

First train for underground Metro 3 corridor to reach city by March-end

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MUMBAI: The first train of the 32-km-long Colaba-Seepz underground Metro-3 corridor is expected to arrive in the city by March-end, said Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) on Wednesday. The MMRC said the first train of eight coaches will arrive from its manufacturing unit in Andhra Pradesh and thereafter a trial run of 10,000

km for Metro-3 will commence.

In total 31 trains of eight coaches will arrive in phases in the coming months. According to MMRC officials, once the first trains arrive, they will be in a position to start trial runs in 3 to 6 months. A MMRC official said, "Once the first train arrives, we will have to undertake certain technical works to start a trial run. This can even take around three months or up to six months." The deadline for Met-

ro-3 was December 2022, however, it has been delayed owing to several challenges. Further, the MMRC also clarified that no construction work is ongoing at the restricted site of Metro car depot in Aarey Colony. In a statement the MMRC said, "These reports are misleading as we are creating the temporary facility outside the restricted area and located at the mouth of the ramp on west of the Marol-Maroshi Road.