

SBUT begins construction in Bhendi Bazaar

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The Bhendi Bazaar Redevelopment Project undertaken by Saifee Burhani Upliftment Trust (SBUT) recently celebrated the start of construction work on the occasion of the second death anniversary of Dr. Syedna Mohammed

commercial areas. The creation of new infrastructure and availability of technology at their disposal will infuse growth and open new avenues for the businesses in the area.

Addressing a large gathering of the community members, His Holiness Dr. Syedna

construction on sub-clusters 1 and 3 has started and work on other sub-clusters will start soon in phases. Currently more than 70 dilapidated buildings have been demolished and over 1,700 families and 400 businesses have been vacated from Bhendi Bazaar.

The Project has been highly praised by Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi and has also received the personal attention of Chief Minister of Maharashtra Devendra Fadnavis to ensure quick implementation. The Project is identified as the National Best Practise Project that will not only set a precedent for urban renewal projects in Mumbai but also provide impetus for other inner-city redevelopment projects across the country."

Among the residents who are shifted, Mohamad Shafique said, "We are really happy and excited as the construction has begun on our old buildings which will now be converted into world class structures. We have been given proper accommodation by the trust."

Another resident, who wished not to be identified said, "After the development, this is going to be one of the most noted projects in our country wherein the Prime Minister has also praised it. I am proud to be a part of this ambitious project."



Aerial view of the the area.

Burhanuddin (RA). The project, which is a brainchild of the late Dr. Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (RA) to uplift environs of Bhendi Bazaar, is now carried forward by his son and successor, His Holiness Dr. Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (TUS).

The ambitious project covering 16.5 acres of land has more than 250 decrepit buildings, 3,200 families and 1,250 shops. All of these will be incorporated into a state-of-the-art sustainable development plan with 17 new buildings, wide roads, modern infrastructure, more open spaces and highly visible

Mufaddal Saifuddin (TUS) stated that the construction work on sub-clusters 1 and 3 along with other sub-clusters should be fast-tracked to ensure that the families and businesses are rehoused and rehabilitated in time. He also expressed his desire and prayed that this upliftment project is able to provide a holistic environment that leads to growth and open-mindedness besides being favourable towards health and well-being of the people in all aspects – spiritual, intellectual, social and financial.

Sources said, "As per the desire of His Holiness, con-