

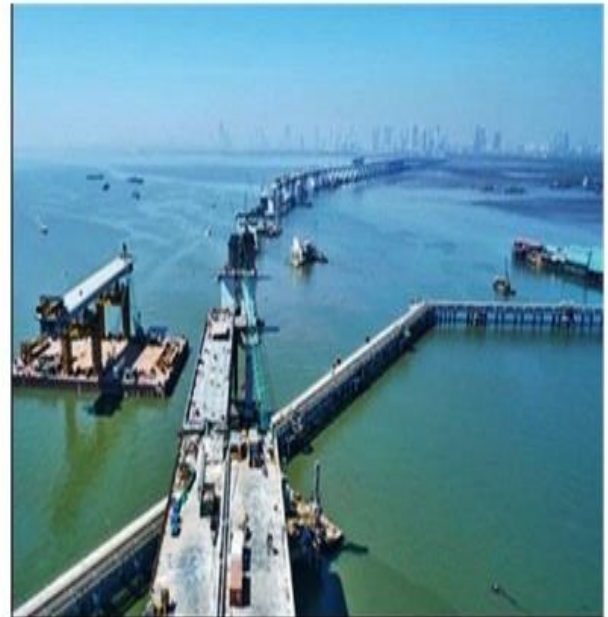
Cruise on Sewri-Navi Mumbai MTHL, India's longest sea bridge, by year-end

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Mumbai: The Mumbai Trans-Harbour Link (MTHL), which will connect the island city to Navi Mumbai, where the new airport is coming up, is likely to be opened in November. MMRDA, the project's implementor, has said the main deck of the bridge will be ready by May and the connecting ramps and loops by June, following which finishing work will be done.

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At nearly 22km long, with 16.5km in sea, MTHL will be the country's longest and the world's 12th longest sea bridge, taking off at Sewri in south Mumbai, crossing over Thane Creek and terminating at Chirle in the distant outskirts of Navi Mumbai. It is expected to take about 45 minutes from Colaba to the airport by the MTHL. Once extended connectors in Mum-



The main deck of the 22km bridge—16.5km over sea — will be ready next month, said MMRDA, but ramps may push back the opening to November

bai (like the planned Worli-Sewri Link) and Navi Mumbai are ready in about 2-3 years, road travel time between Mumbai and Pune—as well as to Goa and Nagpur—will be cut by two hours.