

Metro-3 second tunnel completed at SEEPZ station



Wainganga 2 TBM breakthrough at SEEPZ.

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The second tunnel of underground Mumbai Metro-3 (Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ) was ready at SEEPZ station in Andheri on Wednesday after the tunnel-boring machine (TBM) made a breakthrough.

Wainganga 2, the TBM was commissioned on August 23, 2018 from Sariput Nagar launching shaft. It completed its tunnel drive of 568 metres in package seven towards SEEPZ station. The machine bored 4.5 meters on an average daily. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) revealed that nearly 250 engineers, technicians and workers had assisted the machine to complete the tunnelling. This comes after the first breakthrough, which was made at site near international airport in Santacruz.

According to the statement released by MMRC,

nearly 15km of tunnelling has been completed so far and all 17 TBMs have started the work in different project sites. The total length of the underground corridor is 33.5 km; it will connect the island city with western suburbs.

Ashwini Bhide, managing director, MMRC said "This is a second big milestone for MMRC. We are extremely delightful for completing another challenging achievement and the credit equally goes to the engineers and other stakeholders involved in this project. Without their hard work and continuous efforts reaching this milestone is unimaginable"

Metro-3 corridor in its reach between Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport T2 station to the ramp at Aarey colony will provide access to Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Metro-1 at Marol Naka and Swami Samarth Nagar-Jogeshwari-Kanjurmarg-Vikhroli corridor at Aarey.