

# Work on Metro Line 3 Aarey stn begins, 15% progress achieved

Only One On Ground Level, It'll Offer Interchange Connect To Seepz Village Metro Stn

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**Mumbai:** The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) has begun work on the Aarey Metro station — the terminal station on the 33.5km-long underground Metro Line 3 corridor whose Phase I is scheduled to open till Bandra-Kurla complex in December 2023.

There are a total of 26 Metro stations, of which Aarey will be the only ground level station. MMRC's director (projects) SK Gupta said, "Nearly 15% of the work has been completed on this station, which will be accessible to general commuters as well as our employees who have work in the depot."

Nearly 88% progress has been achieved on construction of others stations across the entire length of the corridor. "Even though work on the station began recently, there will not be any delay in commissioning it on time because this station is con-



Stabling lines near Aarey Metro station. Laying of stabling line is crucial as nearly two rakes are expected to arrive every month in a few weeks

structed at the ground level, unlike others which are underground," said Gupta.

The station will have double discharge platform and also an interchange connection with line 6's Seepz Village Metro station that is coming up on Jogeshwari Vikhroli Link Road.

Apart from station,

MMRC has undertaken substantial work on other facilities that are being built for depot where 54% of the work has already been completed.

The depot will have facilities for rake maintenance, which includes daily and periodic overhaul of coaches, automatic washing plant, sub-station for power supply,

depots to store parts, administrative office, canteen and a watch tower.

MMRC has begun work on stabling lines, workshop and maintenance building, operational control center, access control building, stabling work, earthwork, service trenches, under floor wheel lathe, boundary wall and panels, road works, auxiliary substation building, underground water tank and internal finishing works. Laying of stabling line is crucial as nearly two rakes are expected to arrive every month in a few weeks from now. These rakes will be stabled at the depot.

The main depot will have a capacity to stable 30 rakes of eight car. Work on depot began in September 2017, but on November 29, 2019, the then chief minister Uddhav Thackeray had stayed depot work. After he resigned, chief minister Eknath Shinde's government on July 1, 2022, announced depot work will commence at Aarey.

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