



“Mumbai Port’s Eastern Waterfront to See ₹22,672-Crore Maritime-Led Transformation”: Sarbananda Sonowal

“Mumbai’s Eastern Waterfront Emerges as Anchor of India’s Global Maritime Ambition:” Sarbananda Sonowal

Centre Reviews ₹22,672-Crore Plan to Transform Mumbai’s Eastern Waterfront into Global Maritime Hub

“₹5,500-Crore Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Convention Centre to Power Mumbai’s MICE Push”: Sarbananda Sonowal

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Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal led a comprehensive review of Mumbai Port Authority’s (MbPA) ongoing and proposed projects, reaffirming the Centre’s commitment to a ₹22,672-crore transformation of Mumbai’s Eastern Waterfront into a global maritime, logistics and tourism hub.

The review outlined a long-term development roadmap aimed at positioning Mumbai as a leading maritime and waterfront destination by 2047. The transformation strategy is structured around two parallel growth pathways — strengthening Mumbai Port’s core cargo operations and repurposing underutilised port land for urban, tourism and business infrastructure.

“Under the dynamic leadership of our Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, India is moving decisively towards becoming one of the world’s foremost maritime nations. The ₹22,672-crore transformation of Mumbai’s Eastern Waterfront is central to that journey — strengthening maritime self-reliance, expanding trade and tourism, and creating globally benchmarked waterfront infrastructure. This initiative aligns with the goals of Viksit Bharat and Atmanirbhar Bharat while establishing Mumbai as a global maritime and blue economy hub,” Sarbananda Sonowal said.

Large stretches of underutilised land along the Eastern Waterfront are being systematically redeveloped to support cruise tourism, maritime business, skilling and blue economy activities. The redevelopment programme is aligned with the

Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, the Cruise Bharat Mission and NITI Aayog's Mumbai Metropolitan Region Growth Hub Plan, positioning the waterfront as a multi-use economic and public space.

Mumbai Port is targeting a cargo handling capacity of 150 million tonnes per annum by 2047, driven primarily by offshore liquid bulk cargo such as crude oil, petroleum products, LNG and chemicals at Jawahar Dweep and Pirpau. Key infrastructure projects include reclamation and shore protection works, development of a 22 MTPA sixth oil berth at Jawahar Dweep, and new anchorage facilities in the outer harbour to support solid bulk transshipment.

"Mumbai has always been India's maritime gateway to the world. PM Modi ji's call for revival, rejuvenation and revamp of our maritime prowess lies central towards our journey to become Atmanirbhar Bharat. Mumbai's revival as a modern, efficient and people-centric port city will play a defining role in powering India's ascendancy as a global maritime power, capable of shaping international trade, logistics and maritime services in the decades ahead," Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal added.

A key anchor project is the Viksit Bharat Mumbai Marina, envisaged as India's first and largest world-class marina, with an investment of ₹887 crore through a hybrid EPC-PPP model. Complementing this will be the Namoo Bharat International Sailing School, which aims to provide structured sailing education and expand equitable public access to water-based sports and skills.

The redevelopment plan also includes the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Convention Centre at Princes' Dock, proposed at an estimated investment of ₹5,500 crore on a PPP basis. Designed as a landmark MICE destination, the facility is expected to host national and international business conferences and events on the waterfront. Passenger and cruise infrastructure is being strengthened through projects such as the RoPax Terminal at M-Shed, the Bhaucha Dhakka Glass House and Passenger Terminal, and the activation of the Domestic Cruise Terminal as a venue for major city events.

As part of modernising traditional maritime livelihoods, a new fish jetty at Mallet Bunder is being developed at a cost of ₹132 crore with support from the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. The facility will increase fishing trawler capacity from about 300 to over 1,200 vessels while segregating fishery operations from passenger movement to improve safety and efficiency. The surrounding waterfront area will be activated through themed streets, open-air dining zones and public spaces, contributing to a 3.5-kilometre continuous waterfront promenade for citizens and tourists.

Institutional and governance infrastructure is also being upgraded as part of the transformation. This includes a new Mumbai Port Administrative Building being developed at an estimated cost of ₹295 crore, and the Shivdurg Tower at Mallet Bunder, which will house offices of Vadhvan Port and the Directorate General of Shipping. In addition, a Central Government Office Complex is being developed at Cotton Green to consolidate multiple central government bodies at a single modern location.

