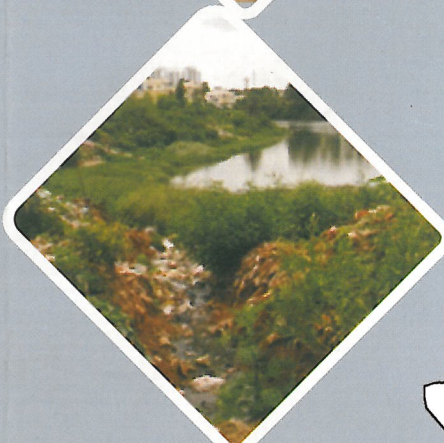
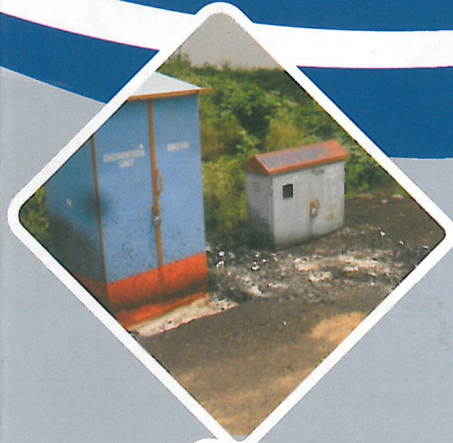
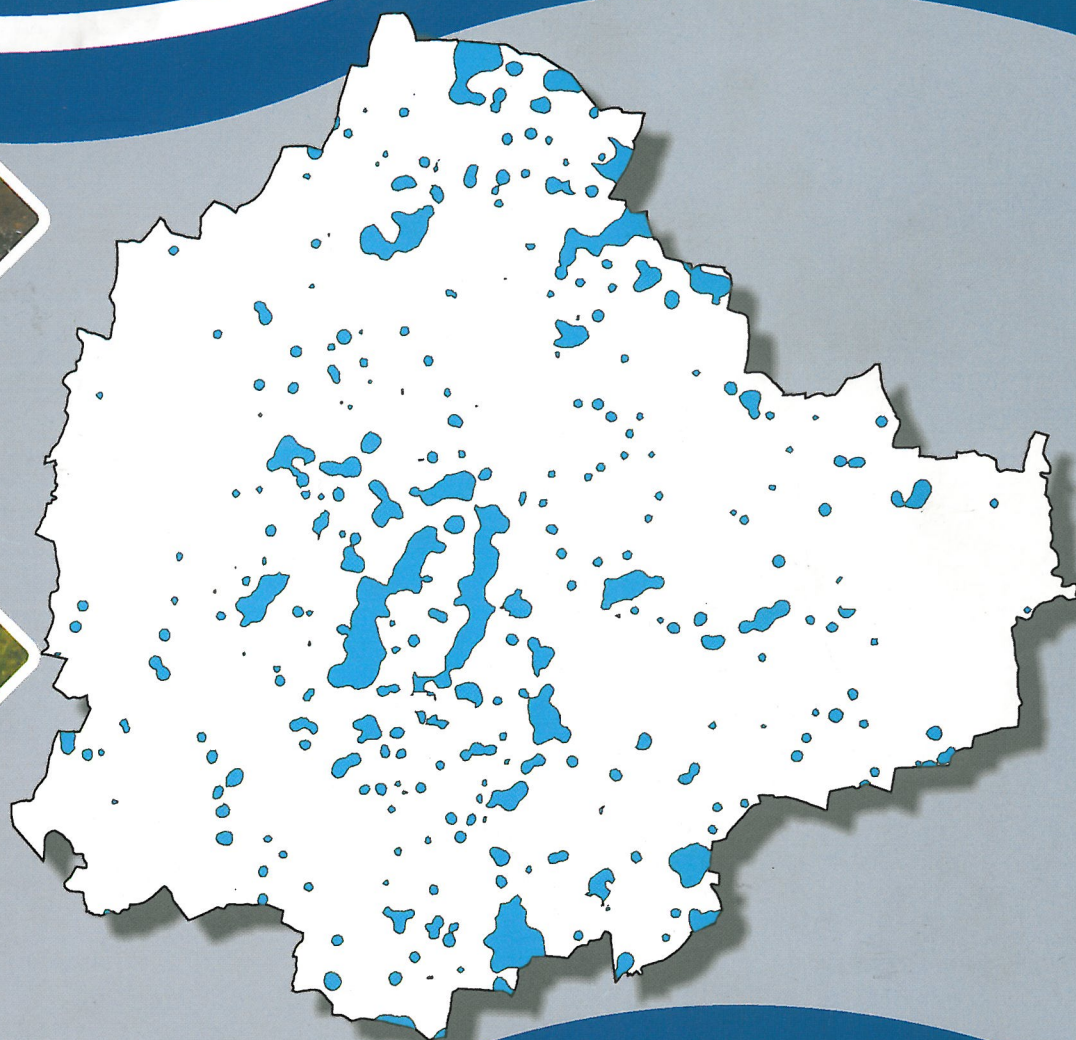




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## Foreword

Happy to note that the Department of Mines and Geology is implementing the groundwater component programmes of the World Bank Aided Hydrology Project Phase-II and has been a faculty in carrying out an intensive study on "Urban Groundwater Hydrology and Groundwater Quality in and around Bangalore City."

The study involved monitoring of the fluctuation of groundwater table from 12 piezometers in addition to those already existing and carry out intensive groundwater quality study from the voluminous water samples that were collected. The samples collected were subjected to chemical, biological and heavy metal analysis. The results obtained have thrown light on the suitability of groundwaters of the city aquifers for drinking purposes.

The study has revealed that ever increasing demand on water supply has resulted in a depletion of groundwater table at an alarming rate, particularly in blocks where population is dependent mainly on groundwater. Among 2209 groundwater samples analysed for various chemical parameters, nitrate in 638 samples (29%), iron in 214 samples (10%), total hardness in 185 samples (8.5%) and fluoride in 14 samples (0.6%) are found in excess of the desirable/permissible limits rendering groundwater from such locations unfit for drinking. The presence of E-coli / Total coliform bacteria and certain heavy metals are reported in certain water samples throwing light on them being unsuitable for domestic consumption

It is hoped that the details presented in this volume shall be of use to the common man and more so to the administrators to effectively implement better planning and management and to take measures to revive the rapidly depleting groundwater resources of the city.

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## Preface

The Groundwater Survey and Investigation wing of the Department of Mines and Geology has been monitoring the groundwater quality in the State since early seventies through a net work of more than 1700 monitoring stations spread over different parts of the state. Studies on groundwater quality were oriented particularly in the rural and urban blocks. The Department there on had brought out special publications related to the quality of groundwater of Bangalore Metropolis and of Karnataka State.

Over exploitation of groundwater has resulted in fast depletion of groundwater table and deterioration in quality within and around the city limits. The Department under the "World Bank Aided Hydrology Project Phase-II-a Purpose Driven Study (PDS)" carried out further intensive study to evaluate the present status of groundwater quality in and around Bangalore city. More than 3000 groundwater samples from various sources besides a few surface water samples were collected and analysed in the Chemical Laboratory at Directorate office for different chemical, biological and heavy metal parameters.

The present study refers mainly to the urban groundwater hydrology, quality and possible factors that are causative of groundwater pollution in Bangalore city and its neighbouring area. By referring to the standard specifications, the suitability of groundwater in Bangalore City for drinking purposes is discussed.

I strongly believe that the results of the present work brought out in the current volume, shall be a material of reference and applicability to a common man and the government agencies while to plan, programme, implement and manage the groundwater based projects in the Bangalore and its agglomerate parts. Groundwater has now been a precious natural resource which deserves a call for its judicious usage.

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The present study entitled “Groundwater Hydrology and Groundwater quality in and around Bangalore City” is a Purpose Driven Study, under World Bank Aided Hydrology Project Phase-II. The study is of three years duration from July 2008. Geohydrological investigations were carried out besides groundwater quality studies in and around Bangalore city. To have closer net work of monitoring stations 12 additional bore wells with in the city limits have been drilled as part of the present study.

Collection of more than 3000 water samples in a systematic manner was an uphill task and that was made easier by the then Director of the Department Sri M.E. Shivalinga Murthy, I.A.S. who has extended all the required support to carry out the present study. We remain thankful to him for his encouragements at different stages of the study. We are grateful to our present Director Sri H.R. Srinivasa, I.A.S. for his continued support and keen interest to bring out this volume. Our thanks are due to Sri. P.N. Sreenivasachary, I.A.S. Secretary to Government, Water Resource Department (MI), for useful discussions and suggestions during investigation and finalization of this report.

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## Abbreviations

BBMP	Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike
BDA	Bangalore Development Authority
BWSSB	Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board
CGWB	Central Ground Water Board
CMC	City Municipal Council
DMG	Department of Mines & Geology
DO	Dissolved Oxygen
EC	E-Coli
GPS	Global Positioning System
GW	Groundwater
GWS	Grandwater Survey
ham	Hectare Metre
HIS	Hydrological Information System
HP	Hydrology Project
IS	Indian Standards
MI	Minor Irrigation
MLD	Million Litre per Day
MoWR	Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi
MPN	Most Probable Number
PCS	Project Co-ordinate Secretariat
PDS	Purpose Driven Study
pH	Hydrogen Ion Concentration
PM	Plan Monitoring
R & D	Research and Development
SC	Specific Conductance
TC	Total Coli
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TMC	Town Municipal Council
UVS	Ultra Violet Spectrometer
WHO	World Health Organisation
WRD	Water Resource Department
ZP	Zilla Panchayat

## Abstract

The previous studies carried out by the Department of Mines and Geology during 1994, 1995 and 2003 on the groundwater quality of Bangalore Metropolis had established that the groundwater pollution in the city is mainly due to sewage disposal and recommended to prevent pollution from sewage and industrial wastes.

The population and the areal extent of the city have increased at an alarming rate in recent years. The basic requirements like water and power supply could not be enhanced in pace with the ever growing demand. Water – one of the natural resources has remained a deficit resource in Bangalore since long. The supply of required quantity of safe quality drinking water to the population has now been a big challenge to the concerned authorities. To address these issues, the groundwater wing of the Department has taken up fresh study on “urban groundwater hydrology and groundwater quality in and around Bangalore City” under the World Bank aided Hydrology Project, Phase II, Purpose Driven Studies.

As part of the present groundwater quality studies, over 3000 groundwater samples were collected over an area of 800 sq. km. in and around Bangalore City. The study area was divided into four quadrants and each such quadrant was further made into one sq. km. grid. Two or three samples were collected from each such grid and got analyzed in the chemical laboratory at Directorate of Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

The study has revealed:

- Fast demographic growth of the city over a last few years, ever increasing demand for water and deficiency in the public water supply system developed a heavy strain on the groundwater aquifers of the city.
- Over draft of groundwater has resulted in steep decline in groundwater level, drying up of unconfined aquifers and mining of groundwater situation at many parts of the city.
- Total dissolved solids (TDS) and fluoride content in groundwater on higher side from deeper bore wells are the signals of deterioration of the quality of groundwater.
- Among 2209 groundwater samples analyzed, the nitrate content in excess of the desirable/permmissible limit is found in 638 samples (29%), iron in 214 samples (10%), total hardness in 185 samples (8.5%), and fluoride in 14 samples (0.6%).



- Whereas the presence of heavy metals in groundwater is attributable to the infiltration of effluents from the industrial waste disposals, higher content of NO<sub>3</sub>, low and high values of pH and the presence of e-coli and total coliform bacteria are mainly due to discharge of untreated sewage waste into the natural drainage system.
- The causative factor for groundwater pollution is more anthropogenic than being geologic.
- Groundwater, once polluted/contaminated is difficult to bring back to the required drinking water standards. The cost of treatment of contaminated water to make it potable shall be enormous.
- The best option is to avoid disposal of solid, liquid domestic and industrial waste within the city premises.
- As per *IS 2003 drinking water specification*, 31% of the city groundwater is non potable as against 50% found in the previous study conducted in 2003. This is attributed to the remedial measures implemented to prevent groundwater pollution.
- Top priority be given for the conservation of rainwater through appropriate rain water harvesting measures.
- Creation of greater awareness among the public towards economical, social and health implications of pollution of water resources.
- Judicious use of available potable water resources is the need of the hour.

**PART – I**

**Urban Groundwater Hydrology  
– Bangalore City**

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## Introduction

Groundwater Hydrological Information System (HIS) in Hydrology Project, Phase-I was successfully implemented by the Department of Mines and Geology between 1996-1997 and 2002-2003. Hydrology Project, Phase-II is now conceived to promote effective application of HIS for water resources planning and management.

The Vertical Extension Components are provided with more than 33% of the project budget to demonstrate the hydrological data applications for future replication through selective upgradation of spatial data input and output and data visualization. Purpose Driven Study (PDS) was one of the proposals of the project to

- identify the issue concerning water management in the agency's area of competence and operation.
- specific issue of water management of public concern

Bangalore, one of the fast growing cities in India, branded as 'Silicon Valley of India' is plagued with water problems.

Demographic growth of the city took a quantum leap over a last few years. Consequently, the growth of groundwater exploitation has been phenomenal, largely through lakhs of private borewells. The World Bank assisted Hydrology Project Phase-II PDS provided the required platform to the Department to carryout the study on "Urban Groundwater Hydrology and Groundwater Quality in and around Bangalore City".

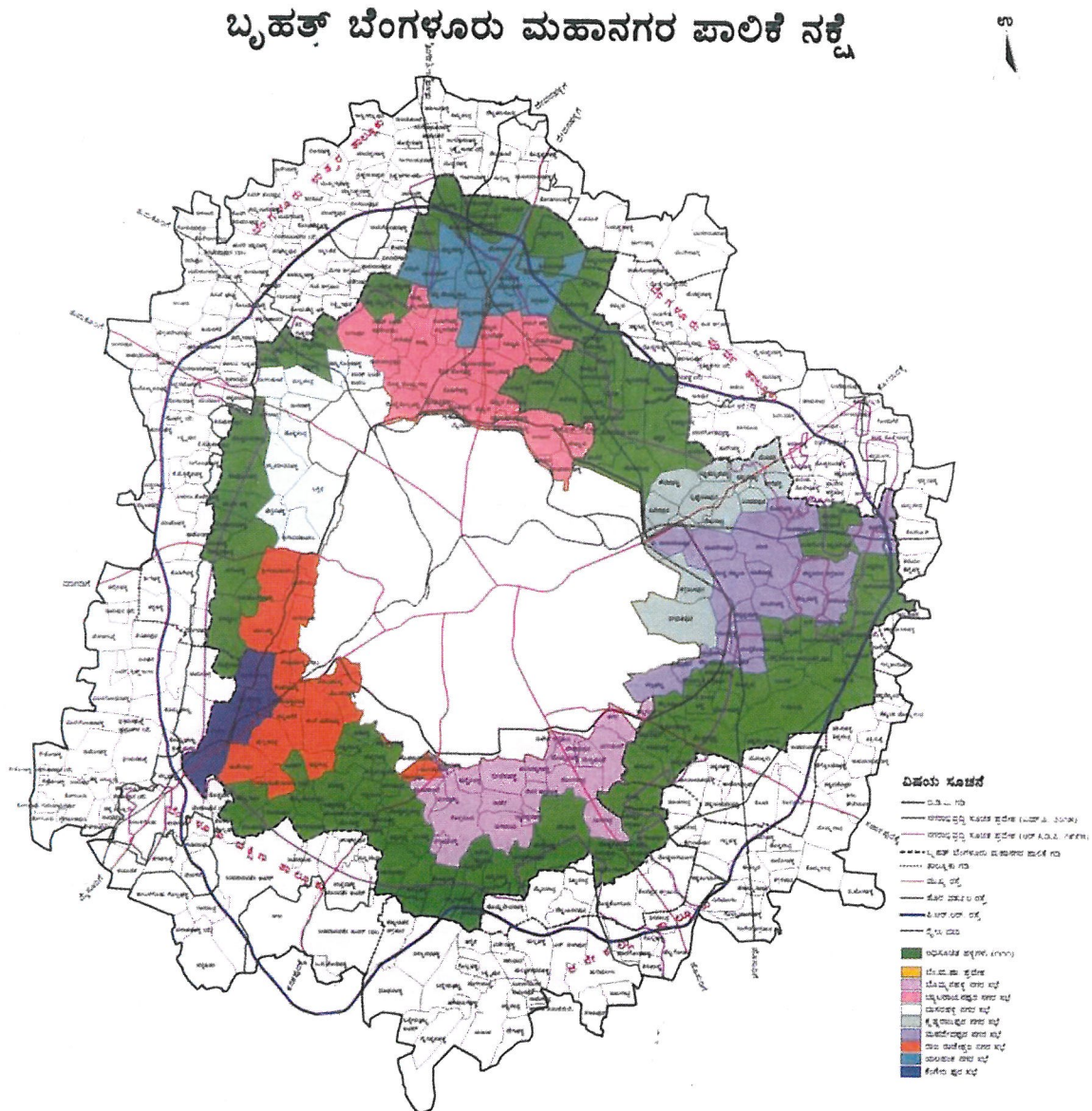
Approval for the Purpose Driven Study proposal was conveyed by the Central Ground Water Board and Project Co-ordinate Secretariat (PCS), Ministry of Water Resources, MoWR, New Delhi on 25th July 2008.

A large number of lakes/tanks which provided water for irrigation, drinking, fishing and washing during non-monsoon period in the past, either dwindled in number or became cess pool for sewage water. With the city's unprecedented growth, open spaces vanished over the years. The space for infiltration of groundwater reduced drastically. Many of the wells including those wells set up by the Department to monitor groundwater level fluctuation dried up. The Department was left with only a few inadequate piezometers in Bangalore city area and its surroundings. Inadequacy of piezometers within the city surroundings posed problems in assessing true picture of groundwater levels.

The Purpose Driven Study (PDS) provided the right platform to fill the monitoring network gap. After consultations with the CGWB, it was decided to construct 12 piezometers in different parts of the city. Permission was there on obtained from the concerned authorities to construct the piezometers in public secured places like BBMP office premises, Schools, BDA etc.,

## Focus on Scientific Investigation

The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) lies between North latitude 12°49'34" to 13°18'9" and East longitude 77°27'41" to 77°47'5" over an area of 710 sq.km and with a total perimeter of 151.9 km. This area is covered in part of Survey of India topo maps No.57 H/9, H/5, H/13, H/16, G/12, G/8 on 1:50,000 scale. The BBMP in its website has displayed the map which included newly added municipal councils, panchayats and villages and 198 wards (Fig. 1).



**Figure 1 : Map of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike (BBMP)**

(Source : BBMP web site)

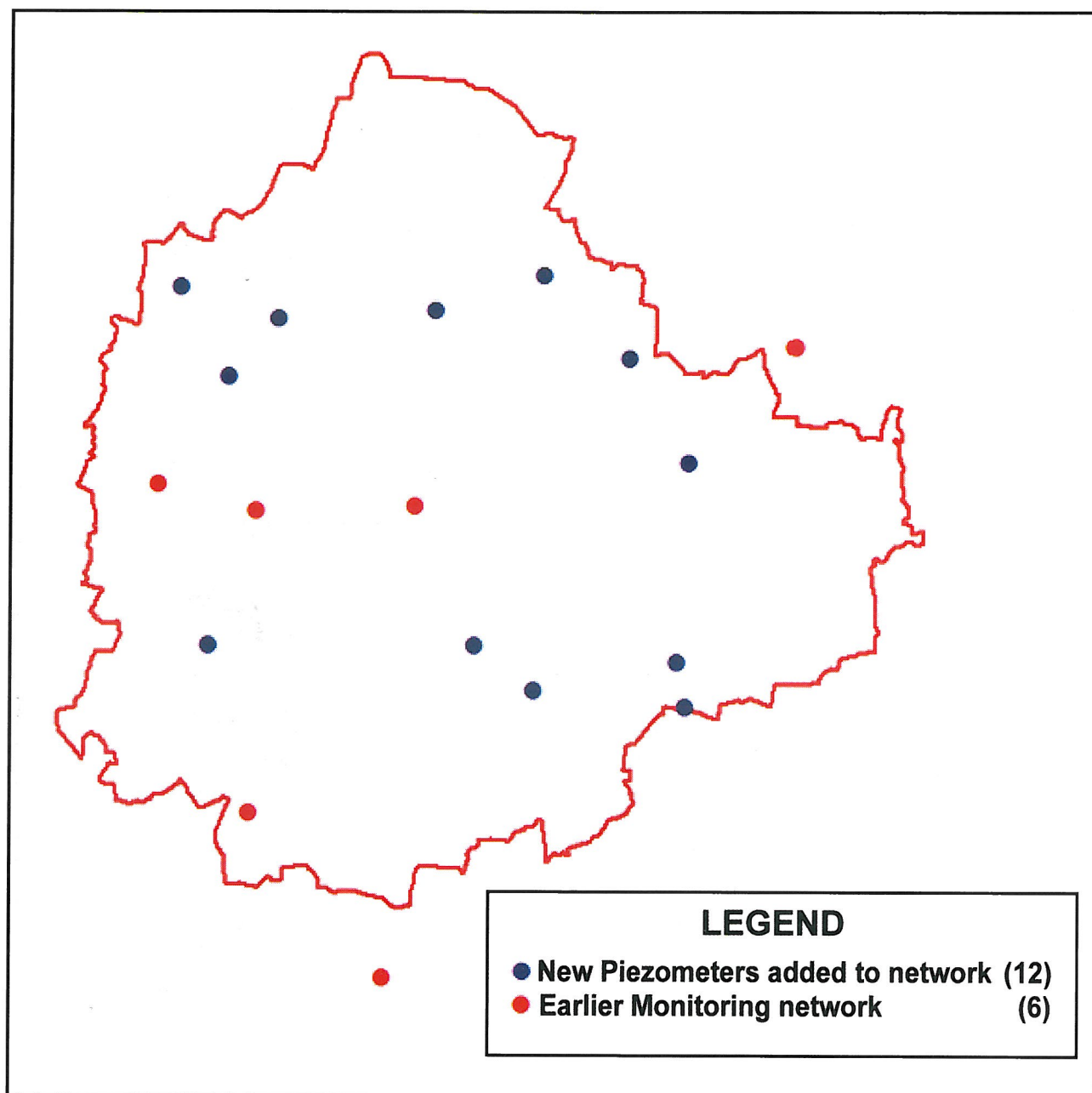
Based on the geohydrological features of the area and geophysical survey results, 18 sites were identified for the construction of piezometers in BBMP area. But, due to field constraints only 12 sites were confirmed.



Piezometer depth, approximate casing requirement, construction of concrete platform and protective cover with locking facility were all specified in the tenders that were invited as per World Bank norms. When the tender evaluation reports were sent to the Project Coordinate Secretariat (PCS) Hydrology Project-II, Ministry of Water Resources, New Delhi for approval, permission was accorded to complete the work during 2009-10. Details of the new piezometers constructed under the project are furnished in Table-1. The location of newly drilled borewell alongwith the earlier monitoring network stations is given in Figure 2.

**Table 1 : Details of piezometers**

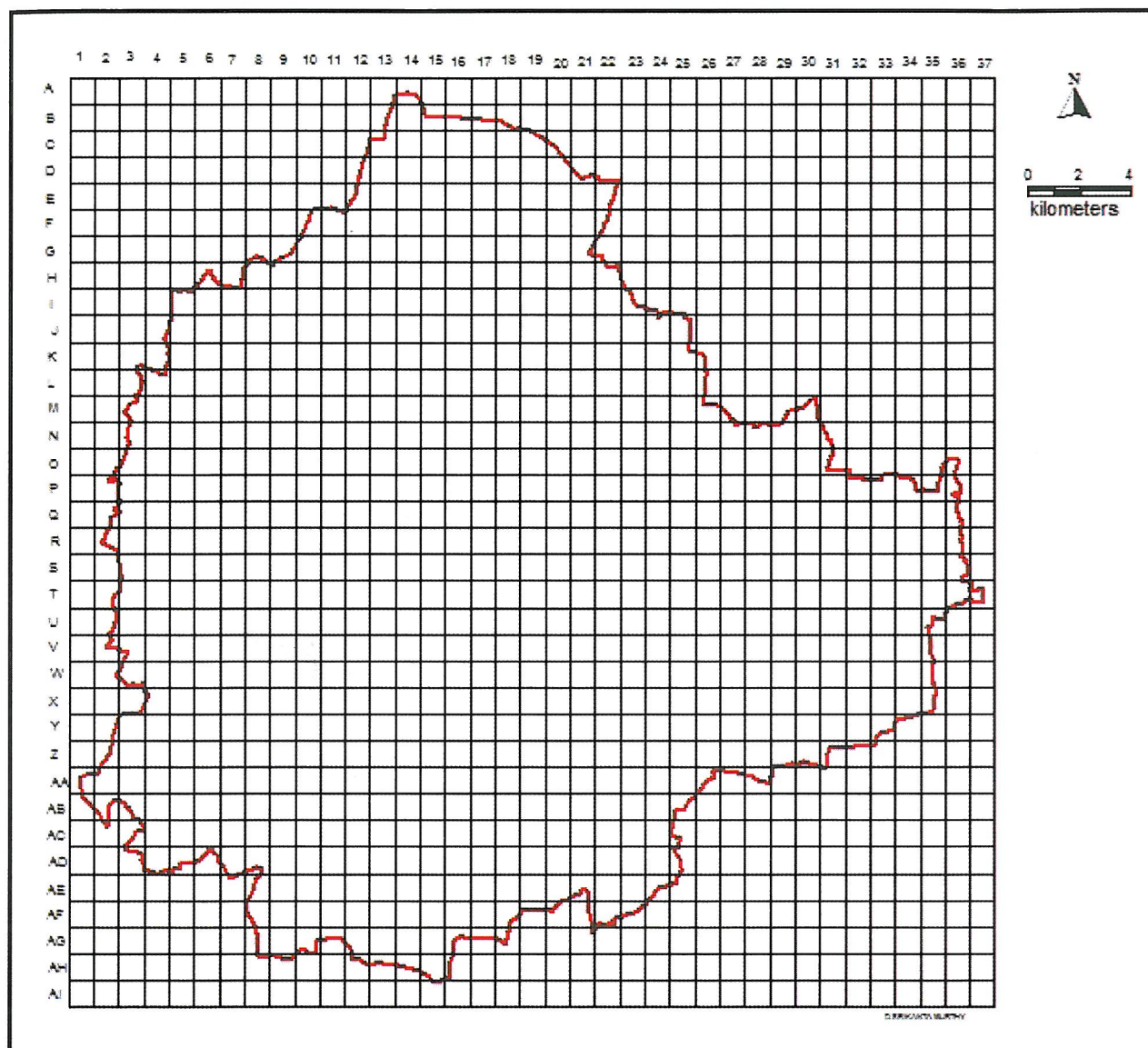
Village	Date of Drilling	Depth Drilled (m)	1st Water Bearing Zone (m)	2nd Water Bearing Zone (m)	Casing (m)
Bagalkunte	23-02-2010	107.80	33.30	86.00	38.80
Jalahalli	23-02-2010	107.80	25.20	55.00	30.00
Sadashivanagar	26-02-2010	147.00	107.70	-	39.30
Laggere	01-03-2010	113.40	56.00	-	46.00
Hebbal Kempapura	02-03-2010	135.15	95.00	-	28.60
Kalkere	05-03-2010	141.00	40.00	136.00	42.00
K Narayanapura	06-03-2010	107.80	50.00	79.50	42.20
Dodda Kannalli	09-03-2010	119.60	54.00	-	41.00
HSR Layout	10-03-2010	125.00	45.00		11.50
Mahadevapur	12-03-2010	158.00	150.00		6.00
Pattanagere	22-03-2010	152.00	95.00	142.00	16.80



**Figure 2 : Groundwater monitoring network in BBMP area**

Another important aspect covered under the project was groundwater quality studies. This part of the project was mainly at the instance of encouragement, guidance and interest bestowed by the Director of Mines and Geology.

Survey of India guide Map of earlier Bangalore City available on 1 : 25,000 scale was initially selected as the base map. The map presents 540 sq. km of Bangalore City area and was divided into one square kilometer grids. But, since the BBMP area covered an extent of about 741 sq. km. The corresponding topo maps of 1 : 50,000 scale was enlarged to the guide map scale and thereon one square kilometre grids were further extended to cover the entire BBMP area (Figure 3).



**Figure 3 : One sq.km grid with BBMP boundary**

About 800 grids were demarcated and given alpha numeric numbering. For the purpose of study the BBMP area was divided into North-East (NE), South-East (SE), South-West (SW) and North-West (NW) quadrants. Some of the grids in the fringe parts covered only the parts of BBMP area. Three groundwater samples were collected from bore wells/dug wells in use from each grid. Nine teams were formulated to complete the work. Each team was provided Global Positioning System (GPS) instrument to obtain the geo-reference of each sampling point (bore well/dug well/lakes etc.).



**Table 2 : Departmental Officers involved in the study**

H.M. Khyum Ali, Additional Director (GWS) / Nodal Officer HP-II			Principal Investigator	
Sl. No	Zone	Team Leader	Deputy Team Leader	Other Officers assigned for the study
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2.	South East Quadrant No.2		Shashikanth Reddy Senior Geologist	3) Dileep Kumar B.G, Geologist, Bangalore (ZP) 4) Prathima K.S, Geologist (PM) H.O 5) Vindhya N.M. Geologist (R &D) H.O
3.	South West Quadrant No.3	Ashok C.I. Deputy Director (R and D)	G.V. Hegde Senior Geologist	6) Nagaveni, Geologist, Bangalore (ZP) 7) Chidanand murthy Geologist, Bangalore (ZP) 8) H.T. Chidanand Geophysicist Mandya.
4.	North West Quadrant No.4		D.H.M.V. Swamy Senior	8) Ambika, Senior Geologist, Ramanagara 9) Renuka, Senior Geologist, Geophysicist Ramanagara

The samples collected were got analyzed by the Chief Chemist in the Directorate of Mines and Geology. The staff involved in the chemical analysis is given in Table 3.

**Table 3 : Head Office Chemical laboratory Staff**

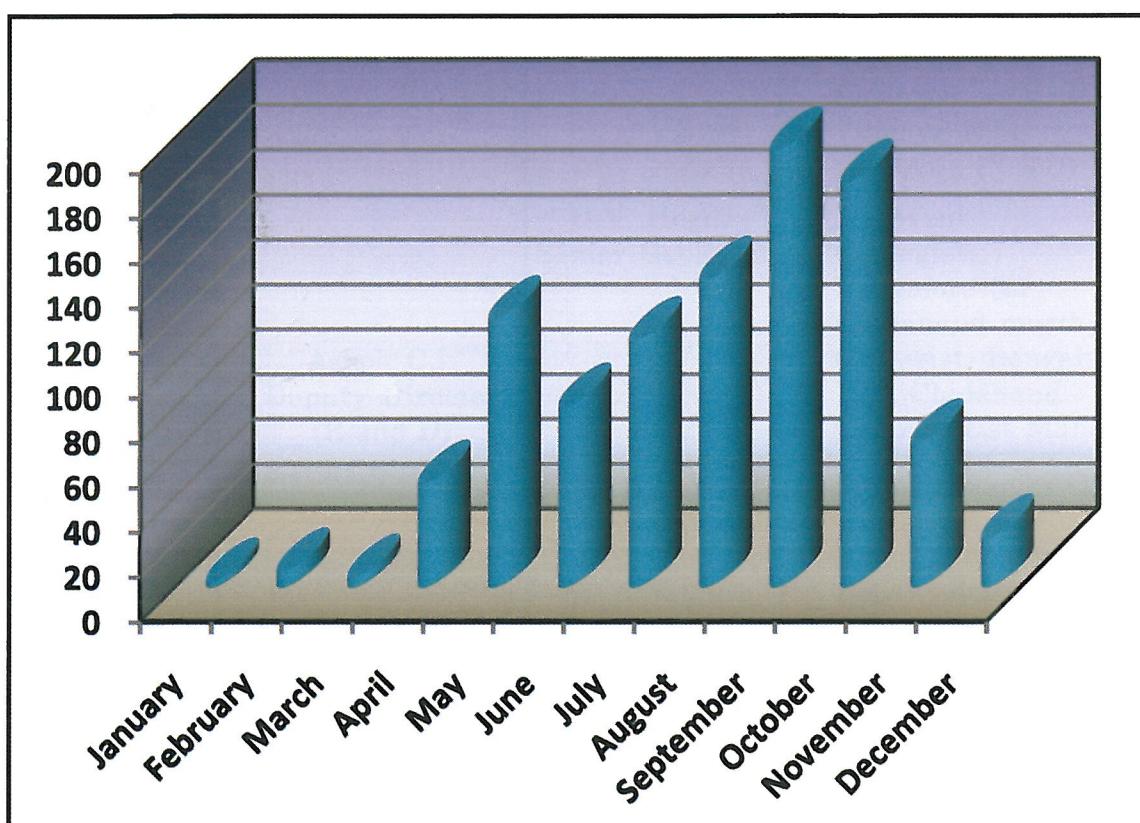
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2	K N Sumathi	Senior Chemist
3	B S Chetan	Chemist
4	B N Satishkumar	Chemist
5	R Umesh	Data Entry Operator
6	Y Lakshmi	Data Entry Operator

The collection of groundwater samples were also in the localities of solid waste disposal and open drains and these were more particularly for bacterial analysis. Lake water samples were also collected to determine Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and other parameters. Based on the fluoride presence of over and above the threshold value, more number of samples around those locations were collected for further analysis. Such an approach made it easier to identify the areas where groundwater is not suitable for domestic purposes.

## Climate and Rainfall

The December-January are the months with an average low of 15°C and the April-May are the months where the temperature soars upto 37°C. The average maximum temperature during these months is 33°C. The highest temperature ever recorded in Bangalore is 38.9°C and the lowest is 7.8°C.

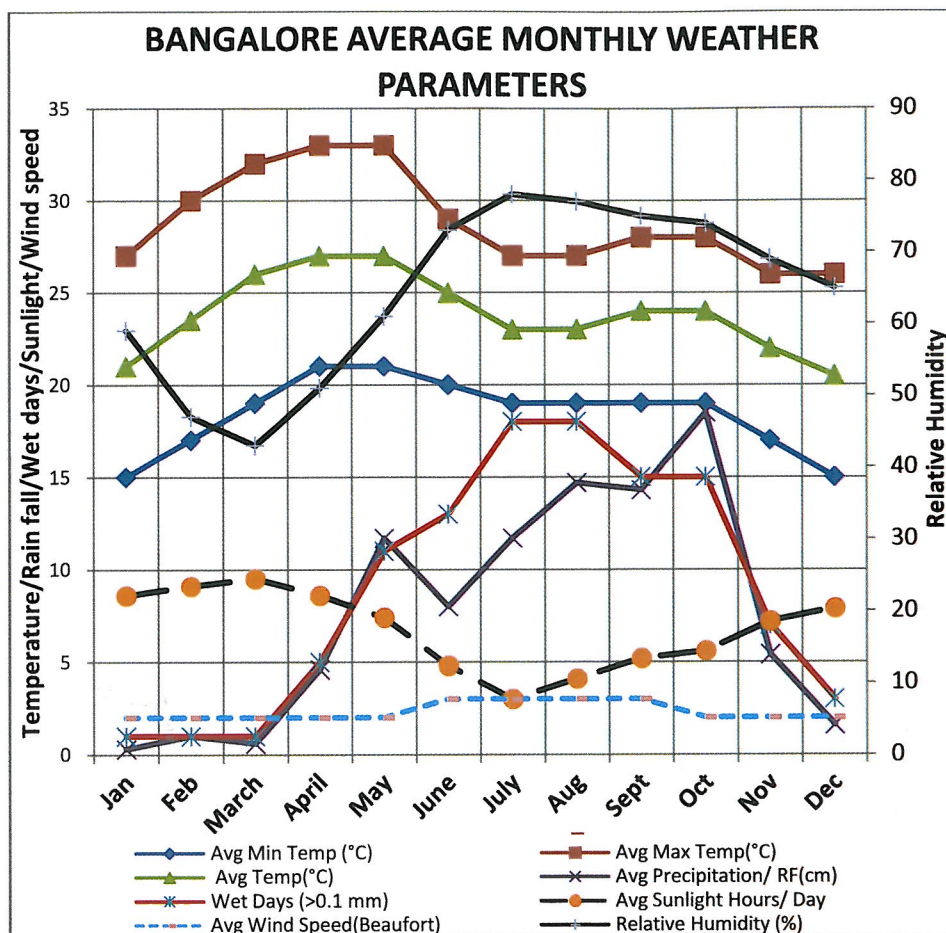
BBMP area receives an annual average rainfall of 900 mm. Nearly 72% of this annual rainfall is from South-West monsoon (June to September) and rest of the rainfall is from North-East monsoon (October to December). The rainfall attains a characteristic peak during October month (Figure 4). January to March are dry months.



