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What caused fires in Bellandur Lake, asks NGT panel

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BENGALURU: The committee formed by the National Green Tribunal to inspect Bellandur Lake posed multiple questions to civic agencies on Saturday— what caused fires in the water body and what has been the effect of smoke on public health? Agencies replied that the incidents occurred due to human intervention and not pollution.

“The panel headed by Raj Panjwani, senior advocate from Delhi, questioned officials during an inspection,” sources said.

It includes BDA chief Rakesh Singh, IISc professor Dr T V Ramachandra, environmentalists Yellappa Reddy and Seema Garg, BBMP joint commissioner (health) Sarfaraz Khan and officials from BWSSB, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Central Pollution Control Board and Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority.