

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

A very warm welcome to all members and other visitors who read our newsletters. This month saw BAF members and non members working very hard on **AARAMB- Voter Enrollment** drives across apartments. The GC meeting of March 17th 2018, with extended members from Cluster Leadership Team, saw most members actively participating in understanding the voter enrollment process (Last day 14/4/2018) and further engaging their communities to be ready to exercise their voting rights.

During the month the common **BAF Apartment Residents' Charter was finalized** with inputs from all clusters and constituencies. BAF team thanks all members for their contribution to the same. **The Charter was submitted to senior leaders of key parties – i.e. INC, BJP, JD(S) and AAP. The leaders have taken these demands as input to their party manifestos.** BAF team intends to ensure that these demands are monitored for resolution and will participate fully in the process wherever required with help of all members to achieve the desired results. **BAF believes in participatory democracy. AND WE DO HOPE EACH ONE OF US APARTMENT RESIDENTS READING THIS IS FULLY INVESTED IN THIS THOUGHT PROCESS.** Some of the results are evident by the engagement and success we see at local leadership levels.

Many clusters also prepared their local/ constituency charters and engaged with their local leaders in communicating the same. Be it apartment issues like – commercial v/s domestic tariff – for power & water, or discrimination as bulk generators for SWM, or being subject to harassment on Occupation certificates without penalizing the authorities or builders, or generic issues of bad roads, unreliable power or shortage of water, traffic woes and so on – all the issues need to be represented adequately. And to show satisfaction or dissatisfaction of elected leadership – **YOUR VOTE IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN CHANGE ANY SITUATION! SO BE SURE TO VOTE ---TO MAKE YOUR DEMANDS HEARD --- TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RESOLUTION & REFORM PROCESS --- TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT LEADER!**

Another eventful year has concluded for the entire BAF community- which saw the launch of various civic and social initiatives – STP/ ZLD, AARAMB, SWM, GST & INCOME TAX, WATER MANAGEMENT-AERATORS, FIRE SAFETY, WARD COMMITTEE AWARENESS, POWER, KAOA/ RERA TEAMS to name a few. They are being adequately represented at GoK forums for community benefit.

We are indeed the largest organized RWA community across the country and perhaps only one of its kind with 250 member associations, over 40000 units and a community of 2 lakhs+ residents (voting & non voting!). We definitely have showcased our unity and it needs to be further visible in the upcoming event - **THE BAF AGM 2018 AND POLITICAL DEBATE ON APARTMENT RESIDENTS' CHARTER. The event will be held on SUNDAY 22-4-2018. FROM 9AM TO 12 PM AT CHOWDAIH MEMORIAL HALL, MALLESHWARAM, 16TH CROSS.** BAF team has invited senior political leaders to the event for a moderated debate session. **We request that every member association ensures that they are well represented at this most important ANNUAL EVENT just before the Karnataka Assembly Elections and benefits from this event.** With our unity during the year we have managed to:

1. Reverse the retrospective STP rule & ZLD norms benefitting all affected apartment residents of Bengaluru by SAVING CRORES OF CAPITAL & OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE, AS WELL AS RISK OF OPERATIONS, & pinning the responsibility rightfully on GoK.
2. Raise the GST exemption limit from Rs 5000pm to Rs 7500, saving 18% additional GST for every affected apartment resident
3. Facilitate smooth voter enrollment process across communities. Members know precisely how many voters are registered in their community & strive for 100% enrollments.
4. Create the common Charter of Demands for Apartment Residents- to form the basis of future work given current issues faced.
5. Create the required connect and collaboration with all civic authorities, local leadership and GoK through various initiatives & representations - to ensure resolution to our issues & pave way for collective democratic participation

WE DO LOOK FORWARD TO SEE YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN WITH YOUR COMMUNITY **ON 22/4 / 2018 IN LARGE NUMBERS!**

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DEAR MEMBERS & COMMUNITY – JOIN US FOR

BAF AGM 2018

&

POLITICAL DEBATE

SCHEDULE

- 1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018 : 9AM TO 1030 AM**
- 2. POLITICAL DEBATE : 10:45 AM TO 12:15 PM**

VENUE

CHOWDAIH MEMORIAL HALL

16TH CROSS, VYALIKAVAL, MALLESHWARAM, BENGALURU 560003

GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE POLITICAL DEBATE ON APARTMENT RESIDENTS' CHARTER

Visit : http://baf.org.in/assets/uploads/events/attachments/AGM_Notice_2018-04-22.pdf
for details!

Scroll down for the March Issue of Newsletter with news affecting/ impacting apartment residents!



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Mavallipura suffers under Bengaluru's toxic legacy: ESG report

Mar 03, 2018

The transportation and dumping of waste in landfills on the outskirts of the city may have made Bengaluru a cleaner place but it has made life miserable for residents in the vicinity.

