

# *Symposium on Water bodies of Central Western Ghats*

Date: 29 – 10 – 2014, 3.00pm

Venue: Rustum Choksi Hall, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

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## INVITATION

Dear all,

We cordially invite you for the Symposium on Water bodies of Western Ghats scheduled on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Rustum Choksi Hall [Near IISc Main Gate], Indian Institute of Science Bangalore.

**Subject:** A symposium on Conservation and management of water bodies in Western Ghats

**Background:** A meeting will be held as preparatory for the upcoming National Symposium “LAKE 2014” during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November (13 - 15) at Sirsi, Uttara Kannada, Karnataka. Central theme of the symposium is to assess the present situation of water bodies of Western Ghats and derive conservation and management recommendation. The details of LAKE 2014 will be announced in the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> October at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

### **Participating Dignitaries and Schedule**

The gathering will be held in the presence of his Holiness, popularly known as “Green Swamiji”, Shri Shri Gangadharendra Saraswati Swamiji, Shri Swarnavlli Samsthana, Sonda, Sirsi. Honorable MLA, Shri Sureshkumar will be present in occasion, who will be releasing the scientific report on *Trees of Bangalore*, prepared by Dr. T.V. Ramachandra EWRG, IISc, Bangalore. The Chairman of Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Shri R.K. Singh would be releasing the brochure of LAKE 2014 in the meeting. Dr. T.V. Ramachandra will give an overview of Wetlands and Lakes of Western Ghats who has carried out the study on ‘Carrying Capacity of Uttara Kannada’ district. The former chairman of *Western Ghats Task Force*, Govt. of Karnataka, Shri Ananth Hegde, Ashisar will give a glimpse on present status of Western Ghats. NGOs, Academic institutions and Researchers who are working for the betterment of environment and biodiversity would also be participating.

**Organisers:** Energy and Wetlands Research Group, Center for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, 560012, India, Shri Swarnavlli Seva Pratishthana and Vruksha Laksha Andolana, Karnataka

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With warm regards,

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Karnataka

Shri M. R. Hegde  
Former Chief Election Officer,  
Chairman, Swarnavlli Seva  
Pratishthana, Bangalore

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**Inauguration:** His Holiness, Shri Shri Gangadharendra Saraswati Swamiji

**President:** Shri R. K. Singh, Chairman, Karnataka Biodiversity Board, Bangalore

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- **Invocation**
- **Welcome:** Shri Harish K. Chairman, Vagdevi Vilas Institutions  
Release of LAKE 2014 brochure and *Trees of Bangalore* report - R.K. Singh  
Releasing the scientific reports: *Avenue Trees* , *Trees of Bangalore* – Suresh Kumar
- **Introductory Address:** Shri Ananth Hegde, Ashisar
- **Talk on “Importance of Wetlands and Rivers in Western Ghats:** Dr. T.V. Ramachandra
- **Chief Guest’s Address:**

Shri Suresh Kumar MLA,

Dr. M .D. Subhash Chandran

- **Vote of Thanks:** Chairman, Swarnavlli Seva Pratishthana, Bangalore

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