

Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

STP – by now every apartment resident outside of the MCs, children included, are aware of the term & the harassment meted out to apartments on either need for retrospective STP or stringent norms for already installed STPs, in addition to all other discriminations towards apartment residents. The month of November & early December has seen apartment residents unite within their communities, clusters & across Bangalore like never before, to engage themselves in understanding the issue in totality and mobilize themselves to further their cause.

Through November, BAF team has spent time - galvanizing member apartment residents from various clusters of Bengaluru. Given that BAF members are geographically spread around the length and breadth of Bangalore. 12 broad level clusters were identified and with this division - apartments in these clusters held multiple meetings to chalk out the strategy for creating residents' awareness of the issues and draw them out for the Rally. Efforts were taken to also have a structured media campaign by hiring a PR agency to convey the message of Apartments harassment by civic agencies and government. In the process – many non member apartments also came forward to participate in the rally. Needless to say the results of all the efforts culminated in a massive show of solidarity on December 2nd 2017 by way of Apartment Rally. From the 12 clusters & 42 sub-clusters all over Bengaluru - over 10000 apartment residents representing BAF member apartments as well as other non-member apartments came together all over the city to form a silent peaceful human chain. They spoke to media and conveyed their angst against unjust treatment meted out to them despite being socially responsible citizens. Many area corporators, MLAs also supported them with promises to intervene on the issue in a logical & practical manner. BAF team thanks all the cluster/sub cluster coordinators, member & non-member apartments and their communities for their exemplary effort in conducting this human chain rally with utmost discipline. Further BAF team acknowledges the support provided by the Police Commissioner of Bangalore and his offices, various Police stations and Traffic Police stations for their support to enable the rally to be conducted in a very peaceful, incident free manner.

As a result of this mass people's movement, on November 30th – KSPCB called BAF for a meeting and this resulted in KSPCB withdrawing their notices to Apartments, and also assuring dialogue with BWSSB and UDD to follow similar action. On legal front - NGT Hearings continued through the month in Delhi. A stay application has been admitted and BAF hopes results are in our favor. BAF would like to acknowledge Aarna Law for their persistent efforts at NGT. At many cluster levels, local MLAs, other party leaders are being given representations and support being sought to resolve the issue before the December 31st 2017 deadline set by BWSSB. BAF will intensify its efforts to take the appeals & representations forward to the UDD, and GoK. An online petition is also garnering the required strength and will be submitted to Government. BAF will continue pursuing this cause to get justice though this sustained people movement, media campaign, legal and other diplomatic efforts.

Other events attended by BAF GC included – Beku Beda santhe summary session, BPAC OMNV Launch, United Bengaluru- voter registration launch, GST Exemption Limit appeal to GST council to sum up a few. AARAMB initiative is our voice and BAF team wishes each and every member Apartment to take this up earnestly.

Best Regards – Team BAF (and excuse the team for a slight delay on issue of this Newsletter!)



SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT - APARTMENT RALLY MEDIA COVERAGE

Over 10,000 apartment residents protest against mandatory STP

Dec 02, 2017

The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF), which represents hundreds of apartment complexes in the city, held "Apartment rally" across the city. The aim of the rally, wherein as many as 10,000 apartment dwellers participated in human chains in different parts of the city, was to make their voice heard on the harassment they were allegedly being subjected to by government and civic agencies.

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BWSSB insists on penalty from January 1 if apartments don't follow STP rules

Dec 03, 2017

Hours after apartment dwellers hit the streets in large numbers to protest against the government order to construct sewage water treatment plants, the BWSSB stuck to its guns.

