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## HMR selects five agencies to translocate 1,000 trees

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**HYDERABAD:** The Hyderabad Metro Rail (HMR) has chosen five agencies for translocating 1,000 trees across three corridors located on the central median where the elevated transport system's pillars will come up at a total cost of Rs. 1.5 crore.

The firms - APREDA, Green Morning Horticulture Services, Gladform Horticulture Consultancy, Hortus Consultants, and Ch. Vijender Reddy will be paid uniform rates of Rs. 5,850, Rs. 15,345 and Rs. 25,500 per tree based on its girth.

Managing director N. V. S. Reddy said that no big trees will be affected and that at least 10,000 trees will be planted to develop a green belt all along the periphery of depot lands, station locations, parking, circulation areas, and

other metro rail facilities.

Greenery and flower beds will also be developed under the metro rail viaduct.

Trees to be translocated will be numbered and the forest department's permission will be obtained to plant them around the depots in Uppal and Miyapur, apart from other open places belonging to HMR and other government organisations.

Translocation involves digging a small pit to a depth of two to five feet around the tree to be translocated depending upon its age and its branches.

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Its excess roots will be trimmed after applying organic fertilizers in the pits and fungicide/insecticide to the cut branches of the tree. They are kept in that condition for about two weeks and pits are dug at the translocation point to a depth of six to 13 feet. Organic fertilizers, chemicals, and rooting hormones are provided to increase root growth.

After the pits are made ready, the trees are moved to the alternate point, covering the root system with jute sacks and are then planted on the new site.