



Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 Corridor

MMRC honoured with the 'Tunnelling project of the year' and 'Safety initiative of the year' awards

Mumbai, November 23, 2023 – Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) is conferred the 'Tunnelling project of the year' and 'Safety initiative of the year' awards conferred by the prestigious Tunnelling Association of India.

Tunnelling Association of India (TAI) is the Indian Chapter of the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) and was established in the year 1991 under the aegis of the Central Board of Irrigation and Power under the Govt. of India.

The awards were presented during ongoing Tunnelling Asia 2023 International Conference on "Climate Resilience and Sustainability in Tunnelling and Underground Space" being held in Mumbai. Mr Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Govt. of India graced the inaugural session of the conference on 23rd November 2023.

This is the 9th Edition of the ITA Tunnelling Awards 2023. Tunnelling Asia' 2023, is the biennial international conference organized by Tunnelling Association of India under the aegis of International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association. Since 2015, ITA Tunnelling and Underground Space Awards has been recognizing most ground-breaking innovations and outstanding projects in tunnelling and underground construction.

"It is an honour to receive award in Tunnelling Project of The Year category. The project has been an engineering marvel due to its complexities of being executed in the most difficult topographical, geological, and logistical conditions of Mumbai. There have been several challenges in the project like its passing through congested areas, traffic management, rehabilitation of PAPs, tunnelling close to coastline and even below the water body. These challenges have been successfully surmounted with help of use of advance technology and engineering acumen. The supports of Government of Maharashtra and its agencies have facilitated the project to come to the present stage", said Ms. Ashwini Bhide, Managing Director, MMRC.

"Executing this project while ensuring safety and structural integrity of buildings, their occupants, safety of city dwellers and that of the construction workers have been paramount for us right from the very beginning. 250 million manhours with loss time injury frequency rate of 0.34 could be achieved over a period spanning more than 7 years by putting in place detailed procedures and protocols, mandatory safety training of each worker deployed on the project and by elaborate instrumentation and monitoring mechanism. The achieved injury frequency rate is well below the international standard



of 0.5 for a mega project." said Mr. Subodh Gupta, Director (Projects), MMRC.

The Awards were received by Ms. Ashwini Bhide, Managing Director, MMRC and Mr. Subodh Gupta, Director (Projects) along with other senior officials of MMRC. (Ends)

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