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WAKE UP CALL: The city woke up to the sight of hundreds of dead fish floating on Ulsoor lake. Lack of oxygen in the water caused the mass death of fish, according to T V Ramachandra, professor at the Centre for Ecological Studies at IISc. Oxygen levels in the lake water depleted after increased inflow of sewerage and steady rise in air temperature, he said. Halsoor ward corporator Mamatha Saravana, however, blamed heavy breeding of fish by small contractors and held the fisheries department responsible for indiscriminately issuing fish rearing permits and compromising the health of the lake. On the tourism department's move to build a floating restaurant on the lake, Ramachandra said a floating restaurant on the stagnant water body may only end up killing whatever remains of the lake.

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