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CM should shelve the project

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Who is this steel bridge for? Where is the need assessment and analysis of the various alternatives?

For a city, which has witnessed 100% concretisation over the past few decades, and a 88% loss of green cover, it is the time now to decongest, to improve the air, water and environment of the region.

Bengaluru has only 14.8 lakh trees for a population of over 95 lakh, which means there is only one tree for every seven persons. Actually, just to remove the carbon released by human beings in the process of respiration, we require at eight trees to every individual. Further, removal of trees senselessly would affect the microclimate of the region i.e the temperature will shoot up, and the environment would lose its ability to sequester carbon (removal of CO₂), and other ecological services. I have not seen any major greening initiatives in Bangalore; all government agencies plant saplings only in their ledger. They neither plant nor maintain anything on the ground. Neither is the steel bridge eco-friendly, nor would it help solve the traffic needs of the city (KR Puram is a classic example). It appears that the bureaucracy is only interested in wasting public money with illogical projects.

As Bangaloreans, we have to pay the price for these unplanned interventions. Improving public transport would solve the problem better than all these ad-hoc measures. It would be wise on the part of the chief minister to shelve this project immediately and ask all bureaucrats to think sensibly and plan meaningfully.