Bhoomipujan for Mumbai's First Underground Metro Tomorrow

Metro will run from Colaba to Andheri (SEEPZ) via Bandra

Construction to begin in December 2014

Mumbai, August 25, 2014 – The Bhoomipujan ceremony for the Colaba-Bandra-Andheri (Seepz) Metro-3 corridor will be performed by the Hon.Chief Minister Shri Prithviraj Chavan on Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 3 pm near Marol Fire Brigade Station, Andheri-Ghatkopar Link Road, Marol, Mumbai. This metro corridor will be the first to be constructed by the newly constituted Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (MMRCL).

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) has played a major role in the planning and designing of the 32.5 km metro corridor – the first underground metro in Mumbai. The line will comprise of 26 underground stations, one station at grade and a car depot in Aarey Milk Colony in Goregaon-East.

"Public transport in Mumbai has seen a rapid change after the inauguration of the first metro (Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar) and the first monorail (Wadala to Chembur). The Mumbaikars have realized the importance of a better mode of commute and will definitely be excited about the next phases of metro rail," said Mr. Dilip Kawathkar, Joint Project Director (PR), MMRDA.

The metro-3 corridor is expected to be completed in the next seven years and is financed by Government of Maharashtra, Government of India along with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The cost of this project is Rs 23,136 crore. *(Ends)*