

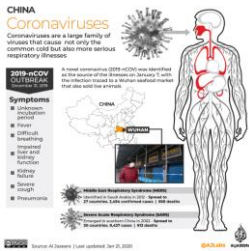


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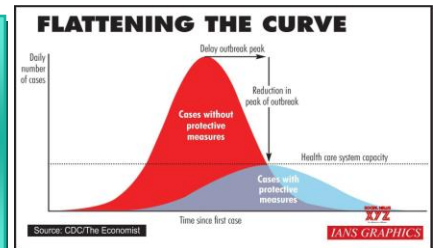
Dear Apartment Resident,

BAF would like to welcome all its new members to the Newsletter! We have grown rapidly in last 3 months post our BAMBOOS event to cross 700 members. We urge all members to read our monthly Newsletters to know about alerts and developing situations for apartment communities & get a sense of resolving issues for apartments. All the current & older issues are available on <https://baf.org.in/newsletters> ). More about our Newsletters & its history in the next issue.



**CORONO VIRUS SAFETY ALERT : BE SAFE BAF MEMBERS!**

BAF fully supports all government directives on prevention of COVID 19 outbreak and implement all measures necessary to flatten the curve. We urge all members to be cautious and safe. Pl read our advisory on cluster groups for all information and resource sites.



The important alerts and updates for BAF members and every apartment community for the month is as under :

1. On the matter of **KSPCB notices**, the petitions filed by BAF with members by ECC(Rs 5 lakhs) were heard and **orders were passed – restraining KSPCB from initiating recovery of ECC & restraining them on any coercive action (disconnection of water/ electricity etc) to the aggrieved apartments for lack of due procedures as well. Pl do note this is relief for petitioned apartments and those who wish to contest need to be part of the petition group.** These orders for not generic.
2. **The second batch of petitions on the Rs 2-3 crore penalties are also being consolidated** for action. Apartment associations who have received notices from KSPCB/ BWSSB/ BESCO on disconnection of water or electricity or UGD along with inconsistent STP treated water norms report & environmental compensation penalties, may refer to their cluster leaders/ BAF GC for further step by step actions
3. A BAF team **also met with KSPCB member secretary** to discuss way forward on above issues, and further **a day long stakeholder meet is planned on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to sort out this looming STP & ECC issue that has adversely impacted all.**
4. **BWSSB has reversed its PND charges** which were imposed during June 2019, after representation from BAF. Apartments not using Cauvery water for swimming pool or landscape will not be penalized with high tariffs. **However many apartments continue to get billed with partial non domestic charge. "Caveat Emptor" - Do check your bills for right tariff of Dom-HR subject to stated conditions of the BWSSB Act.**
5. Fire department (KSFES) notices & huge invoice amounts (in lakhs) for fire inspection are still being received by apartments. BAF has placed objections to the KSFES & UDD on this new high inspection tariffs. **We do urge for members to respond to the notices on actions taken for fire safety and also mention the restraint on payment till this gets clarified.**
6. BAF participated in the **Vijay Karnataka Shrunga (Development of Bengaluru) event** held on 29<sup>th</sup> February at Lalbagh. The event was visited by many GoK ministers and ULB and industry representatives. It was a great platform to represent & share contribution and importance of BAF & also exchange information on how to engage better on city developmental initiatives.
7. A BAF team also met with **BESCO management to seek clarification on the SRTPV policy.** This covered issues w.r.t. lacunae in policy for capex/opex, Net & Gross metering, wheeling charges, complex subsidy process under MNRE and various other approval, billing, payments and other operational issues. BAF is in touch with not only BESCO, but also relevant industry association to ensure there is a fair policy in place for all concerned.
8. BAF members also attended **a rally organized by Bengaluru Navanirman Party (BNP). Their apartment manifesto is available for all to review.** BAF team also met with **Justice Subhash Adi, Chairman, State Level committee - SWM** to collaborate on various issues. BAF attended the **Beyond Carlton Memorial event** to show support for fire safety initiatives in apartments. BAF is currently working on the proposed **ward delimitation plan** and will be filing some objections to the same shortly.

BAF GC encourages all to reach out to us at [baf-gc@googlegroups.com](mailto:baf-gc@googlegroups.com) and engage with BAF leadership team to contribute.

**Introducing "CITIZENS' SAY MUST MATTER" – Express your views on titled subject matter & more...in the February Newsletter!**

Cheers, Team BAF!

