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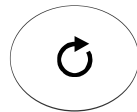
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New Environmental Rules to Have Adverse Impact on Bengaluru's Lakes

File photo of a polluted Bellandur lake in Bengaluru.

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- The new environmental rules could have serious effects on water bodies in Karnataka
- The number of lakes in the city have fallen from 216 to just 16

Bengaluru's ecology is facing a severe crisis as the number of lakes in the city have fallen from 216 to just 16. Known for its natural air conditioning and

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green cover and wetlands in recent years.

Many feel that the new set of environmental rules announced by the Karnataka government could have serious effects on Bengaluru's water bodies.

The earlier norm restricted any construction around wetlands along with the right to appeal in case of wrongful land use. But now the new rules take away all these privileges.

Environmentalists have already raised their voice against the new norms announced by the state government.

"Whenever there was some problem with the wetland, there was the possibility of appealing to the National Green Tribunal. Now the appeal power has been taken away. This is a serious issue," says environmentalist Shridhar.

Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, scientist Dr TV Ramachandra adds, "The temperature of the city clearly shows that there is something very bad that is happening in the city. The city is being ruled by the mafias. I see the water mafia, land mafia and the waste mafia have removed the water bodies in Bangalore which is the lifeline for the city."

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