Cidco MD assures of solving longpending issues at the earliest

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Belapur: The vice-chairman and managing director of the City and Industrial Development Corporation (Cidco), Sanjay Bhatia has said that the town planning agency is committed to solving the issues pertaining to project affected person (PAP)s of various infrastructural projects, including the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA).

The Cidco will also be giving additional facilities to PAPs, apart from fulfilling their long-pending demands.

"To achieve this, the Cidco will soon chart out a special plan. The agency is sympathetic towards the demands listed by PAPs and will do everything it can to see to it that their demands are met at the fullest," Bhatia said after performing bhoomipujan of Chhatrapati Shivaji Vidyalaya and Junior College at Jasai village near Panvel.

The town planning agency recently sanctioned Rs2 crore to construct the building of the school.

Bhatia added that no development in the region is possible due to cooperation of the PAPs and considering this, it is the responsibility of the Cidco to look after them. This is the reason why Cidco is launching various schemes for the overall development of families of PAPs." he said.

Talking about the demand of lo-

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cals that Cidco must provide funds for constructing buildings of more such schools in the area, Bhatia promised that a positive decision will be taken at the earliest.

"The Cidco has set up vocational training institute for the benefit of PAPs wards. It will be made more active in the future so as to guarantee 100 per cent employment to trainees. Apart from this, Cidco will also be constructing 6,000 flats in the area for the benefit of the people." Bhatia added.

Former MP Ramsheth Thakur, Panvel MLA Prashant Thakur, Uran MLA Vivek Patil, former chairman of Panvel Municipal Council (PMC) JM Mhatre, and other dignitaries were also present.

'Airport is a must in city'

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Vashi: The execution of Navi Mumbai airport is an "absolute must" for the infrastructure of the planned city, feels Rajesh Prajapati, president of MCHI-CREDAI's Raigad unit.

Commenting on the delays in the process of acquiring land for the project, Prajapati appealed to all concerned people, including the politicians and the state government, to sort out the issue quickly.

He welcomed Cidco vice-chairman and MD Sanjay Bhatia's compensation package to PAPs. They have been offered 22 per cent of the developed land, cash up to Rs20 crore a hectare and a resettlement urban colony for more than 1,200 families. "I think this the best that any planning and development authority can do," Prajapati added.

The proposed airport come under the Raigad district. "As developers' community, we are concerned after some reports mentioned of the project likely to be shifted to another place. Navi Mumbai cannot afford to miss out on the airport," he said, pointing out that MCHI-CRE-DAI Raigad unit will launch "a concerted campaign for rescuing the airport".