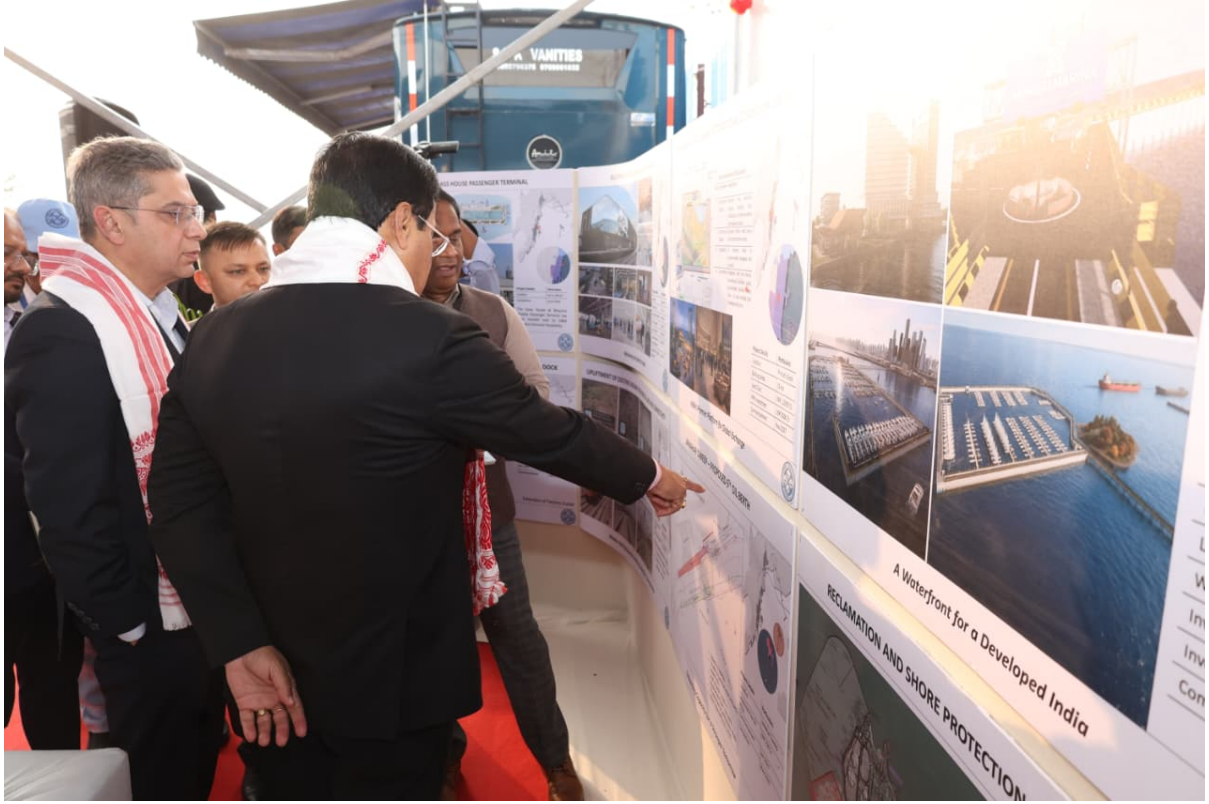
"The transformation of Mumbai's Eastern Waterfront is a reflection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's clear and long-term vision to place India among the world's leading maritime nations. By integrating world-class port infrastructure, cruise and convention facilities, modern fisheries, skilling institutions and public waterfront spaces, we are unlocking new maritime opportunities that will drive jobs, trade and tourism. Mumbai's resurgence as a maritime and blue economy hub will play a decisive role in India's journey towards becoming a global leader in maritime services and logistics," Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said.

Mumbai Port Authority is also supporting key state-led infrastructure projects such as Metro Line 11, the Orange Gate-Marine Drive Tunnel Project and the Radio Club Jetty, ensuring seamless integration of port-led development with Mumbai's wider urban mobility network. The integrated portfolio of projects will generate employment for about 5.5 lakh people, create more than 500 hectares of built-up maritime and blue economy space, and attract over 25 million annual footfalls by 2047.

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said the transformation of Mumbai's Eastern Waterfront reflects the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in repositioning India as a leading maritime nation.







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