

# METRO 3 PHASE 1 WORKS IN FINAL STAGES, PM MODI LIKELY TO FLAG OFF TRIAL RUN DURING HIS FEB VISIT

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**M**umbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL) is all set for trial run on the 12-km-long Phase I (Aarey to BKC) corridor of Metro 3 underground project. The work on connecting the stabling lines at Aarey depot with the main line that leads into underground tunnel is in final stages. The trials may be flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is expected to visit Mumbai in the second week of Feb for the inauguration of BMC's Coastal Road. While Metro Phase I is scheduled to be commissioned in April 2024, Phase II (BKC-Cuffe Parade) is expected to be ready by Oct this year. MMRCL is in possession of all 9 rakes needed to operate Phase I. The BKC-Aarey stretch, with nine stations, aims to address high-density traffic areas. The MMRCL plans to operate a total of 260 services on the route at a frequency of 6.4 minutes with nine rakes, of which one will stay on standby