

# **Polluted Varthur Lake Making People Sick: Experts**

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BENGALURU: Upa Lokayukta Justice Subhash B Adi said scientists of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) informed him that consumption of contaminated water from Varthur Lake was causing kidney-related diseases and cancer among people living near the lake.

Justice Adi, who visited the lake on Friday, told Express that a team of experts from IISc, led by T V Ramachandra, told him that people drinking the polluted water from borewells were suffering from these ailments.

He said the study revealed that most of the patients, admitted to hospitals from nearby areas were suffering from various diseases only due to drinking of contaminated water from the borewells. Tests on the water from bore wells revealed that the underground water had been contaminated by the lake's polluted waters and it was unfit for consumption, he said.