BU WING TO REJUVENATE MORE WATER BODIES

Clean-up for 29 city lakes

DC CORRESPONDENT

BENGALURU

Oct. 4: Even as the Bangalore Development Authority is on the verge of completing rejuvenation work on 10 lakes in the city, it plans to take up development work on 29 additional lakes. This was revealed by RITA commissioner Bharat Lal Meena at the inauguration of the two-day international conference on “Water, Plumbing, Sanitation and Health: Issues and Challenges—A Transdisciplinary approach—2010”, organised by the departments of civil engineering and zoology here on Monday.

“We will be planting trees across the tank bund area,” Mr Meena said. The restoration and overall development of the 11 lakes that were entrusted to the department of civil engineering, IIT, will be taken up at a cost of Rs 104 crore. Almost 95 per cent of the rejuvenation work on the lakes is complete, said H. N. Ramesh, chairman, department of civil engineering.

As part of the project, Ulloor lake, Malathalli lake, Kamnaghatta lake, Kothanur lake, Konnondra lake, Thalagapura lake, Jakkur lake, Rachabahalli lake and Venakapura lake are being given a face-lift.

“We have done the refurbishment of the tank bund, strengthened it and increased the depth by 20 per cent. We have also created a separate small kalyani (tank) with a dimension of 15.7 m x 13.5 m with three metres depth near the lake for the immersion of Ganesha idols during the festival. And we have made provisions for boating at the lake. We have already planted 1,000 saplings around the lake.” A. S. Ravikumar, who is in charge of the project, said.

He said: “We have recommended for a sewage treatment plant at the entry point of the lake and the proposal is being considered. The construction of a sewage plant has already been taken up at Malathalli lake.”

Bangalore University vice-chancellor, N. Prabhudev, and others participated at the conference.
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water adalat

The BWSSB Central-3 Subdivision will hold a water adalat from 9.30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday to hear the grievances of consumers coming under the jurisdiction of Banappa Bldg., 1, 2nd Bldg., and V.V. Param. service station limits at the office of the Assistant Executive Engineer, Central-3 Subdivision at V.V. Param. For details call 22044593.

Refresher course

A refresher course in life sciences organized for college and university lecturers on "Frontiers in biological sciences" was inaugurated on Monday. The three-week course, which is being held at the UGC Academic Staff College, was inaugurated by the former vice-chancellor of University of Agricultural Sciences K.V. Devargi. He called upon teachers to update their knowledge in life sciences for effective teaching in their profession by participating in refresher courses. Bangalore University Registrar M.G. Nishith spoke, according to a press release.

Climate agenda

Bangalore International Centre is organizing a talk on "After Copenhagen. a people-friendly climate agenda for India and the world" by Pratibha Boith, columnist and environmentalist on February 30 at 6.30 p.m. at CII, former Senior Advisor (Energy - New and Renewable), United Nations, will moderate the programme which will be held at BIC Auditorium, TBI Complex, 4th Main, 2nd Cross, Purnima 2nd Stage.
June 31: Sixty five percent of borewells in the city have gone dry, said Bangalore University vice chancellor, Dr N Prabhu Dev.

Speaking at the valedictory function of an international conference on environmental pollution, water conservation and health, here on Saturday, he said: "In the fifties, we could get water after digging 20-30 feet deep. Now, there is no water till 800 feet. The water is contaminated with fluoride, the cause of fluorosis."

He announced that the varsity has plans to plant one lakh saplings this year. "We have already planted 35,000-40,000 saplings which helped the ground water level rise by five to six inches. Once we plant one lakh saplings, we expect the water level to rise by 12-13 feet," he said.

The university has sought 200 acres of land in a green belt for setting up the departments of biotechnology and nanotechnology and a knowledge society.

BU MEET ENDS WITH A PROMISE

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Express News Service
Bangalore, July 21

MINISTER for Higher Education, Arvind Limbavali, said suggestions coming from Bangalore University's international conference on environment would be presented to the state and central government.

He was speaking at the end of the three-day conference - International Conference on Environmental Pollution, Water Conservation and Health - 2010 - that concluded on Saturday.

Department of Zoology had organised the conference. The conference covered subjects such as global environmental change, ecosystems, human diseases and vaccines. Organisers have proposed to give awards within a week to scientists for best research presentations.

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BU VC proposes Knowledge Society

BANGALORE: A Knowledge Society, on the lines of the national level Knowledge Commission, may come in the State if the Bangalore University Vice Chancellor Dr N Prahlad Dev has his way.

Besides this, the Vice Chancellor wanted the state to earmark some land for three other areas of specialty too.

"I request the government to provide around 500 acres of land in the periphery of the City or in the State, to set up four institutes of excellence in the areas of life sciences, biotechnology, nanotechnology and Knowledge Society," he said, during the valedictory function of the international conference on Environmental Pollution, Water Conservation and Health at Central College on Saturday.

The three-day conference was organised to mark the centenary of the Department of Zoology.

