

CoEP offers to draw Regional Mobility Plan

The plan will help PMRDA in better traffic management planning for Pune metropolitan region

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Pune: The College of Engineering, Pune (CoEP) has volunteered to prepare a Regional Mobility Plan for the Pune Metropolitan Regional Development Authority (PMRDA) to ensure better traffic management.

CoEP town planning expert Prof Pratap Raval told Sakal Times, "The setting up of the PMRDA will help hasten the pace of a proper development plan for the Pune metropolitan region. I recently met PMRDA CEO Mahesh Zagade and promised him help on drawing up a proper Regional Mobility Plan for the Pune metropolitan region."

Speaking on the sidelines of his lecture on 'Crisis in Pune's Development Planning and the Future', organised by Nagrik Chetna Manch on Friday, Raval said that under the proposed Mobility Plan, CoEP will identify the traffic flow entering and moving out of Pune.

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■ The plan drawn up by CoEP will also help in proper road connectivity with important installations like the proposed International Convention Centre (ICC), Raval said.

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pare the ring road concept proposed long back," he said. It will also help in proper road connectivity with important installations like the proposed International Convention Centre (ICC).

"Once the proposed ICC comes through, there have to be roads linking the Centre with the airport and major industrial areas like Bhosari and Chakan. All these issues will have to be taken into consideration. We will start working from July onwards once our fresh batch of students arrive," he said.

According to the CoEP faculty, preparing a regional plan is part of the academic curriculum of the college.

"This task would be done on a practical basis, with the Pune metropolitan region as a case study. We have experience in helping with town planning. In 2008, we successfully did an Integrated District Development Plan (IDDP) for Idukki for Kerala government. This region is an eco-sensitive region. We suggested where urban areas should grow without disturbing the nature," Raval said.



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