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Residents upset over Sarjapur Road widening, to protest today

Mar 03, 2018

Residents living along Sarjapur Road, which the BBMP wants to widen to ease traffic congestion, are caught between the devil and the deep sea. While some are divided over the proposal as their properties are likely to be acquired, many are upset with the civic agency's TDR-based compensation model and demanding a fair amount.

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Bengaluru: All properties to get unique digital door numbers soon

Mar 04, 2018

Searching for an address in Bengaluru will get easier. The BBMP will soon launch its digital door-numbering system called DiGi7, providing a unique seven-digit identification number to all 19 lakh properties across the city.

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Bengaluru leads in new realty projects

Mar 06, 2018

The number of residential units launched in December and January in Bengaluru was by far the highest among Indian cities, signalling an improvement in sentiments in a sector that has been in a slump for some time.

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BWSSB to press 68 water tankers to quench Bengaluru's thirst

Mar 06, 2018

With summer taking over, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials led by city mayor R Sampath Raj and officials from the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board held meetings on Tuesday and announced a contingency plan to tackle drinking water needs of the city.

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Aadhaar seeding with voter ID will resume, says CEC OP Rawat

Mar 03, 2018

The chief election commissioner Om Prakash Rawat on Saturday said the commission will resume the seeding of Aadhaar with the voters ID, which was topped in 2015.

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NGT imposes Rs 10 lakh fine on BBMP

Mar 09, 2018

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Friday came down heavily on the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) for dumping waste in a vacant quarry and imposed an environmental compensation of Rs. 10 lakh.

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Kasavanahalli residents hit streets seeking amenities

Mar 11, 2018

Saturdays are usually spent socialising, but the residents of Kasavanahalli, off Sarjapur Road in southeast Bengaluru, marched on the streets on Saturday to vent their anger over the lack of basic civic amenities and infrastructure in the area.

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Homebuyers may get a say in insolvency proceedings for real estate companies

Mar 12, 2018

Homebuyers could be treated on a par with unsecured financial creditors at insolvency proceedings for real estate companies. If adopted, the move will cheer those who have acquired residences from companies such as Jaypee Infratech, Unitech and Amrapali and find themselves at the back of the queue when it comes to seeking recompense.

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Bulk waste generators composting on premises may get garbage cess rebate

Mar 12, 2018

Bulk generators of waste, which include big apartment complexes and hotel complexes, may get a 50% rebate on the garbage cess if they have facilities to process wet waste generated within their premises, according to a Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) proposal.

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Survey of cities: Why Bengaluru has dropped to the bottom

Mar 14, 2018

With no citizen's charter, low per-capita expenditure and no sanitation plans, Bengaluru rapidly descended into the bottom of the table in this year's Annual Survey of India's City-Systems (ASICS) 2017.

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RWAs to hand over charter of demands to candidates

Mar 15, 2018

Elections are the best time for citizens to demand the changes they want to see in their

neighborhoods, and residents of Bengaluru are doing just that. Many residents welfare associations (RWAs) are in the process of preparing a citizens' charter, which will be handed over to every candidate who comes seeking their votes.

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Five lakes to have STPs in 24 months

Mar 15, 2018

Plans by Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to set up Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) near five lakes in the city has finally gathered steam. The plants are being set up to ensure that sewage water doesn't flow into Agara, Sarakki, Chikka Begur, K.R. Puram and Hulimavu lakes, and are expected to start functioning over the next 24 months.

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Palike finally clears Bellandur-ORR skywalk proposal

Mar 15, 2018

After months of waiting for a safe pedestrian crossing on the Bellandur-ORR stretch, the BBMP has finally approved the Sanjaygiri skywalk in its recent Council meeting.

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Bengaluru faces man-made water crisis

Mar 17, 2018

Every day more than 1,000 water tankers rumble past Nagraj's small plywood store in Bangalore, throwing up clouds of dust as they rush their valuable cargo to homes and offices in India's drought-stricken tech hub.

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From citizen manifestos to drivers, B'luru civic groups are setting the poll agenda

Mar 19, 2018

The Assembly elections in Karnataka are around the corner with the Siddaramaiah government nearing the end of its term. Bengaluru, apart from being a IT hub, is also home to several spontaneous citizen movements against the apathy of the political class and the civic administration. However, these movements have failed to increase the voting percentage in this bustling metropolis. Bengaluru alone houses 28 (12%) of total 224 Assembly seats.

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From April 15, pay Rs 2000 fine for wastage of water

Mar 19, 2018

FROM APRIL 15, any water wastage will invite a fine of Rs 2,000. The Municipal Corporation has said city residents found wasting water would be challaned from April 15 to June 30. Under the annual drive, watering of lawns, courtyards, washing of cars and other vehicles using hosepipe is not allowed. Chief Engineer Manoj Bansal said this time, there would be intensified checking. Pictures or videos of violators can also be posted on WhatsApp of the civic body team officials.

