

Hyderabad wins global 'Tree City' status

Urban forestry campaign gets global recognition from Arbor Day Foundation, FAO

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Hyderabad has won a green contest among cities in India, and emerged one of the 'Tree Cities of the World'. That title has been bestowed by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Hyderabad has been selected for its commitment to growing and maintaining urban forestry, a statement from the GHMC said on Thursday. With the recognition, the city joins 120 others from 23 countries, including the U.S., the U.K., Canada, and



Golden glow: A road with tree cover in Hyderabad on Thursday. ■ G. RAMAKRISHNA

Australia. The Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department applied for consideration with an online submission

on January 31 this year, citing the State government's Haritha Haram programme and its Urban Forest Parks plan, the

statement said.

The city was evaluated on five metrics: 'Establish Responsibility', 'Set the Rules', 'Know What You Have', 'Allocate the Resources', and 'Celebrate the Achievements'.

City leaders must delegate responsibility for the care of trees to a staff member, a city department, or a group of citizens called a Tree Board.

"Hyderabad city is demonstrating leadership in management of its urban trees and is serving as part of the solution to many of the global issues we face today," a statement said.