**Figure 4 : Mean monthly rainfall (mm), Bangalore city**

The relative humidity varies from 43% in the month of March to 78% in July. The relative humidity is more than 70% during June - November months. Sunlight hours for the City range from 3.0 hours during July to 9.5 hours during March. Area experiences sunshine hours of 6.7 per day. Average monthly data of different meteorological parameters like minimum temperature, maximum temperature, average temperature (°C), precipitation (cm), Wet days (>0.1 mm), sunshine hours per day, wind speed (Beaufort), and relative humidity for Bangalore are shown in Figure 5.



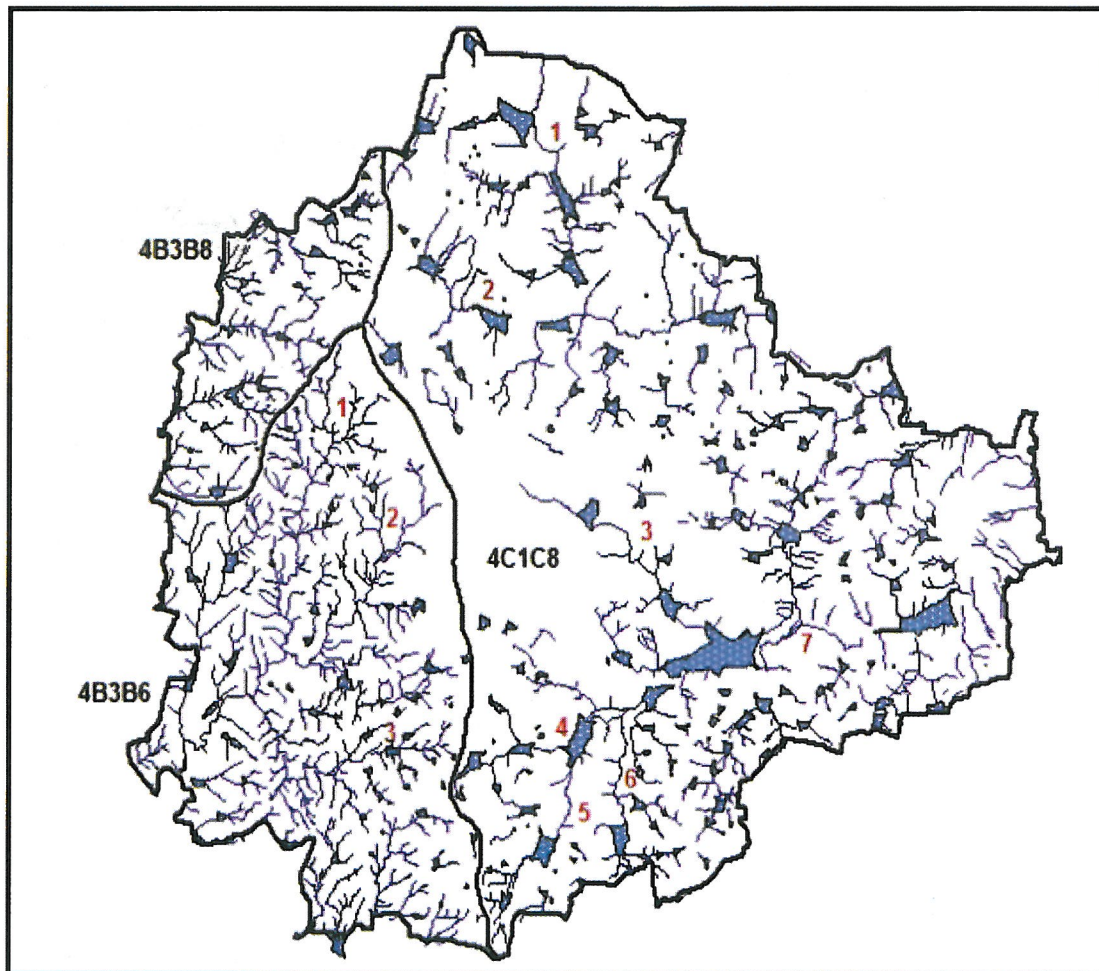


**Figure 5 : Average monthly meteorological parameters of Bangalore City**  
*(Source : Meterological Department Website).*

## Natural Drainage

Bangalore city is situated at an elevation of more than 920 m above mean sea level. The BBMP area is mainly drained by a part of the Arkavathi river catchment to the west, South Pennar or South Pinakini river to the east (Figure 6).

The area is characterized by first and second order streams and only near Bellandur it passes on to third order. There are many large sized lakes in this sub-basin. In the Arkavathi sub-basin, the landscape is dotted with number of mounds and hills and possesses only small sized tanks. These two main catchments are further divided into three main watersheds namely; 4C1C8, 4B3B6 and 4B3B8 (Figure 6).



**Figure 6 : Natural drainage system of BBMP area**

In the watershed 4B3B6 there are two main tributary systems are flowing from North East to South West direction and the other from east to west and confluencing each other at Mysore road.

The watershed 4C1C8 (South Pennar or South Pinakini) in the eastern part of Bangalore covers more than 2/3 of the BBMP area. There are two major drainages, one is from Yelahanka flowing south easterly and the other from Sarakki area



flowing North easterly and both draining into the Bellandur tank and further the stream system taking an easterly course.

## Geology

The BBMP area forming a part of Peninsular Gneissic Complex is represented by mafic gneiss, biotite gneiss, granodioritic gneiss with intrusives like dyke and pegmatites. In the extreme eastern part, the gneissic rocks are encapped by laterites. The Geological Survey of India identified this gneissic rock of more than 2.5 billion years at the famous Lalbagh gardens and declared it as a National Geological Monument. This Geological Monument is mainly biotite gneiss of granitic to granodioritic composition and contain enclaves of older rocks.

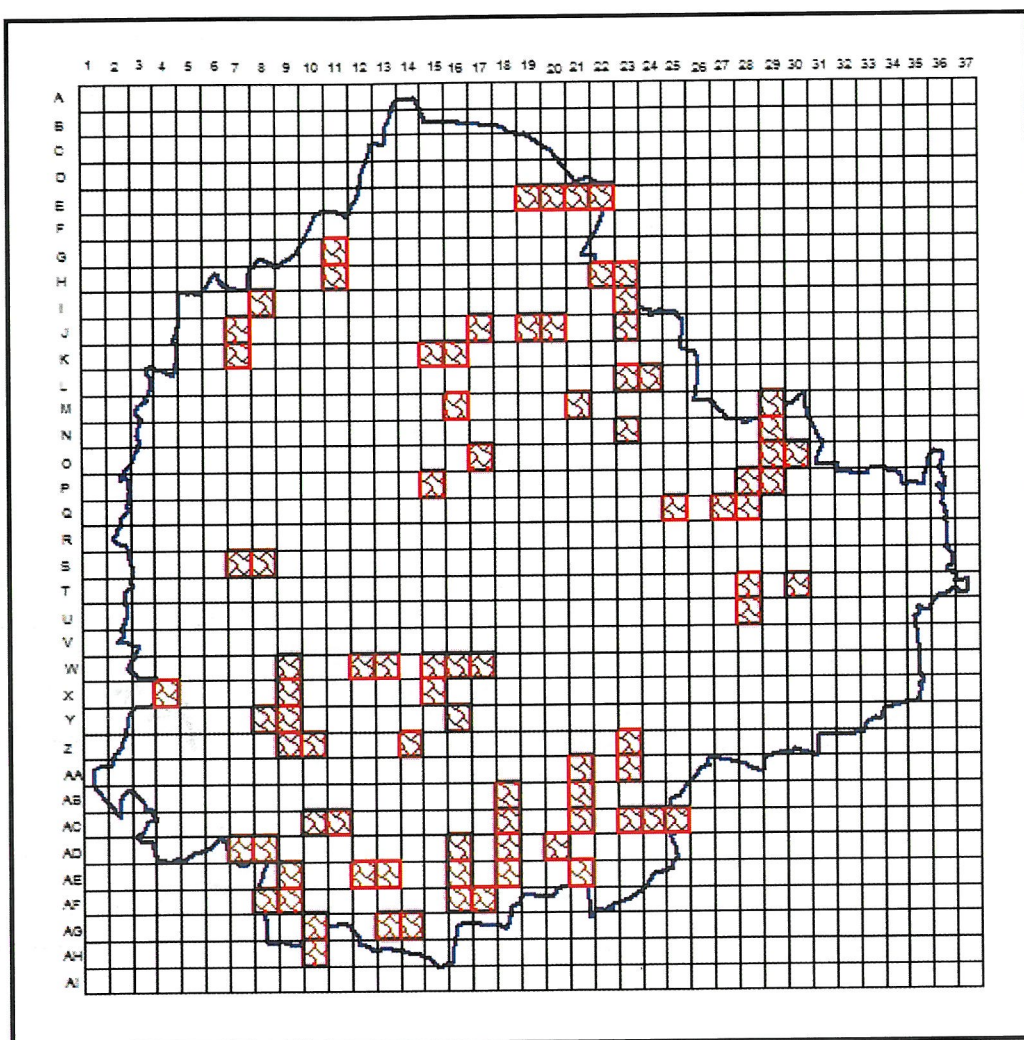


**Figure 7 : Peninsular gneiss in Lalbagh garden**

Gneisses and granites are intruded by pegmatite, quartz veins and by basic dykes. Dolerite dykes trending east-west direction across the gneissic foliation are common. These dykes vary from 6 to 20m in width and stretches 1 to 3 Km in length. Around Gavipuram locality porphyritic gneiss is well exposed. An outcrop of augen gneiss is at Uttarahalli. Well foliated biotite gneiss inter layered with 2 to 10 cm thick pegmatite veins are at Hulimavu, Adugodi, Hennur quarries and Ulsoor lake in the eastern part of BBMP. Amphibolites of the Sargur super group are to the north of Kamakashipalya.

There are many old quarry workings concentrated in South East, North East and North part of Bangalore City (Figure 8).





**Figure 8 : Old quarry workings in BBMP limits**

Parts in eastern block of BBMP like Byatarayanapura, Yelahanka, Domlur, Marthahalli, Whitefield, Hudi are covered by thick laterite and or saprolite which are the altered products of basement formation. These thick lateritised and weathered formation are followed by hard granitic gneiss.

### **Water Supply to Bangalore**

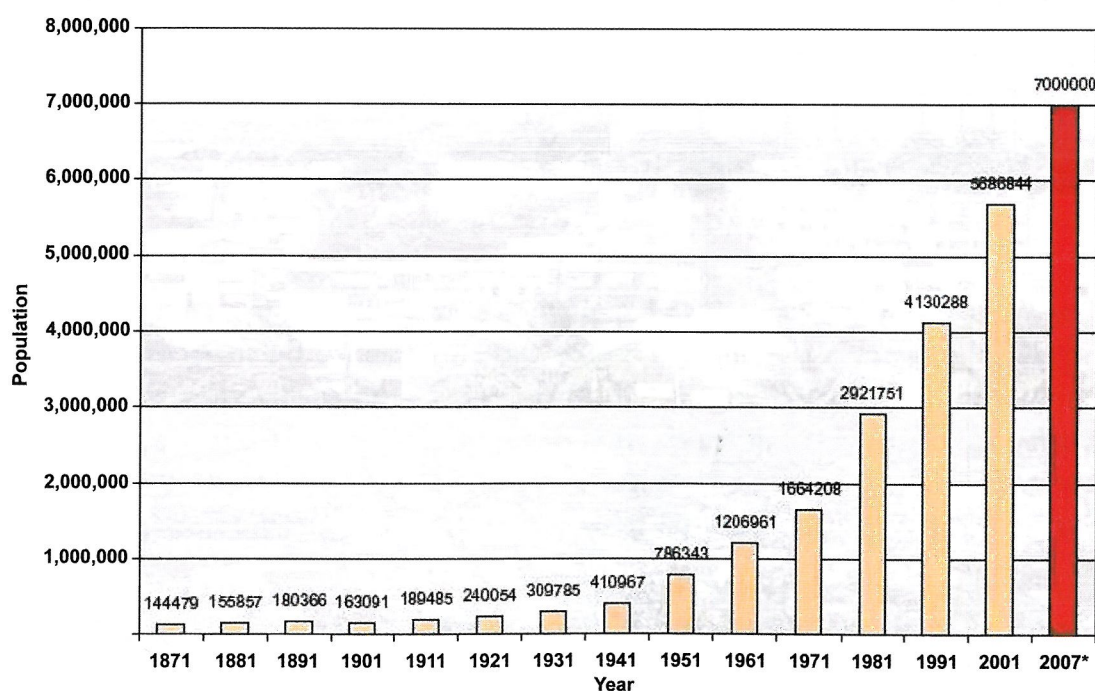
Water supply to Bangalore prior to 1896 was from a number of lakes viz., Dharmambudi, Sampangi, Ulsoor etc, supplemented by dug wells and Kalyanis. In 1894 the first protected water supply was provided from Hesarghatta lake across Arkavathi river.

Due to drying up of Hesarghatta lake in subsequent years, urgent remedial measures had to be initiated by a Committee headed by Sir M. Visweswaraiiah and there on a reservoir was commissioned on river Arkavathi (Chamaraja Sagar) at Tippagondanahalli, downstream of Hesarghatta lake. It was also to receive flow from Kumudvati stream.

The Cauvery river water supply was commissioned to the city in the year 1974 and water supply position was further periodically improved by commissioning three more stages with Cauvery river water as its main source. Water is being pumped from the river Cauvery, from a distance of about 100 km at approximately 900 million liters per day (MLD). Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is the authority for providing protected drinking water supply. The details of Arkavathi and Cauvery water supply schemes are as below:

	Source	Established year	Potential (in MLD)
<b>1. Arkavathi</b>	a) Hesarghatta	1896	36
	b) T.G.Hally	1933	148
<b>2. Cauvery</b>	a) Stage-1	1974	135
	b) Stage-2	1982	135
	c) Stage-3	1993	270
	d) Stage-4	2002	270

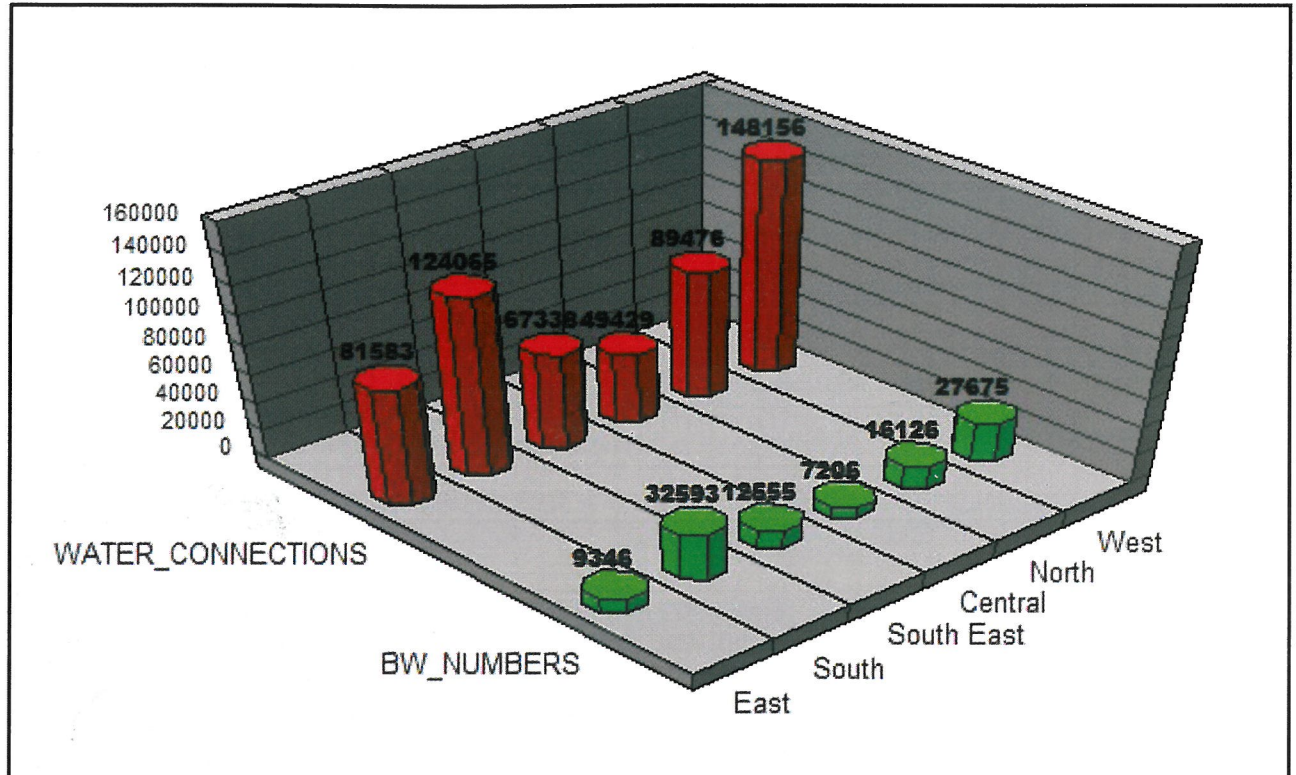
On the basis of demographic growth and projection for subsequent years (Figure 9), as against the requirement at 200 LPCD, the shortage is estimated at 570 MLD. Shortages are met from groundwater. There is hence a tremendous pressure in exploiting groundwater resource.



**Figure 9 : Population growth of Bangalore city (Source: Census of India 2001)**  
(78 Lakhs for 2010 Projected)



Zone wise details of BWSSB water supply connection and number of borewells in the area of operation are given in Figure 10. It indicates that South and West zones have the highest number of borewells. The old Bangalore is having better water supply and also has the highest number of borewells (Figure 10).



**Figure 10 : Water supply connections and borewells, 2009**

*(Source: BWSSB)*



## Impact of Lakes/Tanks on Groundwater Hydrology

Bangalore lakes are part of the local hydrologic system. The lakes built since 16th century have stood the test of time to canalise the monsoon flows. The lake water was meeting the requirement of the then population. The entire scenario changed from 1970 onwards. Preservation of lakes and maintaining appropriate ecosystem came in danger through unprecedented demographic growth of the city. Bangalore gave a boost to IT industry and there on it was called 'Silicon Valley' of India. By focussing only on economic advantages, the lakes were grossly neglected ( Figure 11).



**Figure 11 : Ulsoor lake and its surroundings**

The demographic explosion has put pressure on real estate. The residential areas encroaching the drained lakes and domestic discharge into lakes caused pollution. Many lakes are now the repositories of domestic and industrial wastes and open sewage discharge. To compound the situation, there is little place for groundwater recharge within the City limits. The groundwater recharge has dropped to the lowest due to major extent of BBMP having turned into a concrete jungle.

Groundwater was once being exploited through open / dug wells or shallow bore wells. The shallow aquifers have now dried. Now most of the deep bore wells have tapped static groundwater resources. The groundwater resources in many parts available at deeper levels also are unfit for consumption. The density of bore wells in core area of 330 sq.km extent is 230 per sq.km.

## Groundwater and Bangalore city

The groundwater exploitation in Bangalore is now largely through lakhs of bore wells tapping the deep seated aquifer. The groundwater resource is fast dwindling and this is reflected by many bore wells drilled earlier having gone dry. More than 800 deep bore wells have become defunct due to various reasons.

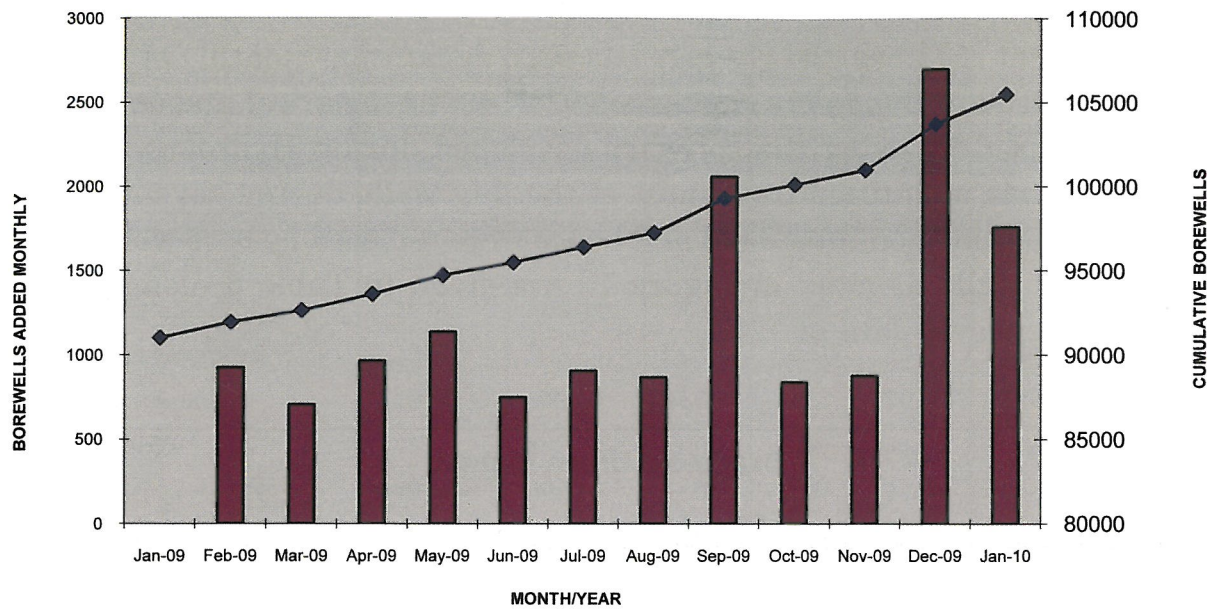
This is quite revealing by the pace at which the scramble for groundwater exploitation is heading in Bangalore. In a span of one year (between February 2009 to January 2010), 14,483 bore wells were drilled (Table 4). The average growth of bore wells during this period is 14.88 %. The bore well registered with BWSSB in its area of operation of 330 sq.km stood at 1, 05,501. Many more bore well must have been added during 2010 calendar year. The growth of bore well in Bangalore City during 2009 along with cumulative number of bore wells in BWSSB operated area is represented graphically in Figure 12.

**Table 4 : Growth of bore wells during February 2009 - January 2010 in Bangalore city**

Months	New bore wells added each month	Bore wells registered with BWSSB	Monthly % growth
Jan-09		91018	
Feb-09	924	91942	1.02
Mar-09	705	92647	0.77
Apr-09	965	93612	1.04
May-09	1136	94748	1.21
Jun-09	748	95496	0.79
Jul-09	904	96400	0.95
Aug-09	868	97268	0.90
Sep-09	2062	99330	2.12
Oct-09	838	100168	0.84
Nov-09	875	101043	0.87
Dec-09	2699	103742	2.67
Jan-10	1759	105501	1.70
Total	14483	Average	14.88

(Source: BWSSB, 2010)





**Figure 12 : Growth of Borewells in Bangalore City During 2009**

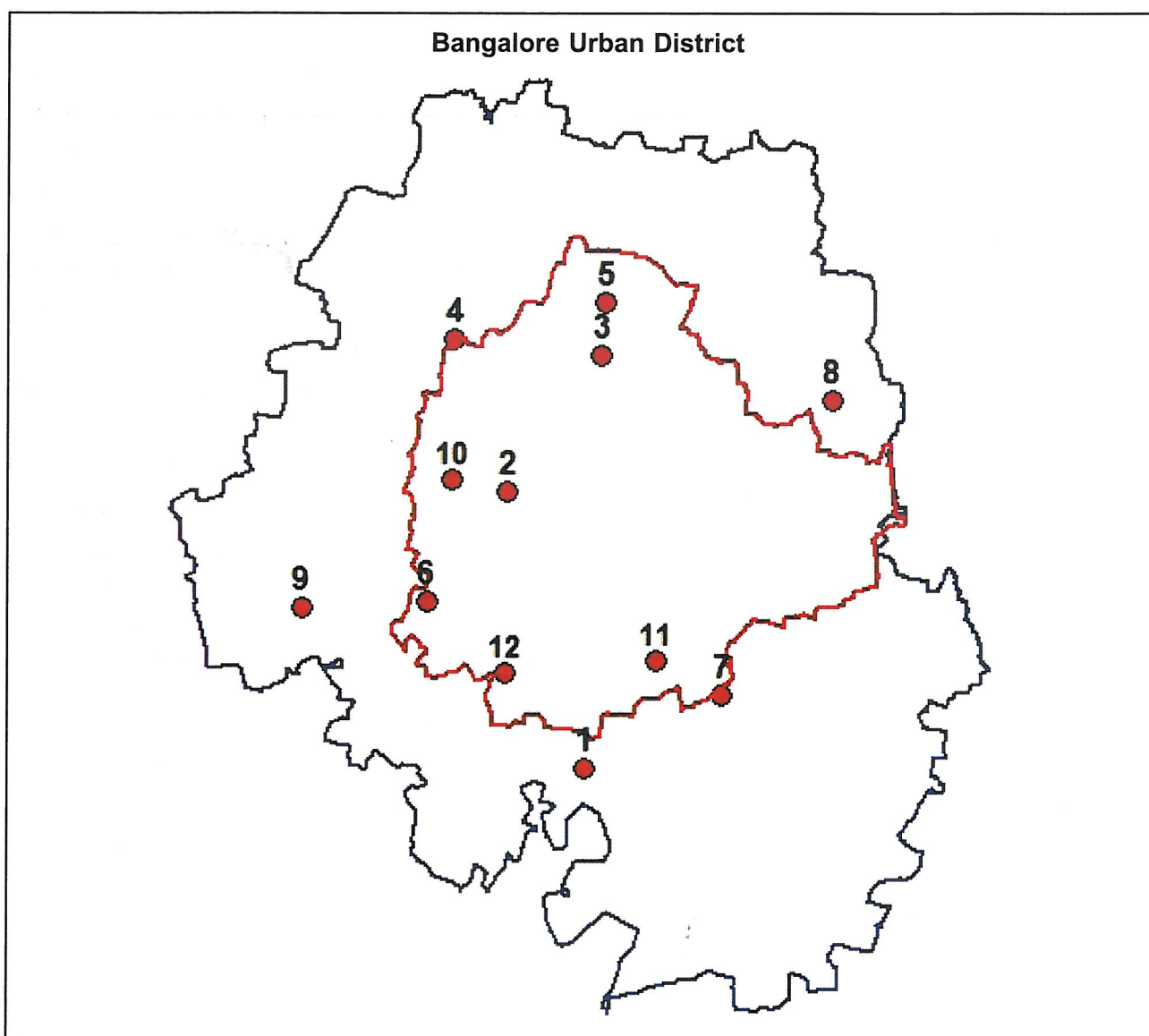
*(Source: BWSSB, 2010)*

There is a tremendous pressure on this natural resource to meet the domestic, industrial and commercial water supply demands. Demographically, Bangalore city is on the path of high growth since 1970s. It is also depending on groundwater to meet ever increasing demand.



## Groundwater level fluctuations

The Department of Mines and Geology has been monitoring monthly groundwater levels in and around Bangalore city since 1973/74. The historical and current data are computerized by using the software developed during Hydrology Project I. The water levels monitored from most of the dug wells during seventies of the last Century became non-functional and hence were replaced by bore wells. Details of monitoring wells as cited in Figure 13 are given in Table 5 along with pre monsoon water level data of 1975.



**Figure 13 : Bangalore Urban District, BBMP area and monitoring wells (numbered)**

**Table 5 : Observation dug wells**

Sl. No	Location	Year of commencement	Elevation (m) above MSL	Depth (m)	Dia (m)	Steining (m)	Water level monitored upto month/year	Pre monsoon water level - 1975
1	Bannerughatta	1973	920.00	13.60	2.70	8.00	11-1992	9.93
2	Thimmenahalli	1974	882.00	9.75	2.10	9.00	6-1991	4.62
3	Byatarayanapura	1974	902.60	14.25	10.40	14.00	6-1985	10.38
4	Chikkabanavara	1974	879.00	26.69	1.75	20.00	12-1990	21.91
5	Yelahanka	1974	893.00	11.00	3.50	11.00	6-1981	10.17
6	Kengeri	1974	808.00	11.05	2.10	11.00	6-1989	9.21
7	Konappana agrahara	1974	920.00	13.00	2.90	13.00	9-1987	4.62
8	Avalahalli	1974	875.35	17.80	2.55	12.00	6-1985	8.87
9	Kethohalli	1973	810.00	10.90	1.85	10.00	12-1999	8.40
10	Byadarahalli	1972	876.20	18.00	2.30	16.00	8-1991	15.67
11	Begur	1973	900.00	9.40	2.50	9.00	10-2000	7.46
12	Talaghatpura	1974	863.00	16.00	2.50	14.50	5-1993	9.97

The groundwater levels for pre and post-monsoon period for the year 2010, monitored through piezometers are furnished in Table 6.

**Table 6: Pre-monsoon and post-monsoon depth to water level(m), 2010**

Sl. No	Location	Pre-Monsoon (m)	Post-Monsoon (m)
1	Bannerughatta	10.52	5.85
2	Thimmenahalli	4.80	3.12
3	Byatarayanapura	10.30	7.20
4	Chikkabanavara	22.01	21.35
5	Yelahanka	10.75	8.03
6	Kengeri	9.30	8.94
7	Konappana agrahara	4.85	3.98
8	Avalahalli	9.30	6.94
9	Kethohalli	8.98	4.05
10	Byadarahalli	16.01	12.10
11	Begur	8.27	3.82
12	Talaghatpura	10.31	9.92

By the year 2009-10 all the observation dug wells were replaced by bore wells as many of the monitoring stations were lost in road widening or buildings.

Bangalore northern and eastern region is covered by thick saprolite and hence the recharge to groundwater is limited and depletion of water level is faster. Many bore wells in these regions have gone dry and consequently the population depends on water supply through tankers. The regular water supply system by BWSSB and corporation is yet to reach these areas.

In case of monitoring stations located in Bannerughatta, Thimmenahalli, Avalahalli, Kethohalli, Talaghatpura and Yelahanka, the water levels have declined. In certain pockets, there has been transformation of these areas from agricultural base to urban agglomeration.



## Correlation of Bore Well Depth with Total Dissolved Solids and Fluoride in Groundwater

Apart from collection of groundwater samples from bore well/dug well, the investigation included collection of other details like depth of bore wells, casing depth, yield of bore wells, lifting device etc. Deeper bore wells are more in SE, SW and Northern parts of the BBMP area.

The bore well depth data is projected as inverted surface plot in 3D (Figure 14) which exhibits the different zones where the deeper bore wells are ventured. In Figure 14, the red colour represents deepest bore well zones beyond 230 m. This is followed by purple colour representing between 160 m to 230 m and blue represents between 60 m to 160 m. The shallowest depth in green colour occupies very small zone is upto 60 m depth. In earlier years of bore well advancement, shallow zone was the common depth considered.

Depth of Borewell - Projected as inverted 3D map in BBMP area  
( Data gathered during recent survey )

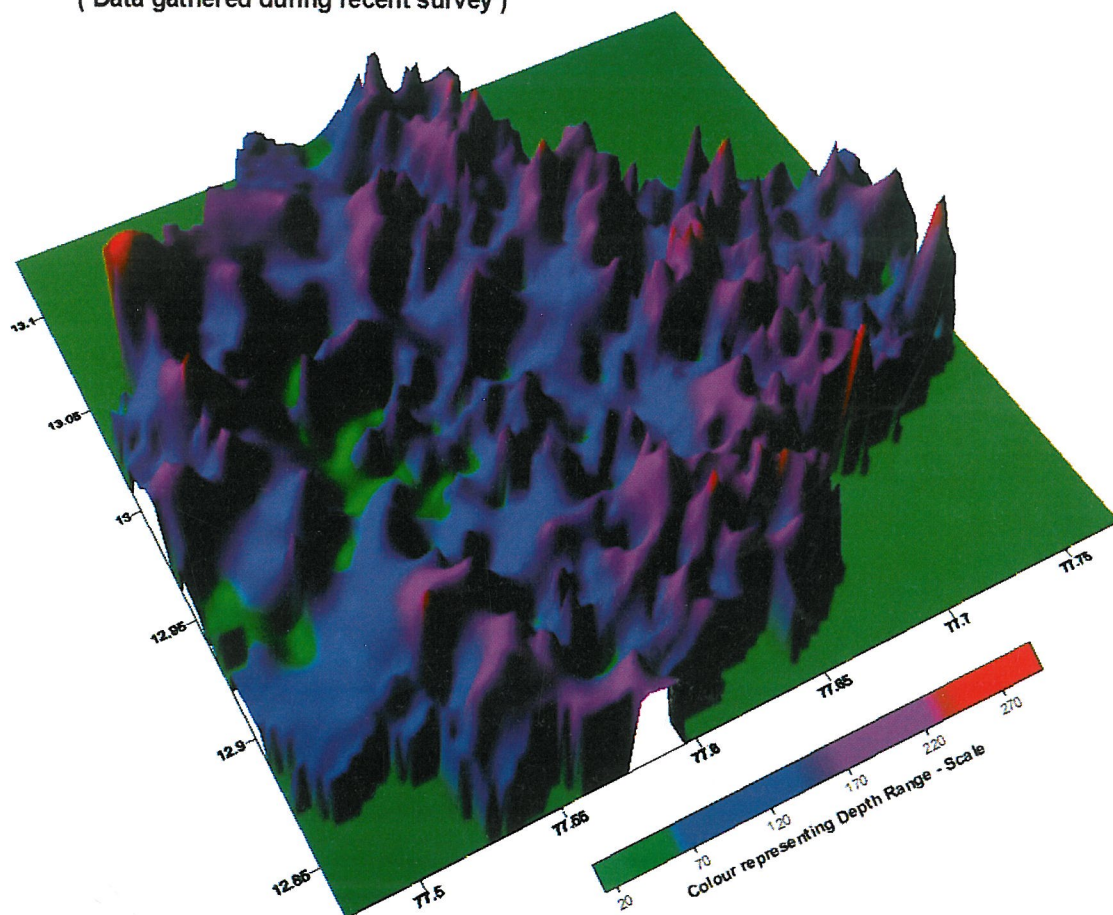


Figure 14 : Depth of bore well projected as inverted 3D surface

The frequency range of depth reflects that more than 54 % of bore wells are between 100 m and 200 m depth. About 30% of bore well are below 100 m depth range. More than 300 m depth range bore wells are 0.56%. But, 200 m to 300 m depth range accounts to 14.62% (Figure 15).

