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Bengaluru to be declared a dead city in 15 years?



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Quick Summary



- With unchecked growth, Bengaluru will not be suitable for living
- By 2020, Bengaluru will say goodbye to about 90% of the green cover

Going by the current 'growth' Bengaluru is likely to be declared a dead city by 2030.

With unchecked growth, increase in landscape and construction, vehicle population and reduction of vegetation and wetlands, Bengaluru will become uninhabitable by 2030.

Indian Institute of Science Professors TV Ramachandra from Ecology Department says, "With high increase in the population, traffic congestion going out of the gear, lakes disappearing and increase in air pollution, the City will choke to death in the next ten years."

"In fact, the city is already dying. In 1973, Bengaluru had 78 percent of green cover, out of which currently 79 percent of the green cover has vanished. By 2020, Bengaluru will say goodbye to about 90 percent of the green cover," he said.

In his study, 'Bangalore's Reality: Towards unlivable status with unplanned urban trajectory', he says, the only solution will be to decongest the city by stopping further unmindful growth.

"We have suggested diversion of development projects to other towns and districts. The City administration is advised to have mini forests, so that the water-level increases and pollution decreases," he said.

Echoing similar sentiments, noted environmentalist Yellappa Reddy said, apart from increasing the green cover and saving water bodies, the vehicular population needs to be checked.

"Old vehicles beyond 15 and 20 years should be banned. Currently, Bengaluru has 65 lakh vehicles and that is too much a city can bear with," he said.