



## Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

Dance of Democracy, Tyohar.... yes ..these are the buzz words we have been hearing for quiet a few months now – in the run up to the National General Elections. As Apartment leaders - to build a truly participative democracy in India – we all must encourage all eligible residents in our communities to vote and make an informed decision during the elections. BAF GC & AARAMB team has been working overdrive and helping resolve various issues on voter enrolments as well as motivating residents to come out and **VOTE IN LARGE NUMBERS. We do trust that all apartment BAF leaders as well as MCs are taking this further to each and every resident in their apartments.SO**

**RESIDENTS OF APARTMENTS OF BENGALURU GO VOTE ON 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019.**



For those participating this this Dance of democracy- Maha Tyohar! - here is a link to polling dates in different parts of the country:

- <https://eci.gov.in/general-election/general-elections-2019/>

**Every enrolled voter from apartments must ensure that they have cast their vote! And we hope every BAF member has got some “showtheink” deals to incentivise their residents to improve voter turnout!** Visit <http://www.showtheink.in/> for offers. We really don't need such offers – but till the voting bug gets into our DNA....let's keep up the motivation levels to ensure 100% voting from each apartment! We also hope all had successful MP candidate interactions & able to present issues in your parliamentary constituencies effectively.

A few happenings of the month in brief:

1. BAF participated in a multi activist group effort to voice our stance on elevated corridors and demand suburban rail and other infrastructure that can help citizen mobility in Bengaluru (covered in news section)
2. Apartments were being fined by BBMP for SWM discrepancies. Members have represented the discrimination meted out to apartments , instead of supporting & handholding efforts, to local ward offices
3. Fire Safety Assessments continue to be conducted for various apartments. If your apartment needs to participate- pl connect with your cluster/zonal/BAF leadership team to fix up schedules
4. BAF also conducted 2 workshops on water management with best practices from member apartments. Issues covered were water savings & change.org petition, water meters & RWH implementation guides. Primers on Tap Aerators (Updated) & Water Meters were released on BAF website. Water management & conservation efforts featured in various media reports. Members may also sign the following petition on SAVE WATER campaign by BAF - <https://www.change.org/D6kcdPnkGg>. **#BAFHalfBucketChallenge** initiative was aired on various radio & TV channels.
5. KSPCB has implemented the suggestion of BAF on provisioning of skilled STP operators, by setting up a training institute under Pradhan Mantri Vikas Koushal (skill development) Yojana. This is a great acknowledgement & achievement for BAF and first of its kind for BAF. STP expert discussion with Dr. Ananth Kodavasal session was also held in Bellandur for apartments who are affected by NGT order & working with KSPCB to progress on issues.
6. BAF continues to push for tariff parity & service provisioning on BWSSB water & connection charges, SWM etc. BAF also continued efforts with BESCO – on streamlining of OPEX model operational guidelines. And with UDD on KAOA reforms.

**AT BAF WE ALL WORK AND PLAY TOO ! – DO SOLVE QUIZZES IN OUR NEW FUN@BAF SECTION& WIN EXCITING PRIZES TOO!**

Cheers ,Team BAF!



(Newsletter Also @ :<https://baf.org.in/assets/uploads/newsletter/>)





**FUN@BAF**

**QUIZ BASED ON BAF NEWS & OTHER NEWS IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS**

- Q1. How much higher tariff is charged by BWSSB for water connection to apartments v/s individual households.
- Q2. How much did BBMP collect from Apartments towards SWM fund in the March 2019 drive?
- Q3. What challenge has BAF launched in an effort to conserve water?
- Q4. Name the BAF member representative who got refund of Rs 20000 from BBMP.
- Q5. What was the 3-pronged strategy used by an apartment to cut down water consumption by 50%?

***Answers to all the above questions can be found in the News Section of this Newsletter!***

**PUZZLE TIME – SCRAMBLED WORD!**

The Quiz is based on engaging BAF cluster communities on various initiatives. So do make attempt to solve and get communities to engage in our various activities.

