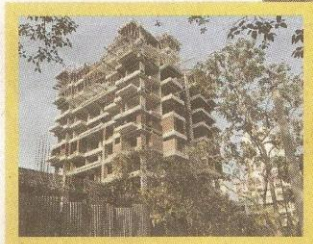


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Central suburbs like Ambernath and Badlapur are not the only ones witnessing a lot of construction activity. Outskirts of Dombivli and Kalyan are being developed too.

Like Hiranandani changed the skyline of Powai forever, Tata Housing, Lodha Group and Nirmal Lifestyle are set to change the outskirts of Kalyan and Dombivli. Tata



Housing's Amantra (on the Mumbai-Nashik highway) and Nirmal Lifestyle's Riverside (at Ambivli) are both near Kalyan while Lodha Group's Casa Rio is near Dombivli on the Shilphata highway leading to Navi Mumbai.

"Until the recent past, the typical developments in the



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suburbs were purely based on affordability for the low and middle-income home buyer; which is gradually changing. Suburban locations should not have a uni-dimensional approach to development," says Samujwal Ghosh, senior vice

president (marketing), Lodha Group.

According to realtor Bharat Malik, Mumbai, Thane and Navi Mumbai have become very expensive. "Shilphata road is set to become a major residential zone in a few years. The

Pal Peugeot land parcel has been purchased by a big group and will see a big project in the years to come. The highway will also see a lot of other projects ranging between Rs 3,500 and Rs 4,000. Many good schools are already present on the

to-work concept is driving demand for integrated and sustainable living. Tata Housing's projects at Vasind and Kalyan have met with a very good response. Amantra has been designed by world renowned architectural

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PROJECTS BY BIG DEVELOPERS ARE ALL SET TO CHANGE THE SKYLINE OF KALYAN AND DOMBIVLI'S OUTSKIRTS

outskirts of both Kalyan and Dombivli – giving these areas another advantage besides the good connectivity."

Ram Makhecha, director of Vakratunda Group, which has a big project coming up in Badlapur, says, "With nuclear families and people in their early thirties wanting to buy their own houses, housing in the main city has become unaffordable. The best option for these families is to opt for townships on the outskirts with leisure facilities in their vicinity."

Brotin Banerjee, MD and CEO of Tata Housing, informs, "The demand for quality lifestyle and walk-

firm HOK of USA and is spread over 22 acres with 14, 24, 29 and 34 storey towers (the tallest residential structures to be built in Kalyan). The township will also have 80 percent open areas."

Bhaskar Bagchi, COO of Indiahomes, tells, "Thane to Karjat/ Kasara areas are a hit with those moving away for cheaper and affordable houses. The region is flooded with independent buildings with smaller complexes. As the connectivity is majorly through local trains, the area is booming in and around the stations."

Paras Gundecha, president of Maharashtra Cham-