

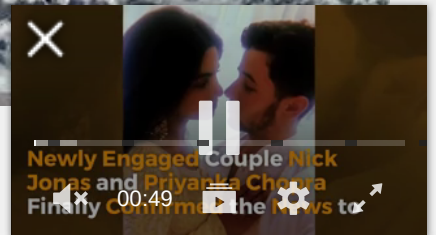


Kolar activists threaten to send Bengaluru's 'foam water' in tankers to MLAs

Tanks in Kolar received frothy water from Bengaluru as part of the water released by the KC Valley project.

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Activists in Kolar are threatening to send 'foam water' to legislators from their district. This after the controversial Koramanagala-Challaghatta (KC) Valley Project released 'treated' but frothy water from Bengaluru's lakes and sewage.

Activists say they want legislators, who have been silent about the issue to "get a feel of the water being released".

The froth in the water was observed in the water released to Lakshmisagara Tank in Kolar on Wednesday, as part of the KC Valley project, which was introduced to solve the water woes of the district by releasing treated water from Bengaluru.

"It has been two days since the incident occurred but not even a single MLA has come out and questioned the project. Those who have noted that a problem has happened have only assured that it will not happen again," says Kurbarapet Venkatesh, an activist from the Shashwatha Neeravari Horata Samiti.

The activist is adamant that they will make good on their promise and send one tanker each of froth-filled water to the houses of legislators in Kolar. They say that their apprehensions about the project were dismissed by legislators and engineers in the Minor Irrigation Department but believe the froth observed in the water vindicates their fears of receiving polluted water as part of the project.

Kolar has six Assembly constituencies - Malur, Mulbagal, Bangarpet, Kolar, Srinivaspura, Kolar Gold Fields.

altogether. Secondary wastewater treatment processes remove waste organic (once living, biological) material from wastewater, typically using a biological treatment process. Tertiary treatment is the last step in basic wastewater management which is mostly comprised of removing phosphates and nitrates from the water supply. There is a common belief that only tertiary treated water can be used for general purposes. So far around six tanks have received water as part of the project while it aims to fill 126 tanks in Kolar and Chikballapura.

Anjaneya Reddy, also a member of the Samiti, filed a Public Interest Litigation on June 18 questioning the government's decision to go ahead with the project in spite of several studies opposing it. The PIL will come up for hearing in the Karnataka High Court on Monday.

Anjaneya highlights a study by TV Ramachandra of the Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, which observed that, "Allowing partially treated water (water with nutrients and heavy metals) to fill the tanks in Kolar and Chikballapur districts would aggravate the water crisis in the region. The region being over-exploited block, the tank water infiltrates into groundwater resources rapidly leading to further deterioration of groundwater (which already has nitrate and fluoride contamination)".

Anjaneya further stressed that residents of Kolar and Chikballapur depended on groundwater for its drinking water needs. "The water released is being used to fill the tanks and for irrigation purpose. The water is also going to recharge groundwater levels in Kolar and residents depend on groundwater for their drinking water needs. We are trying to make sure that the groundwater is not polluted because once it is polluted then we cannot do anything about it," says Anjaneya.

Bengaluru doctor arrested for allegedly killing 17-year-old in drunk driving case

The police said the accused was returning from a pub in Indiranagar when the accident took place.

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The police in Bengaluru arrested a city-based doctor for allegedly killing a 17-year-old early on Monday early morning while driving in an inebriated state.

Police in Ulsoor Traffic Police Station arrested Dr Ravi Teja A after a friend of the victim alerted them. [The Times of India](#) reported that the accident took place at around 12:30am on Monday morning when Kevin R was crossing the HAL Old Airport Road under Domlur Flyover (opposite the Kanakadasa BBMP park). Ravi, who was allegedly speeding, hit him and dragged him few meters. Kevin suffered grievous injuries on his head due to the impact.

The accused took Kevin in his car and rushed him to Manipal Hospital where he was working as an oncology surgeon, but in vain. Doctors declared him brought dead.

The police also said that Ravi was returning from an Indiranagar pub and was heading towards his home in Murugeshpalya.

A blood sample from Ravi confirmed that the blood alcohol content was more than permissible limits, said the police.

Kevin worked as a flower decorator and was returning from Marathahalli market with his friend, Shibu, when the accident took place, TOI reported.

[The Hindu](#) reported that the doctor has been booked under Section 304 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Indian Penal Code and is under judicial custody. The report added that his blood alcohol level at the time was 113 mg/ml. According to Indian Motor Vehicles Act, the blood alcohol limit is 30 mg/ml.

In 2017, the number of drunk driving cases registered by the city police were 73,741 a spike of 25% from 59,028 cases in the previous year.
