

## **Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 Corridor**

### **Trial train arrives at Cuffe Parade, the farthest station of Aqualine**

**Mumbai, February 28, 2025** - The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) marked a historic milestone today with the arrival of the trial train at Cuffe Parade station, the final destination of Mumbai's first underground Metro line. This significant event demonstrates the readiness of key infrastructure elements, including rolling stock, tracks, and civil works, for undertaking further trials leading to train operations by July 25.

Out of the total 33.5 km stretch of Aqualine, a 12.69 km section from Aarey JVLR to Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC) has already started operation from October 7, 2024. Additionally, system trials for Phase 2A, covering the 9.77 km segment from Dharavi to Acharya Atrey Chowk, have already commenced, connecting seven key stations.

Arrival of train trial at Cuffe Parade, covering a 10.99 km stretch from Acharya Atrey Chowk to Cuffe Parade, marks a crucial step toward the commissioning of Phase 2B. With major works such as Overhead Catenary System (OCS) and track installation completed, MMRC is now focused on remaining system fitments, architectural finishes, and road restoration, aiming for full operational readiness.

Speaking on the occasion, MMRC Managing Director, Ms. Ashwini Bhide stated, "Today is a crucial day for us as we move closer to completing another challenging milestone. Train trials for Phase 2A from Dharavi to Acharya Atrey Chowk are in full swing, and simultaneously, we have successfully initiated train movement from Acharya Atrey Chowk to Cuffe Parade. We are committed to commissioning the entire Line by July 2025."

Director Projects, Mr. S. K. Gupta said, "MMRC continues to work diligently toward the overall completion of balance works to ensure a seamless and efficient metro service for Mumbai's commuters. The successful train trials reaffirm the project's progress, bringing the city one step closer to a world-class urban transit system". (Ends)

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