

PRESS NOTE

Indrayani Ghat in Dehu to get a massive facelift; PMRDA speeds up work for Ashadhi Wari

Dehu/Pune: With lakhs of devotees and Warkaris set to descend upon Dehu chanting 'Vitthal-Nama' for the upcoming Ashadhi Ekadashi Wari, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has swung into action. PMRDA has put its execution on war footing to complete the state-of-the-art new ghat development project stretching from Kapur Odha to Jagadguru Tukaram Maharaj Temple Ghat along the Indrayani River. The project, being executed at a cost of ₹13.08 crore following a request from the Dehu Nagar Panchayat, aims to ensure top-notch quality and timely completion.

To ensure a smooth execution, Metropolitan Commissioner Dr. Abhijit Chaudhari personally inspected the site today (July 1) and took a comprehensive review of the ongoing progress. To prevent any inconvenience to the Warkaris during the sacred pilgrimage period, PMRDA has resolved to swiftly address pending land acquisition and connecting-road issues by coordinating directly with the Dehu Sansthan and the local administration.

Heritage Aesthetics and Modern Amenities

Under this ambitious project, PMRDA is balancing modernity with tradition by incorporating aesthetic stonework that blends seamlessly with the historic architecture of the old ghat. The project features:

- A well-designed pathway and robust ghat construction.
- Modern electrical systems and beautification.
- Newly constructed public toilets.
- Well-planned parking facilities at two designated locations.

Currently, the 100-meter embankment work and the construction of the protective river wall are progressing rapidly. However, taking note of certain technical hurdles and local land acquisition challenges that arose during the execution, the Metropolitan Commissioner instructed officials to resolve these amicably and without delay.

Focus on Coordination and Eco-Balance

During his micro-inspection of the ghat, Dr. Chaudhari directed Chetan Konde, Chief Officer of Dehu Nagar Panchayat, to coordinate effectively with private landowners and hold positive discussions with the Dehu Sansthan. This will ensure that the remaining land and connecting roads are acquired swiftly, allowing the remaining phases of the project to be completed at an accelerated pace post-monsoon.

Significantly, PMRDA is laying special emphasis on environmental sustainability while executing these developmental works. Dr. Chaudhari strictly instructed the concerned

department to fell only the strictly necessary number of trees—in strict accordance with the official permission granted by the Tree Conservation Committee on April 30, 2026—and to ensure that the local ecosystem remains unharmed under any circumstances.

The high-level review meet was attended by PMRDA Chief Engineer Rinaj Pathan, Executive Engineer Anita Kulkarni, Dehu Nagar Panchayat Chief Officer Chetan Konde, Deputy Engineer Sanjay Pathak, Branch Engineer Saurabh Gawari, along with project managers, contractors, and consultants.

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