

# Metro-3 work won't damage old buildings: MMRC chief

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**MUMBAI:** Citizen groups and activists have regularly raised concerns over the safety of old, heritage buildings even as work on constructing the Metro 3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seepz) line continues in full swing. But the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd



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(MMRCL) wants to allay such fears. Ashwini Bhide, managing director, MMRCL, during a 'Coffee @ HT' session in the newspaper's Mumbai office, cited examples of cities abroad with heritage buildings and a metro system. Bhide said the technol-

ogy being adopted for ongoing work is tried and tested and safe. She also said a metro car shed at Aarey is being built outside the area marked eco-sensitive.

Bhide gave examples of cities like Rome, Athens, London and Paris that have heritage buildings, but still undertook metro construction. She said, "The technology (being used in Mumbai) is designed for a crowded, urban neighbourhood. Had it been in a greenfield, the technology would've been different. World over, many cities have gone through this process. It is not a trial and error method."

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