

Helen Achieves Breakthrough

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Bangalore: Helen, the Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) 1, achieved breakthrough at 11.55 am on Wednesday on the south side of Vidhana Soudha, after tunnelling 724.5 metres (483 rings).

The tunnel boring started from Sir M Visvesvaraya Underground Metro Station north shaft at Central College on May 14.

"The process encountered very hard rocks of 300 mega pascal (MPa) almost throughout a very short stretch of sandy silt. The breakthrough was accurate," a press release from Bangalore Metropolitan Rail Corporation Limited (BMRC) said. Urban Development S Suresh Kumar and other senior officials of Namma Metro were present when the breakthrough occurred.



Tunnel Boring Machine Helen in action near Vidhan Soudha