



CANTONMENT RAILWAY COLONY HERITAGE SITE TAG WITHDRAWN,

In News

The state government has withdrawn the biodiversity heritage tag for the 8.61-acre wooded area near the Cantonment railway station.

BIODIVERSITY HERITAGE SITES (BHS)

Definition



They are specific locations with rich, unique, and ecologically fragile ecosystems, including terrestrial, coastal, inland, or marine areas.

Notified by



These are areas notified by state governments under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002

India's first BHS was Nallur Tamarind Grove in Karnataka in 2007.

Objective



It aims to improve local livelihoods and conserve biodiversity through community participation via Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs).



Biodiversity Heritage Sites (BHS) of Karnataka



Biodiversity Heritage Site	Location	Year Accorded	Area/Details	Significance
Nallur Tamarind Grove	Bengaluru	2007	54 acres	India's first BHS; ancient tamarind trees, rich flora and fauna
Hogrekan Shola Forest	Chikkamagaluru	Notified pre-2020	Part of shola forests, wildlife corridor	Connects Kudremukha and Bhadra Sanctuaries; diverse vegetation
University of Agricultural Sciences (GKVK)	Bengaluru	Notified pre-2020	Large green campus	Ecologically important urban biodiversity hotspot
Ambaragudda	Shivamogga	Notified pre-2020	Shola forest and grasslands	Important for endemic species and conservation
Mamadapura Reserve Forest	Vijayapura	2024	Approximately 1494 acres	Also called Shri Siddeshwara Swamiji BHS; deciduous forest with diverse flora and fauna