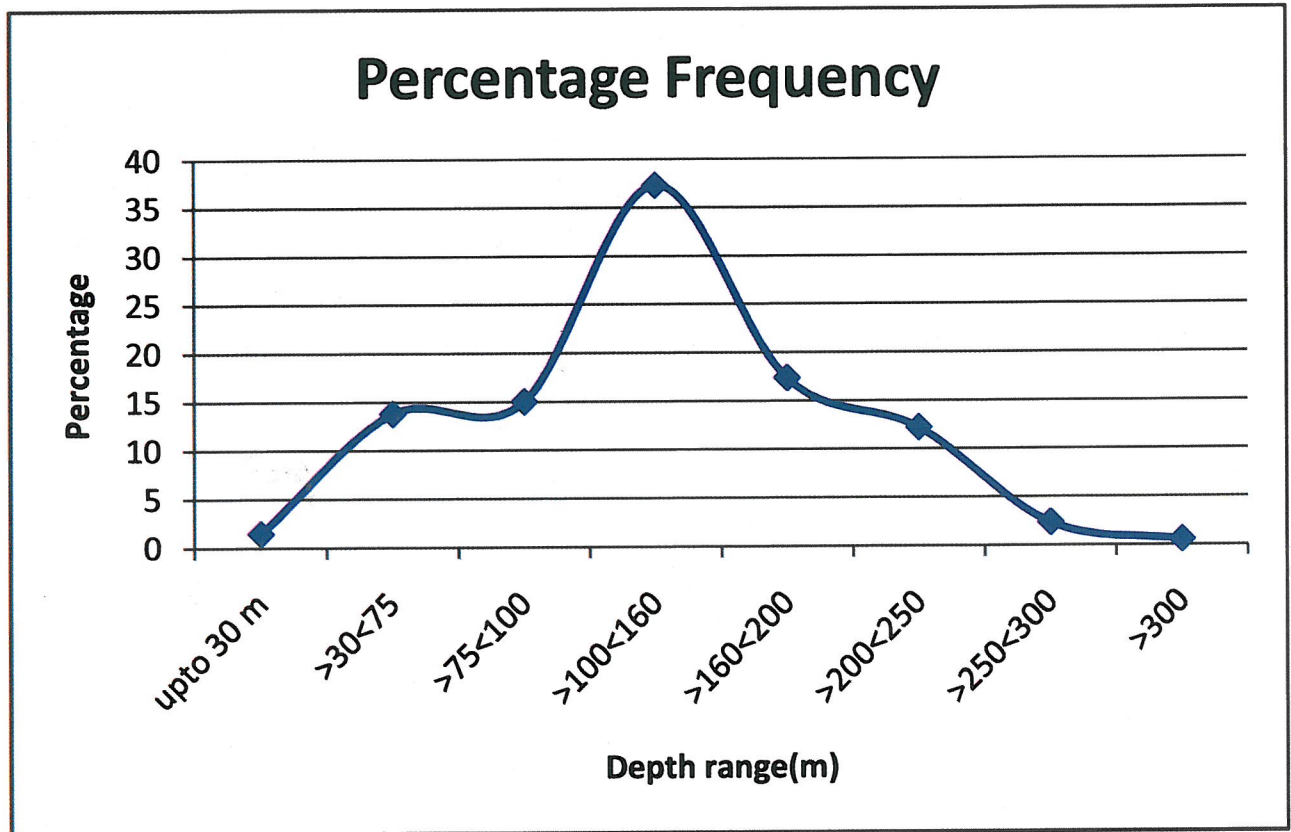
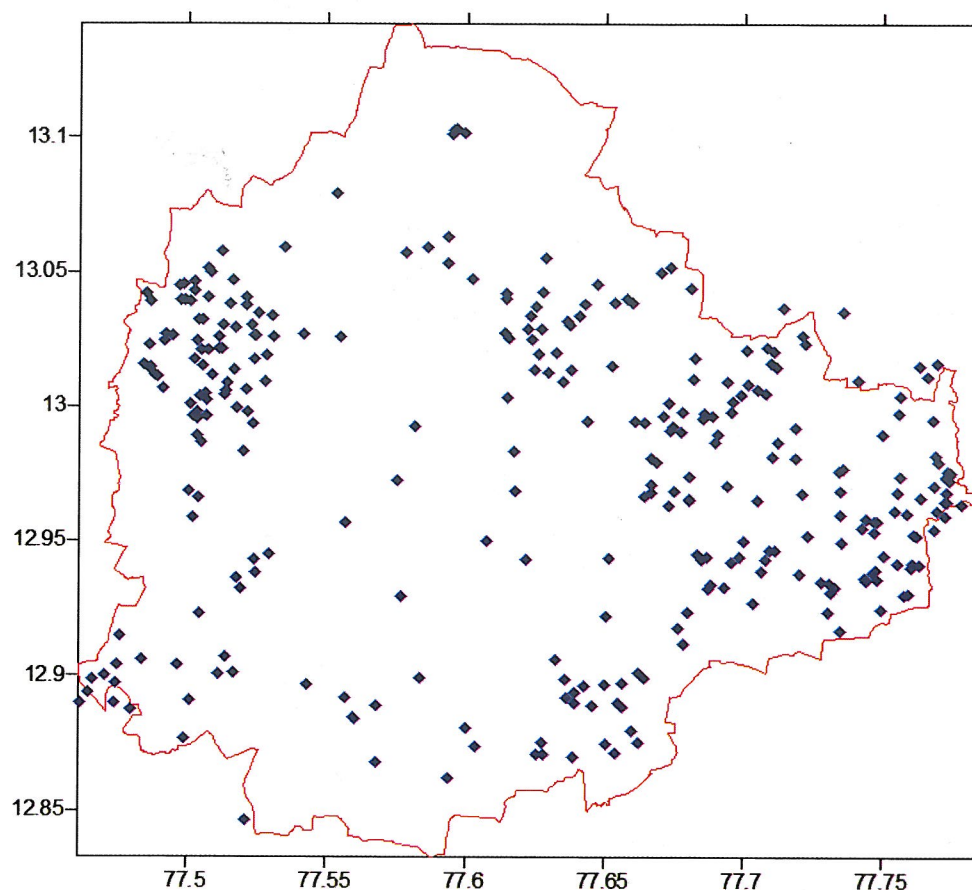


Figure 15 : Percentage Frequency curve for different depth ranges of bore wells from study area

## Total Dissolved Solids

There are several factors that affect groundwater quality. Longer the duration groundwater moves through the rocks or sediments, the more mineralized it becomes. Generally, water in recharge zones has a low level of mineralization than in the discharge areas. Deeper bore wells comparatively have higher levels of total dissolved solids.

Groundwater salinity is directly dependent on the concentrations of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ions, which is derived from interaction of water with soil and rock. High TDS values of 5970 mg/L and 2580 mg/L were obtained from N19 and Q25 grids respectively. Fig 16 shows the distribution of groundwater samples where the TDS value is more than 1000 mg/L.



**Figure 16 : Total Dissolved Solids (>1000mg/L) in BBMP area**

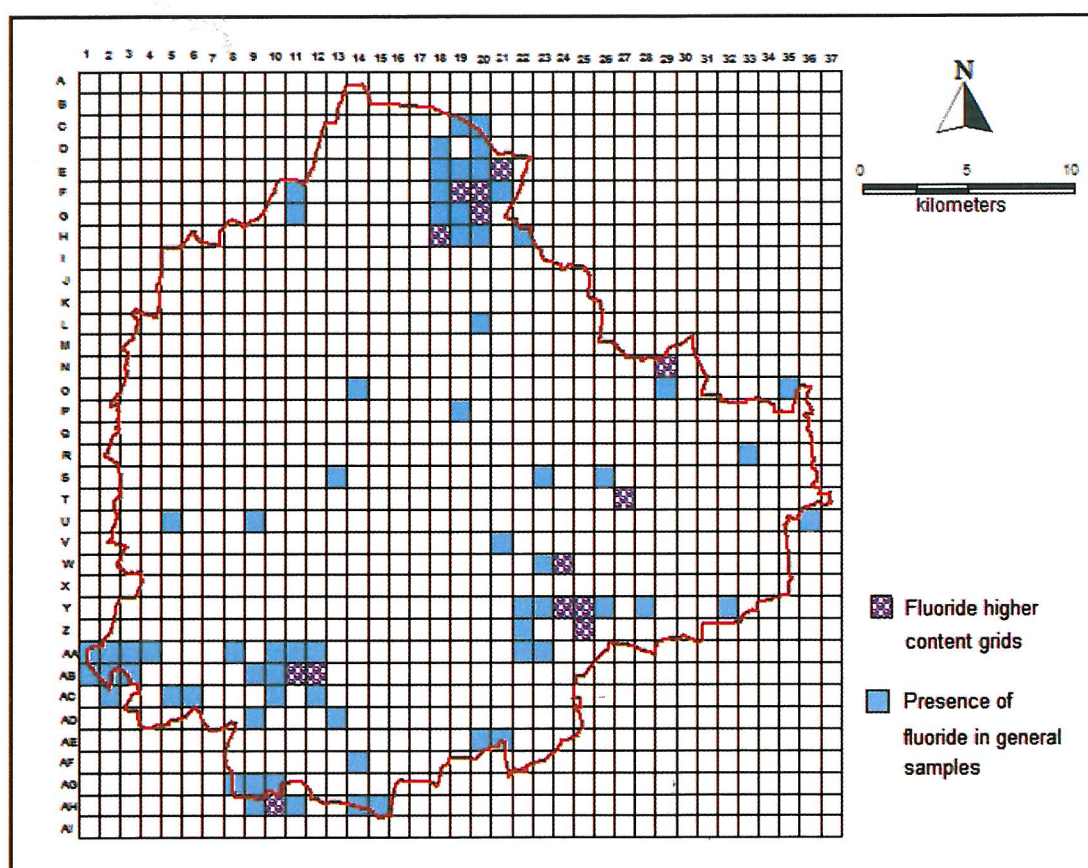
Out of 2137 ground water samples, about 14.60 % have analysed TDS of more than 1000 mg/L. Figure 16 reveals that SE zone accounts for 33.0 %, followed by NE zone and NW zone with 27.5 % and 25.54 % respectively where the TDS is more than 1000mg/L. The SW is a zone with low content of TDS as compared to the rest of the area. Significantly this correlates with depth of bore well analysis as shown in Figure 14.



## Groundwater and Fluoride

Quality of groundwater is in general dependent upon the types of soil, weathered depth and mineralogy of rock formations. Concentration of fluoride in groundwater depends on the geological, chemical and physical characteristics of aquifers. Rock chemistry, geological structures, hydrological condition, groundwater age and residence time are some of the important factors of F rich groundwater. The presence of high  $\text{HCO}_3$ , Na, and pH favour release of F from aquifer matrix into groundwater.

The data obtained on the depth of bore well is further correlated with the fluoride concentrated area. Some of the samples analysed from South East, North East and South West grids reflected the presence of fluoride more than the permissible limit. To know the extent of its lateral distribution sampling was extended to neighbouring grids around these vicinities and also from deeper bore wells (Figure 17).



**Figure 17 : Fluoride in Groundwater, BBMP area**

Highest fluoride content of 5.54 mg/L near Bellandur was analysed in groundwater. Because of this more number of samples around these grids was collected. As a result, three zones are identified where the fluoride concentration is above the drinking water standard of 1.5 mg/L (Figure 17).

## Groundwater Hydrology

The Bangalore Urban District comprises of crystalline basement, mainly gneisses and granites intruded by basic dykes. These formations have altered to laterite along the eastern fringe of the city. The weathered mantle shall be the zone to transmit water through fractures. The depth of weathering is often pronounced along the linear features.

The weathered zone and the underlying sparsely fractured fresh rock form the aquifer system in the area. Recharge to the system will be through the shallow weathered zone, into deeper fractured rock.

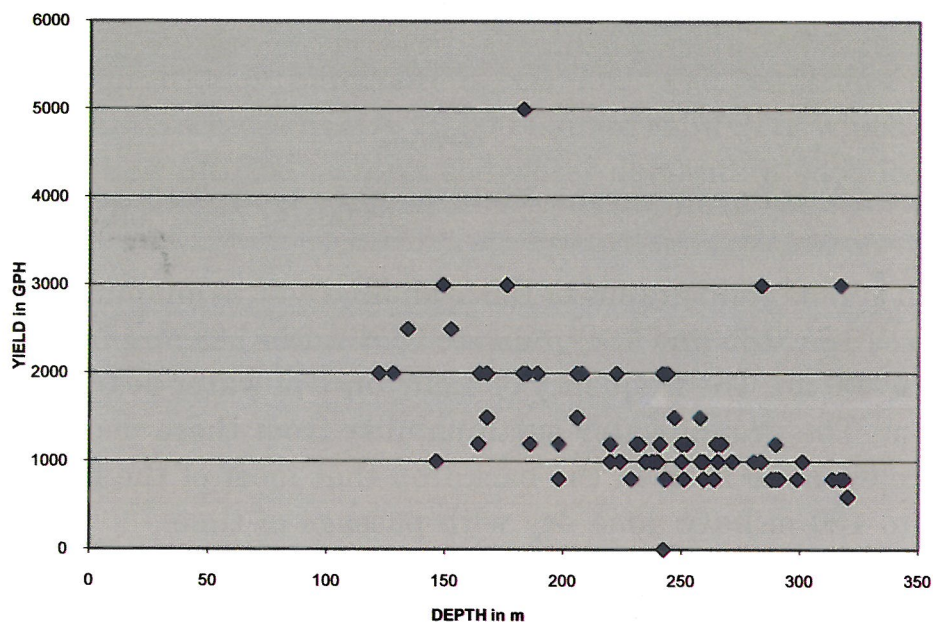


Figure 18a : Depth versus Yield of bore well, Dasarahalli area

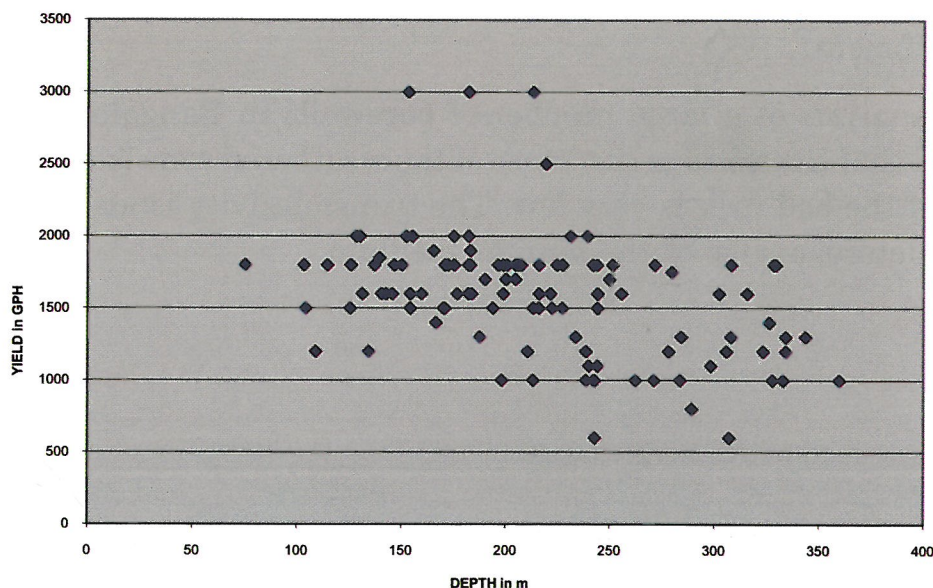
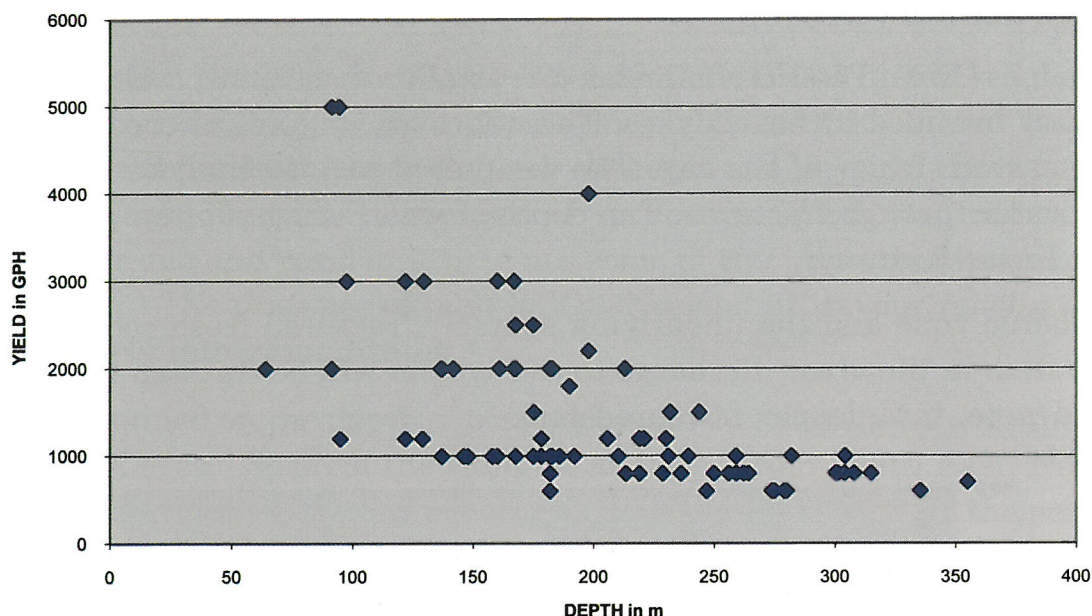


Figure 18b : Depth versus Yield of bore well, Bytarayanapura area





**Figure 18c : Depth versus Yield of bore well, Yalahanka area**

The depth versus yield graphs of Dasarahalli, Bytarayanapura and Yalahanka CMCs (Figures 18a, 18b and 18c) indicate that water bearing fracture zones are upto 250 m to 300 m. The frequency of occurrence of water bearing zone declines beyond 250 m. The groundwater sustainability from these deep sources are at stake. It is relevant to keep in the backdrop that most of the bore wells drilled upto 150 m to 180 m have gone dry with passage of time.

Saprolite a clay rich weathered material derived from prolonged in situ decomposition of parent rock is tens of metres thick in the eastern part of Bangalore city. As this is rich in clayey material, it generally displays very low permeability of the order of  $10^{-6}$  m/s, and generally sustains low yield and low storage coefficient.

Statistical analysis of a large number of borewells in Bangalore urban district has revealed that the average thickness of the weathered zone is 10 m. The storage coefficient of the bed rock is very low. The transmissivity is also highly variable because of heterogeneity of the aquifer medium.



## Groundwater availability and utilization

Bangalore city is located at an altitude of over 920 meters above mean sea level and forms a part of water divide of the Arkavathi Sub basin towards west the South Pinakini or South Pennar towards east.

In the absence of major perennial surface water resource nearby, the city at several location/layouts depend on groundwater resource for daily requirements. The main supply from the Cauvery river to Bangalore is from a distance of 98 km. This Cauvery river water supply is since inadequate to meet the increasing demand, over exploitation of groundwater by the enlarging city agglomerates' has further resulted in fast decline of groundwater level.

The average precipitation of Bangalore is 900 mm. The Bangalore city, over an extent of 800 sq. km. receives nearly 72,000 ham of rainfall of which atleast 50% can be conserved and utilized to meet the water demand in such locality where water supply has not been initiated.

The groundwater recharge is worked out on certain assumptions by considering the extent of BBMP area. The total recharge for entire city is 3075 ham.

## Groundwater Utilization

For computation of groundwater utilization, the data on existing dug wells/bore wells in the Bangalore Urban agglomeration is very essential. Different departments like BWSSB, KEB, City Corporation etc., though were contacted to obtain realistic data on number of wells/bore wells, hours of pumping, yield of bore wells etc. the same were not available from any of the agencies. However, BWSSB, seven CMC's and one TMC area provided some data on the existing bore wells located in core area maintained by them. Apart from it, information was also obtained about number of private bore wells registered with them. After considering the above available data from BWSSB, the groundwater draft of the entire city area is worked out at 8169 ham.

The groundwater exploitation estimation in the city area is arrived at after obtaining information from private water suppliers on the average hours of pumping, average yield and average number of trips the water supply is made by them per day. Thus, it is very difficult to assess the actual draft, as these parameters vary from season to season and is solely demand driven. It is reported that the peak demand could be from March to July or August of every year. However considering all these aspects, the draft of groundwater is more than twice the dynamic groundwater resources i.e. available for exploitation annually in the extended BBMP area.

The total recharge assessed for the newly constituted BBMP area includes return infiltration from the lakes. The assessment of groundwater resource in the extended BBMP area of Bangalore city indicates that the resource is over exploited. Consequent to this over exploitation, the quality of groundwater has also deteriorated. The groundwater resource exploitation must be restricted to the dynamic groundwater resource available during the year.

## Artificial Groundwater Recharge

The demand for water is mainly due to population pressure and higher scale of social and economic activity. Groundwater level is declining drastically in the last three decades resulting in drying up of open wells and shallow bore wells.

The only remedial measure to overcome the problem of over exploitation is to conserve rain water and to have a judicious approach while using the water resources.

In recent years the groundwater development is from the fractured aquifers occurring at different depths between 100 m to 300 m. Recharge to the aquifers should be such that the infiltration reaches the deep seated fracture system. It is necessary to identify the location where recharge methods have to be implemented. Geological investigation may come handy for such identification. The information in regard to fractures, their depth etc. need be obtained mainly by geophysical investigations or from the local enquiry from the public/house owners.

The data available with BWSSB (for the core area of 330 sq.km) reveals that the average density is 320 bore wells per square kilometer. The newly added area of 380 sq.km and its habitations are solely dependent on ground water. The density of bore wells must be still high in these areas. The total number of bore well may be about 2.25 lakh. However, the same data could be extrapolated to these areas in the absence of any reliable and accurate data for analysis purpose. The uninhibited drilling of bore wells is a pointer of the city slipping to the brink of a major groundwater crisis.

To reduce the impact of over exploitation of groundwater and consequent drying up of aquifers in the city, the BWSSB brought out legislation and made mandatory to implement some of the measures by property owners. This is known as "The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 2009". It envisages that "Every owner or occupier who has constructed building in the site area of 2400 square feet and above whether for residential / non residential / Government/ Commercial and any other purposes shall provide rain water harvesting structures within nine months from the date of commencement of the amendment Act 2009 in the following manner".

- i. Roof top rainwater shall be harvested through a storage tank or recharged through an open well or a bore well in the building irrespective of the nature of sub-soil conditions.



- ii. Land based rain water from the open spaces around the buildings/ gardens parks shall be harvested using appropriate groundwater recharge structures depending on the nature of the sub-soil conditions.

Similarly, the same conditions also apply to new constructions with site area of 1200 square feet and above. Apart from teething problems of aquifer acceptance, this is one of the steps towards restoring the damage caused to the natural groundwater aquifer system. Therefore roof top rain water harvesting measures are to be strictly implemented as per "The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage (Amendment) Act, 2009"

To overcome the onslaught of over exploitation of groundwater, various other measures of artificial recharging of groundwater by active participation of different civic agencies and other concerned faculties are needed. Important considerations are to observe geohydrological features of the location where the recharge structures are to be implemented.

## **Restoration of lakes or tanks and Rainwater Harvesting**

The benefit from restoration of lakes is huge. Hence, in the first instance it is necessary to divert and bypass the sewage water flowing into the lakes. Only unpolluted rainwater is to be made to flow into these lakes. This storage after mandatory treatment and filtration could be a supplementary supply to residential complexes. Some of these measures could be in the regions where BWSSB has not yet initiated its regular water supply.

Due to the constraint of available open space in the city area, the parks and other huge open premises are to be considered for recharge measures.

The infiltration galleries when to be provided can be of rectangle, square, circular etc. Walls of these infiltration galleries could also be designed in such a way that the water infiltrates through them without causing any sub surface erosional problem.

Part II

**Evaluation of Groundwater  
Quality in and around  
Bangalore City**

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## Introduction

Water quality is as important as the quantity of water in water resource management. The suitability of water for different purposes will be decided on its quality. The water quality studies yield useful information of the environments in which water is circulated. The rain water through soil/rock interaction alters its chemistry. Groundwater sample analysis provides important clue about the chemical characteristic of water of the sampled area. The present study is to obtain comprehensive information on the quality of groundwater of Bangalore City.

Under the Purpose Driven Studies (PDS) of the World Bank Aided Hydrology Project Phase-II, a comprehensive study entitled "Groundwater Hydrology and Groundwater Quality of Bangalore City" was taken up by the Department of Mines and Geology, during the period from 2008-09 to 2010-11. To achieve this objective, the study area was divided into northwest (NW), northeast (NE), southeast (SE) and southwest (SW) quadrants. Each quadrant was further divided into one square kilometer grid (Fig. 1). Depending upon the availability of groundwater based structures, two to three water samples were collected from each grid. Over 3000 groundwater samples were collected and got analyzed for its quality in the Laboratory at Directorate of Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

## Previous work

The earlier studies conducted on groundwater quality of Bangalore City by the Department are:

1. Urbanization and its effects on Environment-Groundwater pollution by sewage in the Vrishabavathi valley near Bangalore Metropolis-A case study; Gaikwad, R.L. et al. (1994, Groundwater studies 260).
2. Evaluation of Groundwater Quality Bangalore Metropolis; Shivashankar, T.M and Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, R. (1995 - Groundwater studies 287)
3. Interpolation of Groundwater Quality of Bangalore urban Agglomeration; D.Srikantamurthy (1998 - Groundwater studies 397)
4. Status of Groundwater Quality in and around Bangalore and its environs; Basappa Reddy, M. (2003, Groundwater studies 426).

These studies indicated the pollution of groundwater through sewage effluents. Because of groundwater contamination due to sewage and waste disposal and occurrence of fluoride in groundwater, a systematic investigation of hydrogeology and water quality of Bangalore city aquifers was taken up.

## Methodology

### A. Sample Collection

Sample collection formats were designed for recording the field data. Sample locations were recorded using Global Positioning System (GPS). Totally, 3456 water samples were collected during the pre-monsoon period of 2010, over an area of 800 sq km in a grid pattern as already mentioned. Groundwater samples so collected were from bore wells and dug wells in use (Fig. 1, Fig. 2 and Table 1).

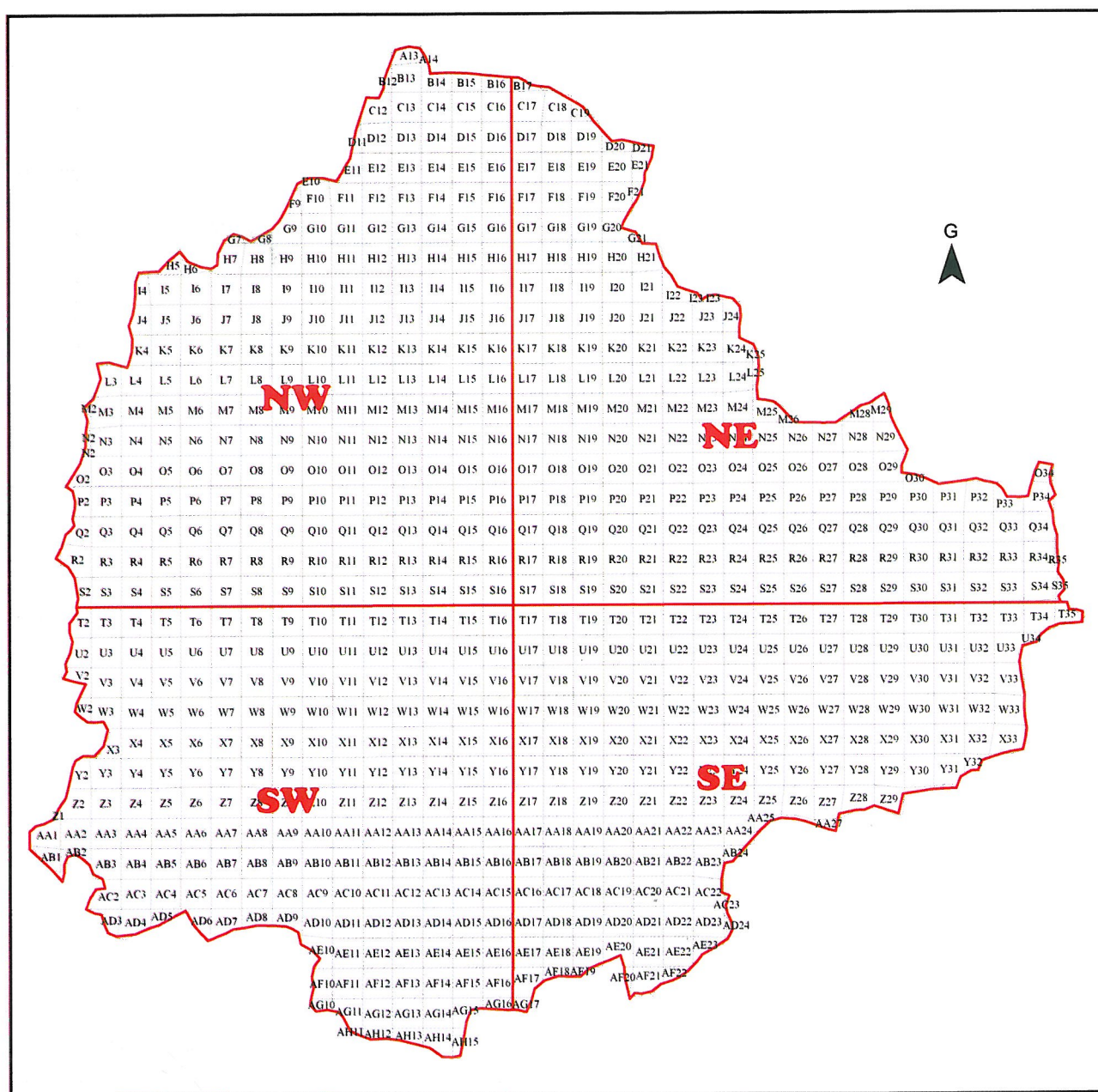


Figure 1 : Grid Map, Bangalore City



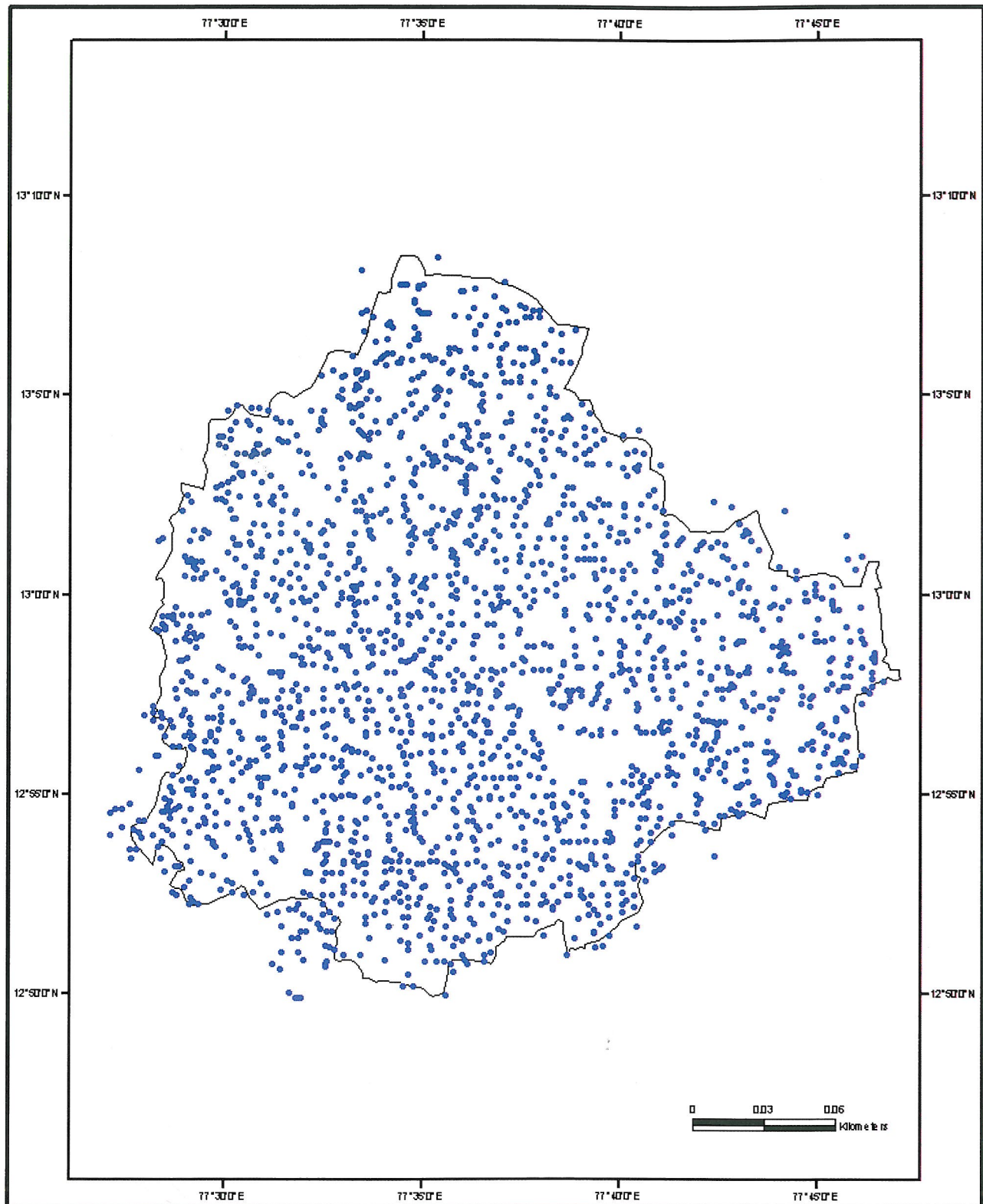


Figure 2 : Location of water samples collected, Bangalore city



**Table 1: Statement of water samples collected**

Type of sample	Total Grids	735
A	Groundwater samples	
	Samples collected for chemical parameters	2137
	Samples for biological analysis	269
	Samples exclusively for fluoride analysis	279
	Samples exclusively for heavy metal analysis	276
	Repeated samples	97
	Samples for determination of contamination from Petroleum products (oil/grease)	11
B	Surface water samples (Lakes and Tanks)	
	Total Lake/Tank samples	384
	Sewage effluent samples	3
	<b>Total water samples collected for analysis(A+B)</b>	<b>3456</b>

The water sample bottles were thoroughly rinsed with water to be sampled and packed under air tight condition. On field, the physical parameters like odour, colour, temperature, pH were determined for all the samples and Dissolved Oxygen (DO) only in case of lake water samples. Water sample collected were chemically analysed within 24 hours. A few samples were re-collected for reconfirmation of the results. The geochemical, bacteriological and heavy metal analysis results of groundwater samples were utilized for generation of geochemical maps in the GIS environment using Arc GIS software.

