

### Adopt a lake campaign

- ⊙ The Lakes of Hyderabad have provided numerous services that have fundamentally supported human health and well-being.
- ⊙ Exploitation of these water bodies over the years has jeopardized their very existence.
- ⊙ The vulnerable ecosystems of these disappearing lakes can't afford to wait any longer.
- ⊙ It's time for action to restore what is remaining!

### Time to Act!

- ⊙ Collective effort by citizens, government agencies and political actors for ensuring eco-friendly. initiative of rejuvenating, preserving and securing lakes
- ⊙ Organising “social watchdogs” to prevent encroachment and pollution
- ⊙ Liaisoning with concerned Government agencies for regular maintenance
- ⊙ Safeguarding channels of rainwater inflows from catchment area
- ⊙ Preventing misuse of buffer land around a lake

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**What it is**  
**Adopting a**  
**Lake**  
**How YOU**  
**can help**

## What is a Lake?

A lake is a natural or person-made (artificial) body of water surrounded by land. Also a habitat for a variety of flora and fauna, a lake is a natural source of water for agriculture and several other economic activities. Lakes provide numerous services that have fundamentally supported human health and well-being for communities.



## The issue at hand

Most of these water bodies are in varying stages of degradation today, leading to shrinking in their sizes, pollution, and many-a-time disappearing completely, jeopardizing not just our sources of usable water, but also the lives of every other living creature that depends on them.



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## Why are these lakes shrinking?

- ⊙ Rapid urbanization and expansion, without considering environmental resources
- ⊙ Increasing population and reliance on ground water, crowded and complete claims on ground water
- ⊙ Filling up of water-bodies for creating land
- ⊙ Used as dumping grounds for waste and sewage
- ⊙ Illegal lake-bed sand-mining



## What is "adopting a lake"?

Participating in a citizen-based effort, large or small in restoring and reviving a lake

- ⊙ Volunteering to monitor water quality
- ⊙ Identifying storm drains
- ⊙ Organizing cleanups
- ⊙ Planting trees along eroding banks
- ⊙ Conducting surveillance of encroachments and pollution sources

