

# Food court to come up near Botanical Garden metro stn

## NMRC Plans Well-Lit Area To Offer Safe Parking Option

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**Noida:** The Noida Metro Rail Corporation (NMRC) will soon develop a vendor zone and a food court near Botanical Garden metro station and convert the area into a public space for commuters.

Currently, the approximately 1,000 sqm triangular area near Botanical Garden metro station is used by NMRC buses as a temporary parking spot. It is a vacant plot allotted by the Noida Authority to NMRC for bus operations. The area has a public toilet and unauthorised vendors use it.

Officials said that the area will be developed as a public space where commuters using buses or the metro trains could comfortably stop. The area will have around 25 food and drink vendors in a 200 sqm area. Additionally, the spot will have benches, plantation, cycle and motorbike stands and a public toilet.

"We want to make it into a comfortable, safe, well-lit but

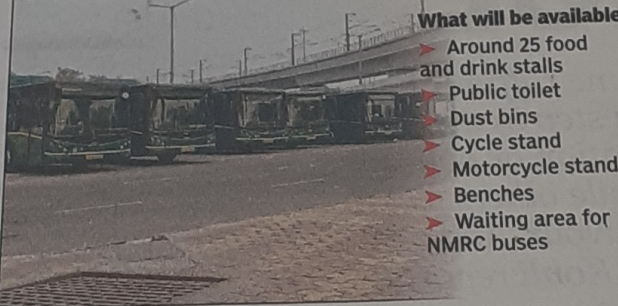
shaded area where people can even wait for longer periods if required. To make the space greener, it will have plantations. We will allot spots to around 25 vendors for selling street food, lemonade and other such consumables," said P D Upadhyay, the executive director, NMRC.

He added that dust bins

will be placed in the area and waste collection will be done from the spot regularly. The capacity of the cycle and two-wheeler stands would be decided soon.

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### PUBLIC SPACE FOR COMMUTERS



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#### What will be available

- Around 25 food and drink stalls
- Public toilet
- Dust bins
- Cycle stand
- Motorcycle stand
- Benches
- Waiting area for NMRC buses

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**P D UPADHYAY**  
Executive director, NMRC

ter distances. It is economical, healthy and environment-friendly. However, people often avoid using these since there is no safe parking option," added Upadhyay.

The walkway connecting Sector 51 station of NMRC with Sector 52 station of DMRC will have a similar vendor zone with food and drink stalls.

There will also be a raised tiled boundary on one side where people can sit. Officials said that the walkway will be ready within a month and plantation around it will be done gradually.