'2km tunnelling done for Metro 3'

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MUMBAI: The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRC) on Monday said 2km of tunnelling had been completed along various sections of the Metro 3 corridor.

The tunnelling on the 33.5km underground Metro corridor started in November 2017.

A statement from MMRC said that the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ has completed 2,192 metres of tunnelling using tunnel boring machines.

Eight tunnel boring machines have been lowered at four sites for the Metro 3 corridor. These include Azad Maidan, Fort, Naya Nagar near Mahim, Vidyanagri at Kalina and Marol Naka, Andheri.

Ashwini Bhide, managing director, MMRC, said, "It is indeed a milestone to complete more than 2kms of tunneling in

such a short span of time. With 15 tunnel boring machines already having completed Factory Acceptance Test, we hope to have all the 17 tunnel boring machines running by July 2018."

She further added, "I would like to thank all the citizens for their continued cooperation."

Bhide said that this progress wouldn't have been possible without the support of the citizens of Mumbai.