## B. Chemical Analysis

Determination of Calcium and Magnesium were by EDTA titrations method, Sodium and Potassium by flame emission photometry, total iron(Fe) by Phenanthroline Spectrophotometry, Bicarbonate and Carbonate by titrimetry, Chloride by Argentometric titration, Nitrate by UV Spectrometry, Sulphate by nephelometry, Total Dissolved Solids by gravimetry, Total Hardness by potentiometry, fluoride by ion selection electrode method. Representative samples collected for bacteriological contamination were analyzed for faecal coliforms by electrical temperature fermentation and total coliforms by standard multiple tube fermentation, and determined by adopting Most Probable Number (MPN) method. The heavy metals like zinc, copper, lead, manganese, chromium, aluminum in groundwater samples were determined by Atomic Absorption Spectrometer. Suspected contamination of groundwater by petroleum products due to

**Table 2 : Range of Chemical constituents in Groundwater of the Study area**

Constituents	Min	Max	Avg
Ca	3	688	93.00
Mg	1	295	30.06
Na	6	1099	100.15
K	0.04	346	7.20
Fe	0.001	48.5	0.51
HCO <sub>3</sub>	25.1	900	292.68
CO <sub>3</sub>	-	38	13.95
Cl	8	2394	167.54
NO <sub>3</sub>	0.05	554	38.11
SO <sub>4</sub>	0.03	895	72.40
TDS	60	5970	682.72
TH	16	2720	353.21
F	0.05	5.32	0.39
SC	80	9850	1159.59
pH	5.49	8.99	-

(All values except pH and SC ( $\mu\text{mhos/cm}$  at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) are in  $\text{mg/L}$ .  $n=2209$ )

**Table 3 : Minimum, maximum and average values for Bore well and dug well water samples**

Constituents ( $\text{mg/L}$ ) except pH and SC	Borewell			Dugwell		
	Min	Max	Avg	Min	Max	Avg
Ca	3	688	93.11	30	283	91.5
Mg	1	295	30.36	4	150	22.8
Na	6	1099	98.69	22	524	135.8
K	0.04	284	6.70	0.36	346	19.2
Fe	0.001	48.5	0.50	0.01	23.66	0.7
HCO <sub>3</sub>	25.1	900	290.99	123	860	334.6
CO <sub>3</sub>	-	38	14.38	-	0	0.0
Cl	8	2394	166.84	25	857	185.6
NO <sub>3</sub>	0.05	554	38.53	0.34	173	29.0
SO <sub>4</sub>	0.03	895	72.23	2.4	263	77.8
TDS	60	5970	679.75	220	2180	759.6
TH	16	2720	354.76	108	1308	319.7
F	0.05	5.32	0.39	0.09	1.09	0.4
SC	80	9850	1155.02	335	3790	1279.1
pH	5.49	8.94	-	6.06	8.1	-



anthropological activity was tested by adopting gravimetric method. The accuracy of the chemical analysis was verified by calculating ion-balance errors. The chemical analysis results of the water samples were further subjected to statistical analysis and the minimum, maximum and average values of the chemical composition of groundwater are given in Table 2 and 3, and the average values for major cations and anions in respect of bore wells and dug wells are shown in Fig. 3.

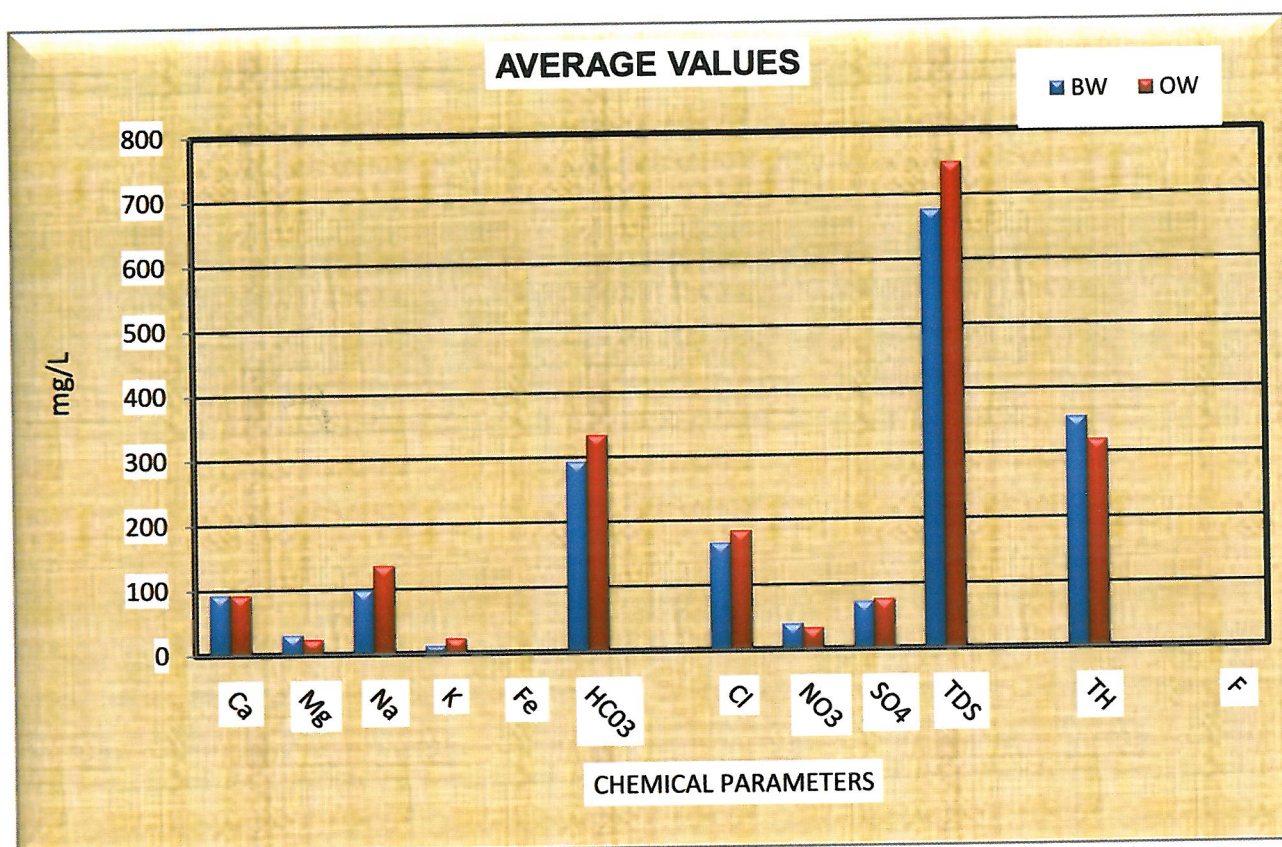


Figure 3 : Bore well and Dug well Average values

## Discussion

Drinking water need be free from colour, turbidity and micro organisms. The groundwater in the study area is mainly used for drinking, domestic and industrial purposes. A detailed analysis to determine the groundwater quality for drinking and public health purposes as per the specification issued by the World Health Organization (WHO, 1984) and Indian Standard (IS: 2003) was carried out and is provided in Table 4.



**Table 4 : Critical paramaetrns and its effect on human body**

Sl. No	Parameters (mg/L) except pH	BIS prescribed limits IS:10500,2003		Probable effects
		Desirable limit	Permissible limit	
1.	pH	6.5-8.5	No relaxation	Indicative of acidic or alkaline water. affects taste and corrode water supply system.
2.	Hardness as $\text{CaCO}_3$	300	600	Affects water supply system (Scaling), excessive soap consumption calcification of arteries, may cause primary concretions, diseases of kidney or bladder and stomach disorder.
3.	Iron (Fe)	0.3	1.00	Gives bitter sweet astrigent taste, causes staining of laundry and porcelain in traces it is essential for nutrition.
4.	Chloride (Cl)	250	1000	May be injurious to some people suffering from diseases of heart or kidneys, taste, indigestion, corrosion and palatability are affected.
5.	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	500	2000	Palatability decreases and may cause gastro-intestinal irritation in human, may have laxative effect particularly upon transits.
6.	Calcium (Ca)	75	200	Insufficiency causes severe rickets, excess causes concretions in the body such as kidney or bladder stones and irritation in urinary passages. Essential for nervous and muscular system, cardiac functions and in coagulation of blood.
7.	Sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4$ )	200	400	Causes gastro intestinal irritation with Mg or Na can have cathartic effect on users. Conc.more than 400mg/L along with Mg may have laxative effect.

8.	Nitrate (NO <sub>3</sub> )	45	No relaxation	Causes infant methaemoglobinacmia (Blue Babies) at very high concentration causes gastric cancer and adversely affects central nervous system and cardiovascular system.
9.	Fluoride (F)	1.0	1.5	Reduces dental carries, very high concentration may cause crippling, skeletal flurosis. Less than 1.0 mg/L is essential
10.	Magnesium (Mg)	30	100	If sulphate is more than 400 mg/L and Magnesium exceeds 30 mg/L then it affects our Intestinal system.
11.	Arsenic (As)	0.01	No Relaxation	Leads to gastro-Intestinal disorders like pain, vomiting, diarrhea. And also leads to cardio-vascular disorders.
12.	Copper (Cu)	0.05	1.5	Astringent taste, discoloration and corrosion of pipes, fitting and utensils will be caused beyond this.
13.	Manganese (Mn)	0.10	0.3	Beyond this limit taste/appearance are affected, had adverse effect on domestic uses and water supply structures.
14.	Cadmium (Cd)	0.01	No Relaxation	Beyond this the water becomes toxic.
15.	Lead (Pb)	0.05	No Relaxation	Beyond this the water becomes toxic.
16.	Zinc (Zn)	5.0	15.0	Beyond this limit it can cause astringent taste and an opalescence in water
17.	Chromium (Cr)	0.05	No Relaxation	May be carcinogenic above this limit. Hydro chemical facies and groundwater classification:

### Hydrochemical Facies and Groundwater Classification

The hydrochemical facies of groundwater is the cumulation function of soil, lithology and other factors and can be classified based on dominant cations and anions. The chemical composition of groundwater is dependent on various factors such as rock weathering, rainfall, industrial discharges etc. The dominant factor,



however, is weathering of rocks. Most of the pollutants could be anthropogenic. It is evident that the dissolved ions in groundwater are from rock water interaction. The varied conditions of weathering may result in change of groundwater chemistry.

### Cation Relationship

The constituents of Na, K, Ca and Mg in groundwater are commonly from soil-rock-water interaction. However in urban area, sewage and industrial effluents change the groundwater quality to variable extent. The concentration of Na, K, Ca and Mg vary from 5.2 to 1099 mg/L (avg. 100.10 mg/L); 0.04 to 4.58 mg/L (avg. 10.43 mg/L); 3.0 to 823 mg/L (avg. 93.30 mg/L) and 0.6 to 295 mg/L (avg. 30.1 mg/L), respectively. The percentage contribution of these cations is 43, 40, 13, and 4, respectively indicating that sodium and calcium are the dominant cations in the groundwater of the study area Fig. 4

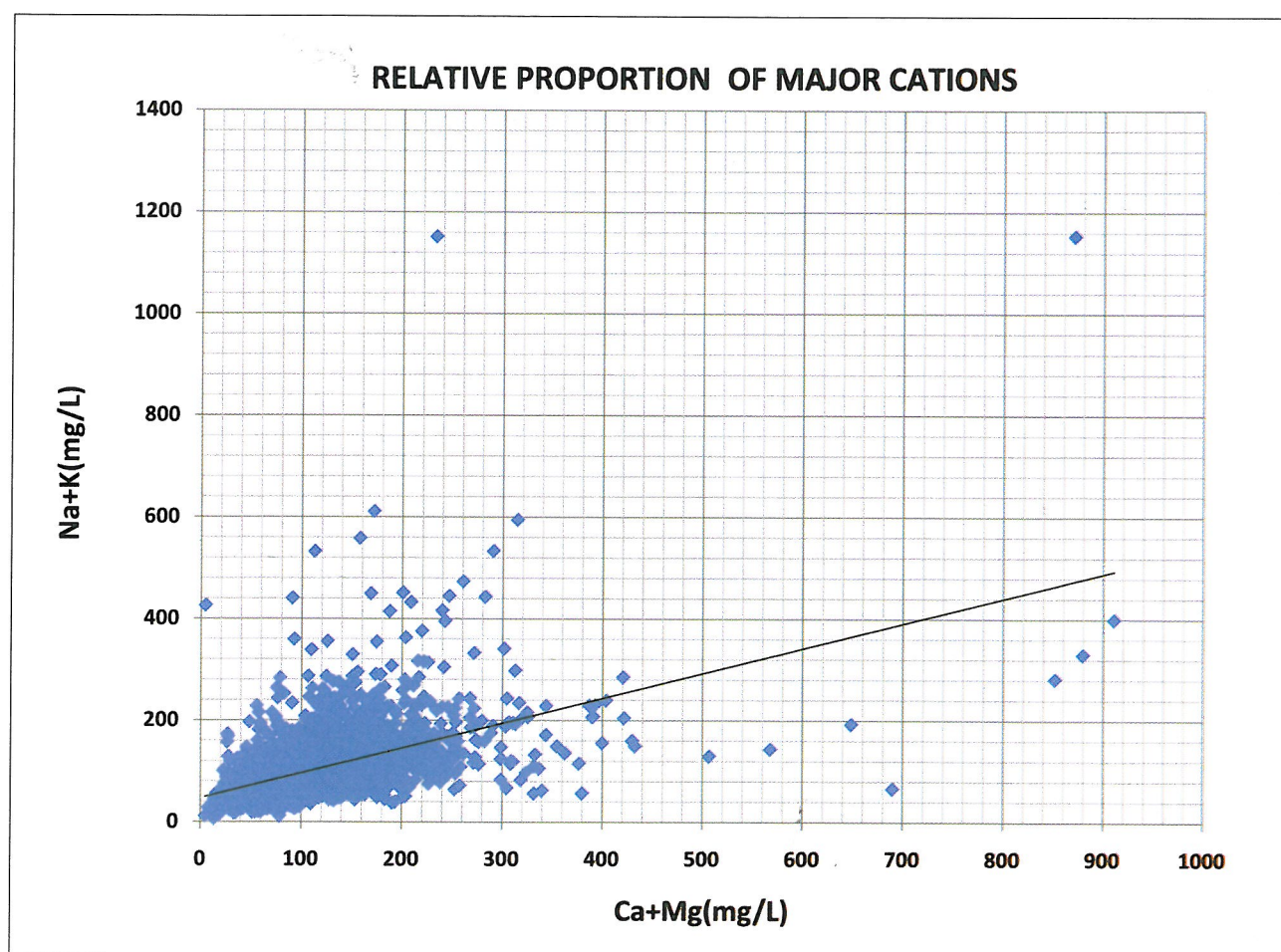


Figure 4 : Relative proportion of major cations



## Anion Relationship

Among the anionic concentrations bicarbonate varies from 25.10 mg/L to 3118 mg/L (avg. 294 mg/L), Chloride from 8.0 mg/L to 2394 mg/L (avg. 166.98 mg/L), Sulphate 0.03 mg/L to 895 mg/L (avg. 72.65 mg/L), Nitrate 0.05 mg/L to 554 mg/L (avg. 38.15 mg/L), Carbonate 2.00 mg/L to 38.0 mg/L (avg. 13.95 mg/L) and Fluoride from 0.05 mg/L to 5.32 mg/L (avg. 0.39 mg/L). In terms of percentage the major anions like  $\text{HCO}_3$ ,  $\text{Cl}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4$ , and  $\text{NO}_3$  contribute 50, 25, 12 and 07, respectively. Bicarbonate is the dominant ion followed by chloride, sulphate and nitrate. The relative proportion of major anions is shown in Fig. 5. Correlation co-efficient matrix of chemical data of groundwater of the study area is given in Table 5.

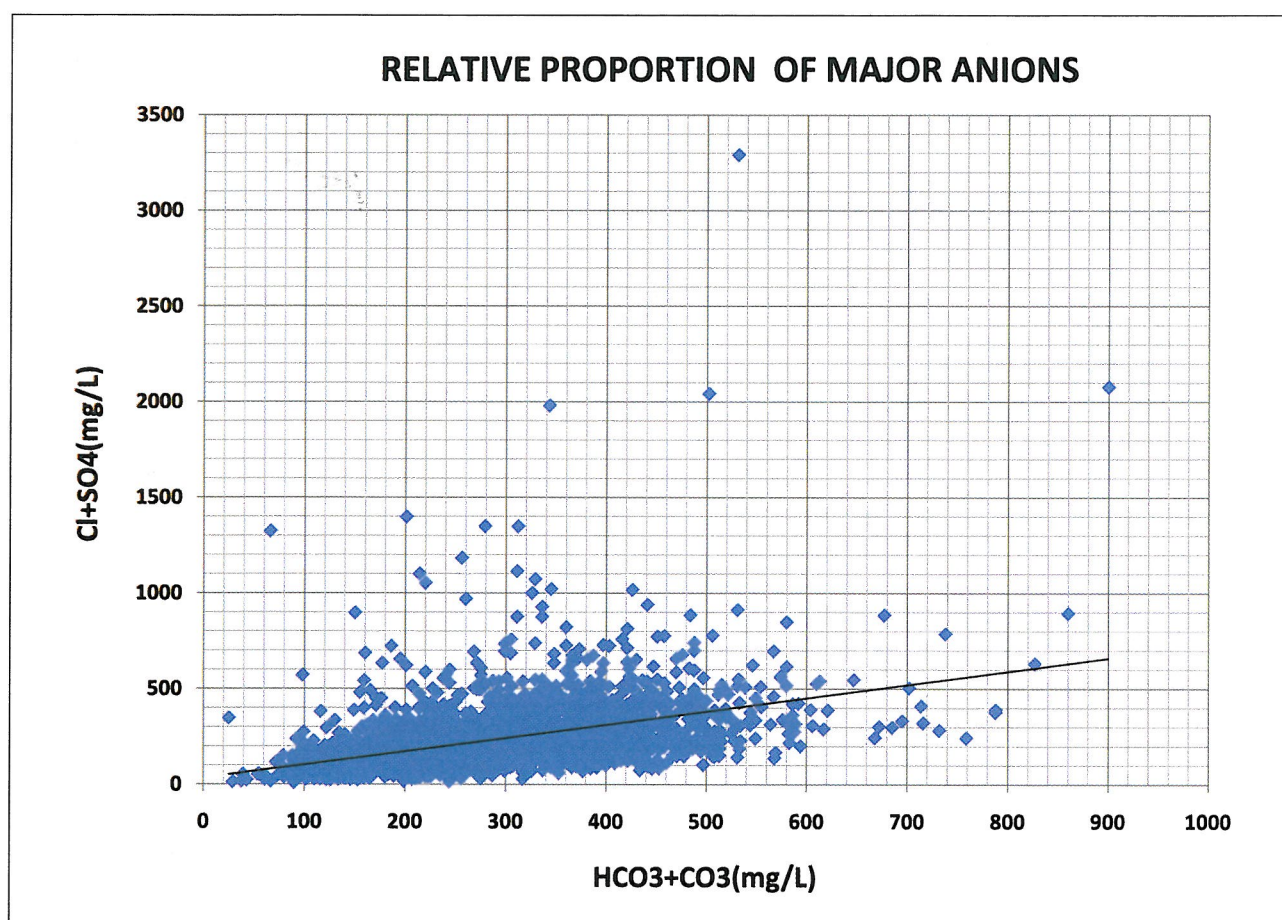


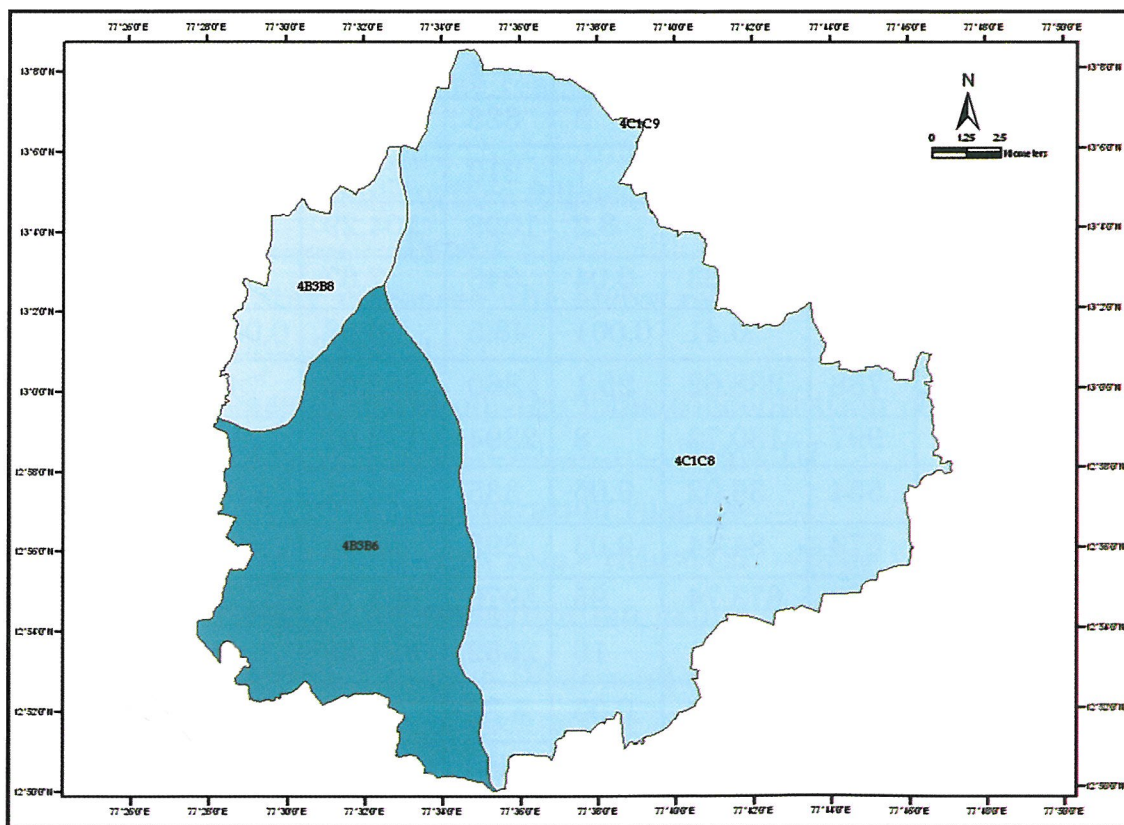
Figure 5 : Anion Concentration in Groundwater

## Relative proportion of major anions in groundwater

**Table 5: Correlation coefficient matrix of chemical data of groundwater, Bangalore City (n=2209)**

Sl. No	Ca	Mg	Na	K	Fe	HCO <sub>3</sub>	CO <sub>3</sub>	Cl	NO <sub>3</sub>	SO <sub>4</sub>	TDS	SC	TH	pH	F
1	Ca	1													
2	Mg	0.69	1												
3	Na	0.60	0.27	1											
4	K	0.09	0.02	0.19	1										
5	Fe	-0.02	-0	-0.01	-0.03	1									
6	HCO <sub>3</sub>	0.54	0.52	0.52	0.19	-0	1								
7	CO <sub>3</sub>	0.47	0.05	0.12	-0.26	0.09	0.02	1							
8	Cl	<b>0.89</b>	0.67	<b>0.72</b>	0.12	-0	0.37	0.23	1						
9	NO <sub>3</sub>	0.31	0.19	0.35	0.18	-0	0.04	0.02	0.30	1					
10	SO <sub>4</sub>	0.62	0.48	0.6	0.16	-0	0.43	0.30	0.50	0.20	1				
11	TDS	<b>0.91</b>	0.69	<b>0.82</b>	0.22	-0	0.62	0.29	0.90	0.40	0.70	1			
12	SC	0.86	0.68	0.74	0.17	-0	0.59	0.31	0.90	0.30	0.60	<b>0.92</b>	1		
13	TH	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.86</b>	0.52	0.06	-0	0.57	0.40	0.90	0.30	0.60	<b>0.89</b>	0.90	1	
14	pH	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.10	0.20	0.67	-0.10	-0.20	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
15	F	-0.03	-0.00	0.07	0.03	-0	0.20	0.28	-0.10	-0.10	0.10	-0.00	0.00	-0.00	0 1

The cationic and anionic percentages calculated based on average value for dug well and Bore well samples reveal  $\text{Na} > \text{Ca} > \text{Mg} > \text{K}$  and  $\text{HCO}_3 > \text{Cl} > \text{SO}_4 > \text{NO}_3$ .



**Figure 6 : Watershed Map of Bangalore City**



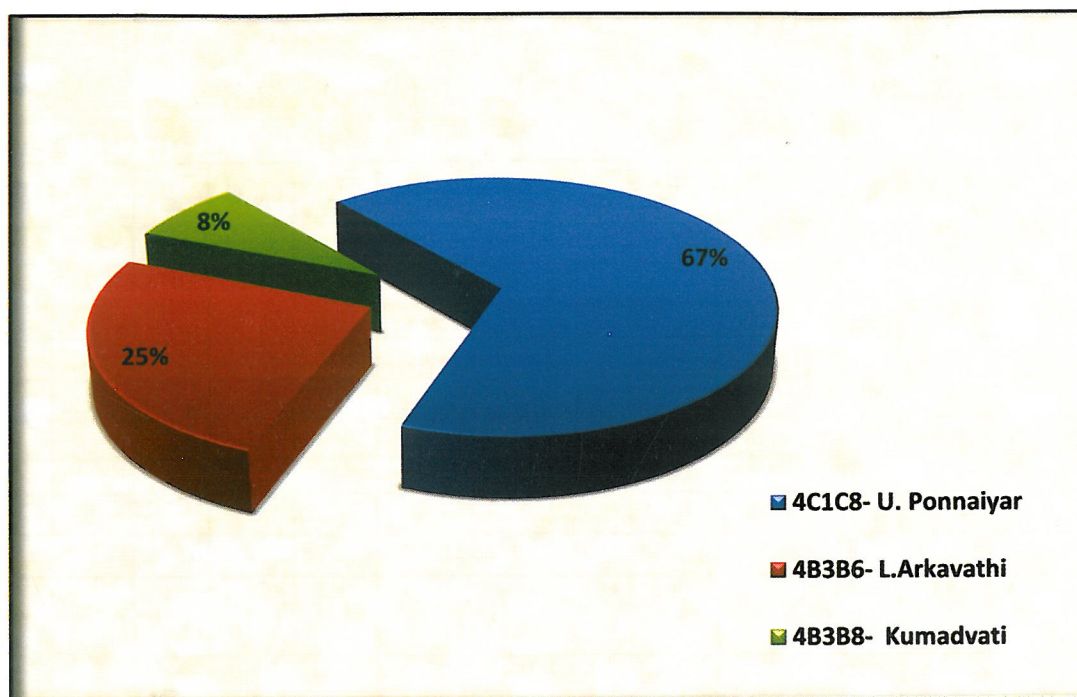


Figure 7 : Watershed area (%), Bangalore City

Table 6 : Minimum, Maximum and Average values for three watersheds

Constituent (mg/L) except pH & SC	Lower Arkavathi 4B3B6			Kumadvati (Upper Arkavathi) 4C1C8			Ponniayar (South Pinakini) 4B3B8		
	Min.	Max.	Avg.	Min.	Max.	Avg.	Min.	Max.	Avg.
Ca	10	312	90.74	3	688	89.66	10	680	140.2
Mg	4	156	35.42	1	210	24.20	1	295	63.2
Na	6	325	91.92	8.2	1099	104.29	8	385	100.6
K	0.52	226	6.63	0.04	346	7.67	1.29	43.6	7.3
Fe	0.004	18.4	0.41	0.001	48.5	0.58	0.001	10.44	0.4
HCO <sub>3</sub>	38	788	338.62	25.1	860	263.63	43	900	356.3
Cl	8	997	130.72	8	2394	173.01	17	1870	290.0
NO <sub>3</sub>	0.06	554	36.02	0.05	335	40.01	1.09	180	38.9
SO <sub>4</sub>	2.7	573	84.44	0.03	895	65.04	4.4	400	101.1
TDS	60	1860	673.74	95	5970	661.76	70	4035	959.8
TH	40	1308	369.41	16	2552	321.28	44	2720	605.3
F	0.09	2.73	0.48	0.05	5.32	0.36	0.061	0.72	0.3
SC	105	3340	1152.60	80	9850	1111.82	120	7210	1703.1
pH	6.32	8.39	-	5.49	8.94	-	6.39	8.3	-



As already mentioned, there are three main watersheds namely, Ponniayar (4C1C8) in the eastern part of the city covering 67 % of the area, Arkavathi (4B3B6) in the southwestern part which covers 25% of the area and Kumadvathi (4B3B8) in the northwestern part covering a small area of 8% of the study area (Fig. 6 and Fig. 7). The minimum, maximum and average values for three watersheds are given in Table 6.

The major Constituents based on average value for the three watersheds show:

- (a)  $\text{Na} > \text{Ca} > \text{Mg} > \text{K}$  and  $\text{HCO}_3 > \text{Cl} > \text{SO}_4 > \text{NO}_3$  relationship for Ponniayar and Arkavathi watersheds and
- (b)  $\text{Ca} > \text{Na} > \text{Mg} > \text{K}$  and  $\text{HCO}_3 > \text{Cl} > \text{SO}_4 > \text{NO}_3$  relationship for Kumadvathi watershed.

Thus based on the cation - anion percentage, the groundwater of Bangalore city is categorised as "Na-Ca and  $\text{HCO}_3$ -Cl- $\text{SO}_4$  facies in the order of dominance"

The "Indices of base exchange" (IBE) also known as "Chloro- Alkaline Indices" (CAI) were calculated for bore well and dug well samples and also for all the three watersheds separately, to know the process of ionic exchange during rock-water interaction by adopting the formula proposed by Schoeller (1977):

$$\text{CAI 1} = \text{Cl} - (\text{Na} + \text{K}) / \text{Cl} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{CAI 2} = \text{Cl} - (\text{Na} + \text{K}) / (\text{SO}_4 + \text{HCO}_3 + \text{NO}_3)$$

Positive CAI values noted for most of the groundwater samples suggest that the sodium and potassium from water are exchanged with calcium and magnesium in the rock following Base Exchange reactions (chloro-alkaline equilibrium).

Schoeller (1967) pointed out that ionic concentration during the stay of groundwater within the subsurface follows the order:

$$r\text{HCO}_3 > r\text{SO}_4 \text{ ----- Type I}$$

As the duration of stay increases, the above relation changes to

$$r\text{SO}_4 > r\text{Cl} \text{ ----- Type II}$$

With further increase of duration, the ionic concentration changes to

$$r\text{Cl} > r\text{SO}_4 > r\text{HCO}_3 \text{ ----- Type III}$$

In the final stage the ionic concentration reaches

$$r\text{Cl} > r\text{SO}_4 > r\text{HCO}_3 \text{ along with } r\text{Na} > r\text{Mg} > r\text{Ca} \text{ --Type IV}$$

(Where r stands for concentration expressed in epm)

These changes from type I to type IV depend on the residence time of water in the subsurface and the extent of rock-water interaction. As per Schoeller (1967) classification, the groundwater of the study area belong to type I category where  $r\text{HCO}_3 > r\text{SO}_4$ . The study has thus indicated that Na-Ca and  $\text{HCO}_3$  - Cl -  $\text{SO}_4$  facies dominated in the area.

## Potability of Groundwater

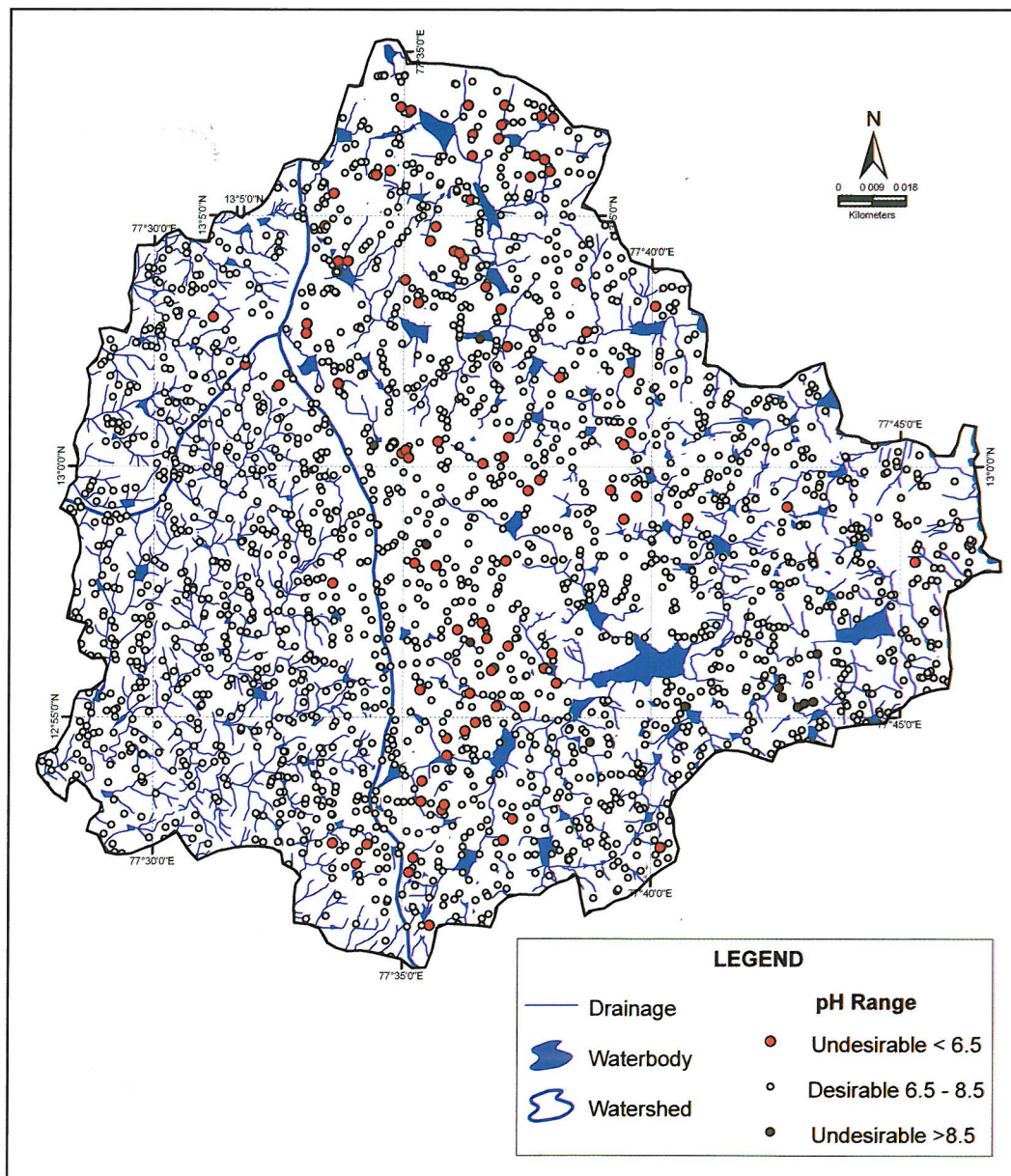
The quality of drinking water is mainly referred to pH, Total Hardness as  $\text{CaCO}_3$ , Total Dissolved Solids,  $\text{NO}_3$ , Fe and F apart from heavy metals and possible bacteriological contaminations. The water suitability for drinking purposes is categorized based on the specifications of WHO and IS standards - 2003.

## Hydrogen Ion Concentration (pH)

The pH the hydrogen ion concentration in water, from which the acidic or alkaline nature of water can be determined.