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COMPLETE MEDIA COVERAGE OF APARTMENT RALLY OF DECEMBER 2, 2017

A special supplement of all the news covered by various media has been attached along with this newsletter. [BAF Apartment Rally Coverage Report- 6.12.pdf](#)

BAF Links Of Apartment Rally Clusters' Pictures, Videos & Tweets

1. News coverage on our website :

<http://baf.org.in/news>

2. Apartment Rally Youtube Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHnBVybOW4MdVwW9kZI9Lmg/videos>

3. Apartment Rally Pictures on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/pg/BangaloreApartmentsFederation/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1737373829903290

4. Apartment Rally Videos on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/BangaloreApartmentsFederation/videos/1737024873271519/>

5. Apartment Rally and other news on Twitter - @BAFBLR

6. Scroll below for other News items of November Newsletter



November Newsletter

STP Games: Pollution Board Corners flat owners

Nov 2, 2017

The residents of apartment complexes in Mahadevapura are a harried lot. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has started issuing notices to owners of apartments in the complexes without sewage treatment plant units.

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Over 2,000 consumers adopt RWH structures in 3 months

Nov 2, 2017

Over 2,000 households have come forward to install RWH structures in the last 3 months. According to the records available with the BWSSB, the number of consumers, both individual houses as well as apartments who have adopted RWH have spiked up in the month of August, September & October.

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KSPCB notices to 59 apartments around Bellandur, Varthur lakes

Nov 03, 2017

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has issued show-cause notices to 59 apartment complexes around Bellandur and Varthur lakes in Southeastern Bengaluru following a month-long survey and as per the directions of the National Green Tribunal (NGT)

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Use power wisely: shortfall prompts Bescom's advisory

Nov 08, 2017

Bengalurians must use electricity judiciously as the city faces power shortage due to insufficient

production, energy department said, though it assured that power would be bought from outside.

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Power outages leave Bengalureans fuming

Nov 08, 2017

Load-shedding's back, with sporadic unscheduled power cuts disrupting normal life in several parts of Bengaluru.

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Roads, properties in BBMP limits soon to get digital id

Nov 09, 2017

All the properties in Bengaluru that have PID or Property Identification Number will soon get a digital id. This also applies to city roads too.

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Steel flyover: Secretary Order challenged

Nov 10, 2017

The high court on Thursday adjourned the hearing on a petition filed against the Hare Krishna Road steel flyover project, after it was told that objections to the same had been overruled.

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Arekere Gate, Tumakuru Road, South End the worst junctions

Nov 11, 2017

If the average vehicular speed at the city's congested junctions is any indication, walking to one's destination is far better.

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Bengaluru chokes on its own waste, garbage jumps 1,750% in 15 years

Nov 12, 2017

From handling only 200 tonnes of garbage per day in 2000-01, the Bengaluru city corporation found itself having to deal with a massive 3,700 tonnes in 2015, that's a whopping rise in workload by over 17 times (1,750%). During the same time, its population — which generates the largest amount of waste — grew by just 60%.

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BMRCL back to original alignment for Cantt Metro station?

Nov 12, 2017

With growing criticism over BMRCL's move to shift the proposed Metro station away from the Cantonment railway station, the state government has reportedly asked BMRCL to conduct another survey of the original alignment.

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Four STPs opened around Bellandur Lake

Nov 12, 2017

Under fire from the National Green Tribunal for failure to curb the discharge of untreated sewage into Bellandur Lake, the most polluted waterbody in the city, chief minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday commissioned four Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in and around Bellandur. They can treat up to 136 million litres of sewage per day

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Flaunt your localities' green credentials, walk away with honours

Nov 12, 2017

Living in an environmentally friendly apartment or villa complex? You can now register your green localities for the My Place of Pride contest and walk away with recognition and awards. Initiated by Rotary Palmville in association with the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC), the second edition of the contest was officially launched on Sunday.

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Pollution levels soar, but KSPCB yet to provide real-time data in Bengaluru

Nov 14, 2017

With the national capital reeling under smog, the Delhi government has set up 20 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations. This takes the count of such stations in Delhi to 43, underlining the need for real-time monitoring in battling pollution.

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GST cut may not reflect in your restaurant bill

Nov 14, 2017

Don't expect eating out to get any cheaper from

Wednesday, when the cut in GST rates on restaurants takes effect. Hoteliers are still in a dilemma on reducing prices.

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Indiranagar WhatsApp group has a quick fix for traffic woes

Nov 17, 2017

WhatsApp has emerged as the most effective tool in clearing traffic bottlenecks in many parts of east Bengaluru, stretching from Ulsoor to Jeevan Bima Nagar, in real time.

