

Dharavi Project Master Plan Approved

Why in News?

The **Maharashtra government** approved the master plan for the **Dharavi redevelopment project**, emphasizing that it should be developed in an environmentally friendly and integrated manner while preserving its original concept.

Key Points

Dharavi Redevelopment Plan (DRP):

- The Dharavi Redevelopment Plan is a joint venture between the Adani Group and the Maharashtra government.
- The redevelopment plan aims for an integrated development approach encompassing residential, commercial, and industrial aspects.
- The redevelopment plan's floor space index of over 4 indicates a significant intensity
 of land use, emphasizing the multi-dimensional nature of the project.
- This project highlights the <u>public-private partnership</u> aspect in addressing urban redevelopment challenges.

Concerns:

- Many residents have expressed concerns about the future of small-scale manufacturing units and informal industries, which form the economic backbone of Dharavi.
- Concerns have also been raised regarding the lack of public consultation and the absence of a clear rehabilitation roadmap.
- However, the government has emphasized that the top priority of the project should be the **rehabilitation of local artisans** and those running small-scale businesses.

About Dharavi:

- Dharavi is the biggest slum cluster of Asia that lies on prime property right in the middle of Mumbai.
- It was **founded in 1882** at the time of the British Raj.

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