The pH of groundwater in the study area varies from 5.49 to 8.94. A total of 94.30% of the samples have pH ranging from 6.5 to 8.5. The water with pH value less than 6.5 (which exists in 5% samples) and more than 8.5 (that exists in only 0.70% of samples) which are acidic and alkaline, respectively are not potable. The variation in pH value of groundwater of the study area is attributable to lithological factors and also due to the anthropogenic activities.

Location wise and zone wise variation of pH value in groundwaters of Bangalore is shown in Fig. 8, Fig. 9 and Fig. 10.



**Figure 8 : Groundwater pH, Bangalore City**



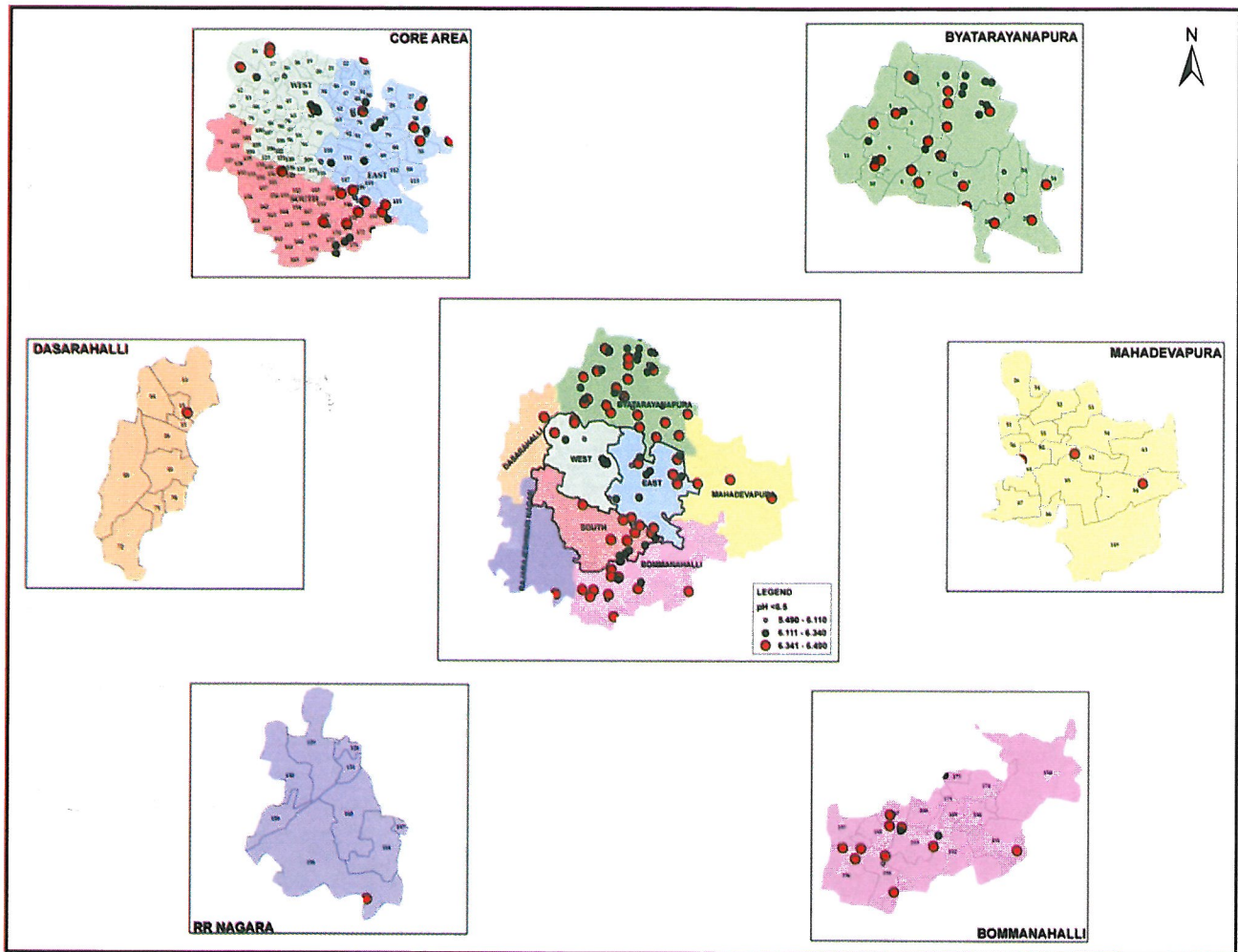
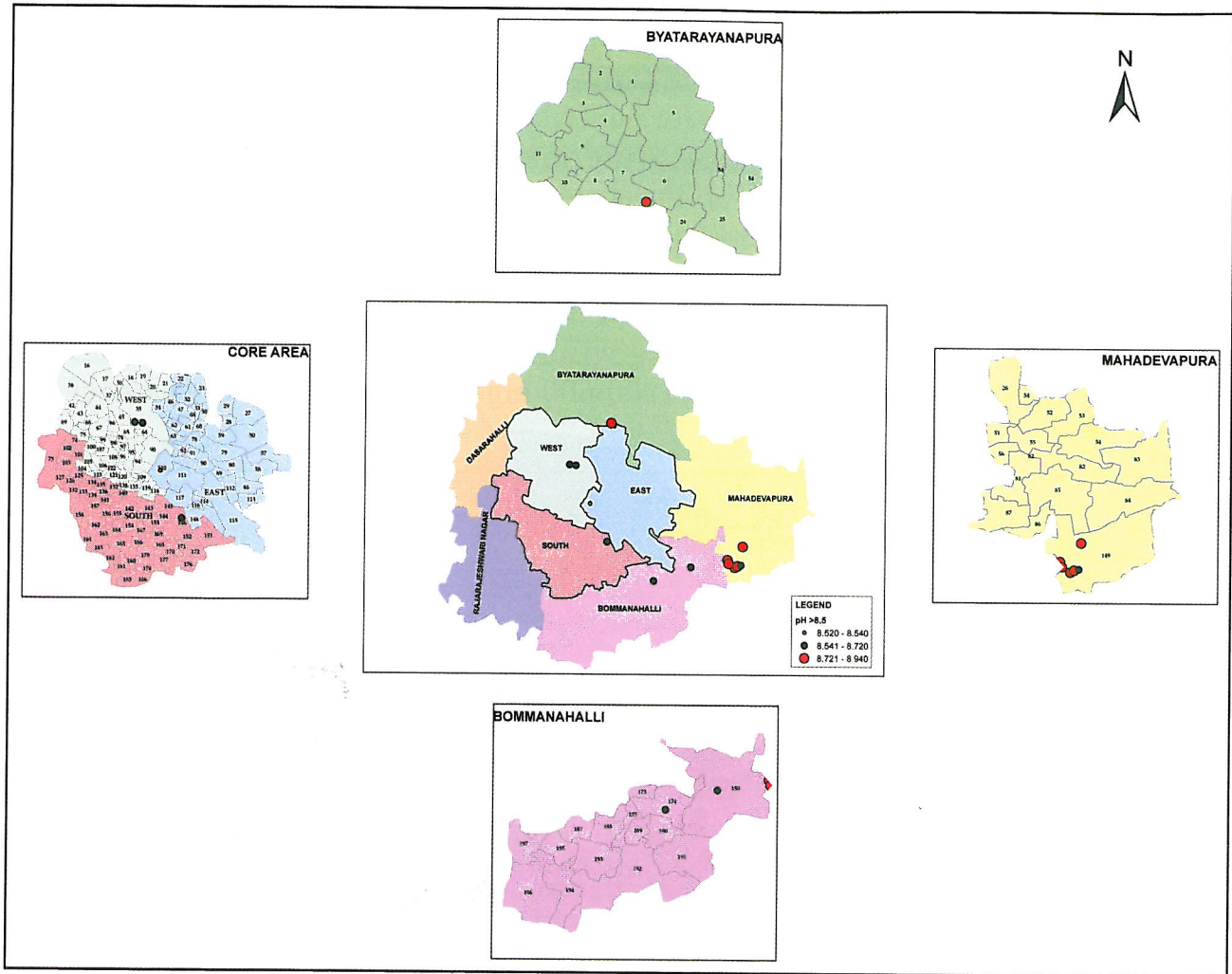


Figure 9 : Zone Wise Groundwater quality based on pH (<6.5)



**Figure 10 : Zone Wise Ground Water Quality based on pH (>8.5)**

Fig. 9 and Fig. 10 show that the undesirable limits of pH ( $< 6.5$  and  $> 8.5$ ) shown in red color, are more seen in Ponnaiyar water shed at eastern part of the study area.



## Total Hardness (TH)

Hardness in water is mainly due to dissolved calcium and magnesium salts. The calcium and magnesium in hardwater contributes to the encrustation that may developed due to changes in temperature and pressure. The bicarbonate ions exist in groundwater as a result of dissolved carbondioxide. The bicarbonates of Ca and Mg cause carbonate hardness (temporary hardness) and the sulphate and chlorides cause non-carbonate hardness (permanent hardness). Total Hardness range from 16 to 2720 with an average of 354 (mg/L). Out of 2210 samples that were analysed, 45% of the samples are within the desirable limit (<300 mg/L), 46% are within the permissible limit (300-600 mg/L) and only 9% in excess of the

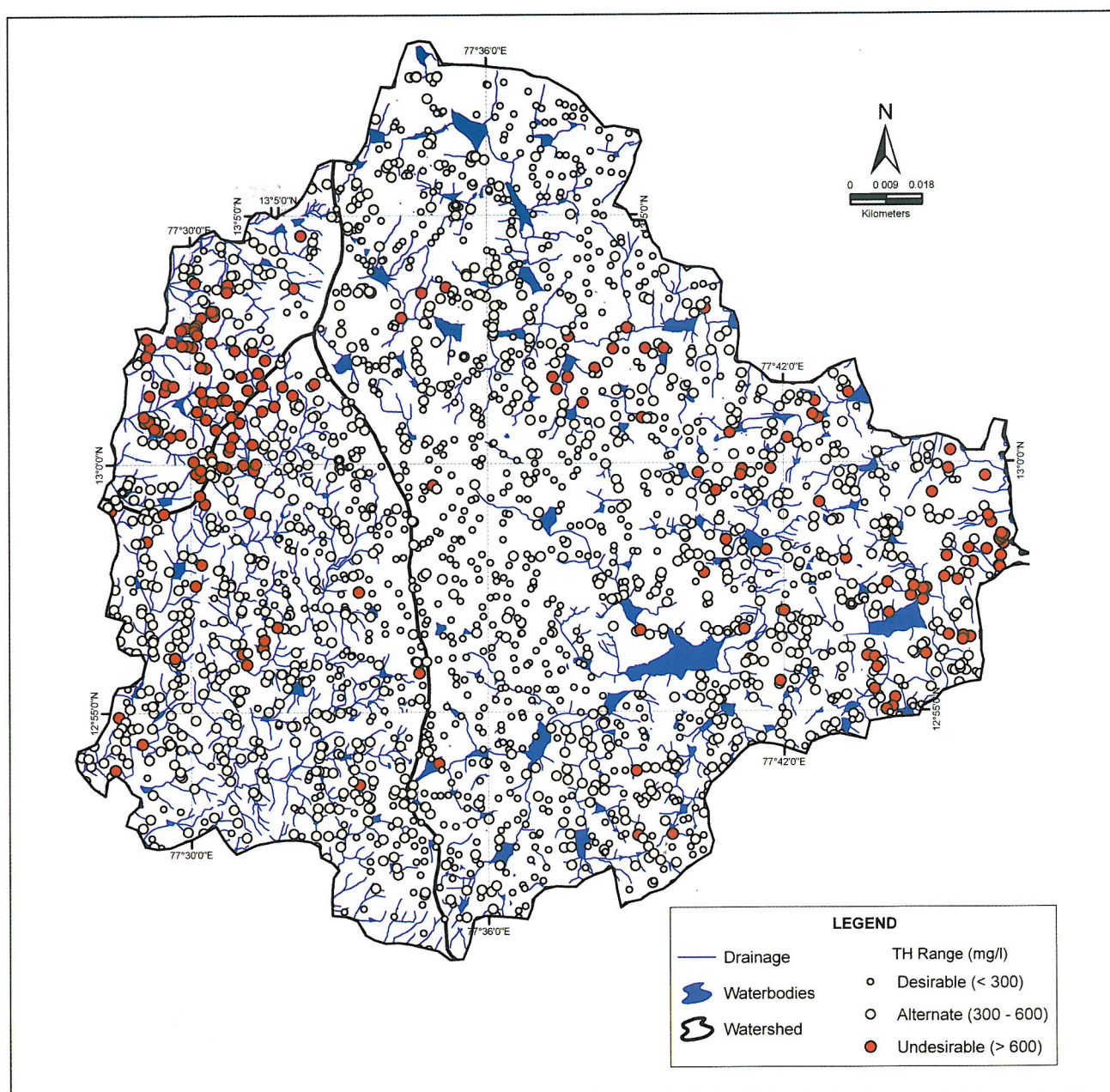


Figure 11 : Total hardness in Groundwater, Bangalore City



permissible limit ( $>600\text{mg/L}$ ). The results reveal that the hardness of the water is due to bicarbonate (temporary hardness). Location wise and spatial distribution of TH in groundwater is given Fig.11 and Fig. 11.1.

The undesirable quality of groundwater based on total hardness attributable to rock-water interaction (temporary hardness-09% of the total samples) is at WNW and eastern boundaries of the study area. Further, 90% of the total samples analysed are within the permissible limit ( $300\text{-}600\text{mg/L}$ ).

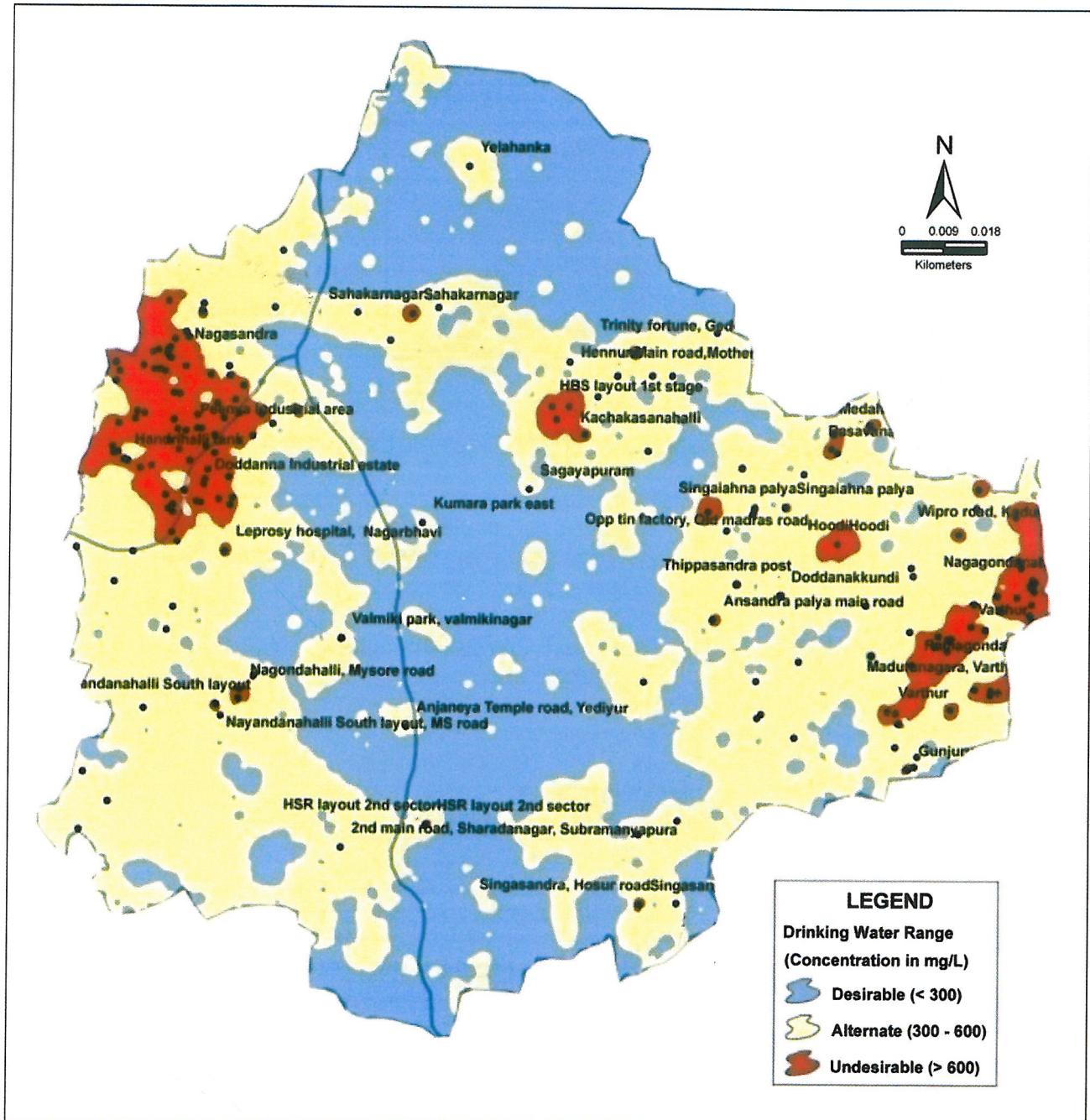


Figure 11.1 : Spatial Distribution of Total hardness, Bangalore City

## Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)

The total dissolved solids is the residue left after evaporation of a known volume of water at 105°C. It is approximately equal to the total content of dissolved substances in a water sample. TDS in the area range from 45 mg/L to 5970 mg/L with an average of 685 mg/L. Out of 2209 samples that were analysed, 31% are within desirable limit of 500 mg/L, and 68% within permissible limit of 2000 mg/L and only 13 samples (one percent) in excess of the prescribed Indian Standard.

Based on TDS content Davis and De Wiest (1966) classified water into Desirable for drinking (<500 mg/L), permissible (500-1000 mg/L). If to consider this

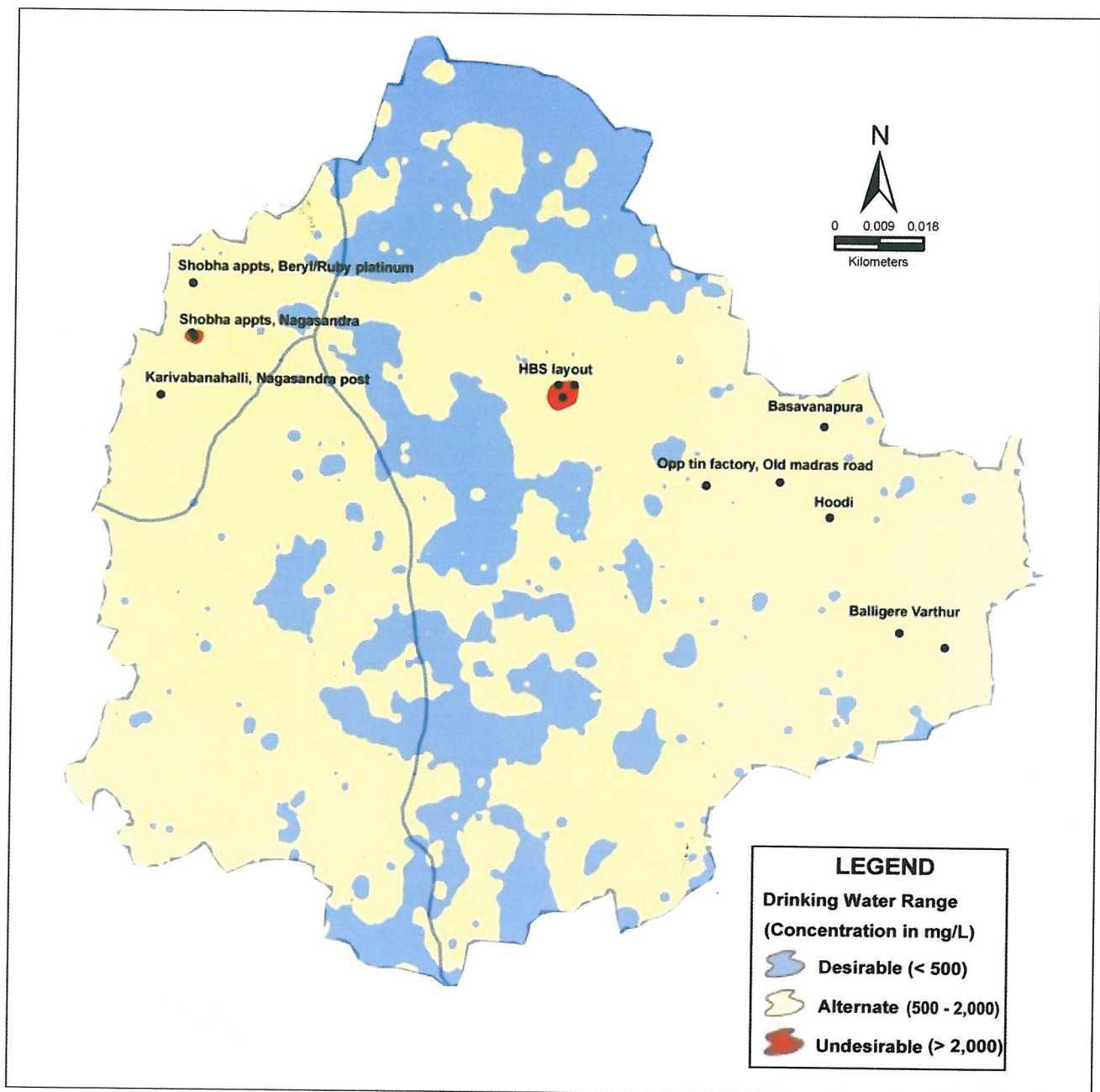


Figure 12 : Spatial Distribution of Total Dissolved Solids, Bangalore City



classification, 31% of the samples fall within desirable limit and 55% within permissible limit and only 14% above the permissible limit for drinking purpose. Where as according to IS-2003, desirable and permissible limits for drinking purpose are <500 mg/L and 500-2000 mg/L, respectively. As per this specification, 31% of the samples fall within the desirable limit and 68% within permissible limit and only 01% above the permissible limit for drinking purpose (Fig. 12)

Based on TDS content, Catroll (1962), classified water into four categories viz; fresh, brackish, saline and brine (Table 7).

**Table 7 : Water classification based on TDS values (Catroll, 1962)**

TDS mg/L	Nature of water	Samples (%)
<1000	Fresh water	86
1000-10,000	Brackish	14
10,000-1,00,000	Saline	-
>1,00,000	Brine	-

The data presented in Table 7 shows that 86% of water samples are fresh and the rest of 14% are brackish.

### Water Quality for Livestock

Hem's classification (1970) based on TDS for the livestock are furnished in Table 8.

**Table 8 : Upper limit for livestock (after Hem, 1970)**

Sl. No.	Livestock	TDS(mg/L)
1	Poultry	2860
2	Pigs	5290
3	Horses	6435
4	Cattle(Dairy)	7150
5	Sheep(adult)	12,900

As per this specification 99.50% of the groundwater of the study area is suitable for livestock.



## Mechanism of Groundwater Chemistry

In order to ascertain the mechanism controlling the chemical composition of groundwater of Bangalore City, Gibb's ratio (Gibbs, 1970), calculated for  $(Na+K)/(Na+K+Ca)$  and anions  $(Cl)/(Cl+HCO_3)$  shows that 70% of groundwater samples are controlled by rock-water interaction and 30% by the process of precipitation. This supports the data obtained from positive chloro-alkaline index (Schoeller).

### (d) Total Iron (Fe)

The concentration of total Iron in Groundwater sample varies from 0.001 mg/L to as high as 48.50 mg/L with an average value of 0.53 mg/L. The high content

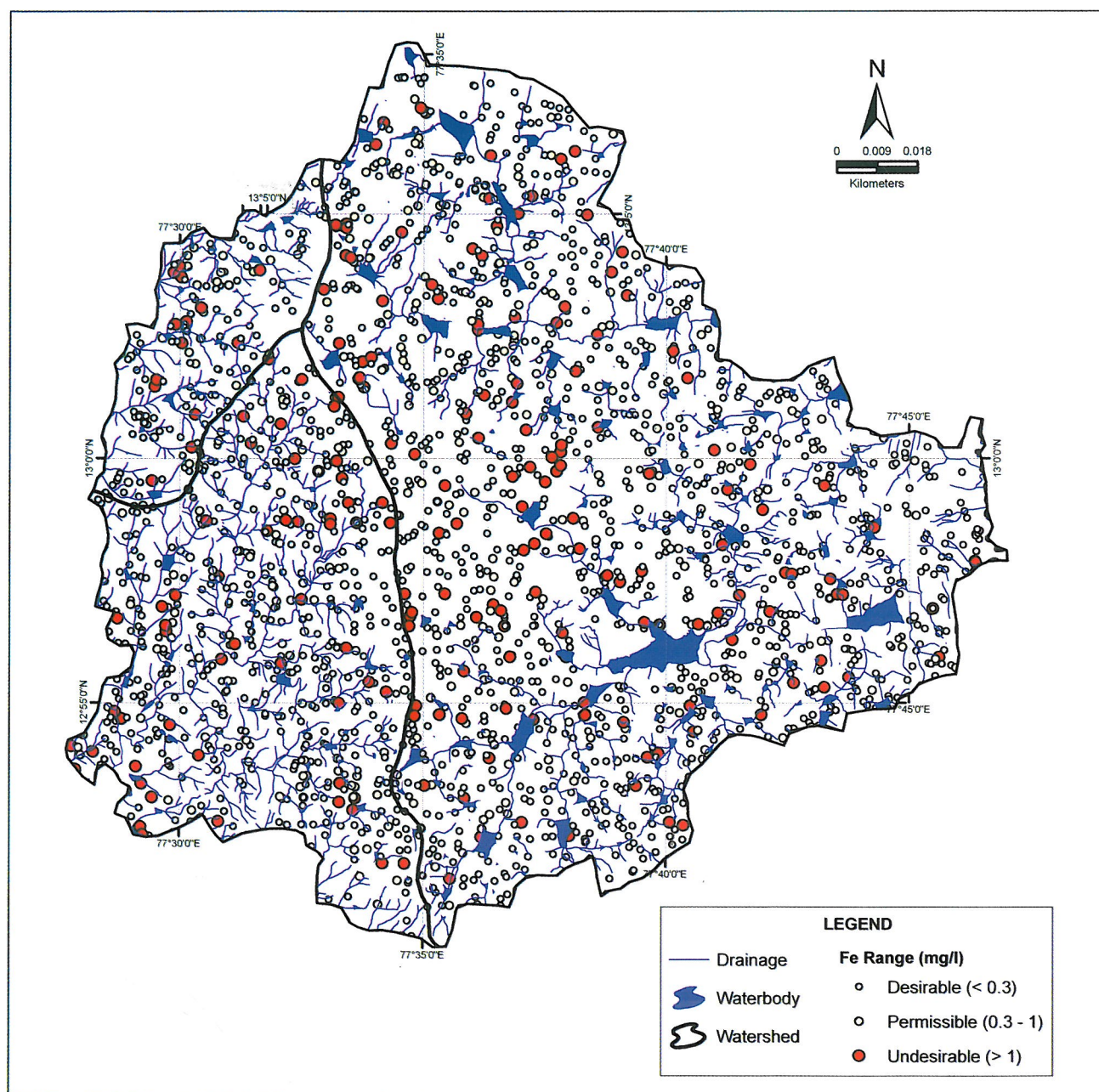


Figure 13 : Iron in Groundwater, Bangalore city



of iron in the groundwater samples is attributable to the corrosion of casing pipes of the bore wells. It is noted that 75% of the samples have shown Iron content within the desirable limit (0.3 mg/L) and 15% of the sample are within permissible limit (1.0mg/L) and only 10% of the samples have Iron content in excess of permissible limit. Fig.13 and Fig.13.1 shows the distribution of Iron in groundwater of the study area.

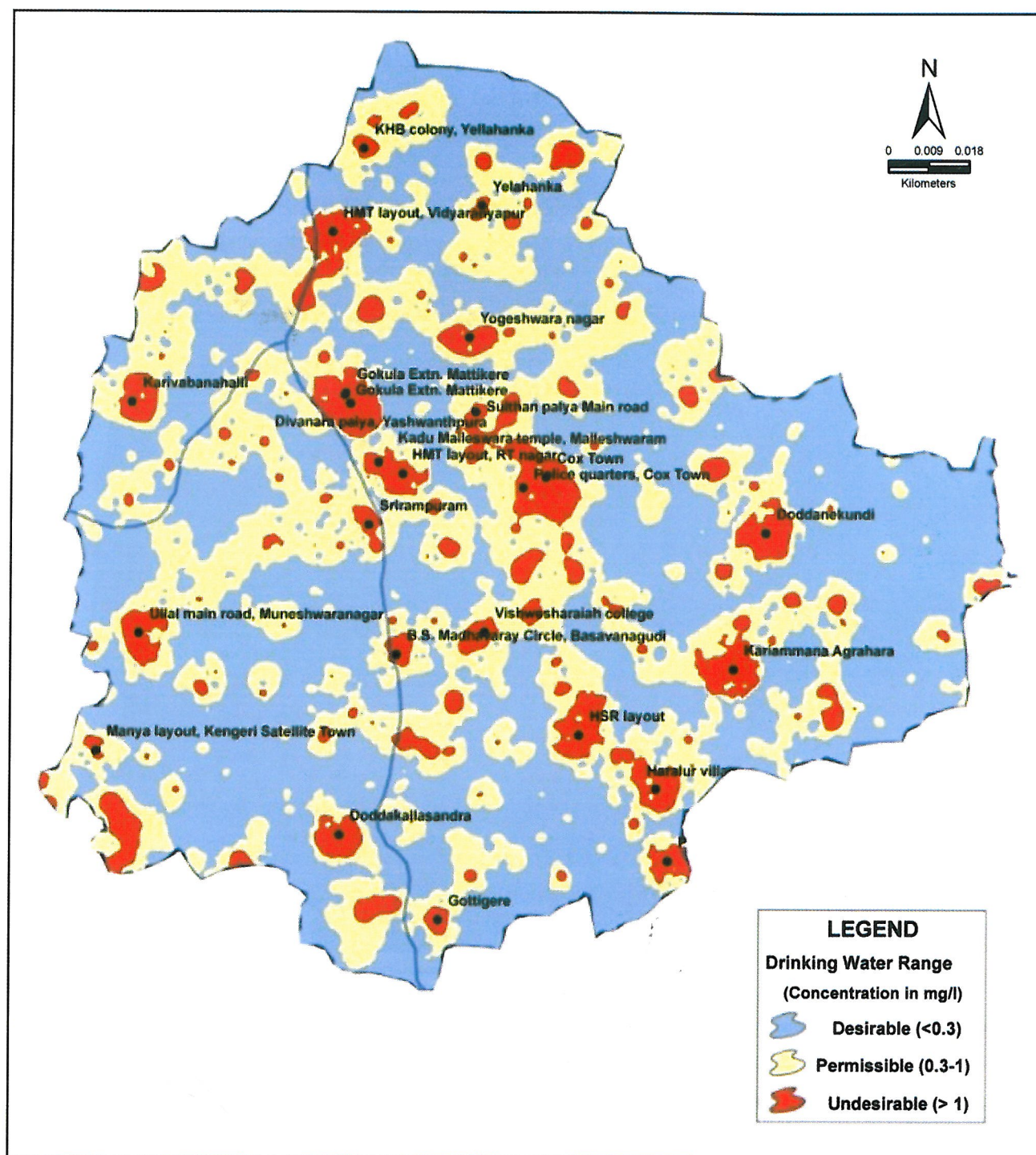


Figure 13.1 : Spatial Distribution Map of Iron



The iron concentration in excess of desirable limits affects the taste and colour of water and has adverse effects on long term consumption. This also promotes the growth of iron bacteria. When the iron contents of the water at the source is in excess of the specified limit, treatment for removal is necessary.

