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Now, walk into police station on a Sunday for passport verification

DNA Correspondent

The police have begun a special drive to increase the turnover rate of the passport verification process in Bangalore. Police commissioner Jyothiprakash Mirji, on Saturday, said: "We started this special drive on May 16. Police inspectors will be available in the station from 10 am to 1 pm every

Sunday to clear passport verification applications."

Applicants can visit the police stations in their area on Sunday to check the status of their passport verification applications. "We have chosen Sunday in the interest of the public as it is a holiday. They can come to the station personally," said Mirji. During the weekdays, policemen are busy as

they have to attend court sessions.

Earlier, policemen were deployed exclusively for passport verification and it led to delays in the verification process as the number of applications is always high. With this initiative, any police personnel in the station can conduct the verification process.

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Sensitive soil could throw tunnelling challenges for Bangalore Metro

BMRCCL has roped in experts from IISc, National Institute of Rock Mechanics, Kolar, for troubleshooting

DNA Correspondent

The first tunnel boring machine (TBM) was unveiled for the underground work of Phase 1 of Bangalore Metro on Friday. But what cannot go ignored is the fact that the mixed soil conditions in Bangalore is bound to throw up quite a few challenges for the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCCL).

At a symposium where tunnel boring was discussed by experts on Saturday, the BMRCCL director BS Sudhir Chandra said that there are many challenges for the contractors and the BMRCCL to complete this work.

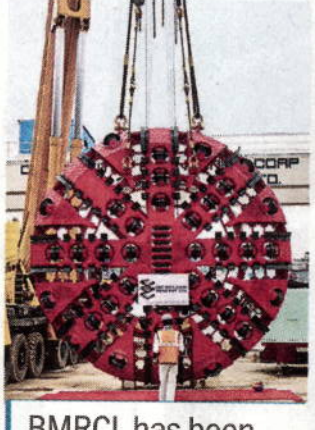
"Chickpet is one of the places that is densely populated, has high groundwater level and old buildings. It poses a monstrous challenges in digging a tunnel for such a mass-transit system," said Chandra.

Apart from Chickpet, the BMRCCL is also going to encounter a lot of hurdles while tunneling towards the east-west corridor near Majestic, Central College and the General Post Office (GPO). Right from Majestic, the tunnelling alignment is under KG Road to reach the underground station near Central College campus.

BMRCCL chief engineer NP Sharma said: "We have identified 70 critical buildings over KG Road under which we will have to dig the tunnel. Many of these buildings also have three-level basements. There could be cracks if the machines hit rocks underground."

But this is not the end. There is a rockbed 28 metres deep reaching up to the surface near Central College, where the Sir M Vishweswaraya underground station is being constructed.

The contractors have performed 200 controlled blasts in the past three months and they have another three months of work along this stretch. After the Vishweswaraya station, the underground tunnelling would



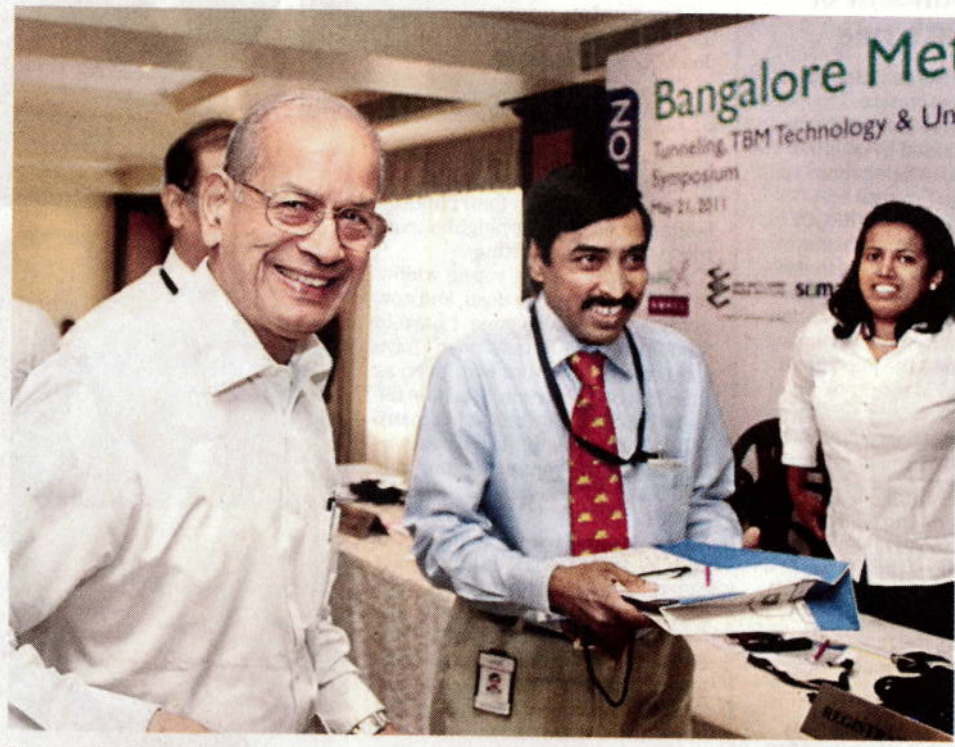
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be difficult as the soil near Ambedkar Veedhi is composed of soft clay and hard rocks. BMRCCL contractors have started blasting along this stretch, where the station opposite Vidhana Soudha will be constructed.

