

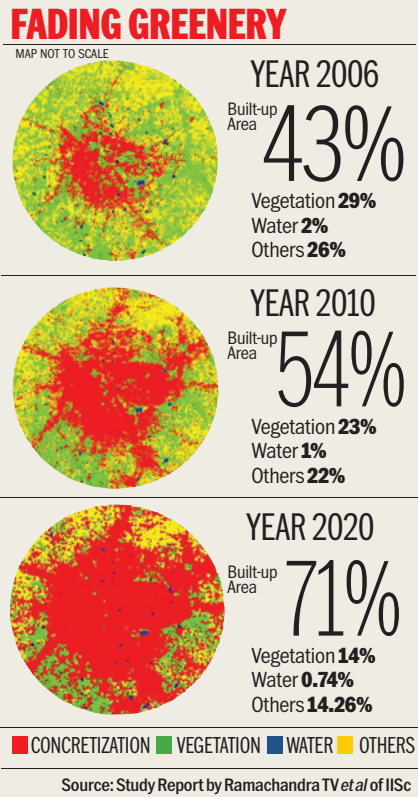
# Bangalore Mirror

TEMPERATURE MAX 28 | MIN 18 | HUMIDITY 89%



FORECAST Partly cloudy sky. Light rain may occur in some areas | SUNRISE 06:13 HRS | SUNSET 17:54 HRS

## By 2020, Bangalore will be a full-fledged concrete jungle



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**T**he city needs more than just a name change. With barely two days to go for the city to officially become Bengaluru, the appalling degeneration of what was once the green-filled envy of the rest of the country is getting to a point of no return.

Unbridled urbanisation has reduced its 68% thick vegetation to a mere 20% now, and 2.60% of water bodies to just 0.9%. And the spiral downwards will reduce it to nothing soon, according to a study by a triumvirate from the Indian Institute of Science.

'Ecological Insights to Mitigate Urban

Flood Risks' by Dr TV Ramachandra, Bharath H Aithal and Utam Kumar of Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), says that Bangalore, by 2020, will be starved of natural resources and be prone to frequent instances of flood in various parts.

According to the study, Bangalore's vegetation in six years will not only come down to a single digit but even the percentage of its water bodies will plummet to as low as 0.7 to 0.5 ushering in an ecological disaster.

The fast-growing city particularly along the outskirts will witness a steep fall in its vegetation from the existing 23.41% to

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