He said the Knowledge Society would not only house a heritage museum, which would give insight into all the departments at the University but also look at sustainable improvement, autonomy and finances. "The Society will advice the Vice-Chancellor on these matters and through him to the state government," he said.

Prahlad Dev said the University has decided not to become a concrete jungle and hence, would go for vertical expansion rather than erecting new buildings.

DH News Service

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'Scientists must sensitise public on environment protection'

Limavalli seeks vision document on the subject

Staff Reporter

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He was speaking after inaugurating an International Conference on Environmental Pollution, Water Conservation and Health, organised on the occasion of the centenary celebration of the Department of Zoology, Bangalore University, here.

He said the outcome of the seminar would be helpful to his department which is planning to revise the syllabus of environmental studies in the finals.

Mr. Limavalli said scientists should take a proactive step in sensitising the general public about the need for protecting and preserving the environment.

Conservation of water is another area in which scientists need to do a lot of work, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, the former Vice-Chancellor of University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, K.V. Desai, dwelt upon various water-related issues and emphasised the importance of making clean drinking water available to all.

Providing over the inaugural session, Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor M. Prabhu Das spoke out on the importance of the availability of water and said if, at all, the third world war happens, it would be over water.

He cautioned the public about the danger of random exploitation of available water.

On the occasion, Mr. Limavalli released the Special Cover commemorating the centenary celebrations of the Zoology Department as well as the book of abstracts containing the brief presentations of the conference.

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However, students of BU were skeptical about the conference's utility.

"When students write research papers, they are always appreciated by saying 'good work.' But in reality, they do not value us. Our research papers are not put to practical use," said Praveen who is pursuing PhD in Zoology in BU.

Vishwanath who took part in the conference, said it was a fruitful event.
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Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Minister for Higher Education Anil Kumar Limbavali on Thursday urged the scientific community to come out with a vision document with regard to environmental protection, with the aim of sensitising the scientific community to the issue.

He was speaking after inaugurating an International Conference on Environmental Pollution, Water Conservation and Health, organised in the occasion of the centenary celebrations of the Department of Zoology, Bangalore University, here. He said that the science community would be helpful to the government by proposing plans to develop the infrastructure in the field.

Mr. Limbavali said scientists should take a proactive role in ascertaining the general public about the need for protecting and preserving the environment. Conservation of water is another area in which a robust focus is needed, he said.

Later, Mr. Limbavali presented a special cover commemorating the centenary celebrations of the Zoology Department as well as the 65th birthday of Dr. R.K. Prasad, a former head of the Department.

Mr. Limbavali interacted with the scientists and felicitated Dr. Prasad and other veteran scientists for their contributions to science and society.
You've got extra time to harvest rain

Low-Lying Areas Likely To Be Exempted

 TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: Bangaloreans have another nine months to install a rainwater harvesting system, as the government has announced that the deadline for installation will be extended by nine months from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020.

The government has decided to extend the deadline for the installation of rainwater harvesting systems in low-lying areas in the city, which are prone to flooding, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and economic challenges.

The extension will benefit residents who have been facing difficulties in installing rainwater harvesting systems due to various reasons such as financial constraints, lack of time, and other administrative hurdles.

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Bangalore: With the government announcing plans to increase the number of borewells in the city to meet the water demand, the city's water crisis is unlikely to be solved anytime soon, according to BSWM chairman P F Vaidyanath Prabhu.

Vaidyanath Prabhu said on Saturday that the city's water crisis is a result of prolonged drought, and the government's efforts to increase the number of borewells will not solve the problem.

He said that the government needs to focus on improving the existing water infrastructure, including water conservation and recycling measures, to meet the city's water demand.

Vaidyanath Prabhu also said that the government should explore alternative sources of water, such as desalination and recycling, to meet the city's water needs.

He added that the government should also consider the environmental impact of increasing the number of borewells, as it could lead to over-extraction of groundwater.

Vaidyanath Prabhu called for a comprehensive plan to address the city's water crisis, which should include measures to conserve water, recycle wastewater, and explore alternative sources of water.

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Drop 400 borewells plan, VC urges Mayor

Zoology Department participates in preservation of lakes

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor N. Prabhudev on Tuesday appealed to Mayor S. K. Natraj not to go ahead with his plan of drilling 400 borewells in the city.

The plea comes when the university is organising a three-day international conference, Environment Pollution, Water Conservation and Health, in the city from July 29 to celebrate the centenary year of its Department of Zoology.

Briefing presspersons, Dr. Prabhudev said the city's groundwater table has plummeted alarmingly. "Even the Central Ground Water Board has advised against more borewells in the city," he added.

Dr. Prabhudev pointed out the groundwater table around the Jnanabharathi campus increased by six feet after the university's green drive. "Already 40,000 saplings have been planted on the campus. We expect the water table to rise by 11 feet when we achieve the target of one lakh trees."

M. Ramachandra Mohan, Chairman, Zoology Department, said the department was working closely with the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and the Bangalore Development Authority to preserve lakes in the city by suggesting measures to prevent water contamination.

