

# Reassessing Urban Voids - Spaces under Flyovers

## Concept

Urban voids such as spaces under flyovers are generally neglected, abandoned, and adversely stigmatized bringing ecological degradation and psychological discomfort to users as they are seen as byproducts of the better transit systems.

Over the years, these spaces have become a heaven for the homeless and destitute along with dissolute groups of drug-addicts and vagabonds while at other spots debris and garbage has been dumped.

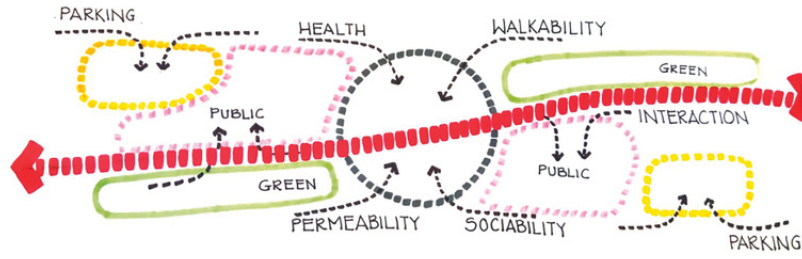
Thus there is an increasing need to reclaim and reintegrate these isolated spaces in city's everyday urbanism.



Flyovers in south Delhi wastes vital public space  
DehNews  
 Location: New Delhi, India  
 Underflyer large spaces under flyovers in the Capital have either been encroached upon or turned into dumping sites. HT takes a look at 11 such flyovers in south Delhi.



The South Flyover looks like an ill-maintained space in Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, New Delhi. HT Photo.



CONCEPTUAL INTERACTION PLANNING



Stepped seating as interaction and pausing point and acting as barrier between road and pedestrian

## Context

The location of the proposed flyover has residential and commercial land uses in proximity thereby apprehending the traffic on the ground level. Hence the area has the potential to be developed as a walkable public destination place between the parallel interfaces of the road.

The idea behind the restructuring of the defunct space under the flyover as a destination helps to increase the opportunity for sociability and interaction in the place thereby increasing its chances to become lively. The design interventions make the space walkable, permeable, and safe while connecting it with nature by providing a continuous pedestrian pathway connecting the play area, recreational spaces, and retail commercial spaces along with the fixed parking area to accommodate vehicular users of the space.



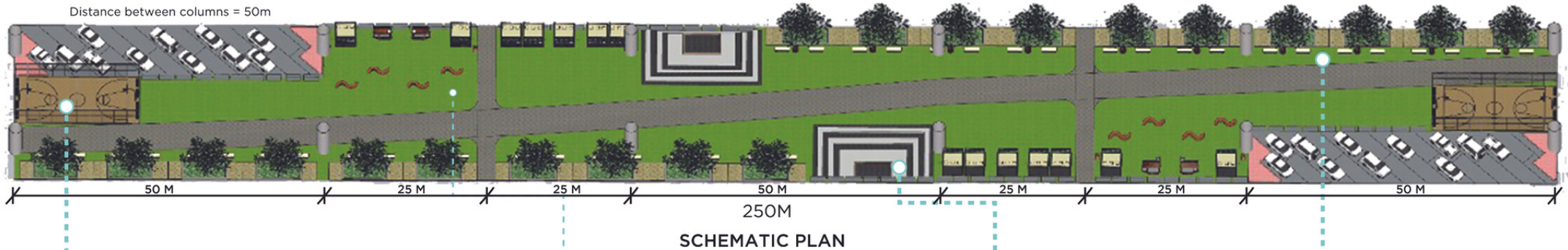
Provision of Green spaces in urban voids



Child friendly Spaces



Illumination to increase useability throughout the day and night



SCHEMATIC PLAN



Activities such as Basketball court to increase public interaction



Retail Commercial and Eateries with sitouts acting as recreational destination with provision of parking



Interactive participatory zone - Open Air Theatre



Pedestrian and road Interface with green spaces as buffers to reduce noise and pollution