

Mini forest near Metro station

A year ago, Chennai Metro Rail Limited took to the Miyawaki method, raising a dense plantation garden at Thiru Vi Ka Nagar park near Shenoy Nagar Metro station. In March last year, 45 different varieties of native trees were planted on a patch of land measuring 432 sq.m (4,650 sq.ft). Now the saplings have grown tall and dense, creating a mini forest at the park.

A recent press release from CMRL says the dense forest model propagated by Akira Miyawaki will enhance ecological balance and biodiversity especially in metropolitan cities where green cover is dwindling. Besides, this alternative afforesta-



tion technique seeks to promote native vegetation especially native trees.

The list of trees planted by CMRL include arasu, naval, neer maruthu, athi, vilvam, pungan, ezhilai palai, malai vembu, poovarasu, arali, magizham, nelli, maruthani, punnai, pavazhamalli, eluppai, mantharai, rosewood, mango, pomegranate, teak and night jasmine.