nor the driver were hurt.

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