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### QUIZ BASED ON BAF NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTH!

#### THEME: REST OF THE NEWS SECTION

- Q1. How many wards does BBMP govern?
- Q2. What is the full form of SRTPV
- Q3. Which city did the Corona Virus originate from?
- Q4. By legalising illegal properties- how much money will BBMP get?
- Q5. What is the shortfall in BBMP property tax target for the year 2019-20

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

***SEND your ANSWERS to :[info@baf.org.in](mailto:info@baf.org.in) & WIN EXCITING PRIZES TOO!***

## CITIZENS' SAY MUST MATTER.

### Express Thy Opinion on Civic Matters!

#### THEME: SOLAR ROOF TOP POLICY

Do you find the SRTPV Policy favourable to apartments? What are your points of contention? What changes would you like to see in this policy? Would you like to implement the Roof Top Solar in your apartment? Do write in @150 words (+supporting data tables allowed) your rationale for supporting or objecting to the questions.

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### High Rise Hazard: Fire safety, under a smokescreen

Feb 28, 2020



In its determined, vertical push to maximize real estate, Bengaluru gets a timely reminder. Never to forget the Carlton Tower fire accident 10 summers back, a high-rise tragedy that snuffed out nine lives. But did those hard lessons spur the government to put in place a robust, fool proof system of fire-safety?

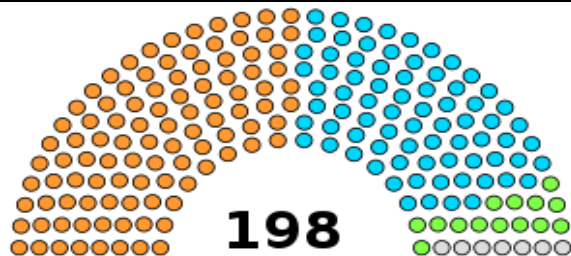
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### Eyeing civic polls, new outfit woos RWAs with incentives

March 01, 2020

The Bengaluru Navanirman Party (BNP), a political outfit formed by the city's civic activists to contest the forthcoming BBMP elections, has unveiled its plans, targeting the apartment dwellers.

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### Pollution watchdog's penalty spree: Apartments get stay from court

March 01, 2020

In the last couple of months, many apartment complexes in Bengaluru got notices from the state Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), asking them to pay a penalty of Rs 5 lakh, for discharging untreated sewage outside their premises. Many of these apartments were already running Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), and these were functioning well as per routine lab tests that the apartments used to get done

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### Karnataka HC gives interim relief to apartments slapped with fines over STPs

March 02, 2020

In what has come as a relief to residents of apartment complexes in the Bellandur-Varthur catchment area in Bengaluru, the Karnataka High Court, in an ad-interim order, restrained the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) from collecting fines over non-compliance with sewage treatment plant norms. An ad-interim order is valid for a temporary period of time.

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### Can a responsible civic body regularise illegal buildings? SC asks BBMP

March 03, 2020

The Supreme Court has pulled up the BBMP for challenging a high court order to survey illegal buildings in Bengaluru for demolition. "What is wrong with the directions? Why are you bothered? As a responsible municipal corporation, can you regularise illegal constructions like this?"

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## Small is bountiful, and the first step to big

March 7, 2020

I talk to a lot of people about becoming problem-solving citizens. And one question I get often is, "How much can citizens themselves do? Beyond a few local civic things, is it really possible to make an impact on problems that are much bigger?"

First, it is important to understand that government begins with self-government. Our civic interventions are not different from government, they are a different kind of governance of ourselves. By our participation, we don't merely improve the quality of government, we give it a different form as well.

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## Bengaluru: Bescom's subsidy push to boost solar power units

March 10, 2020

Bescom wants to lure more apartments to set up rooftop solar units. It has launched a campaign, offering 20%-40% of the project cost as subsidy to individual houses, group housing communities and resident welfare s to install solar rooftop photovoltaic (SRTPV) units. The campaign is part of Soura Gruha Yojane Phase 2 or grid-connected solar rooftop project. The utility wants to instal 5,900MW of solar rooftop capacity in the city.

