

## SMART PARKS

Preserving and developing parks, playgrounds and recreational spaces in order to enhance the quality of life of its citizens, reduce the urban heat effects in 'Areas' and generally promote eco-balance (Guideline No. 3.1, iv). Such Smart Parks should have some key components, which are given below.

1. Physical Activity Resources: Paved pathways, kabaddi & badminton courts, play areas, etc. to encouraging physical activity. Particular attention should be given to create facilities for the differently abled.
2. Family Facilities: Child-friendly play equipment's, picnic spots, dustbins, park furniture – benches and garden tables, pathways / green areas with trees, facility for differently abled, etc.
3. General Services: Boundary Wall/ Fenced Area, Public Conveniences, Tube-well/ Piped Water Supply (for watering and drinking water facilities), illumination, parking space & compost area (wherever possible), semi-pucca huts, facility for differently abled.
4. Aesthetics: Enhancing overall park attractiveness by making attractive entry gates, illumination using LEDs, fountain area, landscaped manicured area, flower and shrubs, water bodies with aquaculture (wherever possible) and, accessibility.

Smart Cities may use the above categorization as a starting point to identify the features to be made available in parks being developed in Area-Based Developments (ABD). Obviously, the process should be done in consultation with the local residents.