

# Automated parking at Nampally

The 15-floor structure will come up in half acre at an estimated cost of Rs 60 crore

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Hyderabad's first automated Multi Level Car Parking (MLCP) is all set to come up at Nampally. The 15-floor structure will be developed in half an acre site at an estimated cost of Rs 60 crore and will be ready in nine months.

After laying foundation for the structure, Chief Secretary SK Joshi said the entire area of Nampally will transform into an urban space once the automated parking lot becomes operational. He directed the companies to complete the construction of the structure as per schedule.

The 15-floor structure, including three cellars will be developed using prefab technology. Of the 15 floors, 10 floors will be utilised for vehicles parking and the rest will be used for developing commercial space. Skywalks will be constructed to ensure connectivity to the parking system from Nampally and Gandhi Bhavan Metro stations.

When ready, the parking facility will be able to accommodate 250 cars and 100 two-wheelers in three cellars and seven above ground floors. The parking fee will be very economical and charged on hourly basis, said Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) Managing Director NVS Reddy.

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ing up here is fully automated system and there will be no human intervention. Users of similar facility in New Delhi have been facing certain inconveniences in parking their vehicles but such facilities here are going to be user-friendly, especially for women and elders, he said.

Vehicle owners will have to drop the car at the entry gate and the system scans the vehicle and takes images, including number plate covering 360 degrees. Users will be given smart cards for both parking and retrieving the vehicles. For regular users, RFIDs cards will be provided to facilitate hassle-free parking, he informed. More importantly, the concessionaire is planning to make extensive use of renewable energy to meet the power requirements of the system. Nearly one MW power will be required for operating the system and of this, 0.5 MW will be met through solar panels and wind turbines system to generate energy on the roof top and other locations, said Harikishan Reddy, CEO of BHARI Infra Private Limited, which is executing the project.



## 40 more parking lots in the offing

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Over 40 Multi-Level Car Parking (MLCP) lots will be coming up across the city with Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited, the nodal agency for the project, intensifying efforts to launch the works.

The foundation for one such facility was laid at Nampally on Saturday. All these 40 parking lots will be constructed on open lands belonging to different government departments under Public Private Partnership mode.

Land has been already identified and Requests for

Proposal are being prepared for inviting bids for rest of the MLCPs. All these structures will be automated parking systems and will be maintained by the concessionaires, HMRL MD NVS Reddy said.

They will not be mere parking structures. In fact, they will be hubs for different activities and people can relax and rejuvenate as a host of facilities will be available, he said.

Detailing the reasons for the lukewarm response to such structures at New Delhi and other places in the country, he said they were not user-friendly. More im-

portantly, they were not fully automated systems as being claimed by the agencies, he said. "Above all, there has to be commercial viability for these structures to be successful. They cannot be considered mere parking structures. Agencies should have scope for recovering their investments," said Reddy.

Already, the Railway Board has approved the proposal of South Central Railway (SCR) to construct a Multi-Level Parking Complex adjacent to the Ganesh Temple near Secunderabad Railway Station in coordination with HMRL.