### (e) Nitrate ( $\text{NO}_3$ )

The nitrate content in groundwater varies from less than one mg/L to 554 mg/L with an average of 38.34 mg/L. Out of 2209 samples, 71% have nitrate content less than the desirable limit (<45 mg/L) and 29% (643 locations) have excess of nitrate content(>45 mg/L) rendering unfit for drinking As

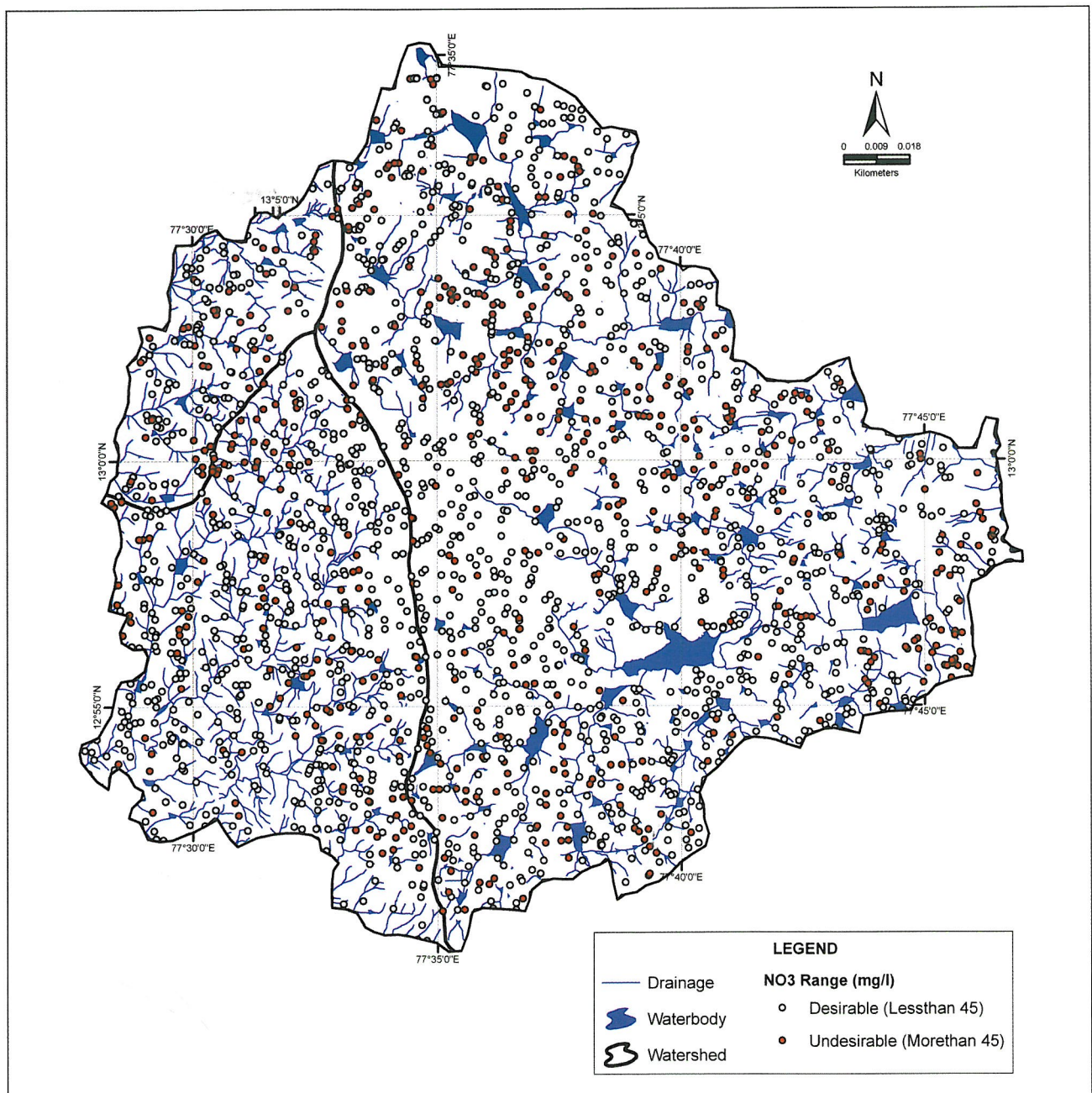
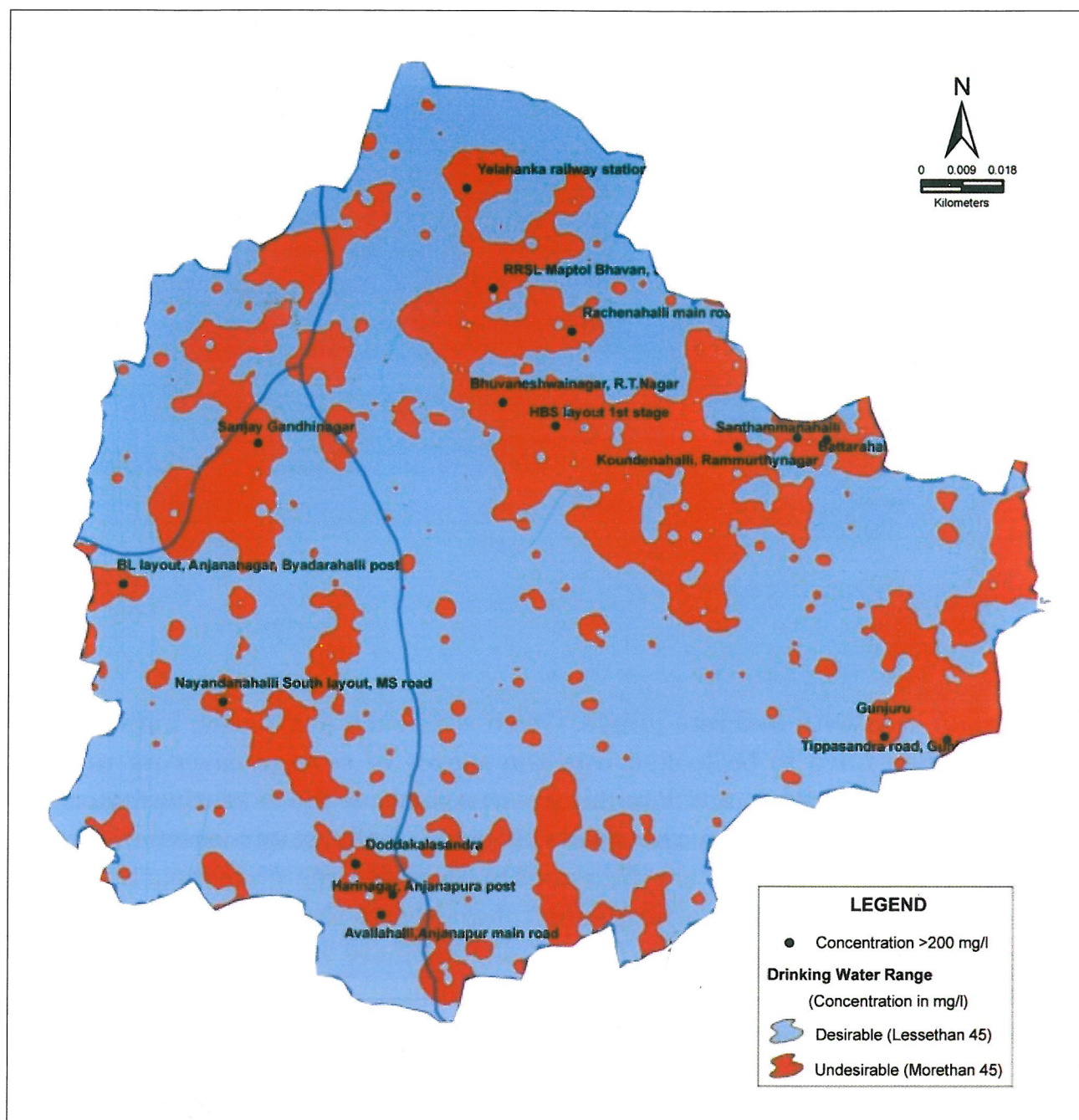


Figure 14 : Nitrate concentration in Groundwater, Bangalore City

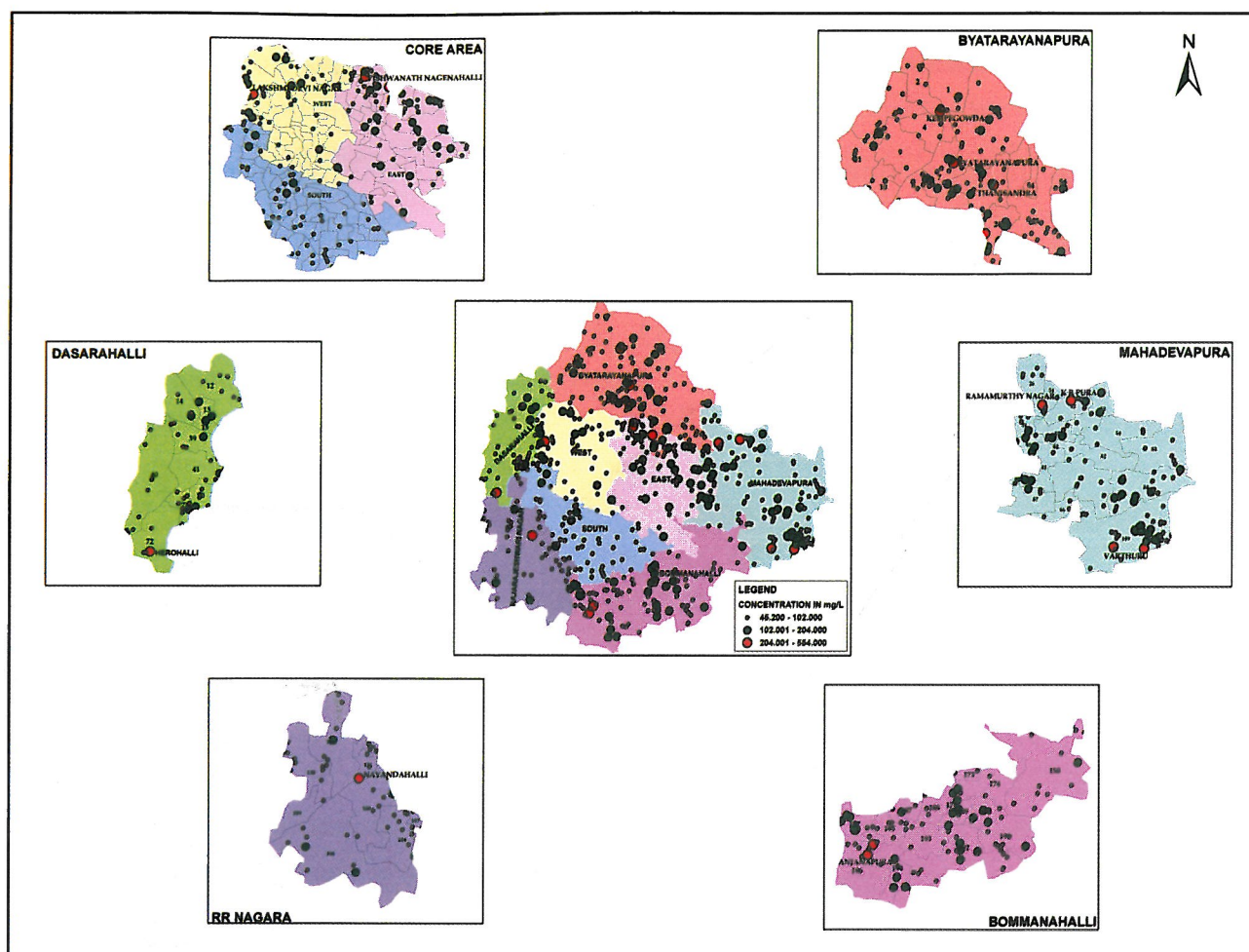


Per Indian Standards (IS : 2003). Higher concentration indicates the effect of human activity (discharge of untreated sewage effluents) and a significant level of pollution.

The location of nitrate concentration and the spatial distribution maps are given in Fig. 14, Fig. 14.1 & Fig. 14.2 respectively.



**Figure 14.1 : Spatial Distribution of Nitrate in groundwater, Bangalore City**



**Figure 14.2 : Zone wise Distribution of Nitrate (>desirable limit)**

Nitrate in groundwater cannot be due to rock-water interaction in the area. There is no major agricultural activity nor application of nitrogenous fertilizers since it is an urban area with concrete jungle. Given with such a situation high content of nitrate may have to be looked into the source of sewage carrying unlined channels of the Arkavathi and Ponnaiyar watersheds as the causative factors. In fact heavy sewage load in the western part of the study area is by the Vrushabhavathi river a tributary of Arkavathi. However, there are certain isolated pockets of high nitrate content in the peripheral parts that can be attributed to direct untreated, sewage disposals. Raju et al (1992) have observed that the nitrate content increases with the percolated sewage effluents as compared to the input of raw wastewater. Relatively higher content of nitrate in isolation in residential area, suggest local contamination due to improper sanitary conditions, leachate from animal wastes, sewage infiltration (in the absence of proof sewer system in the city) and solid waste dumps and kitchen garden manures/fertilizers.

The primary health hazard linked to excessive nitrate content in drinking water is methomoglobinemia, which affects infants. WHO has also stated that excessive



consumption of nitrate rich water leads to carcinogenesis. Morales-Suarez-Varela et.al, (1995) have reported an increased mortality rates from gastric and prostate cancer with prolonged consumption of excess nitrate in drinking water in Spain. Grant et al (1996), identified a cluster of spontaneous abortions in India possibly related to ingestion of nitrate-contaminated well water.

The field study has revealed that the topographic depressions and local water bodies (many tanks/lakes in the city) are with domestic waste sewage effluents that are enriched in nitrogen (Fig. 15).



**Figure 15 : Domestic waste water/sewage effluents connected to the tank**

High contents of nitrate associated with high Cl and Na (Table-5), indicate contamination of groundwater possibly from septic tanks, sewage effluent or barnyard pollution. This feature is essentially noticed in the new Bhruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike peripheral parts, where there are no proper underground drainage facilities. As compared to the dug wells (unconfined aquifers), presence of nitrate in bore wells which have tapped semi confined aquifers are high.

### **(f) Fluoride (F)**

A Fluoride concentration of less than 1.0 mg/L in drinking water effectively reduces dental caries without harmful effects on health. Fluoride content in the groundwater samples varies from 0.03 mg/L to 5.54mg/L with an average of

0.65mg/L. It is significant to note that 99% of the samples contain fluoride less than of 1.0 mg/L and in rest of the samples the fluoride content is within the permissible limit ( $< 1.5$  mg/L).

Having observed the concentration of fluoride content of more than 1.5mg/L in certain of the samples (Fig. 16), further sampling work was taken up exclusively for fluoride analysis. A total of 275 groundwater samples were collected and analysed. Of the 275 samples so analysed for fluoride only 16 samples revealed fluoride content of more than 1.5mg/L (Table 9). Samples having fluoride content of above 1.5 mg/L are shown in Fig. 16.1 Presence of fluoride content of 5.06 mg/L at Uttarahalli in the SW and 5.54 mg/L in Bellandur, in the SE part of the city is exceptionally high (Fig. 16.2).

**Table 9 : Fluoride in Groundwater (>permissible limit) of 1.5 mg/L**

Sl.No	Location	Content (mg/L)
1	Uttarahalli	5.1
2	Sapthagiri layout, Sigehalli	2.3
3	Green Gleal layout	4.2
4	Bellandur	2.3
5	Bellahalli cross Yelahanka	2.3
6	Bellandur	3.0
7	Bellandur	3.3
8	Thirumanahalli Hegdenagar Mn. Rd	1.6
9	Bellandur	1.7
10	Bellandur	5.5
11	Bellandur	3.6
12	Green Gleal layout	4.8
13	Green Gleal layout	5.0
14	Bellandur	2.4
15	Maruthinagar Bellandur	2.8
16	Medahalli, Virunagar post	1.9



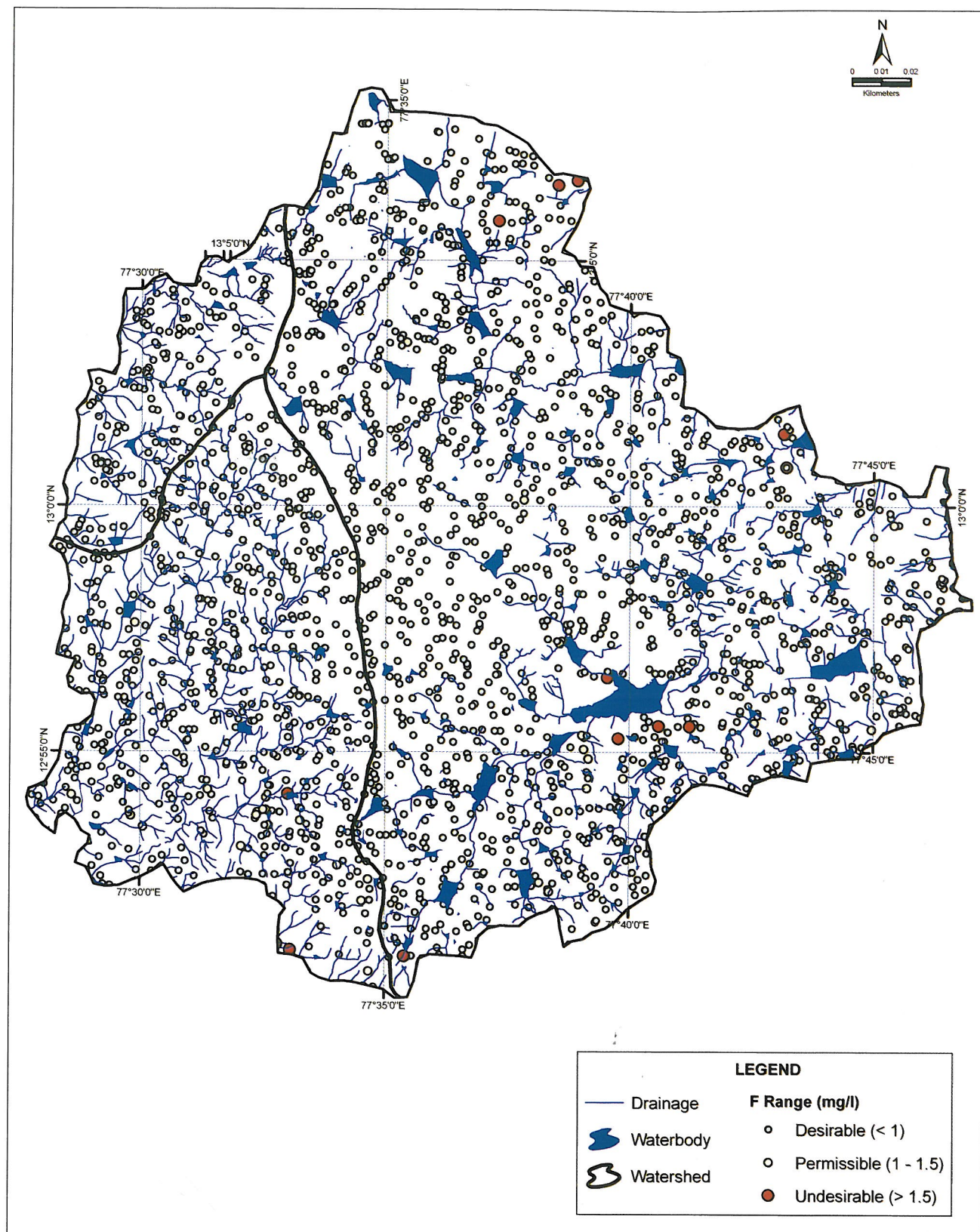
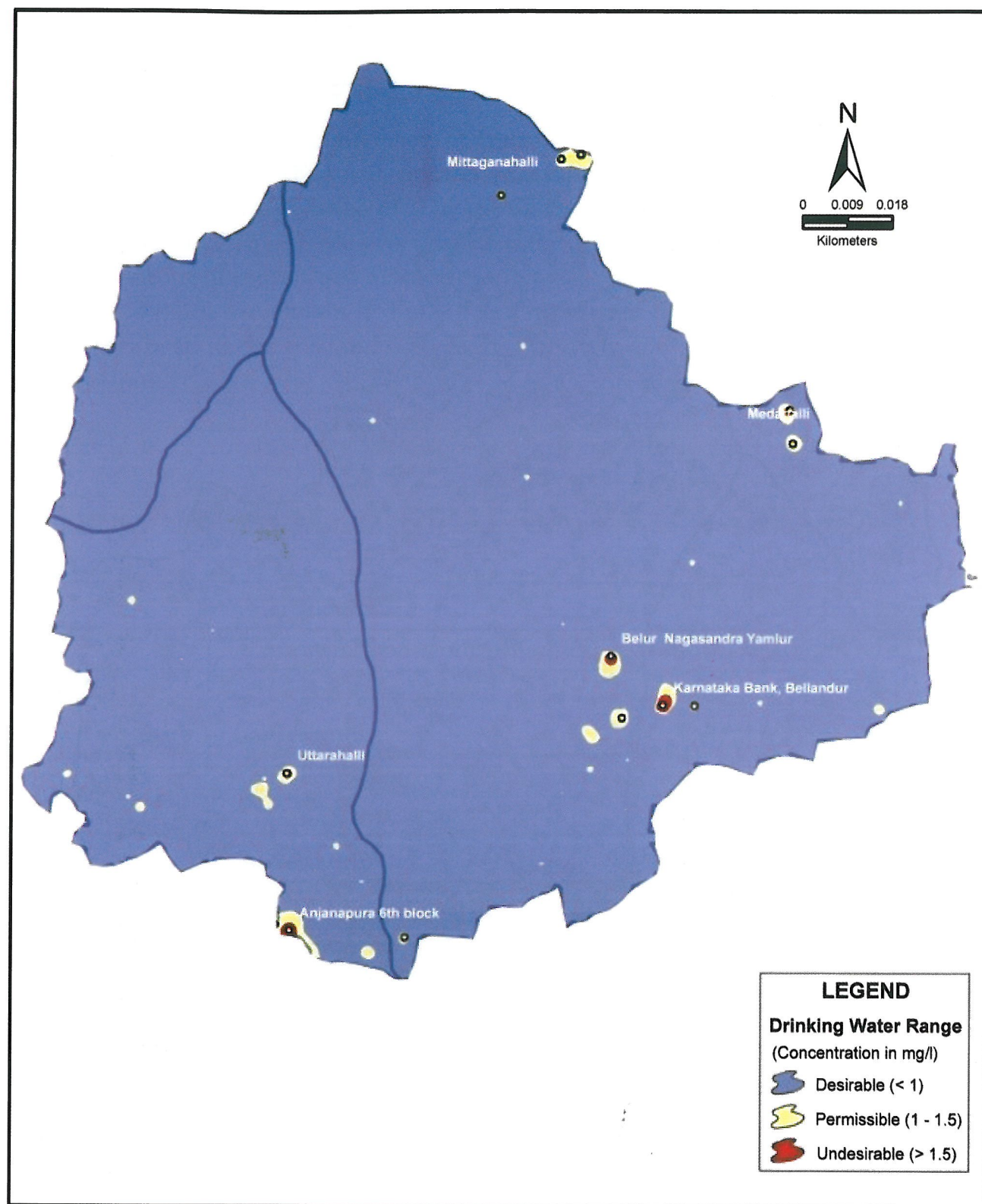
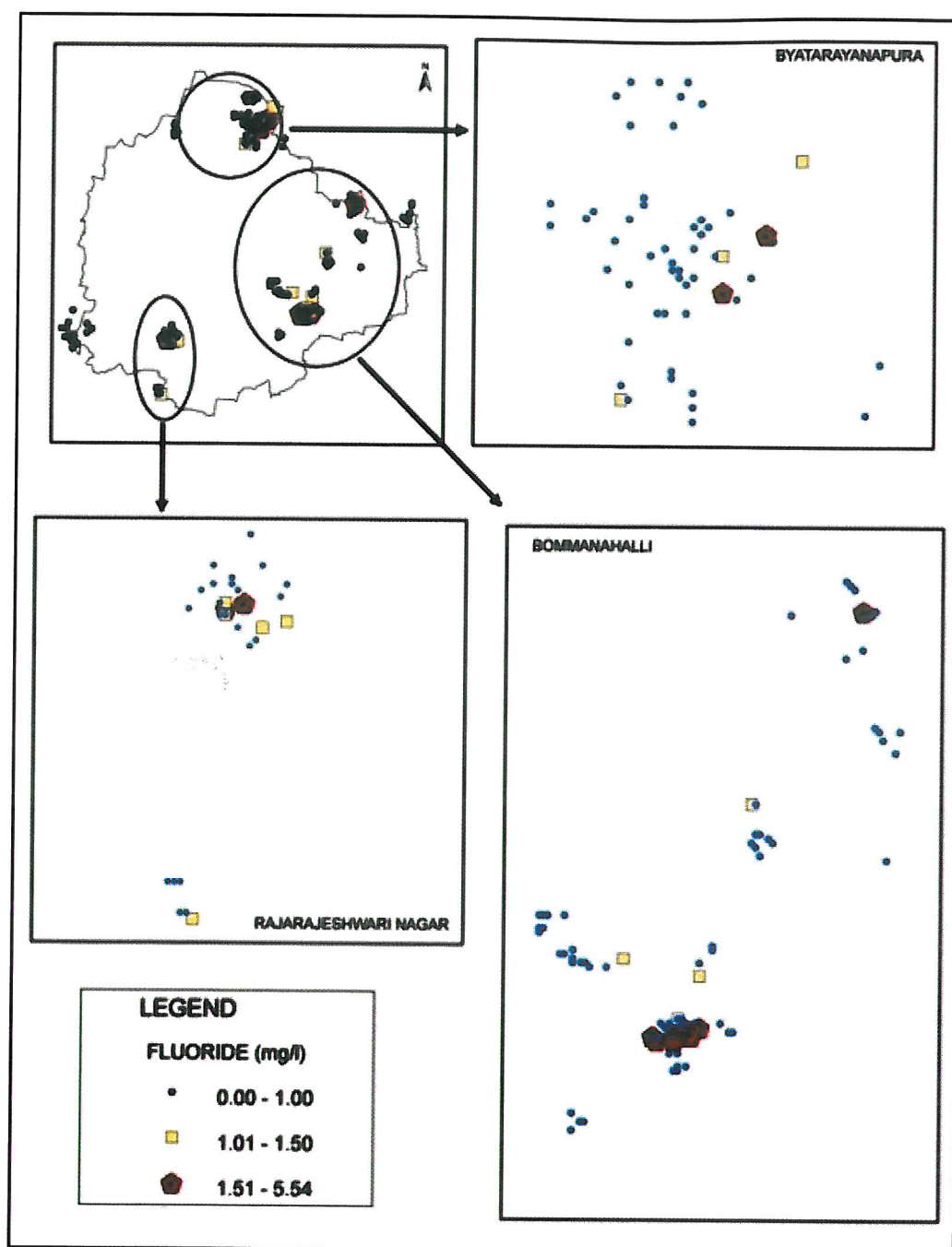


Figure 16 : Fluoride concentration in groundwater, Bangalore city



**Figure 16.1: Spatial Distribution of Fluoride in Groundwater, Bangalore City**





**Figure 16.2: Distribution of Fluoride in Groundwater, Bangalore City**

Though percentage wise occurrence of undesirable limit of fluoride in groundwater is negligible in the area (only 0.60 %), long term consumption of water containing excess fluoride results in "mottled enamel" in teeth, disfiguration of teeth, dental fluorosis and crippling of bones (skeletal deformities). Handa (1975) observed that groundwater with high level of fluoride contains low content of calcium and is positively correlated with bicarbonates. This is more so in the study area. Occurrence of fluoride in bore wells suggests the source of fluoride is geogenic. Granites/gneisses with intensive presence of pegmatites are the locations of high fluoride contents in borewells. The location of high content (above the permissible unit) of Fe,  $\text{NO}_3$ , pH and F are given in Table 10.

**Table 10 : Location of high content (above the permissible limit of Fe, NO<sub>3</sub>, pH and F) in Groundwater, Bangalore City**

Fe > 1.0 mg/L	NO <sub>3</sub> >45 mg/L		TH > 600 mg/L
Bagalgunte	A.C. palya	Adgodi road	Anjananagar,
Doddakallasandra,	Abbigere	Adugodi	Annapurneshwari layout
Gangamma Circle, Jalahalli	Adugodi	Agrahara	Ansandra palya
Gangondanahalli	Ashwathnagar	Agrahara new layout	B.Narayanapura
High Court Building,	Bagalgunte	Akshyanagar	Bagalgunte
Immodihalli	Bale pete	Alahalli	Baligeri
J.P.nagar 7th phase	Battarahalli	Allalasandra	Basavanapura
Jakkur main road	Benniganahalli	Amruth nagar	Basaveshwaranagar
K.R.puram	C.V.Ramannagar	Amruthahalli,	Battarahalli
Kengeri	Devasandra	Anandapuram	Bellattur
Nagapura	Dodda Begur	Andrahalli	Bileshivale Village
Nyanappahalli	Dodda Kammanahalli	Anjananagar	Bommanahalli
Pillanagarden,	Doddadevasandra	Ansandra palya main road	Chalaghatta
Sidehalli	Dooravaninagar.	Arakere,	Channasandra
Tumkur road	Dubasipalya	Arkere Mico layout,	Devinagar
Ulsoor	Gollarahatti	Attur	Dimur village
V.V. puram	Hariappanapalya	Avalahalli	Dodda Banaswadi
Adugodi	Hebbal	B.Narayanapura	Doddabidarkallu,
Agrahara	Hosakerehalli	Babusahib palya	Doddabomma sandra
Ambedkarnagar	Ilyasanagar	Baligeri	Doddanakkundi
Ambedkarnagar	Jakkur	Balligere Gunjuru road	Doddanna Industrial estate
Amruthnagar	K.R. puram	Banasawadi	Dooravaninagar.
Anantapura Yelahanka	Kanakanagar	Bandepalya,	Ganapathi nagar
Annaiappa Block	Kariyanapalya	Bannerghatta road	Gangondanahalli Mn Rd
Annapurneshwari nagar	Kengeri	Basavanagar,	Geddilahalli
Babasahebapalya,	Kommagondanahalli	Basavanapura	GKW layout
Bairatti,	Kurudasonnenahalli	Basaveshwara nagar	Gorgunte palya, Y.pura
Bande road Kogilu layout	Munnakolalu, Marathahalli	Battarahalli	Gunjur
Bandemata Extn	Nandhini layout	Begur	Haggadur
Bapujinagar	Nyanappahalli	Bellahalli main rd	Handrihalli tank
Basavagrama,	Peenya 2nd stage	Bellary road	Haralur
Basavanagar,	Pillanagarden,	BEML layout R.R.Nagar	HBR layout,
Basavanagudi	R.T.Nagar	Benaganahalli	HBS layout 1st stage
Begur	Sidehalli	Benson town	Hegganahalli
Belur	Sri Gandada Kavalu	Bikasipura	Heggenahalli cross, Sunkadakatte
Benniganahalli	T.Dasarahalli	Bilekallu,	Hennuru cross
Bommanahalli	Ullal	Bileshivale	HMT layout,
BSK 2nd stage	Ullala Upanagara	Bommanahalli	Hoodi
BSK 6th stage	Varthur	BSK 2nd stage	Horamavu Agra
BTM layout	Vidyaranyapura	BSK 3rd phase	HSR layout 2nd sector
Chennapanahalli	Whitefield	BSK 6th stage	Immodihalli
Cooke town	HMT layout,	BTM 2nd stage	Inside Arabic college
Coxtown, Dodkunte	Hongasandra	BTm layout,	Jalahalli circle
Dasarahalli Agrahara	Horamavu village	Byadarahalli	Jnanabharathi
Devinagar	Horamavu, Agara	Byatarayanapura	K.R.puram
Divanara palya,	Horohalli,	Chakkanahalli	Kachakasanahalli
Doddakallasandra	Hosahalli cross	Chamrajpet	Kadugodi
Doddanekundi	Hosapalya	Chandralayout	Kariammana Agrahara



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Doddekannalli Dinne,	HSR layout 3rd sector	Channasandra	Karivabanahalli,
Frazer town	Hudson Memorial Church	Chennapakanhalli palya,	Kaverinagar
Gollahalli, Kengeri hobli	Hundi	Chennapanahalli	Kengeri
Gottigere,	Indiranagar	Chikka Togur	Kittaganur
Gunjuru	J.C.Nagar,	Chikkabanawara	Kodi
Gunjurupalya	J.P.nagar	Chikkabellandur,	Kommagondanahalli
H. Siddaiah road	J.P.Nagar 8th phase	ChikkaBettahalli,	KS town
HAL 2nd stage, Indiranagar	J.Pnagar 9th phase	Chikkabommasandra	Kumara park east
HAL Rustumbagh	Jagadishnagar	Chikkalasandra	Kundalahalli
Handrihalli tank	Jagajivanramnagar	Chinnappanahalli,	Laggere
Haralur	Jakkur layout	Chokkanahalli	Magadi main road
Harikere,	Jalahalli	Chokkasandra	Mallasandra
HBR layout	Jalahalli circle	Cholanayakanahalli	Mallathahalli
Hegganahalli	Jambu savari dinne	Chunchunghatta	Mallathalli, Keregunte
Hennur Bagalur road	Jayanagar 4th Block	Dasarahalli	Medahalli,
Hennur cross	Jayanagar,	Devarachikkana halli	Nagagondanahalli Whitefield
Hirohalli	Jayanagara 9th block	Dimur village	Nagawara
HMT layout,	Jayanthi nagar	Dodda Banaswadi	Nagondanahalli,
Hoodi Rajapalya	Jeevanahalli	Dodda Togur	Nayandanahalli
Hosur main road	Jnanabharathi	Doddabasavapura	Nelagadaranna halli,
HSR layout	Jnanaganganagar	Doddabettahalli	Old madras road
HSR layout 2nd sector	Junnasandra	Doddabommasandra,	Panathuru
HSR layout 5th sector	Kachakasanahalli	Doddagubbi	Parappana Agrahara
Hulimavu	Kadugodi	Doddakallasandra	Pattandur,
Ideal homes layout	Kadugodi whitefield	Doddanekundi	Peenya 2nd stage
Indiranagar	Kaggadasapura	Doddekannalli Dinne,	Peenya Industrial area
Indiranagar 2nd stage	Kaikondanahalli	Domlur	Peenya Indl. area 3rd phase
J.P nagara 3rd phase	Kalkere	Dooravaninagar	Rajeshwari nagar
J.P.Nagar 1st phase	Kallipalya	Doriswamy palya	Rajiv Gandhi nagar
Jai Bharathi nagar	Kallyananagar	Dwarakanagar	Ramagondanahalli
Jakkur layout	Kalyan nagar, Mudalapalya	Electronic city	Rammurthynagar
Janabharthi 2nd stage,	Kamakshipalya	Frazer town	Sahakarnagar
Jayanagar 8th block	Kamakshipura	G.M.Palya	Sangeevininagar,
Jeevanahalli	Kammanahalli	Gangamma Circle	Sanjay Gandhinagar
K.G.Halli Jallahalli west	Kanakanagar	Ganganagar	Shingapura
K.P.Road	Kantirava nagar	Garebavi palya	Siddapura
K.R.Circle	Kariyanapalya	Garudacharyapalya	Sigehalli Road
K.R.puram	Kasavanahalli	Girinagar 1st stage	Singaiahna palya
Kalkere	Kaval Byrasandra	GKW layout	Singasandra,
Kanasandra, Kengeri	Kaveramma temple	Gokula	Srigandha Kaval,
Kanchanahalli, Yelahanka	Kaverinagar	Gollahalli	Subramanyapura
Kariammana Agrahara	Kempapura	Gollarapalya	Sumanahalli, Nagarbhavi
Karivabanahalli, Nagasandra post	Kodigehalli	Gorgunte palya,	Sunkadakatte,
Kasavanahalli	Kodipalya,	Govardhan	T. Dasarahalli
Kempapura Yamlur	Kogilu, Yelahanka	Govindapura	Thanisandra Mn Rd
Kengeri Upanagar	Konanakunte	Govindapura main road	Thimmandahalli, Hosakote
KHB colony, Yellahanka	Kothnur	Gunjuru	Thippasandra post
Kodipalya,	KR puram	H.V.R Layout	Tigalarapalya
Koramangala	Kudlu village,	Haggadur	Tippenahalli,
Kothunur	Kumara Krupa high Grounds	Hajagondanahalli	Tumkur road
Kudlu main road	Kumaraswamy layout	Hanumagiri nagar	Uttarahalli
Kundolahalli gate	Kumbena agrahara	Hanumanthanagar	Valmikinagar

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<b>Fe &gt; 1.0 mg/L</b>	<b>NO<sub>3</sub>&gt;45 mg/L</b>		<b>TH &gt; 600 mg/L</b>
L.N.Pura,	Kundalahalli	Haralur Varma Agra	Bellandur
Laggere Mn Rd	Kurubarahalli	Harinagar	Sigehalli
Laksandra Extn.	Kuvempunagar	HBR layout 3rd Block	Ulsoor road, Mallasandra
Lalbagh near Glass house	Kyalasanahalli	HBS layout 1st stage	Mitganahalli road
Lingarajpuram	LB Shastrinagar,	Hegdenagar	Mitganahalli road
Magadi road	Leggere	Hegganahalli	Gottigere
Mahadevpura	Lingarajpuram	Hegganahalli cross,	Mallasandra, Uttarahalli
Malleshwaram	Lottegollahalli	Hennur Bagalur road	Devarabisanahalli, Bellandur
Marappanapalya main road	Madeshwara main road	Hennur cross	Agrahara main road
Marathalli	Madiwala	Hesarghatta main road	Ibblur, Agara
Marenahalli 2nd phase	Magadi main road	Hirehalli Extn.	Anjanapura 6th block
Mariyannapalya	Nagadevanahalli,	Magadi road	Medahalli
Mathikere layout	Naganathpura,	Mahadevapura	Uttarahalli
Mattikere main road	Nagasandra,	Mallathahalli	Belur Nagasandra Yamlur
MRHB colony	Nagavara	Mallathalli,	Mittaganahalli
Muneshwaranagar	Narayanapura	Malleshwaram	Varthur
Munnekollalu	Nayandanahalli	Manrayanapalya	Vidyanagar,
Murugeshpalya Airport road	Nelagadaranna halli,	Marathahalli	Vikara nagar,
Muthyala nagar	Nellurahalli	Marenahalli 2nd phase	Vinayaka nagar
Mysore road	New Timberyard layout	Mariyappanapalya,	Whitefield
Nagadevanahalli,			Yamlur
Jnanabharathi	Old Byappanahalli	Maruthinagar	
Naganathpura	Old madras road	Medahalli	Yediyur
Nagarbhavi main road	Old madras road,		
	Indiranagar	Mical layout	Yelahanka
Osborne road	Osborne road	MS nagar	Yeshwanthpura, Inds. Area
Padmanabhanagar	Panathur	MSR Nagar	Yeshwanthpur
Panatturu Dinne	Paramara palya	Muddepalya	Tippenahalli,
Parallal road	Parappana Agrahara	Muneshwaranagar	
Parappana Agrahara	Peenya Industrial area	Murugeshpalya	
Parvathipura	Prime Rose road	Muthyala nagar	
Pattandur	Puttenahalli road,		
	J.P. Nagar	Mysore road	
Pavathuru Dinne	R.M.Nagar	N.Naganahalli	
Peenya Industrial area	R.T.Nagar	Nadagondanahalli	
Prahantha nagar,	R.T.Nagar, Matadahalli	Sadanandanagar	
R.T.Nagar	Rachenahalli,	Sagayapuram	
Rajajinagar	Rajajinagar	Sahakarnagar	
Ramaswamy palya,	Rajeshwari nagar	Sanjaynagar	
Rampura, Virgonagar	Ramagondanahalli,	Sanjeevininagar	
Richmond road	Ramamoorthynagar	Sarakki village J.P.Nagar	
Ring road, Mariyappanapalya	Ramath Manzil	Sarapalya	
Sadashivanagar	Rameshnagar	Shampur	
Sahakarnagar	Rameshnagar	Shanthinagar	
Sanjeevininagar	Rammurthy nagar	Shingapura	
Sarapalya Gate,	Richard town	Siddapur	
Sarjapura road	Richmond road	Sigehalli	
SB palya, New extn.	Roopena agrahara,	Singaiiahna palya	
Sericulture Department GKVK	S.G.Palya,	Singanayakanahalli	
Siddapur	Sunkadakatte,	Singasandra	
Siddehalli	T.Dasarahalli	Singasandra Ind Area	
Singaiiahna palya	T.R.Nagar	Sonnenahalli,	
Sri, M.V.Layout	Talagattapura	Srigandhanagar,	
Srinivasapura, Kengeri	Tejasvaramma nagar	Srinagara	
Srirampuram	Thambuchattipalya	Srirampuram	
Subbedar Chathram Road	Thanisandra	St.John's road	



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Subedarpalya,	Thippenahalli,	St.Martha's Hospital	
Subramanya pura	Thyagarajnagar	Subbaiah palya,	
Sulthan palya Main road	Udayanagar	Subramanyapura	
T.Dasarahalli	Ulsoor	Subramanyapura	
Talagattapura,	umarnagar	Suddaguntepalya	
TERI, Domlur	Uttarahalli	Sudham nagar	
Thanisandra	V.H.C.S Layout,	Sulthanpalya,	
Tilaknagar	V.V. nagar	Veerabhadranagar	
Ulsoor	Valmikinagar	Venkateshpura	
Uttarahalli	Vasanthpura	Vidyaranyapura	
V.H.C.S Layout,	Vasthunagar,	Vijayanagar	
V.V. Puram,	Viveknagar	Vimanapur	
Varahasandra, Kengeri hobli	Yamlur	Vittasandra,	
Varanashi cross	Yediyur	Yelahanka new town	
Varthur	Yelachenahalli	Yeshwanth pura,	
Vasanth nagar	Yelahanka	Yeshwanth pura, Inds. Area	
Vidyapeeta Kengeri			
Vidyaranyapura			
Vikara nagar,			
Vishwesharaiah college			
Vivekanagar			
Yamlur			
Yelahanka			
Yeshwanthpur			
Yogeshwara nagar			

## Heavy Metal Analysis

A total of 275 water samples were exclusively collected in and around the industrial area and were analysed for heavy metals such as zinc, copper, lead, manganese, chromium and aluminium in groundwater. The abstract of the analytical results are given in Table 11 and the details of the contents of heavy metals in groundwater of the study area above permissible limit are in Table 11.1. The locations where of heavy metals above the permissible limits are shown in Fig. 17. Three blocks namely, Byatarayanpura in the northern part of the city, Peenya in the northwest upto Jayanagar in the south, Bommanahalli-Mahadevapura in the SES part of the city have shown the presence of heavy metals above the permissible limits in groundwater Fig. 17.1.

