

# 70% tunnelling work for Colaba-Seepz Metro done

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## THE METRO FILE IN NUMBERS



**Manpower** | 4,000 men

**Original deadline** | 2019

**Revised deadline**

2020 (Seepz-Bandra) and by 2021 (up to Cuffe Parade)

**Muck** | 31 metric tonnes generated daily

**Mumbai:** The metro rail body, Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation, has achieved 70% of tunnelling work that is required for Colaba-Bandra-Seepz Metro-3 corridor.

The Colaba-Bandra-Seepz Metro-3 corridor is the first and only fully underground corridor for Mumbai.

Managing director of Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation, Ashwini Bhide, said, "There were a few unforeseen challenges which were resolved swiftly. In such a scenario, I am proud of team Metro-3 to have achieved this milestone in just two years."

Bhide said that a team of about 16,000 people have been working day and night to create this "gigantic engineering marvel" underneath.

Once complete, this corridor is scheduled to carry 17 lakh passengers by reducing 6.5 lakh vehicle trips each day and will thereby reduce 2.61 lakh MT pollutant gases every year, she claimed.

Of the overall tunnelling across Metro line-3, the maximum progress — that is 97% — has been achieved on the stretch from Marol Naka to Aarey, which is tagged as 'package 7' and is expected to be completed by December 12.

The metro rail body's director (projects) S K Gupta said that of the total length of 55 km, a total of 23 stretches of tunnelling across 38.25 km has been completed in 24 months.

The metro rail line will have 27 stations of which 26 will be underground.