

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

BAF Team is proud of all member communities who voted in large numbers on May 12th 2018. Many communities saw their voter turnout at record high numbers – force multiplied - as compared to previous elections. However members also realise that there is still huge scope for improvement by ensuring every eligible member is enrolled. We now hope this process for each member community continues and that by next elections we can see 100% enrolments as well as voting within member communities.

While elections kept us busy, a lot of other important events that created an impact during April & May need a mention. They are as under:

1. During April many member & cluster communities connected with local MLAs and candidates across party-lines and presented the Local area apartment charters
2. Above process concluded with the BAF – AGM and Political debate held on 22nd April 2018.
 - a. The AGM proceedings are available in the minutes circulated to all members. Hope members have received the same and aware of the resolutions made and future initiatives.
 - b. The political debate was attended by about 800 apartment residents. The political debate was represented by Hon Min Mr. K. J. George (INC), BJP MLA(Malleswaram)–Mr Ashwath Narayan, Mr Prithvi Reddy-National Executive member(AAP) and National spokesperson of JDS – Mr.Tanveer Ahmed. All were handed the BAF Apartment Charter for their views, commitment and action. Mr. V. Ravichandar of Feedback Consulting moderated the debate. All parties acknowledged that they were enlightened on & accepted the apartment residents' challenges and promised to engage with us on the range of issues presented in the charter.
 - c. BAF is thankful to all the event sponsors of the day – Hasirudalla, HiCare, UPSPL, Loyal, MyGate, ApartmentAdda, GoodBeeLifestyle, NeoAkruthi, Aansh, Sun Sine Assalbloy & Aquasphere. And food partners – Mani's, Kaatizone & Farmveda. BAF would like to acknowledge support provided by a member apartment resident for Chowdiah Hall bookings.
 - d. Event was well covered in the press giving apartment community issues due visibility in the state.
 - e. Event gallery can be looked up at following link- <https://youtu.be/fwSjuPBIC2o>
3. As a run up to elections, BAF partnered with CII-Young Indians' ShowTheInk campaign to create awareness and incentivise voting. BAF partnered with various brands like Licious, Bigbasket, Trends etc.to incentivise voting across apartment communities. Members who voted in large numbers may look forward to receiving exciting offers from such various partners in the coming days.
4. BAF team attended / interacted at various events and meets - like Mirror Now debate on Karnataka elections, CFB's mock citizen poll, Special Zonal election commissioners meet etc as a run up to elections and presenting BAF views or facilitating voter id cards for member communities.
5. In May - BAF was also invited to attend small scale sanitation & STP related paper presentation by Swiss Consul General on their findings on STP and issues across India. BAF has participated by giving its position on the same to factor into policy recommendations in the interest of all apartments.
6. GC meeting was held on May 19th 2018 and it was decided to formulate Cluster Councils. A Cluster Council meeting has been called on June 3rd 2018 inviting various cluster leaders to form local Cluster Councils comprising Cluster President and Cluster Secretary along with Cluster Council Members to effectively address cluster level issues with the local administration and Government.

While election results were declared in the month - It doesn't really matter which Government comes to power – we must make governance work! Looking forward to renewed vigor of BAF members to ensure we meet our charter demands.

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Smoke from compost plant irks HSR Layout residents

May 03, 2018

The residents claimed the smoke was nothing but methane being emitted from the large quantity of highly combustible refuse-derived fuel (RDF), being accumulated at the plant for many years now.

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Officials show citizens the door citing poll work, but voter IDs elusive

May 04, 2018

For a month now, a sign can be seen outside the BBMP office in Hulimavu carrying a message in Kannada — 'we are busy with election work and will be free to meet the public only from 3pm-5pm'.

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Rain effect: Bellandur lake froths, irks residents

May 09, 2018

Last week's rain has led to an increase in the froth at Bellandur Lake. The foul-smelling foam is attracting swarms of mosquitoes, forcing residents to resort to measures like burning coconut husks.

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Revised power tariff set to be issued today

May 14, 2018

Get ready to spend more on electricity bills. Just after the assembly elections, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) is set to announce tariff hike on Monday, with retrospective effect.

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24 trees cut to improve visibility for hoardings

May 14, 2018

Residents of Bellandur were in for a rude shock on Thursday morning to see 24 trees were chopped down in their area. They suspect the trees in the median over a stretch of 500 metres near the skywalk on Bellandur Gate Road were felled by miscreants to give better visibility to advertisement hoardings nearby.

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Effluent plants and solid waste processing

May 15, 2018

The KERC has clarified that consumers will have to pay tariff based on the category of their installations. For example, residents of domestic establishments have to pay domestic tariffs for the effluent and sewage treatment plants on their premises.

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Efforts pay off, voter turnout up in city apartments

May 15, 2018

The Voter turnout in Bengaluru may have been abysmally low, but people living in apartment complexes certainly came out in large numbers to exercise their franchise compared with previous elections.

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Apartments with sewage treatment plants get tariff concession

May 15, 2018

There was a silver lining to the hike in electricity charges with apartment dwellers set to benefit. The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) rolled out a concession for apartments with sewage treatment plants (STPs) by pairing tariffs with consumer installation.

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Why Bengaluru didn't make it to the list of cleanest cities

May 19, 2018

The list of cleanest cities in India has been made public by the Union ministry for housing and urban affairs, but Bengaluru has failed to feature among the top three despite being known as the most dynamic city. Why?

Slow work hinders Metro integration

May 21, 2018

Last-mile connectivity and lack of proper integration of namma Metro with other modes of public transport are posing to be real problems for Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). After the completion of phase I, the BMRC had expected to serve 5 lakh passengers per day

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BBMP promises to fill 3,600 potholes before monsoon

May 22, 2018

The intermittent pre-monsoon showers are all set to intensify with the onset of monsoon in June first week. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Monday announced its monsoon preparedness plan,

stating that it would fill 3,629 potholes in next couple of weeks.

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Waste water finds no reuse, thanks to hazy guidelines

May 22, 2018

Even as residential apartments with sewage treatment plants (STPs) were relieved after the recent order by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) that realigned their tariff from commercial to domestic rates, small-scale STPs cannot effectively save and reuse water. Residential apartments continue to face challenges in terms of hazy guidelines, lack of technical expertise and technological know-how

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Doraikere Lake is turning into a garbage dump

May 23, 2018

A resident of Uttarahalli turned our attention to the Doraikere Lake which has recently turned into a garbage dumping ground

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Shaky Varthur Bridge: Did BBMP err on previous alert?

May 24, 2018

The shaking bridge of Varthur, which has kept residents of the area and commuters under fear, is turning out to be yet another case of official apathy.

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Placards and pleas rise again for Pattandur Lake

May 28, 2018

Residents exhorted the CM to probe into lapses and take action against encroachers. Around 300 people gathered on ECC Road on Sunday to demand action to stem the deterioration of the Pattandur-Agrahara Lake.

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Ulsoor Lake covered in carpet of water hyacinth

May 30, 2018

Ulsoor Lake is back to looking green — and not from envy. A large part of the lake, one of the city's best known landmarks, is covered by water hyacinth, so much so that it resembles a lush carpet of green. Until a week ago, the lake sparkled with fairly clean water, but no longer.

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