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**T**here is a new garden in the eastern suburbs—spread out over 6.5-acres, adjoining the Eastern Express Highway in Chembur.

It was inaugurated on Saturday by Shiv Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray in the presence of mayor Snehal Ambekar and is now officially open to the public.

The garden's design is an attempt at replicating forts in the Sahyadri mountains. The park houses some trees and flowers native to the Sahyadri range.

The plot for the garden had been reserved over a decade ago and there was a wall around it.

When the BMC recently decided to work on the project, it found that the plot had already been encroached upon. The encroachments had to be removed before work on the garden could begin.

Another 9-acre garden on mill land at Lower Parel is in the works.