

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

Volume 1, Issue 6, October 31, 2017

Dear Apartment Resident,

A very Happy Festival Season from BAF team to all its members! Dasara, Deepavali, Halloween, Rajyotsava, Children's day, Christmas - am sure - will herald happy cultural times in your communities! As you hobnob & network – do communicate on various apartment issues through word of mouth during this time. So while we enjoy the festivities, it's also time to share information and garner support for our causes.

This month saw members meeting for the new notices received by various Associations, threatening disconnection of power and water supply to apartments. This is despite the fact that these apartments generated a meager < 3% of overall sewage and were also connected to UGD. It made no sense what-so-ever to serve these notices. BAF Governing Council members along with other affected members spent considerable time and effort on the issue with KSPCB and KLCDA (Karnataka Lake Conservation & Development Authority) management as well as in NGT courts, explaining how apartments were not polluters as per GoK's own affidavit. These apartments were called for the personal hearings at KSPCB offices. Many members were able to submit their responses to KSPCB (despite hearings being cancelled) & gather some assurances that the authorities would not harass them further without absolute cause. BAF GC team was right by the side of the members for support providing members with standard response letters / other communications to be submitted to civic officials and politicians at various forums

Meanwhile BAF also facilitated a structural analysis for old buildings which clearly indicated the non-feasibility / structural instability of putting up STPs retrospectively. BAF would like to thank all experts who volunteered to take part in this exercise towards a cause they too felt strongly about. The final NGT hearing is expected to be in November and the BAF team is putting all possible efforts to get some fair order for apartment residents.

Irrespective of the above, the STP campaign on illogicality, impracticability and non-feasibility of the same continues with the 3rd batch of petitioners ready to file the HC case. BAF has now planned to intensify the effort on "STOP APARTMENTS HARRASSMENT" by holding peaceful demonstrations via human chains across the city, on December 2nd 2017. We need tens of thousands of apartment residents to gather outside the arterial roads in their area & ask the authorities to stop harassing apartment residents. LET'S ALL GO FOR IT – considering the December deadline is approaching fast.

During the month BAF also co-hosted the BEKU-BEDA Santhe led by CFB. Event saw good number of footfalls and more people initiated into the citizen civic movement. We must continue to garner citizen support for our cause.

On the AARAMB front, while some associations have taken this up significantly, we urge everyone to start the process asap. BAF thanks all the champions who are working on this initiative. The voter enrolment drive for next phase is also just announced by BBMP, so let's ensure we all work towards attaining our enrolment targets.

Until the next edition it is bye from us! With Warm Regards,

Team BAF!



Sales pact to ensure builders do not miss project deadline

Oct 03, 2017

The Karnataka government is set to roll out sale-of-agreement rules to insure property buyers from delays in project delivery. This is also to ensure buyers are delivered all amenities promised in the contract.

[Read Full Story](#)

Volunteer army fixes black spots, lakes across city

Oct 03, 2017

Making cleanliness a priority on the 148th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, 14,000 - 16,000 citizens came on to the streets on Monday for Swachh Bengaluru, a mega cleanathon. Citizens in 72 wards cleaned up black spots in their areas and helped clean nine lakes. In certain areas, cleaning was also accompanied by painting of walls.

[Read Full Story](#)

Pothole Raja steps in when Palike fails

Oct 04, 2017

BBMP blind to potholes? Never fear, Prathaap B is here with Pothole Raja, a social impact initiative to repair potholes in the city. In one year, he and his team have already fixed 600 potholes on public and private roads.

[Read Full Story](#)

BBMP sets 10-day deadline to fill up 16,000 potholes

Oct 09, 2017

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike said on Sunday that it was hopeful the 16,000 potholes that dot the city's roads will be filled up in 10 days.

[Read Full Story](#)

It's time Bengaluru allowed bike taxis to ease commuting pain

Oct 09, 2017

Hitching a pillion ride has become a forgotten favour of the past. Bike riders have largely steered clear of offering strangers a helping hand for fear of run-ins with traffic cops after wearing helmets was made compulsory for pillion riders in January last year by the state government.

[Read Full Story](#)

Two lakes overflow on Bengaluru's outskirts, leave 140 homes flooded

Oct 12, 2017

Residents in the vicinity of Binnamangala and Nelamangala lakes on Bengaluru's outskirts woke up to a shocker on Wednesday. Following Tuesday night's downpour, muddy water inundated over 140 houses as the two lakes breached their limits. The Bangalore-Tumakuru highway, which runs close to the two waterbodies, witnessed traffic jams for hours. The two lakes in Nelamangala region of Bengaluru Rural district are located about 25km from Bengaluru city.

