

PRESS NOTE

Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari Takes Charge as PMRDA Metropolitan Commissioner – Focus on Infrastructure and Speeding up Growth of Pune Metropolitan Region

Pune: Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari (IAS) officially assumed charge as the new Metropolitan Commissioner of the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) on Monday, March 9. He took over the reins from outgoing Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Yogesh Mhase.

Shortly after taking office, Dr. Chaudhari interacted with the media, outlining his vision for the region. He emphasized his commitment to the systematic planning of the Pune metropolitan area, with a specific focus on accelerating the Ring Road and Metro projects.

The handover ceremony was attended by Additional Metropolitan Commissioner Deepak Singla and Joint Commissioner (Administration) Rupali Awale-Dambe. Dr. Mhase and Mr. Singla welcomed the new chief and extended their best wishes for his tenure.

Addressing the challenges of rapid urbanization in Pune, Pimpri-Chinchwad, and the surrounding rural belts, Dr. Chaudhari stated that PMRDA would take proactive steps to address local needs. "Our priority will be the effective implementation of key projects, including the Pune Ring Road, the Hinjawadi-Shivajinagar Metro, and various Town Planning Schemes (TPS)," he said.

He further added, "We will also prioritize the River Rejuvenation Project and work towards easing traffic congestion in the IT and industrial hubs. Issues raised by farmers regarding land acquisition and return-allotment of land will be resolved through a collaborative and coordinated approach."

With over 94 years of experience in the administrative services, Dr. Chaudhari's leadership is expected to breathe new life into PMRDA's long-standing infrastructure goals. He concluded by reiterating his commitment to transforming the region into a prosperous, industry-friendly, and livable "model metropolis."

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