

Saudi Arabia unveils design for 106-mile long one-building city

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Riyadh : Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman announced the plans to develop a futuristic city called The Line at NEOM on July 25.

The prince said the design would clarify the internal structure of the multi-layered city and address the problems of traditional flat horizontal cities, achieving harmony between urban development and preservation of nature, according to reports.

Prince Mohammed launched the initial idea and vision of the city that redefines the concept of urban development and what cities of the future should look like in January 2021.

During the announcement, Prince Mohammed said The Line would achieve "ideal living" and address the urgent challenges facing humanity.

The designs of The Line embody how urban communities will be in the future in an environment free from roads, cars and emissions, he added.

The crown prince said the project, which offers a new approach to urban design, would run on 100 per cent renewable energy and prioritise people's health.

"The idea of layering city functions vertically, giving people possibility of moving seamlessly in three dimensions to access them is a concept referred to as Zero Gravity Urbanism," he said.

According to the design plan revealed on July 25, The Line will have an outer mirror facade that will provide the structure its unique character and allow even its small footprint to blend with nature, while its interior will be built to create "extraordinary experiences and magical moments," the crown prince added.

The Line will eventually accommodate 9 million residents and will be built on a footprint of 34 square kilometers, which is unheard of when compared to other cities of similar capacity, according to July 25 statement.

The ideal climate within the structure, all year round, will ensure that residents can enjoy surrounding nature while walking around. Residents will also have access to all facilities in The Line within a five-minute walk.