## **Press Release**

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Thiru vi ka Park, served as an urban park to nearby residents. The existing Shenoy Nagar Metro Station, lies at the underground of park, bifurcates park into 2 halves. It is proposed to develop an underground Commuter Amenities Centre on either sides of existing Shenoy Nagar Station.

The current proposal of Commuter amenity center is to give its neighborhood its vertebrate back by recreating the Park. It is proposed to develop the Underground Passenger Amenities Centre with Basement 1 and Basement 2 on the East and West side of the existing Shenoy Nagar station.

The concept of park redevelopment, is to recreate the park by providing its neighborhood its vertebrate back, which is done through proper planning of different spaces, zones and activities provided within the street level/park. Most of the existing trees would be preserved, restored and transplanted in the park at appropriate locations. The facilities which were present at the park earlier includes fountain, jogging track, children play area and much more. The same would be restored with enhancement. Landscape lawns are provided at the street levels with deep rooted tree saplings along the periphery of the park. In addition, Miyawaki Concept Forest is planned at the four corners of the park. by grouping of various indigenous species of plants together.

Basement 1 serves as Parking level. Two wheelers parking zones and four wheelers zones separately. Basement 1 is naturally lit by the light well tubes provided in the street level. The parking in the Basement 1 is addressed as a one-way movement by providing one ramp for entry and the other for exit, with a dedicated drop off zone. 856 two wheelers and 416 four wheelers are proposed. Basement 2 serves commuters' amenity area, which includes retail areas and food court. The services for the basement floors are provided in the respective levels.

The park will act as a focal element drawing in visitors of all the age groups. Space planning is done such that the street level is divided into various zones addressing all age groups such as kids, teens, office goers, elderly people, etc,. by providing different types of activities such as Tot Lot, Children's playground, public gathering space, open air theater, play courts such as basketball & badminton court, yoga & meditation areas, jogging tracks, etc. Wall arts, murals/landscape elements at various zones are proposed.

The buildings are naturally lit and ventilated all around by provision of light wells that travel from the ground level to the 2nd Basement Level. These light wells are integrated with the landscape areas and gives way for natural light at the basement level. External yard hydrants at are provided at the park at 30m radius to address fire disasters. Horizontal circulation is addressed by separate entry/exits for park visitors, people using metro, mall visitors etc and vertical circulation by staircase, lifts and escalators from street to Basement Levels.

The park shall serve as a breathing space amidst the concrete jungle. The park would be designed as a Thematic park with creation of an ecofriendly environment, climatic responsive, use of innovative technologies and making it suitable for differently- abled. The park will serve as the identity and add value to the local residents.

