## MMRCL completes work of over Rs 5K cr

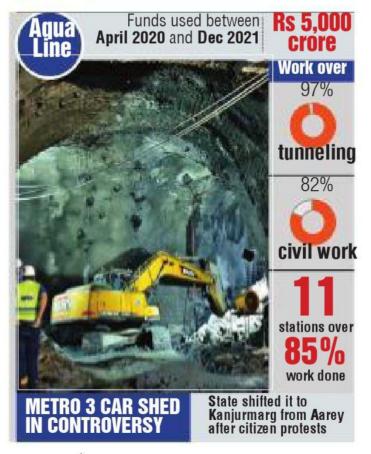
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The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC), which is undertaking the underground metro 3 (Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ) line, has executed work worth more than Rs 5,000 crore from April 2020 to December 2021, it informed on Friday. With availability of more than 16,000 workers, 97 per cent of tunnelling and 82 per cent of civil work has been complet-

## COLABA-BANDRA-SEEPZ METRO-3 CORRIDOR

ed so far.

Furthermore, in the entire route, on eleven stations – Cuffe Parade, Vidhan Bhavan, Churchgate, Hutatma Chowk, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai Central, Siddhi Vinayak, CSMI-T2, Marol, MIDC and SEEPZ – 85 per cent work has been completed. While remaining stations --Mahalaxmi, Science Museum, Worli, Dadar, Dharavi, BKC, Vidyanagari, Santacruz, CSMI T-1 and Sahar Road are showcasing more than 75 per cent progress and five stations – Girgaon, Kalbadevi, Grant Road, Shitaladevi, Aacharya Are Chowk – have progressed by around 50



per cent.

In fact, during the period April 2020 to December 2021; in the project, 6,721 metre of tunnelling segment rings, 33,514 square metre of base-slab, 48,336 square metre of concourse slab, 8,942 square metre of mezzanine / car park slab and 58,503 square metre of roof slab work has been attained.

While on the systems part, 16 escalators have been delivered – out of which 2 have been installed at Siddhi Vinayak

station and one at MIDC station. Four lifts have been delivered and one each has been installed at both these said stations. The other two are at the assembling stage. It is also noteworthy to note that two trains are ready, and another is in the process and more than 15 per cent of tracks have been already laid and the work is progressing, according to MMRC.

Ranjit Singh Deol, MD, MMRCL, stated that in the year 2022, many major work will happen such as completion of tunnelling, installations of systems, architectural finishes to the stations, filling back and restoration of the original pieces of lands that were claimed for the project, track works, electrification, and air conditioning of stations, etc.

"The two pandemic waves indeed affected the project progress. During the first wave as well as in the second wave, we worked with a restricted number of workers as the bulk of the labour went back to their home towns. We faced shortage of skilled workers and technicians for works such as control blasting and other special applications, equipment, and machine operators, etc. Many experts and consultants also were not available at crucial junctures for want of international and domestic travel restrictions.