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NO2 levels hover near danger mark; docs warn of respiratory ailments

Nov 21, 2017

It's not just suspended particulate matter that is choking Bengaluru. There has been a considerable increase in the levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), an air pollutant that can trigger respiratory problems and eye irritation. Continued exposure to it can prove hazardous for asthma patients, say doctors.

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Nearly 18% of lake area in Bengaluru encroached

Nov 22, 2017

A multinational softdrinks major and two tech parks are among the 73 encroachers named by the legislature committee constituted to study and ascertain the extent of lake encroachments in and around Bengaluru. The committee has stated 10,785 acres — or, nearly 18% — of lake area has been encroached in Bengaluru Urban and Rural districts.

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Ambiguities persist on issue of “dead” lake

Nov 21, 2017

Much of the joint house committee's recommendations on handling lake encroachments come through a tricky, ambiguous definition of 'dead lakes'.

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Garbage: Bio-methanisation plants in snooze mode

Nov 22, 2017

A few years ago, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), weighed down by the city's burgeoning garbage problem, decided to set up 15 bio-methanisation plants to

process green waste (wet waste). That way, the civic body hoped to save on the transportation cost to landfills while at the same time managing waste within city limits

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Don't raze buildings, just divert drains, panel directs government

Nov 23, 2017

Instead of knocking down giant structures blocking half of Bengaluru's big stormwater drains, an Assembly panel has asked the government to divert the channels around them. A report tabled at the ongoing Assembly session by the committee on lake encroachments has noted that 501 acres of drains (or rajakaluves) have been intruded by buildings

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Apartment residents give red signal to Cantonment metro

Nov 23, 2017

Residents of Mangalya apartment complex in Benson Town have started a signature campaign to mobilise support to oppose the BMRCL's latest move to explore a possibility to build a metro line along the original alignment

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Over 80 apartments and layouts sitting on lakebeds, most in Bengaluru east

Nov 23, 2017

The report by the legislature committee constituted to study and ascertain the extent of lake encroachments in and around Bengaluru, could spell trouble for many if the encroachers were to be taken to task

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Lease fee on Bengaluru lakebed properties?

Nov 23, 2017

The recommendations of the house committee on lake encroachments, while not proposing demolition, is a cause of worry for house owners who have taken loans to buy the properties.

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BBMP in slumber, empty plot turns into dumpyard

Nov 28, 2017

Some residents have dug a drain on their own through an empty plot near Nisarga Layout, Doddanekkundi, and started dumping garbage there. The civic body appears least interested in taking action. Who'll clean up this mess now?

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Over 400 people electrocuted every year; compensation raised to Rs 5 Lakh

Nov 28, 2017

The Siddaramaiah government has revised compensation rules pertaining to electrocution deaths — while the family members of a deceased person will get Rs 5lakh, the maximum compensation to be paid for animal deaths has been increased to Rs 50,000

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Bengaluru's daily garbage generation will touch 13,911 tonnes by 2031

Dec 01, 2017

Bengaluru Masterplan 2031, a provisional version of which was released by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) recently, points to an uphill challenge when it comes to handling solid waste. Going by the plan, in the

next 14 years, the amount of waste generated per day will go up to 13,911 tonnes

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Waste weir near Varthur Lake breaches again

Dec 01, 2017

For the second time in two months, the waste weir near Varthur Lake in east Bengaluru has breached, causing a fall in the water level of the highly polluted waterbody.

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To avoid Delhi smog like situation, every 2nd Sunday to be a less traffic day

Dec 01, 2017

The state government, in its efforts to minimise the likelihood of "smog engulfed" Bengaluru has decided to launch a campaign to ease the private vehicles plying on city streets. The move has been considered after the disastrous effect of smog in the national capital of Delhi

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21% of Bengaluru's parks and playgrounds inaccessible: Survey

Dec 02, 2017

A survey of 1,115 parks and 192 playgrounds in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) limits has found that 21% of them are inaccessible to the public. This means potential users can't enter the spaces as they are locked up.

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