Mumbai Stampede - Infrastructural Suggestions for Metros Cities

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What is the issue?

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Railway infrastructure in metros like Mumbai needs forward planning and timely execution of projects to prevent manmade disasters.

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What is the response of government after Mumbai stampede?

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- The tragedy has served as a wake-up call for the Railway ministry with urgency to announce a host of new infrastructure projects.
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- The recent announcement made includes 92 escalators and several foot over-bridges in Mumbai suburb.
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- These projects will make passenger movement at Mumbai's suburban stations easier.
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What type of infrastructural developments are suggested?

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- Metros like Mumbai needs a modern mass rapid transit system and modern approach to traffic management.
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- Adequate entry and exit points to facilitate crowd movement as well as crowd management needs to be a priority.

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- Like Delhi metro, Marshals and Central Industrial Security Force guards on the platforms and courtyard should be appointed.
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- The long-term solution to crowding is to augment facilities at regular intervals.
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- Most of the railway stations in metro cities dates back to colonial era which needs to be surveyed and restructured for prevention of further disasters.
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- Increased and ongoing coordination between different agencies like the municipal corporations and town planners to plan and augment infrastructure is required.
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- Citizens' awareness about disaster survival and participation is also required to keep transit systems tragedy-free.
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- Improving accessibility of stations and trains for differently-abled is required.
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- Above all, there has to be a focus on execution of these projects at timely manner.
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