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## Yettinahole project not a solution to water crisis: IISc. scientist

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T.V. Ramachandra, scientist, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, during a session at Alva's Nudisiri-2016, in Moodbidri on Sunday.— Photo: Special ArrangementSupplied

Saying that the Yettinahole river diversion project is not a feasible idea, T.V. Ramachandra, coordinator of Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, said on Sunday that rejuvenation of tanks in the parched South Karnataka districts using an integrated approach will be the only solution to mitigate the water crisis.

Speaking on the topic 'environment' at a session on the last day of Alva's Nudisiri in Moodbidri, he suggested decentralised water harvesting through tanks, ponds, lakes, restoration of water sources, increasing the green cover and recharging the groundwater table as solutions to mitigate water scarcity.

He said about 15 tmcft of water could be tapped from rain for supply to Bengaluru areas, and hence Netravati water will not be required.

Mr. Ramachandra repeatedly questioned the government's decision to spend Rs. 13,000 crore on the Yettinahole project, which would yield only 0.85 tmcft of water for diversion. Instead, the government could rejuvenate about 4,600