

Colaba-Seepz Metro work two tunnels away from finish line

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The underground Metro 3 corridor between Colaba-Bandra and SEEPZ is just two tunnels away from completion. Total 42 out of the 40 tunnels are ready. The tunnel boring machinery (TBM) assembling work for the remaining two tunnels has been initiated, said the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), the project implementing authority.

The work of the 1,660-mt-long tunnel will take around two-and-a-half months to complete.

Large TBMs are being used for the construction of the underground Metro 3 comprising 33.5 km distance, both up and down. These TBMs are 100 mts long and are dismantled to facilitate easy movement

from one place to another. In fact, it requires 45 days for dismantling and an equal number of days for assembling spare parts.

According to the MMRC, two TBMs have finished the tunnelling work between Science Museum and Mahalaxmi. Now, the same TBMs will be used for digging work between Mahalaxmi to Mumbai Central.

The dismantling work of these TBMs have been started and the work for the remaining two tunnels will begin by February 2022. The tunnelling work will be completed by mid-next year. As of now, 75 per cent of total civil work has been completed on the Metro 3 corridor. While 90 per cent at 11 stations has been done. Besides, 11-km of track installation work has already been completed.