

# 2 TBMs complete tunnel work at proposed Dadar station

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TWO TUNNEL boring machines (TBMs) completed their drive of 2.5 km at the proposed Dadar station on the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz Metro 3 corridor on Thursday.

A senior official at the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) said Krishna 1, the TBM lowered on September 21, 2017, from the Nayanagar launching shaft, completed its tunnel drive of 2,490 m. Krishna 2, the TBM lowered on October 18, 2017, also from Nayanagar, completed the work simultaneously.

A team of nearly 15 engineers, 85 technicians and workers applauded as the TBMs, manufactured by Herrenknecht in Germany, made their way out after tunnelling through the rocky strata of basalt, breccia and tuff. Krishna 1 and Krishna 2 drilled for 506 and 479 days, respectively.

MMRCL managing director Ashwini Bhide said that as of today, about 18 km of the tunnelling work has been completed.

"For the purpose, 17 TBMs have been commissioned at 10 TBM shafts. In all, 35 per cent of the work has been completed till now," Bhide said.

The Metro 3 line is a 33.5-km underground corridor and the work is expected to be completed by December 2021.