

First look: Recreated Thiru Vi Ka Park to get open air theatre, mall

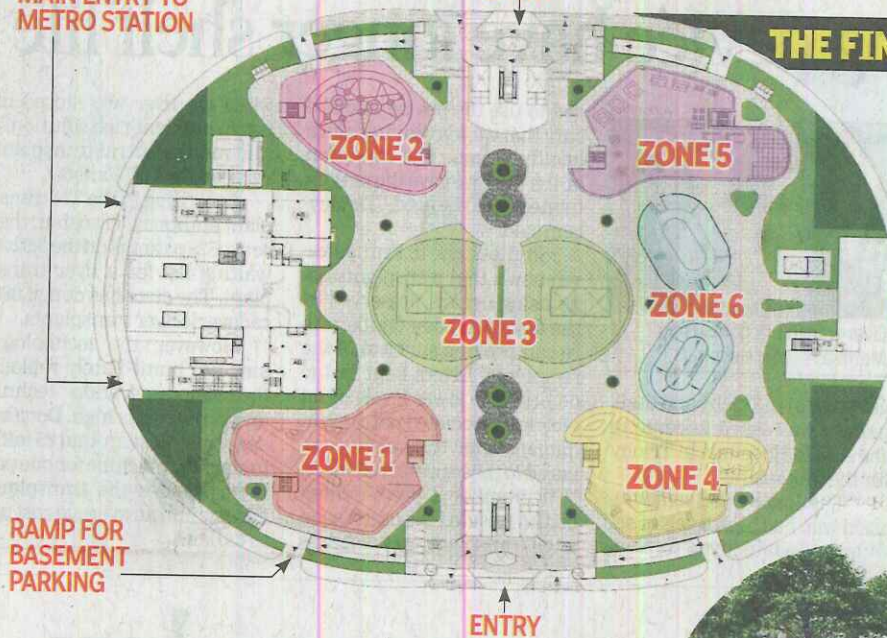
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Metro rail is likely to open the park in two years time

The six zones as seen in the CMRL layout will accommodate many facilities including those for children and senior citizens. The park will have two 8-shaped walkways, fountains, reflexology area, basketball and badminton courts



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others by providing different types of activities.

There will be a children's playground, jogging tracks, courts for basketball and badminton, and space for yoga and meditation. Wall art and murals will add to the look of the park.



Concept Aims To Rebuild The Facility With Designated Zones For Different Types Of Activities

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It's repayment time for metro rail that took over the Thiru Vi Ka Park in Shenoy Nagar eight years ago. As it reopens the park — with far fewer trees — in two years, Chennaiites can watch a play at an open air theatre, take an elevator down two levels to shop at an underground mall and lounge at a food plaza and try out some reflexology.

The amenities centre will come up on the eastern and west-

ern sides of the Shenoy Nagar metro rail station in basements one and two under the park, linked to the underground metro station. The concept is to recreate the park with designated zones for different activities. While a lot of trees were cut down to make way for the station, most of those that remain would be preserved.

In the four corners of the park will also have a Miyawaki concept forest, pioneered by Japanese botanist Akira Mi-



yawaki. These will be clusters of various indigenous species of plants. Along the periphery of the park will be planted saplings of trees with deep roots.

The street level area of the park will be divided into different zones — for children, teens, office-goers, elderly people and



at the street level that channelise sunlight into the underground area. Around 856 two-wheelers and 416 four-wheelers can be accommodated here. Basement 2 will house a mall and a food court. A metro rail official said that preliminary work for excavation to build the underground amenities centre was under way.

Shenoy Nagar metro station is part of the 8km line between Nehru Park and Thirumangalam that was inaugurated in May 2017.