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Metro finally reaches South Mumbai, successful trial run on Metro 3 line

In Mumbai, a significant achievement was reached by the city's metro rail as a metro train on a pre-trial run entered the island city for the first time earlier

this week. The train's journey began at Aarey metro station and it smoothly travelled along the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz (Metro 3 corridor) route till Dadar. The purpose of the trial run was to evaluate the condition of the tracks. After a few days, the trains will run more frequently not only upto Dadar but further south till Siddhivinayak Metro station. Metro 3 is the only corridor that will serve commuters from south Mumbai.



Mumbai-Pune: Cable-stayed bridge will cut commute time

Mumbaikars can expect a quicker journey to Pune within a year because of ongoing construction of a crucial cable-stayed bridge as part of the ₹66.95 billion missing link project along the Lonavala ghat section. This bridge, with four 182-metre tall pylons, will be a landmark feat, standing against severe wind pressures in Tiger Valley of Lonavala. Once completed, it will reduce travel time by half an hour, benefiting thousands of motorists who commute between Mumbai and Pune daily. The project also includes construction of twin tunnels, recognised by Guinness World Records as the world's widest, spanning 47 metres over 10 lanes. This project aims to bypass the Khandala ghat section, cutting the distance by over 6 km.

Huge girder linking Coastal Road with sea link launched

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) successfully launched a massive 25,000-tonne girder connecting the south-bound corridor of the Coastal Road to the Bandra Worli Sea Link. BMC said that the process to launch the bow-string-arch-type girder, spanning 136 metres, at Worli has been completed. According to the civic body, the engineering feat is the first in India to involve such installation in the sea. The girder, which is 18 to 21 metres wide, will connect the 10.5 km stretch of the Coastal Road to the Bandra-Worli sea link. The southbound Coastal Road corridor between Worli and Marine Lines was opened for traffic on March 11 but had not been connected with the sea link.

Get tickets via UPI on Kolkata Metro's North-South Line

People travelling on Kolkata Metro's North-South Line will soon be able to buy tickets or recharge smart cards using UPI. To pay through UPI, commuters will have to scan the QR code on the dual display board at the ticket counters after the ticketing officer enters the name of the destination station. The facility, which is at present available on Sector V-Sealdah section of the East-West Line, will also be made available on the Howrah Maidan-Esplanade section of the corridor. The facility will be available at the New Garia-Ruby section of the Orange Line and Joka-Taratata section of the Purple Line in the future. The UPI-based ticketing system was first introduced at the Sealdah station of the East-West Line on May 7.

Neutral outlook on construction sector for FY25: Ind-Ra

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has maintained a neutral outlook on the construction sector for FY25, while maintaining a deteriorating sub-sector outlook for roads engineering, procurement and construction (EPC). The agency expects EPC players to post a healthy performance in FY25, with a moderation in the revenue growth rate, accompanied with a modest uptick in operating margins while maintaining adequate liquidity buffers. After the 30 percent CAGR growth over FY20-FY24, the centre's own capex is projected to grow at 17 percent in FY25, following lower spends in an election year. Acceleration in sector-specific private sector capex and continued growth in state spending may partially offset the lower central spend.