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For seven months, apartments in Chinnappannahalli have been releasing untreated sewage water into the SWD without the supervision of KSPCB or BWSSB or Lake authorities with continuous pollution of the lakes with sewage, oil, and other materials into the lake, posing danger to aquatic life

Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) demands immediate action

Speaking about the blame game by the public departments, Indira Belde, Core Working Group Member, BNP, said, "Chinnapanhalli and Munnekolala lakes are smelling and suffering. During the demolition drive of Rajakaluve encroachment, the SWD team damaged a canal near Ragam MegaStore junction (opposite Rohan Mihra) which has exposed the apartments, independent houses, and slums of AECS Layout ward that are letting or discharging their untreated sewage into SWD, resulting in continuous pollution of Chinnapannahalli and Munnekolala lakes. This damage by SWD in the name of Rajakaluve encroachment was not rectified either by BBMP, BWSSB/SWD, or BBMP Lakes, which have been overflowing for months on the road now. BBMP officials aware of the situation have been quiet for a long time. The complaints made regarding the same have received no response.

Resident Ameya P. Usgaonkar said, "The SWDs are overflowing in the area. There has been no action taken so far, although the concerned departments and officials are aware of the situation. We, the residents, are crying out for attention to solve the issue."

Residents also fear that the release of sewage water into the SWD could further pollute both Lakes.

Speaking about the issue, The Habitat Splendor Owners Committee said, "Why is the assistant engineer of the BWSSB trying to do a temporary fix by plugging chambers with sandbags when we are 100% compliant with all the parameters of the KSPCB? Why is BWSSB listening to local leaders instead of initiating discussions with other parastatal departments like BBMP and the BBMP Lake Department? Why is the BWSSB asking us to contact the lake authorities rather than resolving the problem? Why hasn't the BWSSB issued a notice before blocking the chamber, but instead blocked it through the back door on the orders of local leaders?"

About Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP): BNP is India's first and only city party with an exclusive focus on Bengaluru and BBMP. BNP is made up of a diverse set of individuals, such as committed civic activists, professionals from various fields, entrepreneurs, home-makers, and students, all united by their common love for Bengaluru and their desire to help rebuild the city and revive its former glory. BNP is a party of, by, and for the citizens of Bengaluru and aims to bring good grassroots governance through Citizen Participation, Accountability, and Transparency. BNP's goal is to give shape to Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's vision of making Bengaluru a model city.

Image 1: overflowing SWD opposite Rohan Mihira

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2: Plugging with sandbags by the BWSSB team as per the orders of local leaders



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