

# Metro 3: Tunnel boring machines lowered at Cuffe Parade and Worli

**Mumbai:** A major stretch of south Mumbai—from Cuffe Parade till Worli via Churchgate, Fountain, Mumbai central and Mahalaxmi—will soon witness huge tunnel boring machines (TBMs) moving underground to carve out two parallel tunnels for Metro 3. The route will connect Cuffe Parade to Seepz via the airport.

Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation on Thursday started lowering the TBMs, na-

med Surya 1 and Tansa 1 (for packages 1 and 3), which will bore tunnels connecting proposed stations like Cuffe Parade, Vidhan Bhavan, Churchgate, and Hutatma Chowk, and Mumbai Central, Mahalaxmi, Acharya Atrey Marg, Worli, and Science Museum respectively. Launched at Cuffe Parade shaft, Surya 1 will tunnel 2,932m, while Tansa 1, launched at the science museum shaft, will tunnel 2,080m. —**Chittaranjan Tembhekar**