

# Trial run of metro train likely to be held on I-Day

**Mumbai:** Trial runs of the first prototype train that has arrived for Metro 3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seepz) underground corridor are likely to begin from August 15, to coincide with the 75th Independence day.

The trial will be undertaken on a 3km stretch between Sariput Nagar and Marol naka metro station.

A Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) spokesperson said, "We have procured a battery-operated shunter for Metro car depot. This battery-operated rail-cum-road Shunter has successfully formed the first 8-car prototype train for the Colaba-Bandra-Seepz metro line-3."

This Shunter successfully pulled first eight cars train at the temporary facilities – Train delivery and testing track area – in Sariput Nagar, Aarey.

The shunter is manufactured by a Thane-based company as part of "Make-In-India" policy under a joint venture and transfer of technology agreement with NITEQ of Netherlands.

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