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National seminar on September 2, 3

'Preservation of tanks, ground water is priority'

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A national level seminar on preservation and management of tanks and local water bodies will be organised in the city on September 2 and 3.



The programme will be organised at the Government First Grade College and PWD Minister C M Udasi will inaugurate, said College principal B V Krishnappa, speaking at a press conference on Saturday.

"Specialists as well as representatives from various states will present papers. Preservation of ground-water

and tanks will be the central topic of discussion," he said. The College, graded B by NAAC, is hosting such two-day programme the first time.

"The State Pollution Control Board and Tank Development Authority are sponsoring the seminar," he said. Ground water level in the district is fast sinking and tanks are drying up.

The seminar will therefore discuss preservation of and appropriate method of managing water bodies, the principal said.

Request to government

"The papers presented will be compiled as a book and submitted to the government. We shall also urge the government to take action to protect tanks and work for improvement of water level," added Krishnappa.

Legislator K P Bachegowda, Deputy Commissioner Dr N Manjula, Pollution Control Board member-secretary Puttabuddi, Bangalore University vice-chancellor A Ranganath, scientist from the Indian Institute of Science Dr T V Ramachandra and others will participate in the seminar, said Krishnappa.