**There are five different scrambled clues, which you have to unscramble and fill up. Once they are unscrambled, you have to take the letters from the circles and unscramble that to arrive at the final answer at the bottom. The five clues have a common theme and the circled letters will help unlock the theme, when unscrambled!**

**ANSWERS ARE ALL AVAILABLE ON THE BAF WEBSITE WWW.BAF.ORG.IN, IF YOU SEARCH FOR THEM!!!**

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**NOW RE-ARRANGE THE LETTERS FROM THE CIRCLES ABOVE TO ARRIVE AT THE COMMON THEME!**

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### **Bengaluru residents urged to take up Half Bucket Challenge**

*Mar 12, 2019*

With several parts of the city reeling under a water crisis, the Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) which has about 400 apartment complexes as its members, has launched Half Bucket Challenge inviting its member residents and others to bathe with just half a bucket of water every day.

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### **Citizens' groups across Bengaluru try to boost ballot power**

*March 20, 2019*

Going door-to-door to help people get themselves enrolled in the voters' list, helping apartments conduct voter registration drives, working with officials to iron out issues, tying up with private vendors to offer coupons or discounts that include messages on the importance of exercising one's vote... Citizens' groups across the city are all geared up ahead of the Lok Sabha election. Resident Welfare Associations are leaving no stone unturned in ensuring that fellow Bengalureans register themselves as voters, and cast their franchise on the polling day.

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### **Has your apartment got a 'verification notice' from Bengaluru City Police?**

*Mar 21, 2019*

As Bengaluru prepares for the Lok Sabha polls less than three weeks away, the police have launched yet another drive to "document" residents living in apartment complexes across the city..

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### **Karnataka Pollution control board to train personnel for STP maintenance**

*Mar 24, 2019*

Absence of skilled manpower to repair and maintain defunct Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) is proving to be a major challenge for apartment owners across the city. With the government making it mandatory for STPs to be installed in all apartments having 20 or more flats and sudden checks being conducted to assess their working condition, KSPCB has now decided to step in to help the public.

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### **Bengalureans have taken a vow to save water**

*Mar 26, 2019*

More than 670 Bengalureans have signed a petition, taking a pledge to conserve water through various means, in the city. In view of the current water crisis that the city is going through, Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) launched a petition, not for authorities this time, but for the residents themselves, asking them to take various measures to conserve water.

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### **Tariff: Apartment residents allege harassment by BWSSB**

*Mar 26, 2019*

Many residents of apartment complexes in the city have objected to the alleged discriminatory charges for water connections and other services being levied by the BWSSB

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## **Here comes the sun: Apartments complex goes off the grid**

*Mar 26, 2019*

With a 106 kW solar rooftop power panel installed at the cost of Rs 57 lakhs, Bengaluru's ARK Serene County in Channasandra has become one of the biggest residential complexes to have power generated entirely by solar panels in the whole of South India.

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## **BWSSB fleecing us, say flat owners**

*Mar 28, 2019*

Apartments in the city have launched a fight against the BWSSB. Apartment dwellers complain that to draw a new Cauvery water connection to apartment, BWSSB charges Rs 400 per square feet, while the same for individual houses is charged at just Rs 250 per square feet. They allege that water is drawn for domestic purpose and not any commercial purpose & condemn the double standard of BWSSB.

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## **Apartments fined Rs 12L for not sorting trash**

*Mar 30, 2019*

The BBMP has fined 18-odd apartment complexes in & around eight wards in the city, that the civic body says are not adhering to waste segregation practices. "A total of Rs 12 lakh has been imposed as fine on 18 apartment complexes. The BBMP has penalised every individual house Rs 2000, that has violated the waste segregation norms," said Manoranjan Hegde, BBMP's chief health officer.

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## **110 villages, 101 water woes**

*March 30, 2019*

Bengaluru's punishing summer break from its celebrated weather has hit everyone hard. But for those precariously perched on the city's periphery, still awaiting the first Cauvery drop, the scorching heat has snowballed into a major crisis. Beyond tankers and dried up borewells, is there any hope?

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## **Blaze in the garbage: City's burning issue**

*April 01, 2019*

As dumping goes on, BBMP workers choose fiery way to get rid of waste No Bengalurean can claim to have complete immunity against the widespread practice of garbage dumping and burning in the city.

