

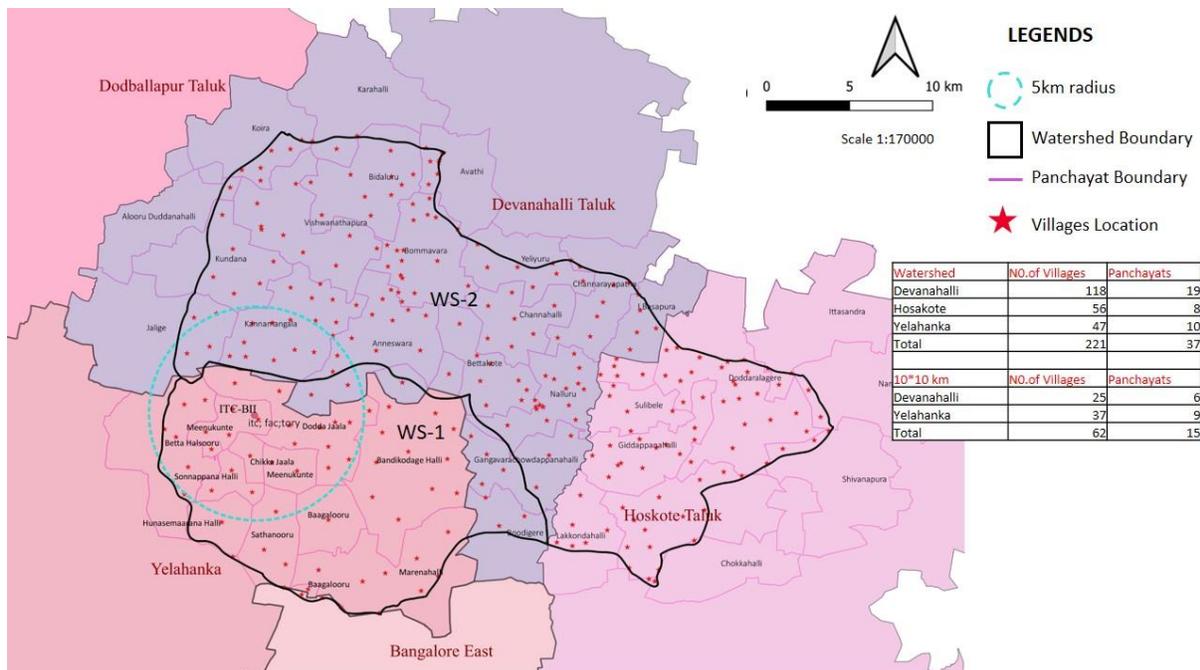
Exhibition on water, waste and biodiversity management

A Community Participatory Event

Background

The **Project area** under consideration is about 433 SQKM comprising 2 watersheds with 9 Gram panchayats in Yelahanka and part of Bangalore rural district around the ITC factory area near Chikkajala, Bangalore North as indicated in the map below. There is rapid land use change in the area due to **increased urbanization**. This area is demarcated as an **over exploited** zone by CGWB in terms of groundwater usage but at the same time there is **flooding** affecting the low lying areas with the lakes getting filled and overflowing with recent good rains. Treated wastewater is being pumped to the lakes of Bangalore North and Bangalore Rural Districts from the **HN (Hebbal Nagavara) Valley project** increasing the groundwater table but posing a question on water quality. The **JJM (Jal Jeevan Mission)** program is also being implemented, which aims at providing 55 litres of water per person and a functional tap connection to every house.

In this context, ITC Limited, Biome Environmental Trust and MYRADA are working with different stakeholders in the North Bengaluru region (as indicated in the map below) towards a sustainable water paradigm.



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Event

In the context of the current project, Understanding and Promoting Urban Water Management Practices, various initiatives like Watermen training, stakeholder workshops, open wells revival, rooftop rainwater harvesting etc have been implemented. These events mentioned above were focused on selected audiences. In this background, BIOME Trust is planning to organize an event that is more **participatory, engaging and fun learning** for participants from **various age groups** and backgrounds. In this event, participants will engage in each activity more joyfully and hands-on engagement and take home effective learning on sustainability. The focus areas will be **water, waste and biodiversity management**.

The event would be similar to community participatory events like [Oota from your Thota \(OFYT\)](#) or [Kere Habba conducted](#) in an open space and collaboration with various stakeholders like NGOs, schools, public institutions, panchayats, and CSRs.

Organising partners for this event would be BIOME, Myrada, JJM and other government organisations. Institutions and individuals who have demonstrated sustainable water management practices with passion will also be acknowledged and recognised for the same.

Event Details:

Type: Community Engagement, Zero Waste Event

Location: Sonnappanahalli Government Higher Primary School

Duration: 10 am- 4 pm

Date: Friday 24th February 2023

Invitees: Panchayats and educational institutions from Yelahanka and Devanahalli Taluk, NGOs working on sustainability, CSR's, RWA's, public institutions (JJM/Taluk panchayat/KSNDMC) and general public

Felicitation: The stakeholders who have implemented best water management practices will be recognised and felicitated during the event.