

MEMBERS OF HOUSING SOCIETIES GRILL EXPERTS ON
REDEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES IN MUMBAI

DNA property seminar a big draw



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Mumbai gave a tremendous response to the first property redevelopment seminar and exhibition organised by *DNA* in association with the Maharashtra Societies Welfare Association (MSWA) on Saturday.

Hundreds of Mumbaikars awaiting a suitable proposal for the redevelopment of their societies thronged the seminar. All their queries were efficiently answered by the expert panel, which in-



(L-R) Chief guest and state housing minister Sachin Ahir, Ramesh Prabhu, president MSWA and *DNA Property* editor N Raghuraman at the *DNA Property Redevelopment Conference* on Saturday Pramod Thakur.*DNA*

cluded representatives from the state government, developers, lawyers and archi-

tects.

While inaugurating the two-day seminar and exhibi-

tion, minister of state for housing Sachin Ahir said that given the enormous space crunch facing the city, redevelopment of housing societies is the need of the hour. "Though most of us agree that the only way to go ahead is redevelopment and clustered development of the city, there are many queries in the minds of society members that need to be addressed. Thanks to this initiative by *DNA* and MSWA, the people have found an excellent platform to get their queries answered," Ahir said. He also appealed to the developers and society members not to be greedy as they sought the benefits of redevelopment.

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Mumbaikars throng DNA seminar

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N Raghuraman, editor of *DNA Property*, while welcoming the guests said that redevelopment in Mumbai cannot continue to happen in an ad hoc manner. "Housing society members should become fully informed about redevelopment procedures and know the parameters for selecting a builder. To achieve this, they need a facilitator, and The DNA Redevelopment Conference-cum-Exhibition series is aimed at providing just that," observed Raghuraman.

Other prominent speakers included Sandip Deshmukh, joint registrar of the cooperative department for the Mumbai division; Prabhakar Churi, former chairman, Maharashtra Housing Federation; Sharad Doshi, general manager (land acquisition), Sheth Developers; Pravin Kanekar of Practising Engineers, Architects and Town Planners Association (PEATA); advocate Uday Wavikar, joint secretary, Consumer Court Bar Association, and Suleman Budhwani, executive vice president at SD Corporation. Ramesh Prabhu, president of MSWA, moderated the session.

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DNA Property
Redevelopment
Conference-cum-
Exhibition saw
panelists gather
to speak to
housing society
members on
various housing
issues at BKC
on Friday

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