Srikanth Narasimhan, General Secretary of Bangalore Federation, says, "There is no overnight solution for getting rid of the garbage problem.

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## **BAF on NEWS CHANNELS**

### **Bengaluru inches towards record high temperatures – WION News.**

*April 5, 2019*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h4afO9gzpy8>

### **Bangalore Apartments' Federation - #BAFHalfBucketChallenge – Digvijaya News**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUIKycYXr\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUIKycYXr_U)





## REST OF THE NEWS.....

### **With 365 affected habitations, Karnataka I 4<sup>th</sup> worst fluoride-contaminated state**

*Mar 04, 2019*

Chidananda S (name changed), an accounts manager in a private firm in Chitradurga, thinks twice before flashing a smile. His teeth are permanently stained brown due to excess fluoride content in the water that he and his family consume.

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### **Six IAS officers in 19 months; Frequent transfers render RERA in Karnataka toothless**

*Mar 05, 2019*

Within a year and a half of its existence, the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Karnataka, which is supposed to be the sentinel guarding the interests of homebuyers, has been bogged down by frequent transfers of its top officers.

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### **Bengaluru's MallasandraGuddelake about to vanish**

*Mar 05, 2019*

People living around the MallasandraGudde Lake in Dasarahalli, North Bengaluru, now fear the worst as debris and garbage are being dumped at the waterbody every day. To top it, land sharks are on the prowl as well.

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## REST OF THE NEWS.....

### **More names deleted from rolls than added**

*Mar 05, 2019*

Bengaluru is infamous for low voter turnout that invariably plays out during every election. The figure has never crossed 60%. While apathy among urban voters is a very real problem, electoral roll analysts and activists have consistently argued that the low voter turnout is the result of a bloated electoral roll with lakhs of duplicates and wrong entries.

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### **SC sets aside NGT extension of green buffer zones**

*Mar 06, 2019*

The Supreme Court's judgment on Tuesday, authored by Justice Nazeer, comes as a relief for not only builders but all those whose buildings had come within the revised buffer zone limits prescribed by the NGT in 2016.

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### **Severe water scarcity in parts of Bengaluru with no piped supply**

*Mar 10, 2019*

As an unusually hot summer takes off, outer zones of the city — which are yet to get piped water supply and hence are dependent on borewells and water tankers — are hit by a severe water crisis: borewells have gone dry and tankers are unable to supply water. A state of panic has set in among residents, prompting them to ration water, dig more borewells, and take up water conservation campaigns

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## **Rising temperature pushes up electricity peak load**

*Mar 11, 2019*

Bengaluru welcomes summer with dread, not only because of the rise in temperature and the examination season, but also because of what is often synonymous with the season: power cuts.

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## **Long weekend may affect voter turnout in city**

*Mar 12, 2019*

Bengaluru, the tech city, will hold the Lok Sabha elections on April 18. The polling date, however, is wedged between holidays --Mahaveer Jayanti on April 17 and Good Friday on April 19. It is a long weekend too.

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## **Plan approvals to be completely online**

*Mar 12, 2019*

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) is slowly but surely shifting to a digital system that promises to bring in more transparency in its operations.

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## **E-rickshaw service on IISC. Campus**

*Mar 14, 2019*

Students, faculty, staff and visitors at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.) will find it more easy to cover the nearly 400-acre campus. They will be able to commute via e-rickshaws, a campus service that will be launched on Saturday.

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## **51 organisations unite to protest against elevated corridor**

*Mar 14, 2019*

Civic groups that spearheaded the #SteelFlyoverBeda campaign have regrouped in a much larger coalition to oppose the proposed 102-km elevated corridor project.

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## **Poor foothpaths = uncivilised society**

*Mar 15, 2019*

Gil Penalosa, the creator of 'Ciclovia' concept, is shocked by the disrespect for pedestrians in city like Bangalore

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## **EC reaches out to corporates, techies**

*Mar 15, 2019*

To increase voter turnout in the city, the election commission has reached out to over 100 corporates and IT firms in the city. They have interacted with most firms in Electronic City, and even those outside, such as Wipro and ITC.

