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### Maharashtra State Specific News

<b>Metro 4 to be operational by Dec 2025'</b>	<b>Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>MP Rajan Vichare</b>, said that the <b>Thane to Mumbai Metro 4 route is expected to be operational by December 2025</b></li><li>• It connects <b>Kasarvadavli in Thane with Wadala in Mumbai.</b></li><li>• It's a major milestone in <b>Maharashtra's urban development.</b></li></ul>
<b>Pune airport new terminal likely to be inaugurated on March 10</b>	<b>Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>new terminal building at Pune Airport will be inaugurated online by PM Modi on March 10th, 2024.</b></li><li>• This new terminal, which showcases Maharashtra's rich culture, <b>spans 51,595 square meters and is anticipated to handle 12 million passengers annually</b>, a substantial upgrade from the current capacity of 7.2 million.</li><li>• Also a <b>pedestrian bridge</b> has been constructed to reach Aeromall from the airport terminal.</li></ul>
<b>MMRDA Receives Budget Approval for 2024-25, Allocates Rs 41,955 Crore for Infrastructure</b>	<b>Context:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The <b>Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)</b> received budget approval for the <b>2024-25 fiscal year.</b></li><li>• The <b>total budget is estimated at Rs 39,453 crore, with Rs 41,955 crore</b> allocated specifically for <b>infrastructure projects.</b></li><li>• This significant investment <b>aims to improve the Mumbai Metropolitan Region's infrastructure</b>, including:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Constructing new Metro lines</li><li>2. Building the Thane-Borivali Twin Tube Tunnel Road</li><li>3. Developing an underground tunnel road</li><li>4. Creating a Versova-Virar Sea Link</li><li>5. Constructing the Thane Coastal Road</li><li>6. Establishing growth centers</li><li>7. Redeveloping the Ramabai Ambedkar Nagar slum</li></ol></li></ul>



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**Mumbai to Launch Pod Taxi Service for Smoother Commute to Bandra-Kurla Complex**

**Context:**

- Mumbai is set to introduce a futuristic transportation system - pod taxis
- These automated, driverless pods will aim to ease traffic congestion and provide a smoother commute between Bandra and Kurla railway stations, connecting to the Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) business district.

**Key Points:**

- **Route:** 8.8 kilometers long with 38 stops
- **Capacity:** Each pod can hold up to 6 passengers
- **Speed:** Up to 40 kilometers per hour
- **Implementation:** Public-private partnership
- This innovative project is expected to revolutionize urban mobility in Mumbai and serve as a model for other cities facing similar traffic challenges.

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