

# SoBo's rehabilitation project for Metro-3 to soon take shape

**AMID LOCKDOWN** MMRC releases plans for multi-storey buildings at Girgaum-Kalbadevi

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**MUMBAI:** Amid the lockdown, one of Mumbai's biggest rehabilitation projects in the south Mumbai is finally taking shape. The Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) has released its plans for the multi-storey buildings at Girgaum-Kalbadevi that will house 734 tenants from the 30 old buildings that were demolished for the Metro-3 (Colaba-Bandra-Seepz).

One of the first known markets and business establishments in old Bombay, the multi-storey towers - Kalbadevi Heights, Kalbadevi Commercial Centre and Girgaon Heights - will bring in integrated development to the area, resulting in the widening of the congested JSS Road and is expected to attract more footfall to the areas with increased connectivity.

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**■ Representational image of Kalbadevi Heights** MMRC

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badevi Heights that will house 291 residential units and five commercial units.

Under the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's Development Control Regulations 33(7), the six non-contiguous blocks are being developed as one cluster. The three other blocks will be utilised for Metro

allied activities.

Sandesh Samant, a resident of Girgaum and a professor, said the new development will bring in a big change in the Girgaum-Kalbadevi belt. "JSS road is one of the most prime roads and there have not been many redevelopment projects here," Samant said.