

# MMRCL starts planting over 400 trees at Metro-3 stations

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Mumbai will get more trees as the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) has started planting them at Metro-3 stations.

It took more than 9 months for the process of transplantation to begin at eight metro stations for which MMRCL was looking for advanced-sized nursery-grown trees.

Since September last year, the MMRCL began scouting for agencies or organisations that will supply, deliver, plant and maintain these advanced sized trees. Earlier this May, they again called tenders for planting them at the same stations and since then,

## SPECIES OF TREES BEING PLANTED BY MMRCL

**149**

Tabebuia  
rosea

**80**

Spathodea  
campanulate

**49**

Swietenia  
mahagoni

**46**

Terminalia  
mantaly

**45**

Jacaranda  
mimosifolia

**39**

Cordia  
sebestena



work has begun. There will be 408 trees planted at Metro-3 stations of Mumbai Central, Mahalaxmi, Science Museum,

Acharya Atre Chowk, Worli, Siddhivinayak, Dadar, and Shitaladevi.

The officials from MMRCL said

that they have begun the process of plantation not just at these metro stations but at other locations as well. The trees include exotic ones as well whose natives are in the United States of America, Central and South America, Caribbean Islands and Africa.

These trees need to be supplied, delivered, planted, and maintained for a period of 4.5 years at a cost of Rs 3.50 crore. Earlier last year, the MMRCL authorities had given a time period of six years for the same process. These trees would be 'advanced-sized nursery grown' ones which would ideally be anywhere between 3-5 years old.



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