

Bhendi Bazaar redevelopment project bags Smart City award

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MUMBAI: The Bhendi Bazaar redevelopment project has bagged the 'Smart City Project 2016' award at the just concluded second Smart Cities India 2016 Conclave in New Delhi.

More than 22 smart city projects participated in the awards, and the top four nominations included the Bhendi Bazaar Upliftment Project, Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), DLF 5 in Gurgaon, and Blue Ridge project in Pune.

Abbas Master, CEO, Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust, which is undertaking the Bhendi Bazaar project

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said, "Right from day one the project was conceptualized keeping tenants and their needs in mind. Therefore we would like to dedicate this award to the people of Bhendi Bazaar. Also we are thankful that the project has received unflinching support from the State and Central government."

The project was envisioned by the 52nd Dai Al-Mutlaq, the late Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin

(RA) to transform the crippling Bhendi Bazaar into the smart and sustainable city to infuse growth, attract new businesses as well as to provide high-quality residential accommodation to the citizens.

Last year, the project was identified as the 'National Best Practice Project' at the launch of Smart Cities Mission last year.

The project covers 16.5 acres of land, which has more than 250 decrepit buildings, 3,200 families and 1,250 shops. This congested area is being converted into a swanky place which will have 17 new buildings, wide roads and modern infrastructure.