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## **BBMP and BWSSB to provide free water tanker supply to affected areas in Bengaluru**

*Mar 16, 2019*

To address the water shortage in Bengaluru, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) will come together to provide water through tankers for free in some areas

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### **More#Beku than #Beda**

*Mar 17, 2019*

More than 2,000 citizens took to the streets to voice their opposition to the 102-km network of elevated corridors that will change the face of the city. For many, Saturday's protest was reminiscent of the #SteelFlyoverBeda campaign in 2016, which also saw citizens' groups unite in a similar planner.

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### **How the new age voters will be crucial in deciding the political fortunes in 2019**

*Mar 18, 2019*

The only thing predictable about Indian elections is that they are unpredictable. The assembly elections in Tripura and the Lok Sabha by-poll in Gorakhpur showed, yet again, the political nimbleness of the electorate.

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### **Soon, more projects within RERA-K ambit**

*Mar 20, 2019*

Real estate projects not registered under Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) yet may soon come under the lens of RERA Karnataka (RERA-K). With a new RERA Permanent Authority finally in place, RERA-K is now looking at getting more properties in the State within its ambit.

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### **Bengaluru sees the least number of registrations of person with disabilities**

*Mar 21, 2019*

Bengaluru has reported the least number of registrations by persons with disabilities (PwD) while Tumakuru has registered the highest in the State in terms of voters for the Lok Sabha elections

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### **Bengaluru: BBMP told to pay Rs 20,000 to senior citizen seeking refund**

*Mar 20, 2019*

A city consumer court has ordered the BBMP commissioner and two of his subordinates to pay a compensation of Rs 20,000 to a senior citizen who was made to run from pillar to post for 16 months to get a refund after paying excess property tax online owing to the civic body's portal failure to generate a receipt.

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### **Owners of 35k flats get relief from NGT buffer zone bind**

*Mar 23, 2019*

Owners of more than 35,000 flats across the city can heave a sigh a relief as a major hurdle to avail occupancy certificates for their dream homes stands removed

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### **Apartment complex cut water use by 50% in months**

*Mar 24, 2019*

Through a three-pronged strategy of installing water-flow meters, reusing treated water from sewage treatment plants (STPs) and implementing rainwater harvesting (RWH) system, The Greens, an apartment complex in Doddanekundi near Marathahalli, has managed to reduce its water consumption by over 50% in six months.

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## **A bath in half-a-bucket: Early dry days set in for Bengaluru**

Mar 25, 2019

In some parts of the city, the groundwater level has sunk to more than 1,100 feet when it was found at 650-700 feet a few years ago, and even suppliers of water tankers are finding it difficult to source water. Across Bengaluru, on the WhatsApp groups of resident welfare associations, the prime topic of discussion is water, or lack of enough of it.

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## **Bengaluru water board to reduce Cauvery supply to RWH violators**

Mar 25, 2019

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) on Monday said that residential and other properties in Bengaluru which are yet to install rain water harvesting in Bengaluru which are yet to install rain water harvesting systems as per norms will get reduced supply of Cauvery water.

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## **Dutch agency to help BBMP upgrade 10 dry waster centres**

Mar 27, 2019

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has decided to upgrade 10 functional dry waste collection centres in collaboration with a Netherlands agency

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## **New record in property tax collection, but short of BBMP target**

Mar 28, 2019

With only a few days remaining for the financial year to end, figures of property tax collection have brought some cheer for the Bruhat Bengaluru

MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), though it is likely to fall short of its target.

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Mar 31, 2019

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## **HC seeks details of OC applications since 2018**

April 02, 2019

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday directed the commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to submit by April-end details about the number of applications seeking Occupancy Certificates (OC) since January 1, 2018, and the number of OCs granted and number of applications pending or rejected in all 198 wards of the city.

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## **BBMP cosies up to city's OFC mafia**

April 11, 2019

Contractors engaged by telecom service providers keep AAEs in their good books. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities hogged the limelight in July and August 2018 by taking a bold step to remove 504 km of unauthorised Opticables at various locations in Bengaluru. The BBMP has announced that it would put up all the details of unauthorised OFCs and hoardings on its website.

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