

# Civic body rations water as M'luru institutions go dry

## Many Feeling The Pinch | Scene May Get Worse: Mgmts

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**Mangaluru:** With summer arriving early this year, campuses of several education institutions across Mangaluru city are experiencing severe water scarcity. Water rationing has already begun and awareness is being spread among hostel inmates and students regarding the judicious use of water.



**AFFECTED:** NITK Surathkal students hit by MCC's water rationing

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NITK Surathkal, with more than 6,000 students, is already feeling the pinch. It is a similar situation at other colleges that have a large number of students and hostel inmates. The campuses, besides getting water supply from internal sources, also depend on Mangaluru City Corporation. However, MCC has already said that only 50 days of water stock is left at the vented dam. The inflow of water at Thumbe vented dam that supplies water to the city has been reduced. The college administration feels that the situation may get worse in the coming days if the MCC water supply was reduced further.

K Ravindranath, registrar, NITK, Surathkal, told TOI that the water supply from MCC has been reduced for the past two weeks. "The campus heavily relies on MCC's water supply," he said.

Sources from the campus added that every day, the campus utilises about 10 lakh litres of water supplied by MCC. This has been reduced to 3.5 lakh litres per day in the last 15 days.

"We are now managing by pumping water from our wells within the campus, which are rapidly drying up. A water tanker facility was also used on campus to meet the demand. This week, an emergency meeting was called to start the tender process to supply regular water thro-

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ugh tankers," the source added. Furthermore, a circular and messages were sent across campus about water shortages and responsible water use.

According to a faculty member at the nursing college in the city, they are now

more dependent on water tankers. "Our campus does have an MCC water supply but it is insufficient at the moment. Therefore we are dependent on tankers," the faculty added.

Even though there is no water scarcity for the time being, students have been educated across campus and hostels to save water in every possible way, said Alwyn V D'Sa, controller of examinations, St Aloysius College, Mangaluru. "We did have an issue back a few years ago, where water was supplied through tankers. However, our water harvesting initiative has helped us have enough water supply throughout the year," he added.

Nidish S Shetty, vice chairman, Sridevi Educational Institution, pointed out that they have borewells to meet water demands along with MCC supply. "If both dry up, we have to declare holidays on campus," he said.

Dilip G Naik, pro-vice-chancellor (Mangaluru Campus) of Manipal Academy of Higher Education, said that except for the hospital in Attavar, the rest of the facilities have no water scarcity issue at the moment.