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Artist AV Ilango works on an installation using scrap from Integral Coach Factory in Perambur. Eleven such installations by various artists will be kept in front of Chennai Rail Museum for public viewing as part of a city beautification project -Prathap

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# Anna Nagar rly station gets fresh lease of life

◆ ICF is planning a mega tree planting drive ◆ To have a testing track laid at a cost of Rs 1 crore



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Chennai, Aug 1:

It is some time since Anna Nagar railway station was turned into a park which people could use for socialising and taking up leisure walks, thanks to Integral Coach Factory (ICF). Now the same station is going to see more developments in the coming years.

The station was taken over by us in 2017 and then we planted saplings as part of greening the defunct station, said a senior ICF personnel. Now more greenery will come up at the station as plans are afoot to take up plant-

ing 1,000 more saplings there. The forest department has given its consent to provide us with healthy saplings, said the ICF personnel.

Another plan is to establish three stabling lines at the station. These lines will be built at a cost of Rs 1.25 crore, each line is going to hold 20 coaches. The manufactured coaches from ICF will be kept here. This will also save space at ICF premises.

The development does not end there. A compound wall is going to be constructed at a cost of Rs 65 lakh along the tracks to prevent people from entering it.

Establishing a testing track at the station at a cost of Rs 1 crore is also on the anvil. The track will be 1.2-km-long and start at Anna Nagar station and will go up to Padi station. This will be used to test the rakes manufactured at ICF.

Though there is a testing track of 300 metres inside the factory, it is not enough. On a distance of 1 km, the train could be tested satisfactorily. Currently, the rakes manufactured at ICF are sent to railway zones where they are tested before they are put into service. Once the testing track is established, the rakes can be tested here itself, said a senior ICF official.