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Mumbai, previously Bombay, is the financial, commercial and entertainment capital of India. Over the past two decades, Mumbai has grown into one of the most important commercial centers across the globe. With the ever-evolving employment and business opportunities, Mumbai has grown into one of the most populous urban regions in the world, just behind Tokyo, Beijing, Karachi and Shanghai.

Metro (subway) tunneling is being planned and implemented in all the metropolitan and cosmopolitan cities of India to decongest the traffic situation and supplement the existing modes of transportation systems. The seminar will discuss the significance and challenges of the first completely underground metro corridor in Mumbai - The Mumbai Metro Line 3 (MML3). MML3, a 21 mile underground metro corridor is proposed to connect the crowded northern suburbs to downtown Mumbai. The layout of the metro alignment under high-rise buildings, heritage structures, flyovers, water bodies and existing railway in the already congested city of Mumbai, makes MML3 one of the most complex transportation projects to be planned and implemented in Asia.

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