**Table 11: Minimum, Maximum and Average values (mg/L) of Heavy metals in Groundwater**

Constituent	Min.	Max.	Avg
Zinc	0.01	285	2.4886
Lead	0.01	1.25	0.1823
Copper	0.01	1.17	0.148
Manganese	0.01	31.2	0.6016
Aluminium	0.44	0.97	0.638
Chromium	0.01	572	15.912
Cl	129	1057	541.82

**Table 11.1 : Location of Heavy Metals above the permissible limit**

Sl. No.	Location	Zn	PB	CU	Mn	Al	Cr	TH	Cl
1	Sarjapur road, Agara post	0.44	0.00	0.11	0.39	0.00	0.00	0	0
2	Kaikondanahalli, Sarjapur main road	1.12	0.02	0.02	0.72	0.00	0.00	0	0
3	Gollahalli, Hosapalya, Bommanahalli	7.30	1.25	0.00	0.65	0.00	0.00	0	0
4	3rd phase, Peenya Ind area	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	13.20	0	0
5	10th main 3rd phase, Peenya	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.50	0	0
6	10th main 3rd phase, Peenya	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.00	0.27	0	0
7	10th main 3rd phase, Peenya	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.89	0	0
8	Shivapura colony Ind area, Peenya 2nd stage	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.63	0.00	0.00	0	0
9	Shivapura 4th cross, Peenya 2nd stage	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.00	0.00	0	0



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Sl. No.	Location	Zn	PB	CU	Mn	Al	Cr	TH	Cl
10	Sodekoppa main road, Shivapura, Peenya 2nd stage	0.27	0.00	0.00	1.06	0.00	0.00	0	0
11	Sodekoppa main road, Shivapura, Peenya 2nd stage	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.91	0.00	0.00	0	0
12	6th cross, Shivapura main road, Peenya 2nd stage	1.44	0.11	0.01	0.08	0.00	0.00	0	0
13	Nellagadahalli road, Shivapura	0.32	0.00	0.00	0.48	0.00	0.00	0	0
14	Nellagadahalli road, Shivapura, Peenya 2nd stage	0.94	0.00	0.00	0.87	0.00	0.00	0	0
15	Maruthi nagar, Hegganahalli, Peenya 2nd stage	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.44	0.02	0	0
16	Maruthi nagar, Hegganahalli, Peenya 2nd stage	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.97	0.03	0	0
17	5th main road, hegganahalli, Peenya 2nd stage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.62	0.03	0	0
18	Sanjiveeni nagar, Hegganahalli, Peenya 2nd stage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.68	0.00	0	0
19	Adrahalli main road, Peenya 2nd stage	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	1.53	0	0
20	Kaveri nagar, Andrahalli main road, Peenya 2nd stage	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.48	1.84	0	0
21	BTP area Tilaknagar	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.00	0	0
22	28th cross, BTP area, Tilaknagar	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.01	0.00	0.00	0	0
23	8th main road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.76	0.00	0.00	0	0
24	28th main road, Tilaknagar	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.00	0	0
25	11 <sup>th</sup> cross, 4 <sup>th</sup> phase Peenya Ind area	0.22	0.14	0.00	16.40	0.00	0.00	0	0
26	Rajagopal nagar , Peenya 2nd stage	0.25	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	10.15	0	0
27	Rajeshwari nagar, Leggere	0.35	0.02	0.00	1.39	0.00	0.02	0	0
28	Rajagopal nagar , Peenya 2nd stage	0.00	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0	0
29	Rajagopal nagar , Peenya 2nd stage	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0	0
30	Ramaiah Extn. Peenya 2nd stage	1.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0	0
31	Ramaiah Extn. Peenya 2nd stage	1.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0	0
32	Ramaiah Extn. Peenya 2nd stage	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0	0

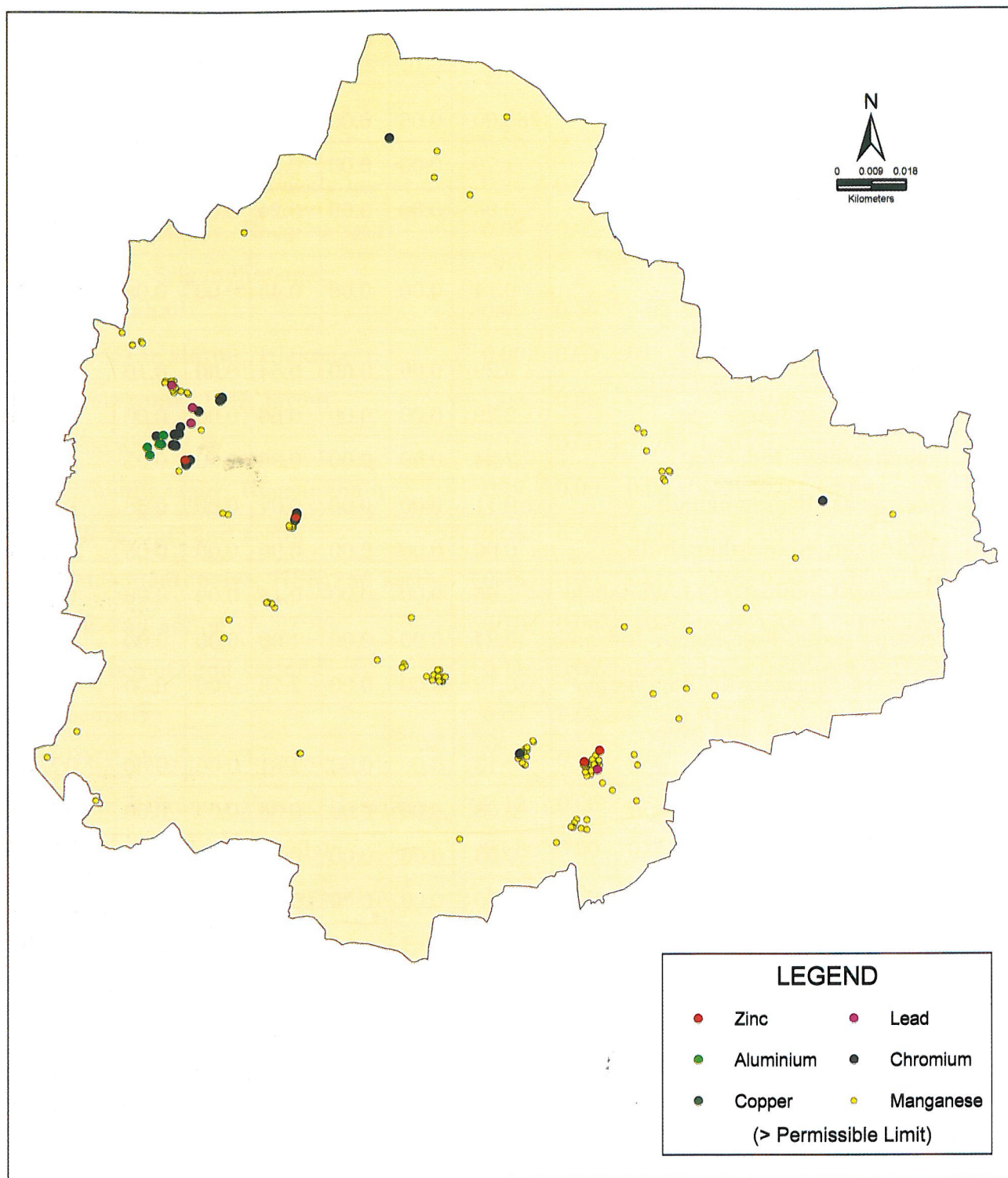
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Sl. No.	Location	Zn	PB	CU	Mn	Al	Cr	TH	Cl
33	Doddanna Ind estate, Hegganahalli, Peenya 2nd stage	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0	0
34	Doddanna Ind estate, Peenya 2nd stage	0.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.13	0	0
35	Srigandha kaval, Kavisals layout	0.26	0.00	0.00	1.28	0.00	0.31	0	0
36	Srigandhanagar, Hegganahalli	0.09	0.00	0.00	3.51	0.00	2.63	0	0
37	Effluent, Srigandhanagar, Hegganahalli	70.00	0.56	0.00	13.00	0.00	572.0	0	0
38	Ambedkar statue, Tilaknagar	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00	0	0
39	Haralakunte, HSR layout	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.86	0.00	0.00	0	0
40	Hosapalya	7.10	0.00	1.17	1.25	0.00	0.00	0	0
41	Srigandhanagar, Hegganahalli	0.17	0.00	0.00	4.65	0.00	5.59	0	0
42	HSR layout, 2nd sector	0.06	0.00	0.00	1.83	0.00	0.00	1840	1057
43	Somasundarapalya, HSR 2nd sector	0.35	0.00	0.00	1.91	0.00	0.00	1660	966
44	HSR 2nd sector	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	1680	770
45	HSR layout, 2nd sector	0.11	0.00	0.00	1.19	0.00	0.00	1180	798
46	Hosapalya	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	300	238
47	BBMP Nursery, Hosapalya	0.22	0.00	0.00	9.70	0.00	0.00	960	938
48	Nayar Rajkumar Farms, Hosapalya	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	360	238
49	Thirumalappa, Hosapalya	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	300	294
50	CMC water supply, Hosapalya	11.20	0.00	0.00	0.71	0.00	0.00	340	266
51	Krishna Reddy, Hosapalya	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	360	266
52	Yelahanka new town	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.00	10.43	0	0
53	Thippenahalli	0.83	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00	0	0
54	HSR 2nd sector, Somasundarapalya	18.58	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.00	0	0
55	Somasundarapalya	0.62	0.00	0.11	1.01	0.00	0.00	0	0
56	ITI layout, Hosapalya	1.79	0.00	0.00	1.25	0.00	0.00	0	0
57	ITI layout, Hosapalya	9.39	0.00	0.00	2.36	0.00	0.00	0	0
58	ITI layout, Hosapalya	19.20	0.00	0.00	2.36	0.00	0.00	0	0
59	Swadesh Ind Supplier, Rajajinagar Ind Town	0.44	0.00	0.00	0.26	0.00	4.07	0	0



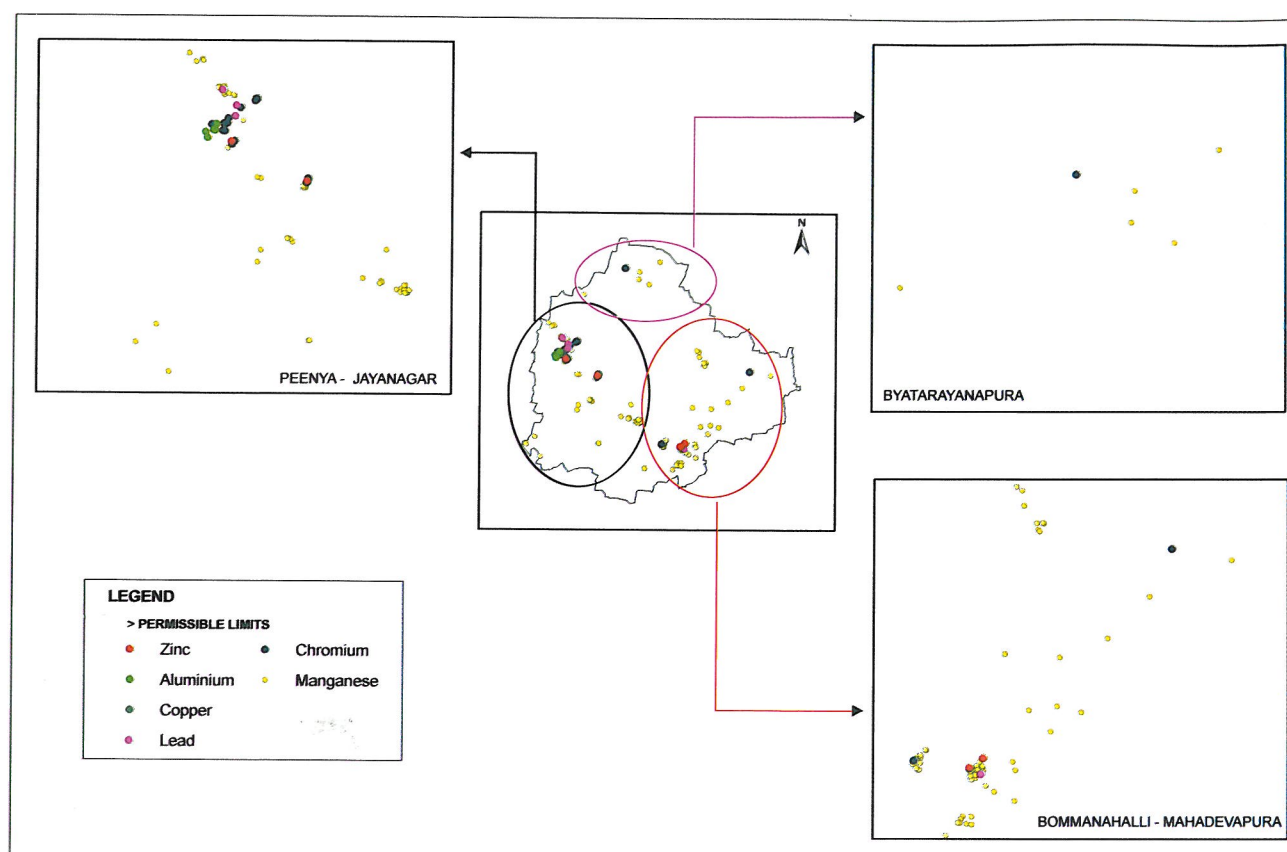
## GROUNDWATER HYDROLOGY AND GROUNDWATER QUALITY IN AND AROUND BANGALORE CITY

Sl. No.	Location	Zn	PB	CU	Mn	Al	Cr	TH	Cl
60	Swadesh Ind Supplier, Iron Ind, Rajajinagar	0.67	0.00	0.00	1.35	0.00	9.89	0	0
61	Anu polymers,Rajajinagar Ind Town	285.00	0.06	0.00	31.20	0.00	1.28	0	0
62	Sri washista masion,Rajajinagar	1.70	0.00	0.00	0.29	0.00	0.05	0	0
63	Rajajinagar Ind Town	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.06	0	0
64	Rajhans Enterprises,Rajajinagar Ind Town	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.08	0	0
65	Reshma Dyeing Factory, Rajajinagar Ind area	5.29	0.00	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.10	0	0
66	Rajajinagar Ind area	2.29	0.00	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.00	0	0
67	Bommanahalli Ind area	2.24	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.03	0	0
68	Viratnagar, Bommanahalli	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.58	0	0
69	Viratnagar, Kodichikanahalli	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.96	0.00	0.05	0	0
70	Colourline Clothing(I) Ltd, Whitefield	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.06	0	0
71	Printing press, Rajajinagar Ind area	0.24	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0	0
72	Agrahara Dasarahalli, Rajajinagar	0.13	0.00	0.00	2.18	0.00	0.00	0	0
73	Old madras road, Ind area, Virgonagar	0.13	0.00	0.00	1.67	0.00	0.00	0	0
74	Bairasandra Kere, Jayanagar	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0	0
75	Halima, Jayanagar	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.00	0.00	0	0
76	Hosapalya, Hosur road	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.39	0.00	0.00	0	0
77	Hosapalya lake, Somasundarapalya road	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.36	0.00	0.00	0	0
78	AES layout, Singasandra	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.33	0.00	0.00	0	0
79	Dhariwal Ind Ltd, Singasandra	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.34	0.00	0.00	0	0
80	Singasandra Main road	0.09	0.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0	0



**Figure 17 : Heavy Metal Distribution in Groundwater, Bangalore City (above permissible limit)**





**Figure 17.1: Distribution of Heavy Metals in Groundwater, Bangalore city**

The details of heavy metal analysed are given below:

### 1. Zinc (Zn):

Normally zinc is not expected in natural groundwater. Zinc is an essential and beneficial element for human growth. The maximum permissible limit of zinc in drinking water is 15 mg/L. The analysis result (Table10 and Table10.1) indicate that of the 275 samples analysed 96% of the samples have the concentration of Zinc between 0.01 and 285 mg/L (averages 2.48 mg/L). The occurrence of Zinc in water samples of the study area are attributed to pollution from industrial effluents. Concentration above 5mg/L can cause a bitter astrigent taste

### 2. Copper (Cu):

Of the 275 water samples tested, only nine samples have detectable concentration of copper between 0.01 mg/L to 1.17 mg/L (average 0.148 mg/L). Among these six are within the desirable limit of 0.05 mg/L and rest of the three samples is within the permissible limit of 1.5 mg/L.

### 3. Lead (Pb):

Desirable/permissible limit of lead in groundwater for drinking purposes is 0.05 mg/L. In the study area, only 12 samples have detectable level of lead in them. The content varies between 0.01 mg/L to 1.25 mg/L (average 0.182 mg/L). Five

samples have shown the lead content above the permissible limit rendering such water toxic for drinking.

Lead occurs in rocks in sulphide and oxide forms. It also occurs in potassium feldspars. Lead in water may be from industrial and smelter discharges or from the dissolution of old lead plumbing. In sulphide form, lead gets into water if present in the rocks during rock water interaction. Higher concentration of lead in groundwater in the samples is attributable to industrial pollution.

#### 4. Manganese (Mn):

Generally manganese in groundwater is present in soluble form. The detectable concentration of Mn is found to vary between 0.01 mg/L and 31.2 mg/L (average 0.601 mg/L). The desirable and permissible limit of manganese in drinking water is 0.10 mg/L and 0.30 mg/L, respectively. The analysis results reveal that 16% of the samples contain manganese above the permissible limit.

Manganese in groundwater particularly around the industrial area of the city (Fig.17 and Fig.17.1) is attributed to the pollution caused by industrial effluents. Higher content of chloride and total hardness in these samples support the contamination of groundwater due to industrial effluents and domestic wastewater.

#### 5. Chromium (Cr)

Among the samples analysed, 41 have shown the presence of chromium (Hexavalent form) between 0.01 mg/L to 572 mg/L (average 15.91 mg/L). The content of chromium is above the desirable limit of 0.05 mg/L in 51% of the 41 samples analysed which are to be rejected for it is carcinogenic.

Chromium salts are used extensively in industrial process and may reach groundwater locally through discharge of waste.



**Figure : 18**  
Chromium polluted groundwater  
(Peenya Industrial Area)



**Figure : 19**  
Skin eruption due to longer  
consumption of Chromium polluted  
groundwater (Fig. 18)



The higher content of Chloride, Total Hardness and low pH in association of higher concentration of heavy metals indicates industrial pollution and not lithogenic. The adverse effects like rashes, skin eruption etc., reported in the Peenya industrial area (Fig. 18 and Fig.19) is to be attributed to the long term consumption of water contaminated with chromium above the desirable limit.

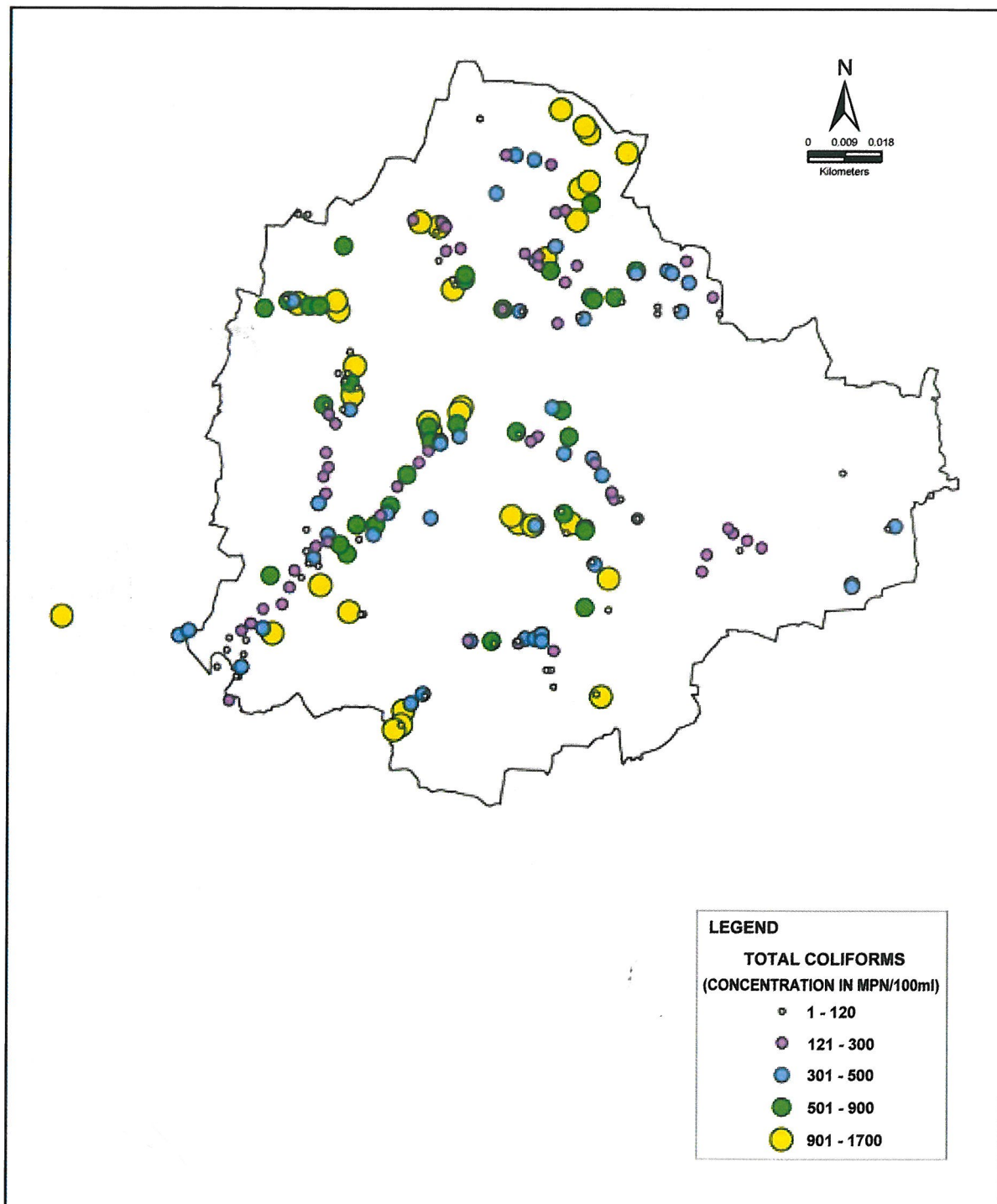
## 6. Aluminium (Al):

Alluminium ranging from 0.44 mg/L to 0.97 mg/L (average 0.63 mg/L) is noted in five samples collected in Peenya industrial area. The desirable and permissible limit is 0.03 and 0.20 mg/L respectively. The long term consumption of water with aluminium above the permissible limit causes dementia. Since pH value ranges between 5.49 and 8.94, possibilities of alluminium in groundwater due to lithogenic source is remote



## Bacteriological Signature of Groundwater

Micro-organisms are the parameters that reflect about the usability or otherwise for drinking purpose. The quality of water is judged on the basis of the presence or absence of total coliforms. Presence of Faecal coliforms is used as indicator bacteria. The faecal coliforms are the part of a larger group known as total coliforms.



**Figure : 20 : Total Coliform and E-coliform in Groundwater, Bangalore City**

Groundwater sampling was carried out across major sewage drains for the determination of bacteriological contamination. Sampling locations are given in Fig. 20. The presence of coliforms in water samples was determined by observing their growth in special culture media. The content of coliform bacteria is determined statistically on the basis of analysis of different volume. Of the 259 water samples tested for E-coli and total coliform, 88 % of the samples have shown their presence.

The concentration varies between 1.1 and 1600 MPN/100 ml. The average value with respect to E-coli and total-coli are 488.17 and 489.44 respectively (Table 12).

**Table 12 : Minimum, Maximum and Average values of Coliforms in Groundwater samples (n=259)**

Constituent	Min	Max	Avg
Totalcoliforms	1.1	1600	489.44
E-coliforms	1.1	1600	488.17

The presence pathogenic bacteria (micro organisms of human origin) are believed due to anthropogenic activities. The presence of E-coli is due to sewage contamination whereas the total-coli suggest the pollution of groundwater due to soil and decaying plant matter. The difference in concentration between e-coli and total-coli in some samples indirectly suggest bacteriological contamination possibly from municipal waste water or leachate from garbage dumps.

## Groundwater Pollution in the vicinity of petrol bunks

Eleven groundwater samples were collected in the vicinity of petrol bunks in the western part of the city (Fig. 21 and Fig. 22) based on the public reports about the contamination. Water samples were tested for oil and grease in groundwater. The oil contamination could be noted in all the 11 samples so collected and analysed. Of 11 samples analysed the oil content vary from 33 mg/L to 91 mg/L. The desirable and permissible limit of mineral oil in drinking water is 0.01 mg/L and 0.03 mg/L. beyond which it gives undesirable taste and odour to the water.

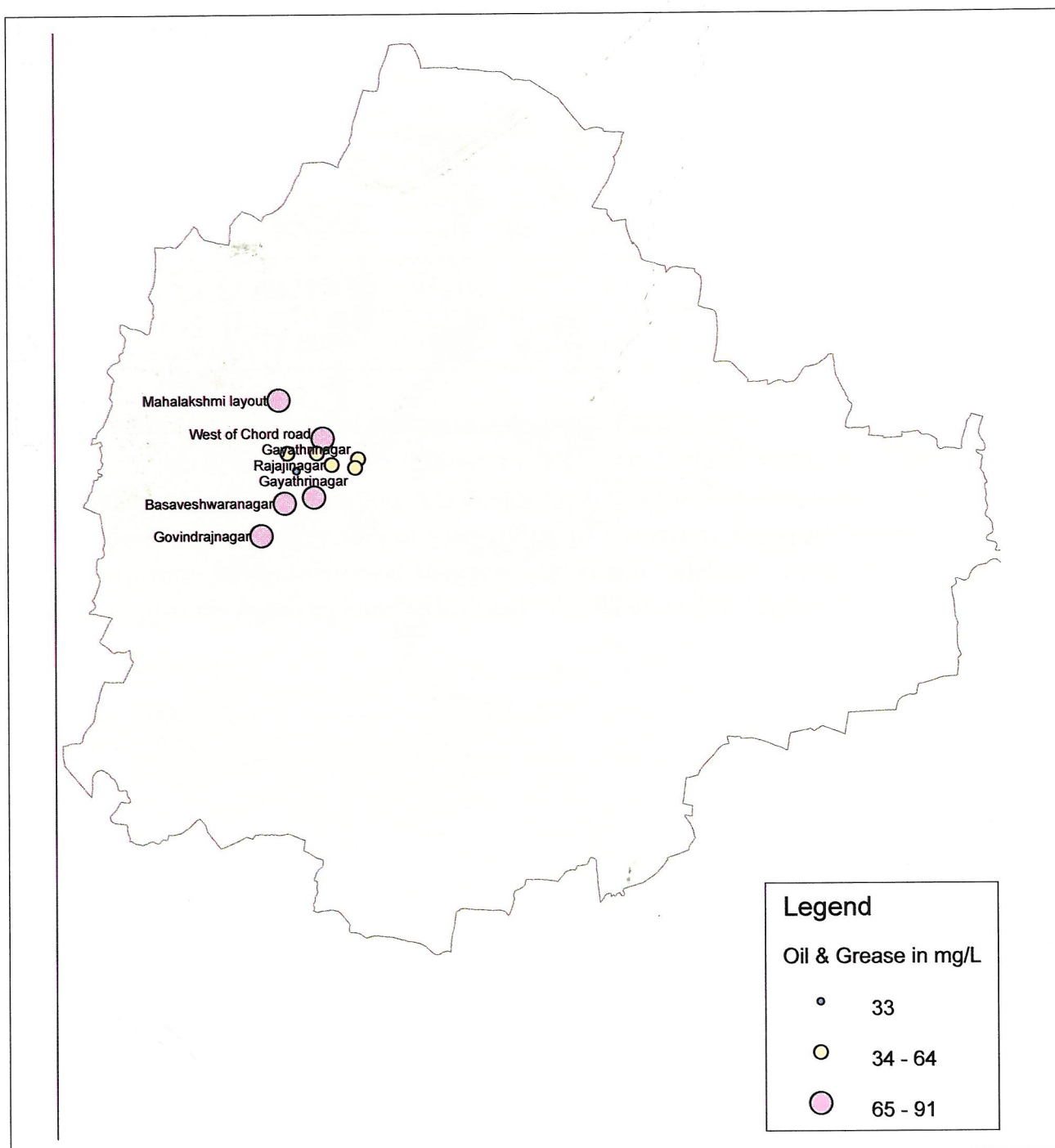


Figure 21 : Oil and Grease in Groundwater, Bangalore city



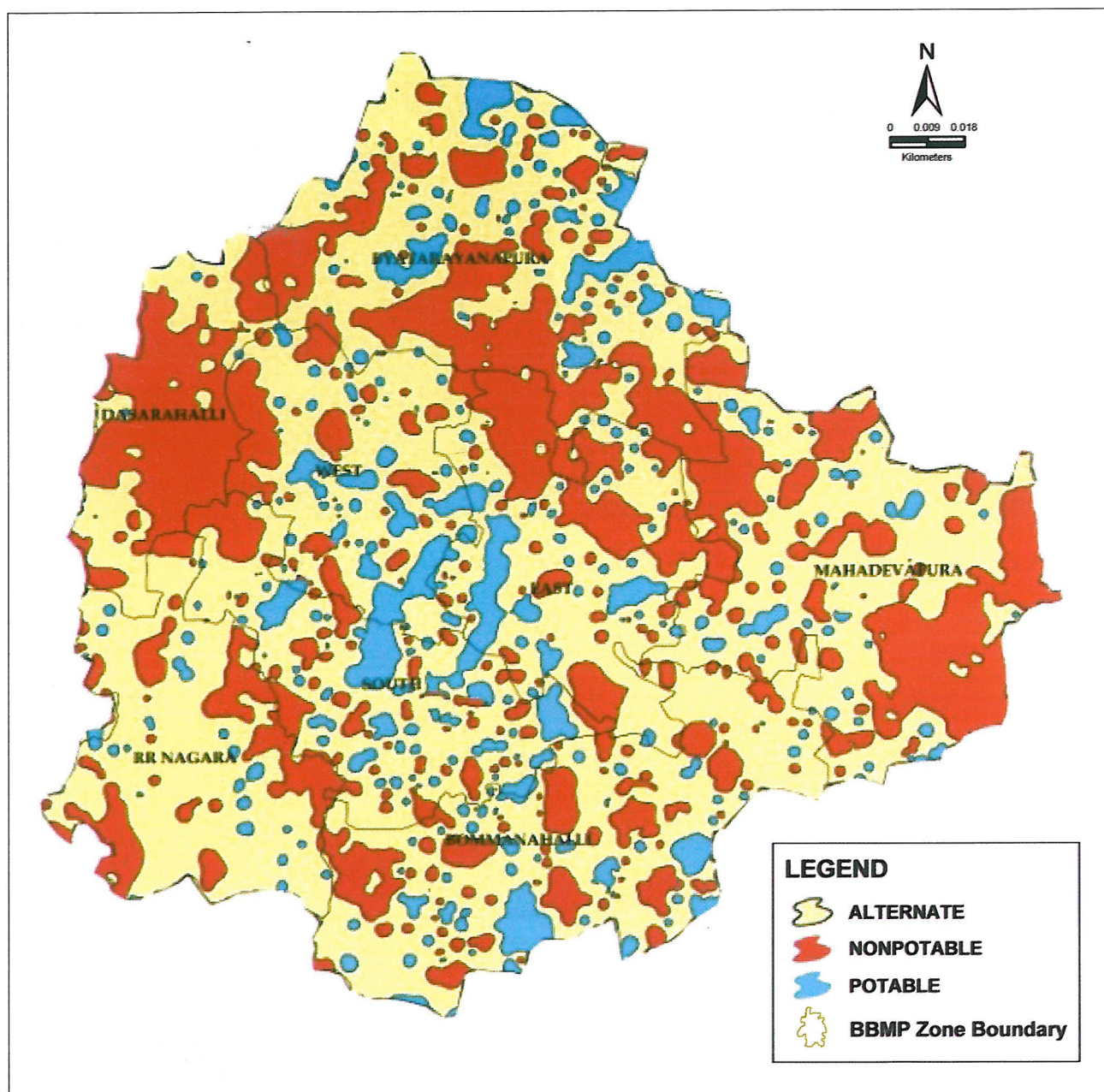


**Figure 22 : Petrol Bunks and Service Stations**



## Groundwater Pollution

As per the IS:2003 standards, considering the presence of various chemical constituents already discussed, different layers (over lays) of each of the parameter determined were superimposed and groundwater vulnerability map for drinking purpose in the study area was generated in the GIS environment and given in Fig. 23. The area indicated in red in the map is the one polluted by various constituents and not fit for human consumption. While the area indicated in blue is safe for drinking, the zone shown in yellow represents the constituents within the permissible limit though not in desirable limit.



