

## **The High-level Austrian Delegation's Visit to MMRDA Explores New Gateways for Collaboration**

**The delegates were hopeful about the promising future of this valuable partnership.**

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MMRDA heartily welcomed the visit of the high-level Austrian delegation of 15 individuals. The delegation was led by Mr Wolfgang Hesoun, Vice President, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, & Chairman of the Managing Board, Siemens AG Austria, and Mr Hans-Jörg Höertnagl, Trade Commissioner / Head of Advantage Austria, New Delhi. MMRDA's participation in the World Economic Forum and its progressive partnerships with different countries has elevated its global reputation, inviting new waves of progress to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region through international collaborations. This welcoming visit from the Austrian delegates is a fortuitous event that can bring numerous advantages to the MMR through the exchange of knowledge and technological expertise. One of the main objectives of this delegation was to witness the progress achieved across the MMR through the tireless efforts of MMRDA, in addition to exploring the innovative paths that are being pursued by MMRDA's ongoing and future projects.

MMRDA's Metropolitan Commissioner Dr Sanjay Mukherjee, IAS welcomed the delegates and took part in a highly productive discussion with them on the key infrastructure projects of MMRDA in the MMR. Apart from the Atal Setu and numerous other projects that are already redefining transportation infrastructure in and around the MMR, several other projects are also being pursued at a steady pace, transforming the MMR one step at a time. The delegates were left in awe while demonstrating the innovative accomplishments MMRDA made across the MMR in a short period. Moreover, the roads, bridges, flyovers, and underground tunnel roads in development shined the light of hope on the sustainable and proud future of the MMR for the view of the delegates. Furthermore, MMRDA's noble goal of developing the new town with the prestigious Atal Setu at the landing point was applauded for its futuristic direction.

Some of the infrastructure projects that caught the eye of the delegation and contributed to their amazement were the proposed Thane-Borivali Twin-Tube Tunnel Road, the Underground Tunnel Road from the Orange Gate to Marine Drive, and the planned 337 km long Metro Network that will soon become the world's largest Metro Network. The delegation was immensely satisfied with MMRDA's vision to integrate innovation and commitment to sustainability, thereby expressing sincere hope for future collaborations in meaningful endeavours. Hence, the visit of the delegates helped MMRDA to showcase its prowess in catalyzing sustainable development in the MMR.

Dr Sanjay Mukherjee, IAS, Metropolitan Commissioner, MMRDA expressed **“MMRDA is keen on venturing into every possible avenue that can add something of value to the lives of Mumbaikars from time to time. We stringently coordinate with the ULBs of the MMR to make sure that all 5 districts attain equal importance, thereby achieving holistic urban development. The ongoing projects of MMRDA dedicated to the elevation of transportation infrastructure will make significant contributions to traffic decongestion in various strategic locations upon their completion, taking connectivity across the MMR to new heights. So, from our innumerable infrastructure projects to collaborations with global superpowers, we take all the necessary steps to ensure the bright future of the MMR. Thus, we are extremely happy to have welcomed the high-level Austrian delegation, as we took great pleasure in presenting to them a glimpse of our intuitive directives. We wholeheartedly aspire for an exciting and mutually beneficial partnership in the future.”**









