

100% tunnelling complete at half of Metro 3 stations

All stations to be excavated by May; 70% civil work to be completed by year-end: MMRCL

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The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) has completed 100% excavation work at half the stations on Mumbai Metro Line 3.

The underground corridor, which is being built from Colaba to SEEPZ, has 26 stations out of which MMRCL has completed the excavation work at 13. It plans to complete the excavation work of the remaining stations by May.

“Now further activities like construction of the station boxes, which is already under way, will take shape. The excavation for the remaining 13 stations is being undertaken on war footing and will be completed in three to four months. Overall, 87% of the excavation has been completed,” S.K.Gupta, project director, MMRCL, said.

The 13 stations where 100% tunnelling has been completed are Cuffe Parade, Vidhan Bhavan, Churchgate, Hutatma Chowk, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Science Museum, Siddhivinayak, MIDC, Marol Naka,



Working hard: MMRCL workers at the tunnel site of the CSMT station of Metro 3. ■ FILE PHOTO

Sahar Road, SEEPZ and the stations at the domestic and international terminals of the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport.

Stations where excavation work is still under way are Kalbadevi, Girgaum, Grant Road, Mumbai Central, Mahalaxmi, Acharya Atrre Chowk, Worli, Dadar, Shitladevi, Dharavi, Bandra Kurla Complex, Vidyanagari and Santacruz.

MMRCL is expecting to complete the tunnelling work by September and is aiming to complete nearly 70% of all civil construction of the 33.5-km corridor by the end of the year.

GST Bhavan, Wadala station to be merged

Ajit Pawar wants Eastern Freeway to be named after Vilasrao Deshmukh

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The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) is planning to integrate its Metro station at Wadala with the proposed GST Bhavan.

At a joint meeting with several top officials of the State and MMRDA, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar on Tuesday suggested that different departments work together so neither project is affected. Mr. Pawar also suggested that

the Eastern Freeway be named after former chief minister Vilasrao Deshmukh.

Senior MMRDA officials said there were issues with regards to land for the proposed Metro station, which was conflicting with the State's proposals to build a GST Bhavan. “It was suggested that the building would be jointly designed in such a way that the concourse level of the Metro station will be integrated with the podium of the GST Bhavan,” an offi-

Where the others stand

Kalbadevi station	26%
Girgaum station	14%
Grant Road station	56%
Mumbai Central station	73%
Mahalaxmi station	75%
Acharya Atrre Chowk station	39%
Worli station	82%
Dadar station	88%
Shitladevi station	71%
Dharavi station	81%
BKC station	83%
Vidyanagari station	87%
Santacruz station	93%

cial said. The station is part of Metro Line 4, which will run from Wadala to Thane. The GST Bhavan is expected to cater to nearly 10,000 people every day and the new arrangement would benefit those commuting to it daily.

Mr. Pawar also instructed officials to start the process to rename the Eastern Freeway after Deshmukh, who he said had given a vision for the development of the city and under whose tenure the freeway was built.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will launch the first girder of the Mumbai Trans Harbour Link on Wednesday. He also reviewed various education projects and suggested setting up virtual classrooms in State schools and giving an emphasis on e-learning. He suggested that the digital learning process be started by evaluation and standardisation of education and preparing virtual classrooms to remove regional imbalances.