**Figure 23 : Groundwater Quality (drinking) map of Bangalore City (IS 2003, Drinking Water Standards)**

## Conclusions and Recommendations

From the foregoing account of groundwater quality studies carried out in Bangalore City the salient features that emerged out are:

- \* the groundwater is Na-Ca and  $\text{HCO}_3$ -Cl- $\text{SO}_4$  facies dominant
  - \* Positive chlro alkaline index (CAI) values suggest that the sodium and potassium in water are exchanged by calcium and magnesium in the rock following Base Exchange reactions (chlro-alkaline equilibrium).
  - \* The concentration above the permissible limits in case of pH, Total Hardness, Fe, F and  $\text{NO}_3$ , heavy metals and bacteriological contaminations indicate pollution due to anthropological activity.
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- Measure be taken to prevent pollution from industrial and sewage effluents which are due to anthropological activities
  - Priority be given for conservation of rain water through various rain water harvesting measures
  - Bring awareness among the public towards judicious use of available potable water resources



PART – III

**Quality of Lake Waters,  
Bangalore City**

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## Introduction

The Word 'Lake' and 'tank' denotes the collection of water through a barrier across the drainage in a given geomorphic set up. The nomenclature varies according to size and usage. The Word 'Lake' is more attributed to a large water body having a surface extent of more than 4 hectare and depth of more than 2 metres. A tank refers to that part of the water body useful for agrarian purpose of humans and animals. In the present context, the word 'lake' is largely referred even for tanks.

Bangalore was once referred to as city of 'lakes'. These lakes were constructed by the visionary chieftain Kempegowda and by the Maharaja of erstwhile Mysore State mainly for irrigation purposes. But, it also have served the drinking and fishing needs. These lakes helped replenishing groundwater resources in the vicinity. The terrain in and around old Bangalore, since characterized by undulating topography, could come handy for the construction of lakes across the drainages which are seasonal.

The present day Bangalore which here on shall be referred as Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike(BBMP) forms part of the catchment of Arkavati and South Pinakini river sub-basins. The drainage systems of these sub-basins cascades down to form three valley systems.

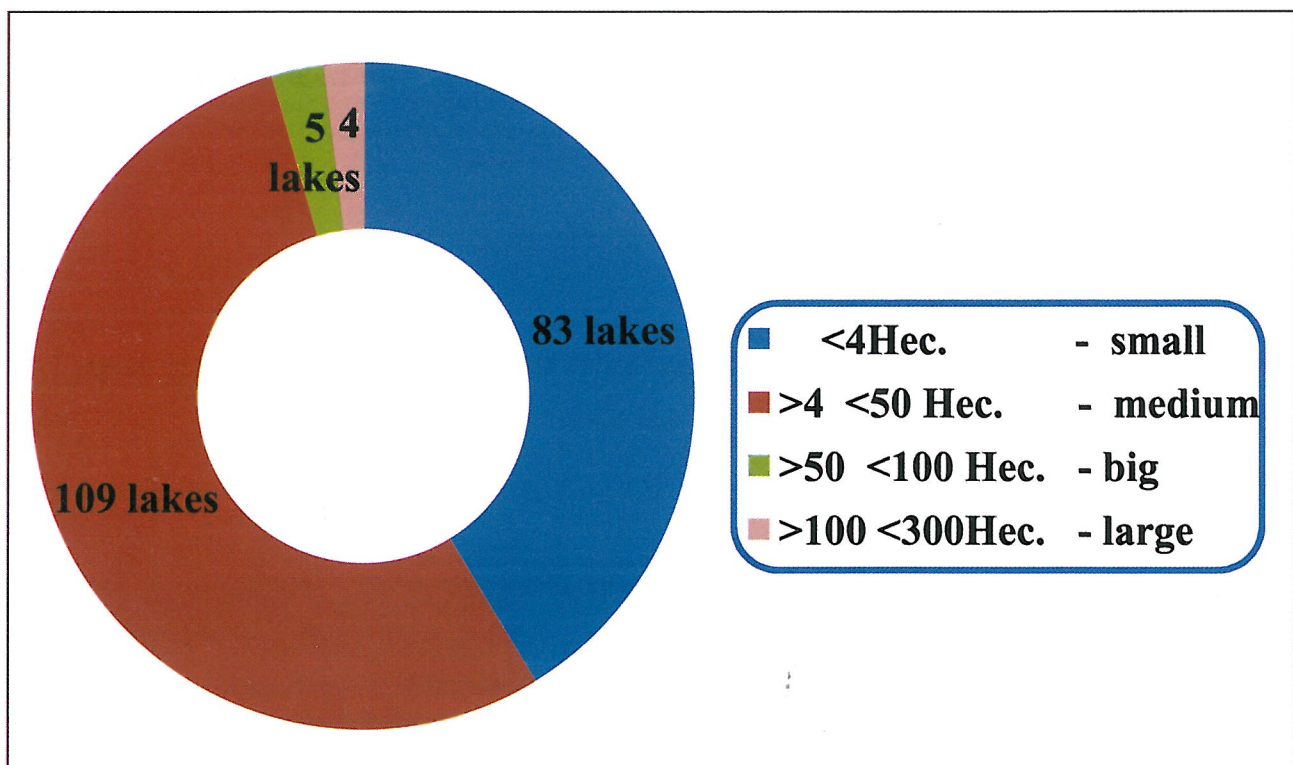
1. Hebbal valley
2. Kormangal chalaghatta valley
3. Vrishbhavathi valley

Part of these three valleys hosts the present day lakes of the BBMP area.

## Distribution of Lakes

Rapid urbanization and enlargement of the city without infrastructural facilities depleted the water resources of the lakes both qualitatively and quantitatively.

A look into the topographic maps published by the Survey of India for different periods has indicated that the 379 lakes that were existing in 1973 drastically got reduced to 246 in 1996. Presently there are only 201 lakes. The original course of natural drainages in most of the parts have been tampered, blocked and narrowed due to illegal encroachment and bad planning while forming new layouts. The total extent of water spread of these 201 lakes is 2623 Hect. Among these 201 lakes 96 have water spread to its full extent during all the seasons, 82 lakes remain dry and the rest are seasonal. The smallest and the largest of the lakes are at Srigandada Kaval, Near Rajiv Gandhi Nagar (0.0941Hect) and Bellandur (307.35 Hect), respectively.



**Figure 1 : Classification of Lakes based on Extent in BBMP area**

Following are some of the lakes that are no more existing due to urbanization effects over the years in BBMP area.





**Figure 2 : Kempegowda Central Bus Stand constructed in the erstwhile Dharmambudhi Lake**

- Sholay lake converted to football stadium
- Akkitimmanahalli lake converted to corporation Hockey stadium
- Sampangi lake converted to Kanteerava Sports Complex
- Dharmanbudi lake converted to Kempegowda Bus station.
- Challaghatta lake converted to Karnataka Golf Association
- Koramangala lake converted to National games complex
- Siddikatte lake converted to K.R.Market
- Karanji tank is now Gandhibazaar area
- Kempambuddi is now a sewerage collection tank.
- Nagashettihalli lake converted to Ambedkar Medical collect
- Domlur lake converted to BDA layout
- Millers lake converted to Gurunanak Bhavan Badminton Stadium
- Subashnagar lake changed to residential lay out
- Kurubarahalli lake converted to residential layout
- Kodihalli lake converted to residential layout
- Sirivaigalu lake converted to residential layout
- Marenahalli lake converted to residential layout
- Shivanahalli lake converted to Bus stand.
- Channamma tank changed to burial ground, Bangashakar II stage
- Puttenahalli tank converted to J.P.Nagtar 6th pHase

- Jakkarayanakere is converted into sports grounds
- Kamakshipalya lake converted into Sports ground
- Balayyankere is converted into sports ground
- Dasarahalli tank is converted into Ambedkar Stadium.



Sports village residential layout  
was once Koramangala Tank



Challaghatta Tank lost  
to Golf Course



Stadium complex was  
once Sampangi Tank.

**Figure 3 : Impact of Urbanisation on City Lakes**

## Ecology of Lakes

The lakes of Bangalore have attained important ecological status. The fresh water plants communities in the lakes have a large number of organisms like Periphytons, Flagella bodies, Insects, Mollusca etc. These lakes form an important eco-system in the city. The lakes of Bangalore host varieties of fauna & flora and fishes and birds. To name a few among them are:

- Birds** : King fisher, Pond Herons, Comorants, purple Moorhen Purple Heron, Pheasant tailed Jackhara
- Flora** : Typha, Citylotus, algae, tapegeass, terns reeds
- Fauna** : Fresh water turtle, frogs, crabs, molluses,
- Fish** : Common carp, cross carp, kafla, Rohu etc.,



## Quality of Lake Water

### Collection and analysis of water samples

Totally 161 lake water samples from 96 lakes of BBMP area were collected during the months of June and July 2010. Water samples so collected from the lake were mainly at the outlet point and where ever approachable, sample collection were made at inlet or outlet or mid points. The samples were collected in one litre white polythene containers as per the specified standards. Water temperature and other related physical properties were determined on spot.

For dissolved oxygen, Borosilicate Class bottles with preservatives like sodium oxide and Manganese sulphate and for the determination of presence of bacteria Borosilicate sterilized Class bottles were used. The samples so collected were got analyzed on the same day in the Laboratory at the Directorate of Mines and Geology. The chemical analysis includes determination of important chemical constituents, heavy metals and bacteria.

## Results and discussion

### On site analysis:

The temperature of lake water varied from 25°C to 30°C and the pH range from 6 to 8. Based on physical observation and physical properties in regard to color and turbidity the transparency of the lake water was recorded. None of the BBMP lake water is clear as they were associated with algal growth.



**Figure 4 : Pollution and algal growth in Varturu lake**



Table 1 : Chemical analysis results of lake water samples, Bangalore City

Name of the Lake	Extent in Hect.	Sample Location	Chemical constituents (mg/L) except pH										Heavy Metals (mg/L)						Coliform Bacteria	
			Cl	PO <sub>4</sub> -P	TSS	DO	COD	NO <sub>3</sub>	TH	F	pH	Zn	Pb	Cu	Mn	Al	Cr	EC MPN/ 100 ml	TC MPN/ 100 ml	
Amruthalli kere	8.7	Inlet	156.8	5.11	37	2.2	19.2	4.45	272	0.32	7.9	0.11	Nil	0.5						
Amruthalli kere		Middle	131.6	2.55	16		19.2	10.87	172	0.49	8.37	0.17	Nil	0.19						
Amruthalli kere		Outlet	131.6	2.09	23.5		19.2	10.97	172	0.52	8.36	0.21	Nil	0.18						
Andrahalli kere	5.44	Inlet	358	0.1	136.5	9.2	Nil	6.25	588	3.51	8.34	0.14	Nil	0.82	2.46		160000	160000		
Andrahalli kere		Outlet	258	0.2	191	6.8	Nil	7.07	596	3.94	8.18	0.15	Nil	0.01	0.68		160000	160000		
Anjanapura kere	7.38	Inlet	190	0.2	67.5	6.2	40	4.715	224	0.54	8.12	0.17	Nil	0.24						
Arakere	10.8	Inlet			5740	Nil		5.46		0.43	8.06									
Arehalli sanna kere I	5.25	Inlet	44.9	0.05	39	6	nil	7.74	164	0.37	8.17	0.05	Nil	0.21		0.05				
Arehalli sanna kere II	0.5	Inlet	45	2.06	13	12.8	Nil	4.26	132	0.82	9.46	0.38	Nil	0.16						
Attur Lake		Outlet	34	0.1	65.5			26	84	0.46	7.22	0.19	0.11	0.1	0.61	68.9				
Attur Lake		Middle	22	0.2	67.5			27	88	0.56	7.72	0.1	0.12	0.08	0.56	63.4				
Attur Lake	28.7	Inlet	25	0.05	76	7		36.3	76	0.37	7.63									
Bagalkunte Kere	3.94	Inlet	109	2.05	72.5	9	96	7.08	240	0.18	8.74	0.12	Nil	0.3						
Balajinagar Kere	3.75	Inlet	123	0.2	8.5	5.8	Nil	4.31	260	0.65	7.47	0.06	Nil	0.01	0.41	0.79				
Basapura kere(1)	2.5	Inlet	412	0.55	1	5.4	57.6	8.02	500	0.52	8.36	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.05					
Begur tank		Middle	132	0.01	78		Nil	2.34	184	0.48	8.35	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.1					
Begur tank		Outlet	185	0.11			Nil	2.62	316	0.48	7.97	0.07	Nil	0.07						
Begur tank	49.8	Inlet	277	1.04	245	Nil	56.64	9.73	272	0.72	8.07	0.1	0.03	Nil	0.54					
Belandur Tank		Outlet	132	0.1	150	Nil	57.6	7.48	220	0.38	7.87	0.13	Nil	Nil	0.22					
Belandur Tank		Middle	134	0.1	192		76.8	7.91	244	0.37	7.8	0.12	Nil	Nil	0.22					
Belandur Tank	307.35	Inlet	109	5.05	498	Nil	96	9.73	208	0.4	7.51	0.19	Nil	Nil	0.23					
Belandur Tank		Inlet - 2	148	5.11	363		134.4	11.165	240	0.36	7.63	0.44	11	0.07	0.28					
Bhattrahalli Kere	4.76	Inlet	476	Nil		10	18.88	5.9	220	0.66	8.29	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.12	1.38				
Bhattrahalli Kere		Outlet	468	Nil			18.88	6.1	208	0.61	8.67	0.09	Nil	Nil	0.13	2.42				
Busegowdana kere	5.79	Inlet	78.4	0.01	233	3.6	94.4	11.26	168	0.42	8.32	0.1	Nil	0.04	0.88	0.03	900	900		

Busegowdana kere		Outlet	75.6	0.01	366		56.64	12.71	166	0.42	8.44	0.16	Nil	0.04	0.84		0.04	
Chikkabasavanapura Kere		Outlet	277	Nil			96	5.99	196	0.76	8.38	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.07	2.28		
Chikkabasavanapura Kere	5.11	Inlet	277	Nil		9.2			184	0.76	8.28	0.04	Nil	Nil	0.07	1.73		
Chinnappanahalli Kere		Middle	252	0.1	7.5		Nil	6.73	236	0.47	7.72	0.03	Nil	Nil	0.07			
Chinnappanahalli Kere	2.63	Inlet	272	0.2	15.5	1.6	384	6.89	424	0.48	7.5	0.05	Nil	0.02	1.59			
Chinnappanahalli Kere		Outlet	230	0.01	3.5		19.2	7.17	192	0.51	7.68	0.6	Nil	Nil	0.21			
Devara Beesanahalli Kere	4.64	Inlet	442	5.21	145.5	3.6		4.51	316	0.44	8.51	0.2	Nil	0.04	0.09		>1600	>1600
Devara Beesanahalli Kere		Middle	291	5.16	191			12.08	368	0.45	8.11	0.12	Nil	0.03	0.07			
Devarakere		Middle	171	0.01	809		38.4	2.72	232	0.63	8.82	0.58		Nil	0.07			
Devarakere	1.88	Inlet	168	0.01	1261	7.4	38.4	3.01	232	0.65	8.76	0.04		Nil	0.06			
Doddakalsandra kere	5.75	Inlet	423	5.06	15	2.2		4.94	476	0.54	8.26	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.26			
Doddakalsandra kere		Outlet	431	5.03	4.5		18.88	7.37	480	0.56	8.35	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.24			
Doddanekkundi Lake		Outlet	202	2.55	12		18.88	4.65	360	0.37	7.97	0.12	Nil	0.01	0.58	1.18		
Doddanekkundi Lake	45.29	Inlet	305	0.55	9	Nil	56.64	14.09	460	0.46	7.65	0.17	Nil	0.02	0.67	1.19		
Doraikere		Outlet	132	0.51	4		38.4	5.35	444	0.55	7.67	0.05		Nil	0.26			
Doraikere	11.67	Inlet	148	5.33	9	2	Nil	5.47	404	0.72	7.59	0.06		0.01	0.28			
Dubasipalya kere		Outlet - 2	120	0.05	16.5	3.8	38.4	13.73	116	0.5	8.22	0.09	Nil	Nil	0.36			
Dubasipalya kere	5.98	Inlet	123	0.05	10.5		38.4	14.94	124	0.49	8.18	0.01	Nil	Nil	0.37			
Garepalya Kere	7.3	Inlet	1148	2.11	82.5	2.2	288	51.38	564	0.42	8.39	0.06	0.02	Nil	0.21			
Gottigere Kere	12.93	Inlet	204	0.01		2		5.62	320	0.41	7.89	0.04	Nil	Nil	0.72	0.89	Pre sent	Pre sent
Halagevaderahallikere	2.85	Inlet	64.4	0.2	20	7.2	19.2	3.83	196	0.35	7.74	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.26	0.11		
Haralakunte Kere (Somasandrakere)	5.03	Inlet	736	5.11	4190	Nil	321	23.96	672	0.37	8.14	0.21	0.04	Nil	0.84			
Haralur Kere	9.58	Inlet	269	0.01	107	4.6	38.4	3.09	196	0.59	8.25	0.08	Nil	Nil	0.11			
Hebbal Kere		Outlet	185	0.01	39		18.9	3.53	212	0.36	8.56	0.08	Nil	Nil	0.18			
Hebbal Kere	52.81	Inlet	126	1	20	3.2	18.9	5.22	264	0.33	7.65	0.18	Nil	Nil	0.26		>1600	>1600
Hemmigepura Kere	5.93	Inlet	109	0.2	15	2.8	19.2	2.46	368	0.56	8.32	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.08			
Hemmigepura Kere		Outlet	87	0.1	12		19.2	3.09	184	0.39	8.47	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.13			

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Herohalli Kere	12.26	Inlet	249	0.2	89	9.6	151	6.35	296	0.6	8.46	0.19	0.08	0.08	0.95		160000	160000
Horamavu Agara Kere		Outlet	602	0.01	49	-	132	6.36	288	0.6	8.83							
Horamavu Agara Kere	17.3	Inlet	596	0.01	50	5.8	113	7.01	292	0.61	8.81	0.05	Nil	0.04	0.18		1600	1600
Hosakere kere	15.54	Inlet	210	1	5.5	2.8	94.4	2.64	440	0.44	8.07	0.13	Nil	0.01	0.45		>1600	>1600
Huchappana palya kere		Outlet	118	0.53	21		Nil	18.23	260	0.51	7.93							
Huchappana palya kere	2.06	Inlet	115	0.55	62.5	7.2	Nil	19.64	252	0.92	8.18							
Hulimavu kere	44.26	Inlet	221	0.2	18	Nil	Nil	2.69	276	0.43	8.09	0.06	Nil	0.01	0.47	0.87		
Hulimavu kere		Outlet	176	2.51	15		Nil	9.56	372	0.56	7.81	0.46	Nil	0.01	0.28	2.23		
Ibbalur Kere		Periphery	218	5.05	77	4	-	7.55	348	0.87	7.96	0.07	Nil	0.02	0.43		>1600	>1600
Ibbalur Kere	3.16	Inlet	213	5.09	160			8.63	340	0.88	8.13	0.08	Nil	0.01	0.11			
Ittamadu	0.5	Inlet	148	5.03	505		Nil	8.22	364	0.71	8.31	0.2	Nil	Nil	0.72			
Ittamadu		Periphery	140	5.03	4.5	11.2	Nil	8.81	372	0.63	8.22	0.14	Nil	Nil	0.57			
Jakkur kere	58.97	Inlet	213	0.11	10			5.701	148	0.71	9.49	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.08			
Jakkur kere		Outlet	316	0.11	4.5	6.2		7.78	516	0.46	8.33	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.047			
Janardhankere	1.57	Inlet	185	0.01	728.5	5.8	38.4	3.31	312	0.68	8.43	0.05		Nil	0.07			
Jattigarahalli kere		Outlet	19.6	0.01	93.5		Nil	4.2	44	0.35	9.92	0.12	Nil	Nil	0.17			
Jattigarahalli kere	2.46	Inlet	16.8	0.01	12	4	Nil		48	0.34	9.52	0.1	Nil	Nil	0.09			
Jimkenahalli Kere	2.35	Inlet	129	0.01	32		40	4.29	144	0.41	8.49	0.13	Nil	Nil	0.23			
JP Park ( Mattikere)		Inlet	151	Nil	69	3.6	37.76	3.47	172	0.61	8.45	0.17	Nil	Nil	0.76		160000	160000
JP Park ( Mattikere)	33.9	Outlet	154	Nil	4.5		37.76	3.81	184	0.63	8.74	0.18	Nil	Nil	0.4			
Kalena Agrahara kere	2.06	Inlet	109	0.01	27	10.8	20	2.397	200	0.34	8.13	0.12	Nil	Nil	0.35			
Kalkere Agara Kere	63.37	Inlet	204	2	2.5	1.4	37.76	7.23	340	0.42	7.63	0.13	Nil	0.04	0.21		1600	1600
Kamgondanahalli Kere (Ragavendra Lyt)	11.94	Inlet	221	5.11	23	2.4	38.4	5.3	468	0.37	8.11	0.31	Nil	Nil	0.31	0.05		
Kasavanahalli Kere	15.83	Inlet	230	0.01	175.5	8.2	57.6	3.48	196	0.51	8.51	0.08	Nil	Nil	0.17			
Kattiganahalli Kere	8.08	Inlet	61.6	0.01	13	4.4	19.2	4.59	108	0.45	8.42	0.04	Nil	Nil	0.1			
Kembathanahalli kere	3.06	Inlet	140	0.21			20	4.85	164	0.72	7.22							
Kembathnalli kere III	1.79	Inlet	30.8	0.11			20	63.11	128	0.27	7.21							
Kengeri kere	10.09	Inlet	238	0.2	280	8	113.3	6.54	200	0.71	9.65	0.07	Nil	0.02	0.19		>1600	>1600
Kodagi Singasandra kere	4.21	Inlet	274	0.01	29	12.2	37.76	6.796	192	0.92	9.14	1.08	Nil	Nil	0.09			
Konnapanana agrahara	1.88	Inlet	190.4	0.01	9	4.2	Nil	4.83	184	0.68	8.32	0.05	Nil	Nil	Nil			
Kottanurkere	6.86	Inlet	199	0.05	7.5	6.2	40	2.74	188	0.68	8.35	0.16	Nil	Nil	0.25	Nil		



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KR Puram (BEML)		Outlet	157	2.55	15		76.8	4.715	284	0.54	8.19	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.18		
KR Puram (BEML)	10.81	Inlet	154	5.11	1.5	4.8		6.88	272	0.51	8.23	0.08	Nil	Nil	0.2		
Kudlu dodda kere	19.79	Inlet	297	2.01	99		38.4	2.35	248	0.43	8.87	0.14	Nil	Nil	0.22		
Kudlu dodda kere		Outlet	288	2.5	6723	7.6	480	5.41	284	0.45	9.27	0.09	Nil	Nil	0.07		
Kundala Halli Kere		Outlet	255	0.2	435.5			3.03	216	0.64	8.64	0.05	Nil	0.02	0.03		
Kundala Halli Kere		Middle	224	0.5	1590		18.88	4.74	264	0.34	7.99	0.04	Nil	0.02	0.04		
Kundala Halli Kere	9.52	Inlet	224	0.5	865	2.6	0	4.96	248	0.33	8.2	0.05	Nil	0.02	0.02	>1600	>1600
Lalbagh Kere	16.04	Inlet	67	0.01	43.5	4.8	Nil	2.14	136	0.53	9	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.03		
Lingadeeranahalli kere	1.98	Inlet	16.8	0.2	20.5	4.4	Nil	5.02	172	0.32	7.51	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.45		
Lingadeeranahalli Kere(Andrahalli)	1.96	Inlet	358	0.2	118		18.88	7.34	596	4.41	8.26	0.25	Nil	0.01	0.6	1.29	160000 160000
Lingadeeranahalli Kere(Andrahalli)		Outlet	339						396			0.01	0.01	0.02	0.4	1.13	
Madivala tank		Middle	140	0.01	10		18.88	4.21	212	0.36	8.36	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.12		
Madivala tank		Outlet	151	0.2	6		56.64	5.06	204	0.37	7.37	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.11		
Madivala tank	94.7	Inlet	112	1	265	Nil	227	15.83	220	0.36	7.16	0.5	Nil	0.08	0.24		160000 160000
Mailasandra kere (Sunakal palyakere)		Outlet	67.2	0.05	45		18.88	8.08	92	0.90	0.3	0.06	Nil	0.01	0.24		
Mangammana Palya Kere	1.97	Inlet	372.4	0.05	71	12.2	153.6	13.3	144	1.23	8.99	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.11		
Munnekolalu Kere		Outlet	207	1	159		56.64	5.29	268	0.31	7.49	0.17	Nil	0.04	0.13		
Munnekolalu Kere	4.1	Inlet	168	0.4	127	1.2	37.76	15.68	296	0.31	7.69	0.21	Nil	0.04	0.12		>1600
Nagarabhavi kere	1.17	Inlet	36.4	0.05	77	4	19.2	18.7	204	0.38	7.37	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.54		
Nagasandra Kere	13.07	Inlet	378	5.01	363	Nil	153.6	7.48	612	0.32	7.37	0.26	0.27	Nil	0.6		
Nagavara Kere (Lumbini Garden)		Outlet	207	0.05	6		Nil	4.17	180	0.56	7.89	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.12	1.24	
Nagavara Kere (Lumbini Garden)	20.33	Inlet	204	0.05	16.5	5	18.88	4.2	188	0.56	7.96	0.05	0.02	Nil	0.11	0.82	
Nallurahalli Tank	11.61	Inlet	314	2.26	27.5	7.6	57.6	6.75	416	0.41	8.04	0.08	Nil	Nil	0.21		
Nallurahalli Tank		Outlet	316	1.22	14		Nil	8.31	400	0.42	7.43	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.24		
Nallurahalli Tank		Middle	294	1.1	90		19.2	8.37	408	0.42	7.92	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.12		
Narasapanhalli kere	19.16	Inlet	650	2.09	77.5	1.6	Nil	7.05	768	0.94	8.33	0.08			0.45		

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Thalaghattapura chikka kere	0.69	Inlet	11.2	0.01	21.5	5.8	Nil	6.71	48	0.2	7.36	0.13	Nil	Nil	0.08		
Thindlu Lake	41.77	Inlet	95.2	0.2	6.5	7.2	56.64	6.08	184	0.26	7.84	0.15	Nil	0.02	0.21	1600	1600
Thindlu Lake		Outlet	106	0.1	-	-	-	7.55	240	0.44	8.37	0.12	Nil	0.01	1.05	-	-
Ulsoor Kere	43.81	Inlet	92	0.01	42	11.2	113.3	3.87	100	0.37	8.73	0.1	Nil	Nil	0.1		
Ulsoor Kere		Outlet	101	0.05	22		75.52	3.87	100	0.37	8.58	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.19	1.12	
Ulsoor Kere		Middle	92	0.05	6		75.52	4.81	108	0.37	8.93	0.08	Nil	0.01	0.21		
Uttarahalli kere	4.51	Inlet	45	0.5	21.5	4.2	Nil	7.97	184	0.77	7.03	0.71	0.01	0.02	0.34		
Vajarahalli kere	0.43	Inlet	25	0.2	35.5	11.2	38.4	4.82	112	0.24	8.66	0.13	Nil	Nil	0.04		
Varahasandra kere	6.02	Inlet	86.8	0.1	5	5.2	Nil	6.29	204	0.35	7.84	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.08		
Varturu Tank		Outlet	134	0.1	13	-	Nil	7.43	252	0.43	8.13	0.1	Nil	0.01	0.57	1.17	
Varturu Tank	166.87	Inlet	137	2.5	12	3.8	56.64	8.02	276	0.46	8.13	0.14	Nil	0.02	0.67	1.21	
Vengaiha Kere	21.66	Inlet	246	0.1	81	10	94.4	6.77	204	0.33	8.81	0.07	Nil	0.01	0.15	160000	160000
Vengaiha Kere		Outlet	241	0.2	226		56.64	7.88	200	0.33	8.92	0.09	Nil	Nil	0.15		
Venkatala Lake	22.9	Inlet	58.8	0.01	11.5	4.2	19.2	7.72	100	0.35	8.77	0.05	Nil	Nil	0.13		
Venkojirao kere (Agarakere)		Inlet	860	0.05	27	12.6	37.76	6.79	292	0.71	9.67	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.06	1600	1600
Venkojirao kere (Agarakere)	40.11	Outlet	812	0.05	5.5		75.5	8.01	292	0.75	9.02	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.06	900	900
Vidyananyapura Lake 2		Outlet	81.2	0.2	63		75.52	4.41	204	0.25	7.83	0.06	Nil	0.01	0.13		
Vidyananyapura Lake 1	6.64	Inlet	101	0.2	25.5	4.8	75.52	7.31	204	0.27	8.05	0.25	Nil	0.01	0.17	>1600	>1600
Yediyur Kere		Outlet	47.6	0.1	2		0	2.01	140	0.3	8.54	0.04	Nil	0.03	0.06	4.78	
Yediyur Kere	4.54	Inlet	56	Nil	1.5	7.4	0	2.33	128	0.31	8.72	0.05	Nil	0.03	0.07	2.22	>1600
Yediyur Kere		Middle	64.4	0.05	47		0	2.57	140	0.32	8.78	0.05	Nil	0.04	0.31	1.16	
Yelahanka Kere		Outlet	431	0.23	52		211	9.44	216	0.68	8.96	0.08	0.02	Nil	0.35		
Yelahanka Kere	115.8	Inlet	428	0.01	96	6.8	249.6	11.35	180	0.74	9.05	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.25		
Yelahanka Kere		Middle	406	0.01	88		211	11.79	188	0.69	9.02	0.08	Nil	Nil	0.27		
Yellamallappa chetty kere	159.5	Inlet	185	1.09	4		40	6.43	352	0.37	7.95	0.16	Nil	Nil	0.35		
		Outlet	213	0.1	247.5		75.52	5.78	172	0.65	10.08	0.11	Nil	0.03	0.05	>1600	>1600

## Lake water pollution and impact on Groundwater

The Dissolved Oxygen (DO) level in lake waters is important as low level of DO indicates organic pollution. The presence of DO is necessary for maintaining favorable conditions for growth of fish and other aquatic life. DO is a measure of oxygen dissolved in water. If the oxygen level falls below 4 ppm then the aquatic life like fish will die, oxidation of dead plant material takes place and lakes goes from oligotrophic (Low Productivity) state to Eutrophic (high productivity). The Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) test indicates about any possible pollution by industrial effluents. COD of unpolluted water is normally lower than 20 mg/L. But, the COD values in all the lake waters analysed are more than 20 mg/L indicating the pollution from industrial and municipal wastes.

Municipal and some industrial effluent discharges may contain nitrate and phosphates. This may result in algal boom or eutrophication. This is not desirable for a balanced aquatic eco-system. Out of 96 lake water samples, only four samples have phosphorous and nine samples have nitrate concentration higher than the permissible limits.

The presence or absence of coliform determines the bacteriological quality of water. Its presence indicates contamination from sewage and possible presence of pathogenic organisms. The total count of coliforms in unpolluted lake waters may vary between 10 to 100 MPN/100 ml. All the 23 lake water samples analysed confirmed the presence of E-coli (more than 1,600 MPN/100 ml), indicating these waters are highly polluted (Table 1).

The study has revealed that there is an impact of polluted lake water on groundwater in the vicinity. From the data presented in Table 1, the concentration of heavy metals viz. Zinc, Lead, Copper, Manganese and Coliform bacteria in the lake water samples and groundwater samples in the vicinity of such lake have been compared and given in Tables 2a and 2b.

**Table 2a : Heavy Metals in Lake and Groundwater Samples (in the vicinity of lakes) Please refer to Table 1**

Sl. No.	Lakes	Concentration of Heavy Metals in Lake water (mg/L)				Concentration of Heavy Metals in Borewell water near Lakes (mg/L)			
		Zn	Pb	Cu	Mn	Zn	Pb	Cu	Mn
1.	Agara lake	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.11	0.44	Nil	0.11	0.39
						1.12	0.02	0.02	0.72
2.	Bellandur lake	0.19	Nil	Nil	0.23	0.04	Nil	0.01	0.25



3.	Kundalahalli lake	0.05	Nil	0.02	0.02	0.02	Nil	0.01	0.17
4.	Puttenahalli lake					0.36	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Hulimanakere	0.06	Nil	0.01	0.47	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.28
6.	Begur	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.54	0.16	Nil	Nil	0.18
7.	Kodagi Singasandra	1.08	Nil	Nil	0.9	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.08
8.	Yelahanka Kere	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.25	0.01	Nil	Nil	0.08
9.	Bandepalya	0.21	Nil	Nil	0.84	0.02	Nil	Nil	0.02
10.	Sankey tank					2.55	Nil	Nil	Nil
11.	Nagasandra	0.26	0.27	Nil	0.60	0.07	Nil	Nil	0.22
12.	Shivalikere					0.06	Nil	Nil	Nil
13.	Hosahalli					0.15	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.	Kudulukere					0.06	Nil	0.01	0.22
15.	Kuduludoddakere	0.09	Nil	Nil	0.07	0.06	Nil	Nil	0.08

**Table 2b : Coliform Bacteria in Lake and Groundwater Samples  
(in the vicinity of lakes)**

Sl.No.	Lake	Contamination of lake water		Contamination of Borewell water near lake	
		E-Coliforms MPN/100 ml	Total Coliforms MPN/100 ml	E-Coliforms MPN/100 ml	Total Coliforms MPN/100 ml
1.	Kodigehalli Kere	>1600	>1600	900	900
2.	Hebbal Kere	>1600	>1600	130	130
3.	Bellandur Lake	>1600	>1600	130	130
4.	Halasur lake	>1600	>1600	900	900
5.	Allalsandra lake	>1600	>1600	500	500
6.	Yelahanka lake	>1600	>1600	350	350
7.	Nelurhalli lake	>1600	>1600	9.2	9.2