

MUMBAI IN NUMBERS

THE CHANGING FACE OF THE MUMBAI METRO

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WHAT IS IT?

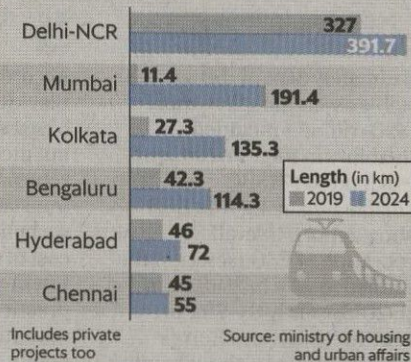
The length of tunneling (in km) completed in Mumbai Metro's line 3.

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

This is about 38% of the 52.21km of tunneling required to lay the 33km Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ line—a project that will supplement the sprawling suburban train network that Mumbai is currently heavily reliant on. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corp. Ltd (MMRCL), which is building the underground corridor, said it has achieved five of 32 breakthroughs. The latest was achieved last week at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport-T2 metro station. The construction, however, has not been without its share of problems—2,888 families are said to have been affected by it, of which 2,513 have been rehabilitated, according to MMRCL. Mumbai's metro project currently spans only 11km, and is behind Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru and Kochi. In the next five years, however, the city could add 171km, besides 9km of monorail lines, taking it to second place, next only to Delhi, according to the ministry of housing and urban affairs. In the same period, India can nearly double the length of its metro lines to more than 1,000km—with the biggest push coming from the Mumbai Metro—if things go to plan.

On the growth track

Metro lines by 2024



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