

# Work for Metro 3 begins

## MMRC awards contracts to cos like L&T and HCC



The MMRC officials at the civil contract award programme.

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Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) on Tuesday awarded civil contracts for the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 project.

The contractors were awarded for the entire section of 33.5km which will be implemented in seven packages with a total construction cost at Rs 18,114.9 crore. Five companies have been awarded seven contract packages for this project.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has agreed to provide loan assistance for the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ metro corridor.

Infrastructure majors including Larsen and Turbo (L&T) and Hindustan Construction Company Ltd (HCC) are among the companies who bagged the contract. JICA has scrutinised the bidding process at every stage that includes the awarding of contractors. Line 3 will connect various areas in island city and sub-

urbs that are not served by existing suburban railways namely Kalbadevi, Worli, Prabhadevi and Andheri (East).

The corridor will also provide interchanges with Western Railways at Churchgate, Mumbai Central and Mahalakshmi. It will also provide interchanges with Central Railways at CST, Monorail at Mahalakshmi

and Metro line1 at Marol Naka.

The daily ridership on the corridor is estimated at 14 lakh in 2021 and is expected to rise to 17 lakh in 2031. The project is expected to start its operations by 2020-2021. In addition, the Metro line-3 will have a capability to operate its services at 2.5 minute headway with modern rolling stock, Platform Screen Doors (PSD), Automatic Fare Collection (AFC) and Integrated ticketing with other modes of transport.