Over 1,000 delegates will participate in the conference to be held on the Central College campus. The Department will publish a policy and vision document on issues concerning environment, biodiversity and health at the end of the conference. A special postal cover will also be released.

New courses
The Department of Zoology, Bangalore University, is starting three postgraduate diploma courses to commemorate its centenary.

Department chairman M. Ramachandra Mohan said the diplomas - in water conservation and management, aquaculture; and eco technology - will be offered from the academic year 2011-12.
July 27: Researchers at Bangalore University have a solution to tide over the water crisis in the city: Restore dying lakes, stop digging borewells. Lecturers of the department of Zoology at BU say restoring at least 10 lakes will get the city, where only 50 per cent of the water needs are met, an additional 100 million litres of water per day (mld).

The department, which has recommended to the government to incorporate remote sensing probes to monitor quality of water in lakes, emphasised on the need to restore lakes in an ecological manner. According to the head of the department, Prof. Ramachandra Mohan, this can be a lasting solution for Bangalore’s water shortage.

Speaking at a press conference to announce BU’s three-day international conference this week on environment and water to be held from July 29-31 in the city, vice-chancellor N. Prabhu Dev said the objective was to exchange ideas and research work to enable sustainable environment. “As part of the centenary celebrations of the Department of Zoology, we are essentially focusing on water. We will appeal to the mayor that indiscriminate digging of borewells is not the best solution and will make the city drier than it is,” he added.

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BU plans job cell for Science students

Rashmi Belur

Students doing postgraduate courses in Science at Bangalore University will not have to worry much about jobs after graduation from this academic year. The varsity has decided to tie up with the Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) to set up a placement cell for such students at its Jnanabharathi campus.

"We have had a positive and favourable response to our proposal and the placement cell for Science postgraduates will help both students and companies," FKCCI president K Tripura Murthy told DNA.

The placement cell will come into existence this academic year itself. FKCCI and the university will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with them in this regard," he said.

"It is important that the syllabus meets industry requirements. The placement cell will ensure that the Bangalore University syllabus caters to companies' needs," Murthy said.

Science students will be the immediate beneficiaries of the cell, but all the 60 departments of the varsity will also start benefiting from it soon. "We will begin the project with the Science department and later extend it to all disciplines," Murthy said. FKCCI has about 1,000 members from the industry, either directly or indirectly.

"We will soon sign an MoU to set up the placement cell," Prabhudev said. "This will encourage students to opt for basic science courses and help post-graduates in Science find jobs easily," he said.

BU keen on going global

Bangalore University is now to be part of the Global Research Village (GRV) concept initiated by the Irvine University in Los Angeles, USA. Four global universities — Irvine, Berkeley, Stanford and a state university from Hong Kong — are members of GRV.

BU vice-chancellor N Prabhudev recently visited Los Angeles for discussions on GRV. He has invited the vice-chancellor of the American varsity to visit the BU campus.

"We may not have adequate facilities for that at present. We will examine the facilities when he is here in October," he said.
BU starts new courses

BU is launching three new BSc. and Diploma programs in Water Conservation and Management, Agriculture and Bio-Technology. The duration of each course is one year and 25 students will be accepted in each stream.

Placement cell

BU is planning to set up a placement cell to help students find jobs. Prabhudev said they were discussing it with the Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) and would announce a timeline regarding the placement cell.

BU international conference

Bangalore University (BU), inaugurating a three-day international conference on July 20 to mark the centenary celebrations of the university, received more than 600 delegates from 12 states in India. The conference will witness participation from distinguished alumni and doctors, including the late Padma Shri Award recipient Dr. K. Marimuthu, who will participate in the conference.

BU VC requests mayor not to dig borewells

Bangalore University VC Prabhudev Prasad has requested the mayor of Bengaluru to withdraw the BBMP's decision to dig 400 borewells in the city. On Thursday, he said it would write an open letter to the mayor on this issue. "The Water Board has already given a nod to this," he said. "We do not want to dig more borewells, which will further damage the aquifer."

BU Conference

The focus of the three-day international conference on Environmental pollution, water conservation, and health, organized by the Department of Zoology at BASCON University on Thursday.

BU placement cell

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INTL. CONFERENCE BY BU\'S ZOOLOGY DEPT.
The zoology department of Banasthali University (BU) will organise an international conference on "Environmental, Water and Health Conservation" from July 20 to July 21, as part of its centenary celebrations. About 30 foreign delegates from the USA, UK, Japan, Australia and Germany would participate in the conference. The event is being publicised through the website: wwwPATCH2010.blueprint.c om. The last date for registration is June 30.
International meet on green issues

Special Correspondent

BANGALORE: The Department of Zoology, Bangalore University, will celebrate its centenary year by holding an international conference on Environmental Pollution, Water Conservation and Health from July 29 to 31.

Discussing this to presspersons after launching a website of the international conference on Saturday, Vice-Chancellor N. Prabhudev said environmental pollution is one of the most challenging problems facing the international community. The conference will feature several plenary sessions and lectures by eminent personalities in the field of biological sciences.
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[Kannada Prachha 6 Feb 2010 Saturday]
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