

Nine Metro 3 trains to roll into city by June, trials on

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Mumbai: The executing authority for the underground Metro 3 corridor (Colaba-Bandra-Seepz) has targeted bringing all nine rakes required to commence Phase I services (Aarey-BKC) by June 2023. The first rake arrived for trials in Mumbai from Sri City, Andhra Pradesh, this July.

Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) is currently conducting the "initial design-proving" trial run of the first prototype train. MMRCL's managing director Ashwini Bhide said, "A second rake will arrive by the end of November. Nine trains required for the commissioning of Phase I would be made available by June 23 and the remaining will arrive by May 2024."

MMRCL has placed orders for 31 rakes with Alstom. Bhide said each train will be immediately put on trial as and when it arrives. She said all the rakes will be accommodated in the Metro 3 depot,



The first Metro 3 rake arrived in July. It is undergoing trials

45% work on which will be completed by December. Some of the rakes can also be stabled at stations, in case space at the depot will not be ready by then, she said.

The depot work, put on hold in October 2020, is now in progress. MMRCL has redone the work schedule to ensure swift completion. For Phase I operations, facilities will be made ready by April and in July the depot will be able to handle operations for the corridor though minor works may con-

tinue. For Phase I, almost all facilities will be ready except the operation control centre (OCC) at the Aarey depot site. This will not be a hurdle as there is a provision for a backup control centre (BCC) at the BKC station, said Bhide

The rake currently undergoing trials will run, in all, for about 2,000 km on a 3km stretch from a temporary facility to Marol Naka Metro station. The trials are for speed, oscillation and emergency brake distance.