[Read Full Story](#)

46 trees coming in the way of Railway project trans-located

Oct 15, 2017

As many as 46 trees that were coming in the way of a railway project near Devaragudda have translocated and not being cut. The two lakes in Nelamangala region of Bengaluru Rural district are located about 25km from Bengaluru city.

[Read Full Story](#)



Keep disaster management plans ready, schools told

Oct 16, 2017

The incessant rain in Bengaluru has got the education department worried. All schools have been asked to have a disaster management plan in place, and the 34 deputy directors of public instruction (DDPIs) have been told to monitor implementation.

[Read Full Story](#)

Apartment complex with 600 homes flooded

Oct 16, 2017

A majority of residents of Kendriya Vihar, a Union government apartment complex, have been forced to remain indoors for the past five days, owing to heavy flooding. Water from Yelahanka Lake overflowed into the apartment complex that is home to 600 families.

[Read Full Story](#)

Approval of building plans, issue of occupancy certificate to go online

Oct 21, 2017

Builders and citizens who have got a house built in Bengaluru will attest to the ordeal involved in getting sanctions and the time spent wading through the red tape. However, this will no longer be the case.

[Read Full Story](#)

Flooding prompts govt to resume anti-encroachment drive

Oct 22, 2017

Demolition equipment in the city is all set to roar again with the Bengaluru Urban district administration deciding to intensify encroachment clearance on lakebeds. The

recent flood-like situation is what prompted the government to act on the issue.

[Read Full Story](#)

NGT Concerned over poor drainage system in City

Oct 24, 2017

The National Green Tribunal on Monday expressed concern over the poor drainage system in Bengaluru that got exposed during the recent rain as about 16 lives were lost within a fortnight.

[Read Full Story](#)

47% raise in Bengaluru's air pollution level this Diwali

Oct 24, 2017

Unremitting rain and GST on crackers had little impact on festive spirit this Diwali, with the city recording a 46.8% rise in the level of air pollutants. According to data released by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on Monday, the level of average PM10 (particulate matter of 10 micrometers or less in diameter) shot up to 122.4 ug/m³ (micro grams per cubic metre) compared to the usual day's average of 83.4 ug/m³. The surge in the PM10 level in the city's air this year was 1.6% more than last year.

[Read Full Story](#)

Potholes are getting bigger & deeper, Mr. Commissioner!

Oct 24, 2017

Roads in wards of South Zone still resemble those in a warzone. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had claimed on Sunday that all 4,705 potholes identified by them in South Zone had been filled.

[Read Full Story](#)



Poor roads give city a pain in the back

Oct 24, 2017

Health was not really a concern for Rajendra (name changed), 32, a techie with an MNC, until he began suffering from immense pain in his spine, and gave up most of his regular activities, including his job. The doctors blamed it on his long two-wheeler rides to work and back home.

[Read Full Story](#)

BBMP moots 71km cycle tracks, wider pavements around 19 Metro Stations

Oct 26, 2017

The BBMP has come up with a grand plan to create 71km of integrated cycle tracks and wider pavements around 19 busy Metro stations at an estimated cost of Rs 80 crore (Rs 1.1 crore per km).

[Read Full Story](#)

Retrospective STPs can trigger building collapse, says study

Oct 27, 2017

Retrospective installation of Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in older apartment complexes of Bengaluru can impact the structural safety of buildings. This can potentially trigger a collapse, says a recent study.

[Read Full Story](#)

Structural issues come in the way of having STPs in apartment complexes

Oct 27, 2017

As apartment complexes rush towards meeting the deadline to install sewage treatment plants (STPs) within their premises, the harsh realities and the difficult technical challenges have started to sink in.

[Read Full Story](#)

Lokayukta pulls over BBMP over poor condition of roads

Oct 27, 2017

Expressing serious concern over the dent in image of India's IT capital on a global level on account of the series of deaths caused by potholes, the Lokayukta has slammed the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

[Read Full Story](#)

Kowdenahalli Lake transforms from swamp to ecological haven

Oct 29, 2017

The 55-acre Kowdenahalli Lake, which was once a deserted swamp, is now a vibrant waterbody frequented by local and migratory birds, home to several species of fish and reptiles and with medicinal plants and fruit-bearing trees dotting its periphery.

[Read Full Story](#)

BBMP to begin voter enrolment drive on Oct 31

Oct 30, 2017

With less than a year to go for Assembly elections, the BBMP, following the instructions by the Election Commission of India (ECI), will soon set the process in motion to enroll the citizens in voters' list.

[Read Full Story](#)

Steel flyover near Shivananda Circle unscientific, say experts

Oct 30, 2017

Acting on the high court orders, the Urban Development Department (UDD) on Saturday finally heard representations from petitioners and residents of Shivananda Circle against the proposed steel flyover along Hare Krishna Road.

[Read Full Story](#)
