

Metro plans game zone

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Remember the good-old rural games like 'Pachisi', 'Vamana Guntalu', 'Nalugu Sthambalata', 'Astha Chemma', 'Golilu', 'Lagori' or 'lingocha'. Now passengers of Hyderabad Metro Rail will have the option of burning their calories while playing these games at a special rural games zone being developed between Miyapur and Hydernagar.

The idea is to help passengers relax and rejuvenate. Most of these rural games are extremely fun to play and help in burning calories as well. More importantly, not much of investment is required for creating these facilities, said Architect G Shankar Narayan, who has been roped in by HMRL for the project. "Apart from creating recreation facilities, it will be help in reviving the popular rural games. It should be ready in a couple of months," said Narayan. HMRL is developing a children's play area, different activity zones be-



ON DUTY: NVS Reddy inspecting the ongoing urban rejuvenation works at different Metro stations between Miyapur and SR Nagar.

tween Miyapur and Hyderabad. The rural game zone will be part of these activities, he added. Kiosks will be integrated with the tiled areas and landscaping to improve the ambience of the public space being created on the stretch.

Meanwhile, HMRL Managing Director N V S Reddy conducted a review meeting on Sunday and instructed engineers to review urban rejuvenation and landscaping works at Metro stations between Miyapur to S R

Nagar. He directed the officials to move all overhead cables to underground at Miyapur.

Emphasis is being laid on making the stretches convenient for pedestrians and cycling enthusiasts. Bicycle stations are being established under the Metro stations staircases. Priority is being accorded to cycles, feeder buses, electrical vehicles, shared autos and pedestrians in terms of entry and exits into the stations.