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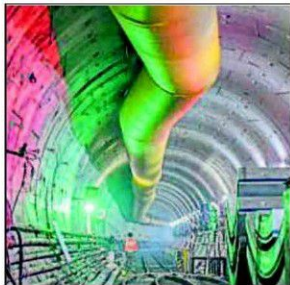
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MUMBAI: Come 2021, you will be able to dine and shop at the outlets on all underground stations of the Metro-3 route.

On Monday, the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) invited expression of interests (EoI) to lease out commercial spaces, around 1.5 lakh square feet (sq ft) inside the stations on the route, to open supermarkets, pharmacies and food courts, underneath the city.

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■ **The first phase of Metro-3 is expected to start operations by June 2021.**

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erate an annual revenue of around ₹25 crore by leasing out the station areas.

MMRC has given special

focus to four major stations – Cuffe Parade, Siddhivinayak, Bandra-Kurla Complex and Terminal-2 of the international airport – which are likely to see high footfalls and is looking to lease out large parcels between 20,000 and 40,000 square feet area on the concourse and mezzanine levels at these Metro stations.

“The space at some stations can be accessed by passengers and non-passengers. So we are looking to set-up food courts, supermarkets, salons, banks and pharmacies in those spaces,” said R Ramana, executive director, MMRC.

MMRC is also looking to

provide smaller kiosks up to 1,000 sq ft at all stations, to accommodate food stalls, retail stores, ATMs and vending machines. “Given the large number of Metro stations which will come up all over the country over the next five years, retailers operating hypermarkets and supermarkets now need to configure a new format specifically for transit, grab-and-go retail, on lines of the 7/11 stores found at Metro stations worldwide”, said Shadab Siddiqui of Auctus Advisors, the firm managing MMRC’s tender process.