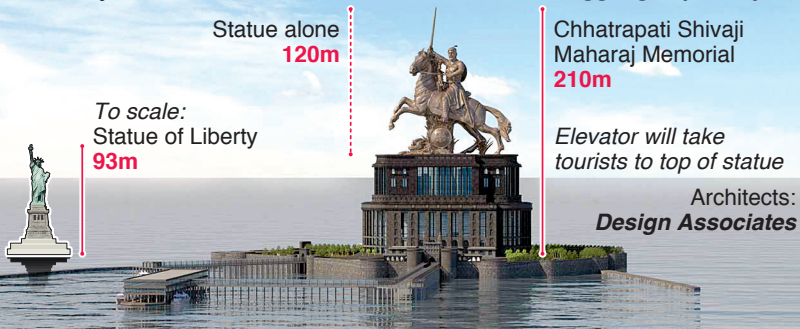
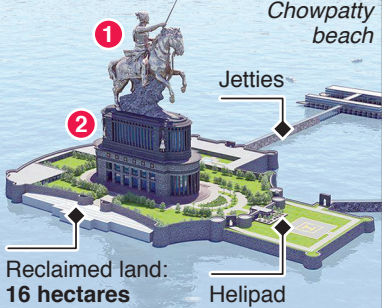


India to erect world's tallest statue

Plans to erect the world's tallest statue in Mumbai, a \$500m effigy of Shivaji, are under fire from millions of Indians struggling in poverty



Construction



1 Statue designed and made by prolific sculptors **Ram Vanji Sutar** (92) and son **Anil** (59)

2 Supporting structure: **\$370m**
Built by engineering group **Larsen & Toubro**.
Site expansion, including jetties and helipad: **\$160m**

■ Project strongly opposed by environmentalists and 80,000-strong fishing community, who say it will affect marine life and ecology of Arabian Sea

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
Warrior king reigned 1674-80.
First monarch of powerful **Maratha Empire** of 17th and 18th centuries

