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"And this is the anti-gravitational room."

The Third Metro Line

The third metro line, between Colaba and Bandra, may not be all underground, after all. The line could run underground between Colaba and Mahalaxmi, and then over ground till Bandra.

If the 20km long route had to be completely underground then it would cost MMRDA a whopping Rs12,000 crore. The preferred option by the authorities is to have a partly underground metro. This would make the project, estimated to cost Rs.12,000 crore, cheaper by around Rs.3,000 crore.

Did you know?

The U. S. Department of Labor estimates that today's learner will have 10–14 jobs by the age of 38

We Look Upon a Better Tomorrow

As the financial capital of the country Mumbai is going to have a refurbishment of the city's structure, to compete with other leading cities throughout the globe. In this regard, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is adopting adequate measures and has allocated a fund of Rs.1,321 crore for roads, bridges and traffic signals. According to professionals, the fund, if utilized precisely, can lead to success although there is a deficiency of Rs. 5 crore in comparison to the previous year's budget.

Along with this BMC has allocated around Rs 450 crore and Rs 546 crore to the concretization roads in 2009-10 respectively. BMC has it in mind to concretize 50km of the city's roads in the upcoming financial year in conjunction with asphaltting 150 km. Is there anything else? Well, there are lots! Take bridges for instance. It has come to the knowledge that the civic body is committed to modernize the overall conditions of city's bridges. The BMC would also construct new subways that will amount to Rs. 229 crore.

The main focus is on underground parking lots, with Rs 50 crore allocated to their construction at Crawford Market, Hutatma Chowk and Regal Cinema to Jehangir Art Gallery. Perhaps this is for the first time when the pedestrians are being given due attention. A separate fund of Rs. 30 crore is ready for the improvement of pavements. Seven international agencies have also been appointed for the creation of street furniture including railings, benches, etc.



Hot spots for investments in Mumbai



Vasai Virar sub-region

- Economic drivers such as the MP SEZ by DHL, BIO tech SEZ by Mahindra and IT SEZ.
- Connectivity is going to increase by introduction of additional suburban trains from next year.

Areas adjoining Panvel

- Area benefiting significantly from trunk infrastructure enhancements such as the upcoming new airport, Trans-Harbour Link, railway terminus, mono rail, etc.

- Positive impact from the upcoming mega SEZs by Reliance and others

and the expansion of JNPT

Bandra-Khar area

- It will witness increased connectivity due to Bandra Worli sea-link, the proposed Metro Line 2 and also the upcoming Santacruz-Chembur Link road.

Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march07.jpg>

May Day, May Day, All aboard the bridge

The wait to commute on the much awaited Bandra Worli Sea Link is about to end. One side of this ambitious project consisting of four lanes will be completed on April 15, and vehicular traffic will be allowed only from May 1. The second is expected to be ready after the monsoons.



Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march06.jpg>



Did you know?

Samurai, the warrior class and Shoguns emerge as the ruling class in Japan and remained in power with little interruption until the late 19th century

BEST to start 10 new routes in Thane, Navi Mumbai

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) undertaking plans to operate 51 additional buses to 10 new destinations covering Navi Mumbai, Thane and Mira-Bhayandar. The proposed scheme has been submitted to the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) formed for the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). There will be special routes but some could be common. Commuters will get an option of selecting whether they want to travel on BEST bus or buses operated by other undertakings.

Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march01.jpg>

Lesser the traffic, sooner



In about two months from now, motorists in the city can expect better traffic movement, particularly at the regular bottlenecks. This will come about thanks to a new traffic management system, called Area Traffic Control (ATC), a joint initiative by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Mumbai traffic police.

There will be sensors installed 4 inches below the roads from where they gauge the traffic movement, relaying the data to the main server, which then relays instructions back to the signal to show appropriate light. This means that at an ATC signal, a motorist need not for a fixed number of seconds (predetermined by the traffic police) but get a signal to so is there is no traffic on the other side.

Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march02.jpg>

Did you know?

The longest movie in the world according to Guinness World Records is *The Cure for Insomnia*, directed by John Henry Timmis IV released in 1987, the running time is 5220 minutes (87 hours)

Juhu airport facelift in next three months

The Airports Authority of India will finally revamp the Juhu airstrip (India's first civil aviation airport) in the next three months, after keeping the proposal on hold for several years.

According to the plan the height strip will be raised by 1.5m and will also be extended from 3,750 ft to a minimum of 5,500 ft to handle ATR-73 aircrafts, thereby reducing the air traffic congestion of 5-7%.

The airport presently caters to small aircraft, gliders and helicopters.
Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march04.jpg>

Did you know?

Jack Mercer was the voice of Popeye the Sailor for 45 years



23 more walkways to adorn city skies

The Mumbai Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (MMRDA) is going ahead with the skywalk project on a fast track. Of the 50 walkways planned by the authority, as many as 23 will be thrown open for the public during May while the rest will be completed by the year end.

Skywalks in Dahisar, Borivali and Mira Road up to Thane, Ulhasnagar and Badlapur are coming up fast and are expected to be opened for public within the next 85 days.

While the on going work for the 580-metre-long skywalk costing Rs18.47 crore from Bandra station (W) to Mohammad Rafi chowk (Lucky Restaurant Chowk) is likely to be completed by July 17.

Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march05.jpg>

Now, Mercedes buses will ply on Mumbai-Pune route



The Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation will soon introduce 50 new buses—including some Mercedes for the busy Mumbai-Pune route. Currently the MSRTC runs only air-conditioned Volvo buses on the stretch.

The state government runs Volvo buses on the Mumbai-Pune and Pune-Nashik routes. It has 47 Volvo buses of which 22 belong to MSRTC and the rest are hired.

The MSRTC plans to buy 50 buses and is looking at various models of Volvo, Mercedes and Tata Hispano. The first Mercedes bus was introduced by a private operator on the Pune-Kolhapur route last year.

Ref.: <http://www.lakshish.com/images/march/march03.jpg>

Tickler



One Sunday afternoon a couple saw an ad in the paper and they couldn't believe their eyes.

There was a house in the paper for \$1000 in the nicest part of town.

They thought it to be a misprint but decide to call anyway.

They spoke to a lady and realized that it wasn't and they were the first ones to call.

They decide to go and have a look at the house.

They raced as fast as they could and pulled up to the most beautiful house on the block.

The couple asked the lady, "This is the most beautiful house we have ever seen, what's the catch?"

The lady said, "You seem like a nice couple, so I'll let you know the truth.

Last week I got a call from my husband. He is leaving me for his secretary.

He told me I could have everything we own as long as he can have the proceeds off the sale of this house!

I agreed and he asked me if I could sell the house while he and his girlfriend hung out in the Caribbean?"

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