

## SC bends the rules for 'sophisticated' Bengaluru

For a “sophisticated and global” Bengaluru, the Supreme Court admittedly digressed from the iron rule of the National Water Policy that areas outside a river basin should not enjoy the river’s water. Allocating Karnataka 4.75 tmc. ft. water from Tamil Nadu’s share for use in Bengaluru, a three-judge Bench led by Chief Justice of India Dipak Misra reasoned that Bengaluru deserves a leeway. The apex court said Bengaluru’s “exclusive attributes” make it “incomparable in many ways not only to other urban areas in the State, but also beyond.” “Bengaluru has burgeoned over the years...its population is daily on the rise, thus, registering an ever enhancing demand for all civic amenities,” the SC judgment read.

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