

PRESS INFO NOTE

**Supreme Court Final Hearing on Tuesday, January 08, 2019 on
the 'NGT Buffer Zone Judgement' of Bellandur - Agara Lake**

**Namma Bengaluru Foundation is a Petitioner and fighting in this case crucial to
protect critical lakes and water bodies of Bengaluru**

Bengaluru, January 06th, 2019: The Supreme Court has fixed **January 08, 2019** for hearing final arguments on the Lake Buffer Zone Judgement by NGT. The State Government and the group of builders have decided to bring in a volley of legal-heavy weights in their attempt to quash the NGT Judgement.

On May 04, 2016, the NGT, Principal Bench passed a judgement specifying buffer zone of 75 metres in case of lakes, 50 metres for primary, 35 metres for secondary and 25 metres for tertiary rajakaluves to be maintained from the edge of these water bodies. The NGT observed that these buffers are absolutely essential for sustainable development of the environment of the area in question. These buffer zones were directed to be maintained as green belts, and as 'no construction zone' for all intent and purposes.

While this judgement is critical to restoring our lakes and environment- Mantri Tech Zone, Coremind Software Services and the State Government have approached the Supreme Court seeking to quash the NGT judgement.

Builders lobby with top legal guns

Here are the following opposition and their legal Counsel: - Coremind Software & Services Pvt. Ltd. Will be represented by **Mr. Kapil Sibal, Sr. Advocate**

Mantri Techzone will be represented by **Mr. Gopal Subramaniam, Sr. Advocate; Mr. Dushyant Dave, Sr. Advocate; Mr. Neeraj Kishan Kaul, Sr. Advocate; Mr. R Venkatramani, Sr. Advocate**

State of Karnataka and its authorities and other Builders will be represented by **Mr. Udaya Holla, Advocate General, Karnataka; Mr. Basava Prabhu Patil, Sr. Advocate; Ms. Kiran Suri, Sr. Advocate; Mr. Shashikiran Shetty, Sr. Advocate**

NBF leading the fight

Namma Bengaluru Foundation has been at the forefront in the fight to restore Bengaluru's historic and critical waterbodies. Our fight has drawn immense support from citizens across Bengaluru, this support has given us the strength to take our fight to the Courts, including the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and the Supreme Court of India.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation has not one been fighting this case but many other cases with its own financial resources. The State Government instead of spending the tax-payers money on sustainable solutions for the city has joined the builders and decided to spend on lawyers.

On the other hand, pro people organisations like Namma Bengaluru Foundation, Forward Foundation have the sheer will and commitment to ensure that Bengaluru has a fighting chance in this David Vs Goliath battle!

About Namma Bengaluru Foundation

Namma Bengaluru Foundation operates on the principles of advocacy, partnership and activism for a better Bengaluru. The foundation acts as a platform for citizens to participate in the city's planning and governance. We thrive to usher in a regime of accountability among authorities and combat corruption by ensuring transparency in utilization of public money and assets.

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