

MUMBAI, SATURDAY
28.02.2015

dna OF MU

Now, Sena opposes Aarey metro depot

dna correspondent@dna

The latest entrant in opposing the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ metro rail car depot at Aarey Colony is Shiv Sena. Not only have they aired their opposition to the depot but also to the entire 32km-long project.

In the past one month, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) too had extended their support to a group of citizens and environmentalists under the banner 'Save Aarey'.

Interestingly, Sena's opposition to metro rail is the latest issue in the list of their rift with ally BJP. Chief minister Devendra Fadnavis heads the



Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray (fourth from left) with Shiv Sena leaders at Aarey Colony on Friday —Abhinav Kocharekar

Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) and Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), a sub-

subsidiary which is implementing the project.

Visiting the car depot site at Aarey Milk Colony on Friday,

Yuva Sena chief Aaditya Thackeray not only extended support to saving Aarey Milk Colony but also opposed the metro project. Along with Thackeray were minister of state for housing Ravindra Waikar and MLA Sunil Prabhu.

"A car depot will have adverse impact on the overall biodiversity of Aarey Milk Colony. Nowhere else is any forest available within a metropolis," said Thackeray. Aarey Milk Colony and Sanjay Gandhi National Park are popularly known as 'green lungs' of the city due to their location in the centre of suburban Mumbai.