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EC orders re-scrutiny of rejected online voter applications in Mahadevapura

Mar 21, 2018

Taking note of the Mahadevapura Assembly constituency recording an unusually high 66% rejection rate of all online voter registration applications, Sanjiv Kumar, Chief Election Officer, Karnataka, has ordered that every case be scrutinised again. Residents of Whitefield, who have been fighting to exercise their

franchise for several years, say they feel vindicated by this decision.

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Bengaluru water scarcity: There is still hope on the horizon

Mar 21, 2018

This World Water Day, Bengaluru is once again on the critical list water-wise, with the BBC placing the city second on its global list of 11 cities that are 'most likely to run out of drinking water'.

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Forest Cell should not be under the BBMP

Mar 21, 2018

Could the city see greener times if afforestation and tree conservation programmes were done by the Forest Department instead of the beleaguered civic body?

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World Water Day: Analysis paints grim water crisis picture of Bengaluru

Mar 22, 2018

An analysis shows that at least 200 cities across the world are facing a severe water crisis while 10 metropolitan cities, among them Bengaluru, are fast moving towards 'Day Zero'—a situation where taps start running dry. The assessment by Down To Earth, a magazine published by green think-tank Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), sounds alarm bells for many cities across the globe, a day ahead of the World Water Day which is observed every year on March 22.

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Apartments struggle to meet water needs

Mar 27, 2018

Apartment dwellers in the city are not just gearing up for months of sweltering heat and power cuts, but are also fearing water woes. Though parts of Sarjapur, Bellandur and Kasavanahalli have begun receiving Cauvery water, residents say it accounts for only about 20% of their needs, forcing them to rely on tankers and borewells. With even core city areas unable to depend on Cauvery water completely, residents here say they have to rely on borewells and water tankers to make up for the deficit.

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In a first, voters' guide at door step to help Bengaluru citizens

Mar 27, 2018

In order to facilitate smooth polling and create awareness among voters, officers on poll duty will be handing over voters' guide, having details of polling date, timings, contact details of booth level officials and helpline numbers, will be handed over to voters at their door step.

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Citizens to submit their charter of demands

Mar 29, 2018

Citizens are coming together to chalk out their expectations from candidates and political parties who would be knocking on their doors to seek votes during the Assembly elections. BAF, a federation representing apartment associations in the city, has created an 'Apartment Residents Charter' — a charter of demands to political parties from apartment residents, specifically on "discrimination and harassment" that they face by civic agencies.

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Flat owners to unleash voter power during polls

Mar 30, 2018

Tired of being called the Dodgers of the ballot box, apartment dwellers are enrolling in droves to cast their votes in the May 12 Assembly polls."Politicians say apartment dwellers do not vote, which is the primary reason for the discrimination and harassment we face," Vidya Goggi, joint secretary of Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) said, revealing that thousands enrolling now are determined to change the prevailing image about them.

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Bengaluru: Apartment residents allege raw deal by politicians

Mar 31, 2018

Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has created an "Apartment Residents Charter" to lists their expectations and demands from political parties. BAF will also hold a panel discussion with senior representatives from political parties on April 22 to discuss the charter. One of the demands of the apartment's charter is that in the backdrop of violations committed by the builders, apartment owners are harassed, so a framework involving the government, civic agencies should be worked out for the management of various assets of an apartment complex.

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PLEA FROM US, THE CHILDREN!

Dear Elders - Bengaluru is gradually being destroyed due to a complete lack of governance from the elected representatives. We can ask questions & force governance only by voting in big numbers. We request you to do your bit by registering on the electoral rolls before 14th April and coming out to vote on 12th May!

NO EXCUSES PLEASE!

**I am
registered
elsewhere!**

You register
at the place
you live. If
you live
here, you
vote here!

**Registering
in new place
is difficult!**

The process
has been
simplified.
Just try it!
It's very
simple!

**Address on
Voter ID is
different!**

No need to
change your
address on
Voter ID
Card when
you shift!

**I'll be
shifting
soon!**

You can
vote here
and register
in the new
place when
you shift!

**My vote
makes no
difference!**

Every vote
counts! By
voting in big
numbers,
we become
a vote bank!

**No point –
all are bad
candidates!**

Politicians
listen to
voters. By
voting, we
can force
governance!

PLEASE TAKE THE PLEDGE!

**COME OUT
ON 12TH MAY**



**AND CAST
YOUR VOTE!**

IF WE HAD THE CHOICE, WE WILL VOTE!

SINCE WE CAN'T, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO VOTE!

COME OUT & VOTE ON 12TH MAY – OUR FUTURE IS AT STAKE!!!

**ALSO JOIN THE POLITICAL DEBATE ON APARTMENT RESIDENTS CHARTER
ON 22ND APRIL (SUNDAY) AT 10.30 AM AT CHOWDIAH MEMORIAL HALL!**



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