

A lake abused by govt agencies

Survey maps reveal that at least 10 acres 23 guntas of Bellandur lake encroached upon by govt organisations

Government agencies have topped the list in abusing Bellandur lake, the city's largest water body.

The lake is spread across the four portions of Bellandur Amanikere Khane, Beluru, Agara and Iblur. Besides dumping raw sewage into the lake, the government organisations have also grabbed at least 10 acres and 23 guntas of Bellandur lake.

Documents available with *Deccan Herald* show that the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has occupied two acres 25 guntas in Beluru portion of the lake, the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Authority (KIADB) has grabbed three acres and 20 guntas and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) built a road using four acres and 18 guntas of lake land.

Lake area

The survey sketches, prepared by the district authorities with help from a team of surveyors over many months, reveal that the portion of the lake in Sur-

Bellandur lake in Revenue dept documents

VILLAGE NAME	SY NO	TOTAL EXTENT	ENCROACHMENT BY	ENCROACHED AREA
Bellandur Amanikere Khane	1	274 Acres(A) -26 Guntas(G)	BBMP - 4A-18G Private - 6A-34G	10A - 12G
Beluru	2	40A - 09G	DRDO - 2A-25G Private - 4A-02G	6A - 27G
Agara	43	166A - 15G	KIADB - 3A- 20G	3A - 20G
Iblur	12	399A - 14G	Private - 20G	20 G

Belling Bellandur



Deccan Herald has kick-started a campaign to revive Bellandur lake by partnering with the local communities, students and other stakeholders involved. Today's *PointBlank* is the second part of this campaign

vey number-1 in Bellandur Amanikere Khane is spread across 274 acres 26 guntas.

Survey No 2 in Beluru in Bengaluru East Taluk covers an area of 40 acres and nine guntas.

An area of 399 acres and 14

guntas comes under Sy Number 12 of Iblur and 166 acres and 15 guntas is in Bengaluru South Taluk.

Following directions by the Karnataka House panel on tank protection and rejuvenation, a committee headed by

Ranebennur MLA, K B Koliwad, the revenue department surveyed all the tanks in the City including Bellandur tank. The survey sketch shows that the lake is spread in four villages of the City with an expanse of 880 acres and 24 guntas.

BDA awaits survey sketches

The Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA), which is presently the custodian of Bellandur lake, is yet to receive the survey sketches officially from the revenue department.

An officer in the lake division of the BDA said on condition of anonymity that six mis-

sives to the revenue department since 2012 to 2014 have fetched no results.

The officer said, "We have heard that the revenue department has completed the survey work but we have not received the survey sketches officially."

"While we got the survey sketches of the lake in Bengaluru East Taluk through some other sources, we have not yet got the sketches of the two survey numbers in two village of Bengaluru South Taluk."

The officer added that supplying the survey sketches alone will not do. The revenue department has to demarcate the boundary of the lake to fully take possession of the properties.

Another BDA officer said the Urban Development Department of Karnataka government has sent a proposal of Rs 900 crore for protecting the lake to the Urban Development Ministry. Unless the fund comes from there, the lake cannot be protected.

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Missing lake land

More than nine-and-a-half acres of lake land in Survey number-1 of Bellandur Amanikere Khane seems to have gone 'missing'. The Records of Rights, Tenancy and Crops (RTC) show that the extent of lake is 284 acres and two guntas while the latest survey sketches made by revenue officials show 274 acres and 26 guntas.

The surveyors have mentioned in their latest survey sketch that the 'Akarband' (old survey sketch with details) mentions the actual measurement of Sy No-1 as 284 acres and two guntas but when they went to measure it on the ground, they could find only 274 acres and 26 guntas. A revenue officer on condition of anonymity said that any anomaly in the Akarband is highly unlikely. "Either the surveyors goofed up somewhere or meddled with the original survey sketch."

