

Shenoy Ngr metro station to get 2-level amenities centre

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Chennai: In two years, commuters will be able to park their vehicle, shop and even grab a bite in an underground facility at Shenoy Nagar metro station to board a train. Chennai Metro Rail Ltd (CMRL) has started preliminary work on construction of a two-level underground commuter amenities centre near the Shenoy Nagar metro station.

The centre, with an area of more than 4.26 lakh sqft, will be right under Thiru Vi Ka Park, which has been shut for nearly eight years for construction of the metro station. "Excavation for the underground centre will begin within a month, as our contractor has started mobilising equipment at the site," a metro rail official said.

The spacious two-level underground commuter



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ROLLING ON: Construction work at the Shenoy Nagar metro station

amenities centre will have exclusive parking space for 600 four-wheelers and 1,000 two-wheelers, shopping area and restaurants. The facility will be built at a depth 8m, with the second level linked to the metro station.

"We have designed it according to the size of Shenoy Nagar metro station, which has two crossovers on either side of the station for trains to switch tracks. Depending on the requirement we will

make changes to the amenities centre," the official said. "Both metro rail-commuters and visitors to the park will be able to park their vehicles in the underground centre."

Shenoy Nagar metro station is part of the eight-kilometre line between Nehru Park and Thirumangalam that was inaugurated in May 2017. CMRL will float tenders for the design and construction of a similar three-level underground parking.