

## PANEL TAKES STOCK OF 'DYING' BELLANDUR LAKE

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An expert committee, constituted by the state government to create an action plan to save the dying lakes in the city, on Thursday inspected the Bellandur lake.

"This inspection was held to understand the issues better from the locals who live near these lakes. Schoolchildren showed us the map which was encroached upon. While some people opined that the sewage should be directed to Varthur lake which of my opinion is not a good move. It will only pollute the other lake. Instead, we need to treat the sewage and let it flow into the lake," said Prof TV

Ramachandra of IISc.

Members of Whitefield Rising (WR) coordinated the meeting and presented the issues and challenges facing the residents living near the now world-famous Bellandur lake. "A solution to rejuvenate Bellandur cannot be taken in isolation of Varthur Lake, and sewage diversion which could worsen the condition of the Varthur lake were the main points on the agenda," a committee member said.

Rampant encroachments, dumping of both garbage and construction debris, fencing to protect the lake and wetland areas were some of the other issues/solutions presented during the meet.

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