MMRC getting monsoon-ready

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After the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), too, is ensuring that its work does not cause waterlogging in the city during the monsoon.

According to the MMRC, detailed directives have been issued to engineers as well as contractors in terms of pre-monsoon measures and readiness during the monsoon. The MMRC is implementing the fully-underground Colaba-Bandra-Seepz route.

The MMRC has carried out a joint inspection along with MCGM engineers and visited the construction site of the metro 3 line. The MMRC has prepared its plan for the monsoon as per suggestions given by the MCGM team.

According to the MMRC press statement, engineers and contractors have started pre-monsoon works at all sites. Cleaning of storm water drains (SWDs), and construction of catch pits at influence areas of metro 3 sites has started to enhance the visibility of barricades.

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Adequate number of pumps have been deployed at various stations and tunnel shaft sites for de-watering after water stagnation.

will be completed by May 31.

Ashwini Bhide, managing director, MMRC, said, "All emergency equipment and vehicles will be deployed at flood-prone areas and there will be no issues related to traffic or waterlogging. MMRC had ensured no waterlogging around construction sites during the last monsoon and the same will be ensured this monsoon as well."

MMRC has appointed an emergency response team comprising two engineers and one supervisor. The team will be deployed 24x7 at each site under the supervision of a senior engineer. The team will monitor day-to-day monsoon-related issues, and coordinate with the local ward office and disaster management team of the MCGM. The MMRC will establish the control room for redress of monsoonrelated grievances.