

# TUNNEL WORK IN HERITAGE AREA DONE



Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation achieved a breakthrough in the 653m tunnel between Churchgate-Hutatma Chowk, an area dotted with heritage buildings like Bombay high court and Flora Fountain. An MMRC spokesperson said it was the 33<sup>rd</sup> breakthrough with Robbins-made dual mode hard rock tunnel-boring machine (TBM) Surya-2. Tunneling on the down line stretch took 275 days. "The presence of iconic Flora Fountain and heritage buildings made our task a bit challenging. But this unique station, in the vicinity of Hutatma Chowk, is being built by using a combination of cut-and-cover and new Austrian tunnelling method (NATM). This station will provide accessibility to business centres of SoBo," said MMRC managing director Ranjit Singh Deol. — **Manthan K Mehta**