

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

WE DID IT! BAMBOOS, on 3rd November 2018 an extraordinary event, conceived by all members, on sharing apartment best practices under various sustainability themes , concluded with resounding success!



BENGALURU APARTMENTS MAKING BENGALURU OPERATIONALLY OUTSTANDING & SUSTAINABLE

BAF team is happy to share that this event was unique and first of its kind for the apartment community with:

1. **Four theme based presentation** of best practices by Apartments on SWM, Water Management, Energy Management & Roof Top Solar and Safety & Compliance
2. **Cluster Stalls** on Voter registration, Community Engagement, Safety & Compliance, Security, Water Management etc.
3. **Stalls by Vendors** providing services to apartments along the sustainability theme & other relevant services

The event was inaugurated by the Mayor in presence of urban expert Shri Ravichander and other BAF GC Members. The water management session was presided by KSPCB Chairman Mr Laxman, while we were honoured to have BESCOM MD Ms Shikha to chair the Energy Management session & launch the residential roof top solar initiative. Other special invitees included Senior Officials from BBMP health department for SWM session, Senior officials from Fire & Electrical Inspectorate departments interacted with attending members on Safety & Compliance theme. Together – all dignitaries and officials extended their support to engage with BAF, and to apartment communities for sustainable initiatives and resolve any issues through dialogue and engagement.

Attending representatives – both from member apartments and non member apartments were extremely happy with the useful information & practical knowledge sharing sessions, presented by participating BAF members. Many non member apartments signed up as BAF members immediately at the event. With over 1,000 footfalls, BAF events are getting larger and participatory and extremely informative. **WE ARE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE, BUT WE DO NEED MORE REPRESENTATIONS & ATTENDANCE – IF WE WANT TO MAKE FURTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. WE CERTAINLY HOPE MORE BAF MEMEBERS CAN PARTICIPATE NOT JUST TO FILL THE AUDITORIUM, BUT TO PRESENT A STRONG UNITED VOICE TO GOK , TO TAKE HOME THE LEARNINGS & CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS COST SAVING AND CONSERVATION INITIATIVES FOR THEIR COMMUNITIES & THE CITY. THIS PARTICIPATION IS A PRO-ACTIVE EFFORT THAT CAN AVOID CRISIS SITUATIONS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES.**

Meanwhile during the preparatory month of October for BAMBOOS – participating apartments had the privilege of visiting other member apartments to understand the best practices up, close & personal, along with multiple EC + GC meetings. It's a proud moment for BAF to witness such enthusiasm & participation of cluster leadership teams in service of community for operational excellence & wider cause of sustainability. And to wind up the editorial – BAF GC team met various dignitaries to be invited for the event – while their attendance was based on availability – the meetings were extremely productive & insightful to engage with them to resolve issues & get support – be it BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM, KSPCB, Police Commissioner, Fire Department, CEIG etc.

Cheers! TEAM BAF

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BAF IN THE NEWS.....

Have STP and fire hydrant in your apartment?

Sep 07, 2018

Residents of South City apartments were in for a rude shock this February when Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) served them a notice demanding penalties up to Rs 54 lakh. Similar notices were also sent to Purva Highlands apartment complex.

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Bescom sends disconnection notice to apartments upon KSPCB orders

Sep 04, 2018

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has been serving illegal notices to apartment residents, threatening to disconnect electricity and water, with the malafide intent of extortion by corrupt officials, says a press note from Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF).

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No rules despite many sewage treatment plants deaths

Sep 15, 2018

Seven months after two labourers died in a waste water treatment plant of a hotel in AECS Layout due to asphyxiation, the authorities are yet to issue safety guidelines on how apartment blocks can have their sewage treatment plants (STPs) and septic tanks cleaned, repaired or maintained

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Push for rooftop solar power generation

Oct 04, 2018

Bengaluru's apartment complexes are joining hands to give a boost to solar power generation through rooftop plants. The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has launched a city-wide initiative to get 1,000 apartment complexes to implement rooftop solar plants over the next two years.

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CM to launch apartment federations' pan-Bengaluru solar power initiative

Oct 06, 2018

Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) is launching its city-wide rooftop solar initiative, wherein they are on a mission to get 1,000 apartment complexes in the city to implement rooftop solar plants within the next two years.

