

# Stable market continues

Noida-Greater Noida combined continue to be the backbone for medium to affordable housing supply in the National Capital Region. The recent uptick in sales in the twin cities confirms the existing healthy demand for completed projects

Development firms in the twin-cities of Noida-Greater Noida have confirmed that sales have remained strong despite drop in the number of launches in the last 6-8 months. Those of-fering medium to affordable housing have benefited the

most in these regions and have reported good sales number.

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Industry estimates, too, corroborate the trend. "New housing supply in these two cities saw a drop in the second quarter of 2018 over the previous quarter. However, sales are buoyant. Noida and Greater Noida cellectival Greater Noida collectively registered 25% percent increase in during this pe-riod," Santosh Kumar, vice-chairman of ANAROCK Property Consultants, said.

WHAT IS DRIVING SALES?

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Connectivity, experts say, has been
the harbinger for good times for this region. The twin cities are connected to Delhi through the Delhi-Noida Link Road and the DND Flyover. While the link road connects with central Delhi ar-eas like Mayur Vihar, ITO, and Connaught Place, DND Flyover connects di-rectly to South Delhi localities.

■ The second most important factor driving sales is the presence of office driving sales is the presence of others. Several MNCs have set up shop in the region, fuelling demand for completed projects for people working in these offices. "This continues to offer good growth potential for development firms too," Vivek Pandey, a consultant working in the area, says

Realtors in the area say that the two cities are popular mostly for sub-Rs 50 lakh properties. "While there are premi-um properties also on offer, it is mostly mid-income and affordable housing that sells the most," Vivek Pandey says. This means that 2- and 3BHK units are more mand, compared to bigger flats en for rented accommodation, 2BHKs and 3BHKs are mostly in de mand. Some of the key localities in the region are Sectors 25, 62, 63, Sectors 71-78, Sectors 128-135, Sector 150, Noida Extension (Greater Noida West), parts of Yamuna Expressway, Sector Alpha, Delta, Pi, and Omicron in Greater Noida.

age rates are in the rang of Rs 3,300-4,500 per sq ft. On of-fer are a variety of options like vil-las, independent houses, apartments, and plots, Apartme projects on offer are at various stages of development. There is also a strong secondary market in the area, with completed properties along with a huge primar segment which is under consi tion. These, however, comma

# WHAT IT MEANS FOR

BUYERS? Those looking at buying houses in the region can look at both primary, underregion can look at both primary, uncer-construction, and resale market. A com-parison of sorts suggest that it is the pri-mary market which is likely to see ap-preciation in the coming quarters. "Sec-ondary market being already high-



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priced will see marginal increase in rates," a broker in the region says. Thus, buyers may benefit by investing in the primary market.

Dheeraj Jain of Mahagun Group says: "Developing infrastructure is helping the realty sector grow in Noida-Greater Noida. This area is much more affordable than any other destination of the NCR. The Metro link has had a strong investion present prices along it. impact on property prices along its routes and proximity of projects to transportation hubs will raise home prices and rents in Noida and Greater

While an oversupply in some parts of the area may put price rise under check, those with strong demand will continue to see a good rise.

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