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Toxic foam came back with a vengeance to the surroundings of Bellandur lake during the recent rain in Bengaluru, forcing the National Green Tribunal to pull up State authorities.file photos

From bacteria to microbes, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has been presented with a number of solutions to a problem it doesn't seem to quite understand.

Recently, Raaginni Jaain from the Mumbai-based Geetanjali Envirotech poured over hundreds of litres of "soil-based" microbes into an outlet of Bellandur lake. She claimed that the "proprietary blend" of microbes had decreased the voluminous froth in a little more than two days of trials.

This, however, was not backed by the BDA, which shut down the experiment on

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Monday evening. According to officials, the frothing had reduced because of a combination of additional sprinklers being installed and a lower quantum of water gushing into the lake with the rain subsiding.

But Ms. Jaain is not buying this. "This is not true. It is entirely because our microbes are breaking down the sewage. If this is done for six months, it would clean up the lake," she said.