

100% work completed on Metro 3 corridor



Workers at the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz Metro 3 corridor celebrate the completion of tunnelling on the Aqua Line

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MUMBAI: Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) achieved its final breakthrough at Mumbai Central station on Wednesday after completing the tunnelling work of the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz underground Metro 3 corridor.

"Tunnelling below Mumbai's heritage precincts, in close proximity of old dilapidated buildings, existing Metro line, railway lines, water body with different and sometimes difficult geological conditions has been a daunting task," said Ashwini Bhide, managing director, MMRC.

The section from Mahalaxmi Metro station to Mumbai Central station was the most challenging 837 metres of tunnelling. Overall, the project has noted 76.6 per cent progress.

"We used advanced technol-

ogy without compromising the safety of workers. This was a daunting task for the MMRC team along with general consultants, contractors and jumbo vehicles," S K Gupta, director (projects), MMRC, said.

The 33.5-km-long Colaba-Bandra-Seepz Metro-3 project is the first underground corridor of the metro network. Of the 27 stations on this line, 26 will be underground. The Metro 3 line is called Aqua line, its coaches can accommodate approximately 2400 passengers.

Finance boost for Navi Mumbai Metro

The Navi Mumbai Metro Line-1 is being built at the estimated cost of ₹3,400 crores, out of which ₹2,600 crores are already infused by CIDCO, ₹500 crores are from bank Line of credit and the remaining will be CIDCO internal accruals.