

## Press Release

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Hon Shri Eknath Shinde, Minister, Urban Development, Govt of Maha, inaugurated second Tunnel work by Tunnel Boring Machine named after River Mula at Agriculture college Pune.

The 5 Km stretch between Range hill to Swargate of PCMC to Swargate corridor is underground. Maha Metro is employing the tunnel boring machine to dig two parallel tunnels between the range hill and Swargate. The first tunnel work was started on 30 November 2019 by the tunnel boring machine name after river Mutha and today the second tunnel work was inaugurated by Hon Minister Shri Eknath Shinde. The minister inaugurated tunnel work and tunnel boring machine by pressing the switch of TBM Mula (names after river Mula) and the cutter head of machine start rotating.

The minister climb down 20meter deep into TBM shaft and inspected the machine and tunnel work from close. Shri Atul Gadgil, Director (works) explained the tunnel work and the features of the machine.

Hon minister addressed the gathering and praised the metro work. He said " the metro work is complex, difficult, high tech and sophisticated; the TBM Mula machine is fully computer controlled and there is no human error associated with it; Metro administration is taking adequate safety measures in tunnel work; I am sure PUNE metro will finish the work before time; the govt ( Govt of Maharashtra) will eliminate all hurdles and help MahaMetro to complete the work before time; MahaMetro is doing good work in Nagpur, Pune and Metro for Nashik city will also in advance stage of approvals". He further said I congratulate the MahaMetro team and their MD Dr Brijesh Dixit for the excellent work; the metro will help the Pune citizen to commute in less time and reduce the pollution in the city.