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Sunshine saves apartment complex Rs 1.5lakh

Oct 07, 2018

In a first-of-its kind initiative, an apartment in Banashankari 2nd Stage has installed a solar power plant which has cut down their electricity bill by a whopping Rs 1.5 lakh every month. In what could be an example to other Resident Welfare Associations (RWA) in the city, Brigade Petunia is now running its common area with solar energy.

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No relief from govt, say Apartments' Federation

Oct 24, 2018

Even though a lot of apartment blocks, villa communities and resident welfare associations have been at the forefront of the city's battle for solid waste management, they are still being discriminated by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), said the Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF), that represent hundreds of apartments.

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Save Bellandur: Bengaluru residents form human chain to protest civic apathy

Oct 27, 2018

Hundreds of residents in Bengaluru under the banner of 'Save Bellandur' formed a giant silent human chain on Saturday to protest against the state of civic infrastructure.

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BAF takes lead to make city sustainable

Nov 03, 2018

Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has taken the lead to make Bengaluru sustainable. BAF on Saturday held a day-long event by organising – BAMBOOS (Bengaluru Apartments Making Bengaluru Operationally Outstanding & Sustainable) to showcase various initiatives to be undertaken collectively.

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BAF launches new initiative for better Bengaluru

Nov 04, 2018

Bangalore Apartments Federation has launched 'Bengaluru Apartments Making Bengaluru Operationally Outstanding and Sustainable' (BAMBOOS), a new initiative to improve the city.

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1,000 apartments may get solar panels rooftops in 2 years

Nov 04, 2018

Residents of apartments across Bengaluru can now reduce their dependency on Bescom by installing rooftop solar power plants.

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60 Apartments near Bidadi get KSPCB notices

Sep 04, 2018

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has issued notices to more than 60 apartment complexes located near Bidadi for letting untreated sewage into Byramanagala Lake.

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RERA earns over Rs 8.8 crore in penalty from builders in Karnataka

Oct 04, 2018

The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has so far levied Rs 8.83 crore as penalty from builders across the state who are yet to register their projects with it. Its portal has also warned public against investing in 970 real estate projects across the state, up from the 780 projects against which it had cautioned in January.

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Karnataka High Court: Where should Bengalureans go till roads are repaired?

Oct 06, 2018

The Karnataka High Court has questioned the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) whether it was raining all through the past three years, and "Where should Bengalureans go till BBMP repairs the roads?" The division bench of Chief Justice Dinesh Maheshwari and Justice S G Pandit posed these questions to the BBMP during the hearing of a public interest litigation filed in 2015 seeking directions to the BBMP to fill up potholes and ditches

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SWM cess waiver sought for houses, apartments with processing facility

Oct 08, 2018

There is a renewed demand for the waiver of solid waste management (SWM) cess for households and multi-dwelling units that have in situ processing units for the wet waste they generate.

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Bengaluru's waste segregation dismal, at new low of 25%

Oct 13, 2018

A drastic fall of 25 per cent in waste segregation at source as well as before it ends in compactors or dumps, has forced the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to consider going for a new garbage contractor system that would focus on micro-level plans for waste segregation. The new system is planned to be implemented in November 2018.

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Appoint consumer representative to KERC

Oct 13, 2018

With no official representative for consumers to air their views or grievances, the Karnataka Electricity Governance Network (KEGN), an initiative of Consumer Rights Education and Awareness Trust, has written to the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) to appoint one.

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Bengaluru suffers from acute oxygen deficiency

Oct 15, 2018

The Energy & Wetlands Research Group of the Indian Institute of Science has outlined an extremely worrisome scenario for Bengaluru, a city which is now understood to be oxygen-deficient due to lack of trees for the burgeoning population of over one crore.

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Bengaluru's highrises may need to have e-charging points soon

Oct 16, 2018

Highrise buildings in the city may soon have to set up charging infrastructure for electric vehicle.

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Bescom lineman electrocuted while fixing transformer

Oct 17, 2018

A 26-year-old junior lineman attached to the Malleshwaram sub-division of Bescom was electrocuted while repairing a transformer on Sampige Road on Tuesday noon.