And last but not the least, the steep curve that the alignment will have through the GPO and then between the GPO building and the telephone tower to reach Minsk Square (where the last underground station towards the east ramp will be constructed).

Sharma described the geological conditions to be sensitive. Moreover, the steep curves cannot destabilise any of these iconic buildings, he said. "We have been directed not to touch the iconic Victoria Hospital building in KR Market. Also, we have to be very careful while digging under Tipu's Palace, which comes in the north-south corridor," he said.

However, the BMRCCL has roped in experts from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and National Institute of Rock Mechanics in Kolar.



The man behind Delhi Metro, E Sreedharan, attends the Bangalore Metro Symposium on Tunnelling, TBM Technology and Underground Station, on Saturday

Metro does not need more rules for safety inspection

DNA Correspondent

In a sudden visit to the city, Union cabinet secretary KM Chandrasekhar decided to review the Metro work. He also took a ride on Reach 1 from Byappanahalli to MG Road with Bangalore Metro chief N Sivasailam and BMRCCL officials on Saturday.

"The cabinet secretary reviewed the Metro work in the morning and also took a ride, which indicates his interest and support to the project," said Sivasailam.

When asked if a set of four rules, which are yet to be gazetted by the Centre and are mandatory for going ahead with the project, are causing the delay in the safety inspections, he replied: "The four rules are not required for the safety inspections to be done by the Commissioner for Railway Safety (CRS). Two rules have already been approved and those, for now, are enough for the safety trials."

However, he said that those four commencements would be

required during the operation of the Metro. Hence, it would be beneficial if they are gazetted at the earliest.

"The four rules that the Centre is yet to gazette deal with fare fixation and claims that are to be settled and other things that we would require knowledge of to guide us during the metro operation," said Sivasailam, indicating that the date for the Reach 1 launch from Byappanahalli to MG Road, too, depends on those gazetted orders.



Traffic sub-inspector Gopala Krishna (centre) was allegedly assaulted by a minister's son near Hayasandra on Saturday

Another case of road rage involving bigwig

DNA Correspondent

A minister's son allegedly assaulted police sub-inspector Gopala Krishna on Saturday. The incident took place near Nandivada. However, no case was filed against the bigwig's son.

Sources said that the incident happened around 8.30 pm near Hayasandra Junction when a car and a motorcycle were involved in a minor accident. This led to a verbal duel between the two. Shivajinagar traffic police sub-inspector Gopala Krishna intervened to stop the two along with a constable. He was allegedly assaulted that they leave.

A person got down from the car and slapped the cop and hurled abuse at him. He then tried to threaten the officer, saying that he was the son of a minister. Initially, the police did not believe him and inquired him at Bharathi Nagar police station.

The police rushed to the spot and took four persons, who were involved in the incident, to the police station. It was later found that one of the persons was indeed the son of a politician. The police decided to transfer police sub-inspector Gopala Krishna to another station.

As soon as the minister of the government was informed about the incident, he immediately issued a programme that he was attending.

He called senior police officers and told them that his son was involved in the incident. He requested that his son be transferred to the station and that no case be filed against him without filing any case against the other person. Gopala Krishna, who accompanied the witnesses was slapped four times during the whole incident.

Actor, relatives get bail

Kannada film actor Maithreyi, who was arrested on Friday, got conditional bail on Saturday. She had alleged that a traffic policeman, who stopped her car for jumping a traffic light, had sexually harassed her near National Public School, Chord Road on Friday. The court granted her a ₹25,000 security