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LS polls: Verification of EVMs begins

Oct 17, 2018

The district administration has started verifying Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) machines for the Lok Sabha elections to be held in 2019. district registrars have been uploaded online and objections can be filed with 15 days.

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Contaminated water makes Kanaka Nagar residents sick

Oct 18, 2018

Over the past two weeks, residents of Kanaka Nagar in Hebbal have been falling sick. While initially, the cause remained a mystery, it was later found that the contents of two pipelines — one for sewage and one for water, managed by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) — are getting mixed and this water is being consumed by the residents.

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Bescom has a new message for you

Oct 24, 2018

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (Bescom) has offered a pleasant surprise to its consumers. Two days ago, it started the initiative of informing users of scheduled power disruptions well ahead of time through text messages sent to registered mobile numbers.

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BBMP raid to stop waste disposal in Storm water Drains

Oct 25, 2018

In a drive against the illegal dumping of garbage in Storm Water Drains (SWD), the local civic body along with the retired marshals has conducted raids and seized about 15 vehicles.

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NGT slaps BBMP with Rs 5 Crore fine

Oct 25, 2018

The National Green Tribunal has slammed the BBMP for its “repeated failure” to comply with its directions to ensure bio-mining and continued “cover-up” by allowing dumping of solid wastes in quarry pits at Bengaluru north taluk. It slapped a whopping Rs 5 Crore as environment compensation on the municipal body for seeking more time for the purpose.

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Not just us, BWSSB, other civic agencies responsible for potholes, says BBMP

Oct 25, 2018

The BBMP, after pulled up by the Karnataka High Court for not achieving zero-pothole target in the city, has claimed that it is not solely responsible for the pathetic condition of roads, but also the BWSSB and other civic agencies.

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Why has the KSPCB failed to arrest air pollution in Bengaluru?

Oct 25, 2018

Ruchika fumed behind the mask that her mother tied around her nose every day. She had to pass through Peenya, the “dirtiest and “most polluted” locality in Bengaluru to reach her workplace.

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BBMP to consult experts before floating garbage tenders

Oct 26, 2018

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which is likely to float tenders for the management of solid waste generated in the city, is considering seeking the opinion of waste management experts and organisations.

Officials are mulling over this idea after tenders that had been floated earlier failed to get a good response.

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BWSSB to wipe sewage out of Arakere lake in 30 days

Oct 26, 2018

After survey, civic agencies make many such promises to residents. The Bangalore Water Supply Sewage Board (BWSSB) has assured stakeholders that all sewage inlets making their way into the Arakere Lake will be stopped in 30 days

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Bengaluru: Residents' fight for proper drainage on

Oct 27, 2018

BENGALURU: The fight by the residents of Ejjipura against sewage lines being clogged and flooding residential compounds seems never-ending. Residents had complained about the interconnection of sanitary and water pipelines. But the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) stated that it is due to residential houses encroaching on these lines.

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Bescom and BWSSB customers get a new platform for bill payment

Oct 30, 2018

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has on-boarded Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) and Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to launch Bharat Bill Pay that enables over one crore consumers for secure and easy bill payment.

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Toxic air in Bengaluru leaves its children gasping for breath

Oct 31, 2018

The impact of air pollution in the city is evident in its worst victim's children. A study by Clean Air Platform shows 25% of kids in Bengaluru have asthma while a pulmonologist says as many as 77% of children below five years have suffered wheezing at least once.

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STP in Suratkal serves no purpose

Oct 31, 2018

Four wet-wells and a sewage treatment plant (STP) in Mangaluru North constituency, constructed under funds from Asian Development Bank (ADB), have been merely functional without serving the purpose for which they have been built.

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Clean lakes by September 2021: BWSSB

Oct 31, 2018

After United Bengaluru filed a complaint in a bid to reclaim and protect the city's lakes, the Lokayukta's Joint Committee held a hearing on Tuesday. An interim report was submitted on the status of Chikkabanawara, Mallasandragudde, Hulimavu Arekere and Horamavu Agara lakes, after a survey was done of the same.

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NGT panel asks Karnataka to frame solid waste management policy

Oct 31, 2018

The National Green Tribunal's (NGT) Southern Regional Monitoring Committee has asked the State government to frame a solid waste management (SWM) policy based on the Centre's SWM Rules, 2016.

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