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## Coronavirus: Residents in Bengaluru's Bellandur, Whitefield reduce social gatherings

March 12, 2020

With five positive cases of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) reported from Bengaluru, some apartment residents of Bellandur, Whitefield and other adjoining areas have voluntarily started avoiding large social gatherings. They are also avoiding taking children to parks. As a result, many residents living along the IT corridor whom TNM spoke to said that there has been a drastic reduction in traffic snarls in the otherwise clogged Outer Ring Road and the Old Airport Road.

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## CORONAVIRUS SAFETY



Follow these easy steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



Disinfect surfaces around your home and work.



Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.

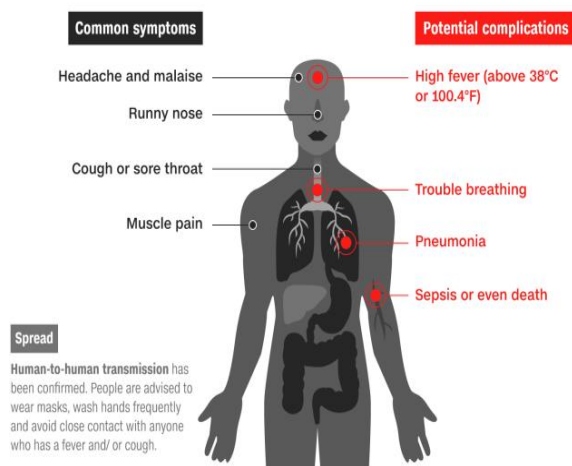


Sneeze or cough? Cover your mouth.

**BAF URGES ALL ITS MEMBERS TO BE SAFE & COOPERATE WITH ALL BAF & CIVIC ALERTS PUBLISHED IN VARIOUS WHATS APP &**

## Wuhan coronavirus

Coronaviruses are a family of infections that include the common cold, and viruses such as SARS and MERS



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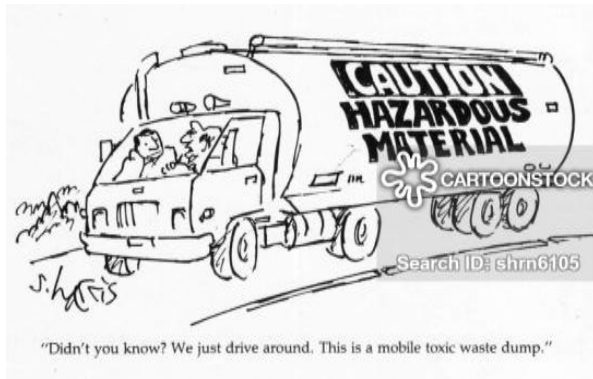
## REST OF THE NEWS....

### Legalisation of properties to fetch BBMP Rs 1,200 crore

Jan 28, 2020

Once the state government issues an order to legalise unauthorised properties in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) will earn around Rs 1200 crore from the exercise. According to preliminary findings of the BBMP revenue section, there are around 3.80 lakh unauthorised sites and properties in the city. Currently, there are 19 lakh properties under the BBMP tax ambit from which a total tax of Rs 2,420 has been collected so far this year as against Rs 2,319 crore for the same period in 2018- 19.

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### Kengeri learns why dumping toxins is easy, curbing it isn't

Jan 29, 2020

A group of residents from the Good Earth Orchards, a housing community in Kengeri bordering the Vrishabhavati river, took it upon themselves to investigate what kind of industrial effluents were being let not the river, by tankers sneaking in during night time.

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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### Citizens can now hire only BWSSB sanitation workers

Jan 29, 2020

In a big step towards ensuring the safety of labourers who are hired randomly to clean manholes or Sewage Treatment Plants, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board at its meeting on Monday gave its consent for a regulation that makes it mandatory to hire only workers certified and empanelled by it.

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### Engg Students, get ready to intern with BBMP, BWSSB, BDA

Feb 02, 2020

Right after Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced a one-year internship for engineering graduates in urban local bodies, the State Department of Higher Education has shown interest to implement the programme in Karnataka immediately.

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### Erratic water supply tops litany of civic issues at Manorayanapalya

Feb 02, 2020

At the Janaspandana event on Saturday, residents of Manorayanapalya raised a litany of civic issues, with erratic drinking water supply topping the list. Officials of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) faced the heat for the issues at the event, jointly organised by Prajavani and Deccan Herald

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## SWM officials, experts' bat for decentralised waste



Feb 06, 2020

Officials and experts on solid waste management (SWM) and water treatment noted that only a decentralised mechanism can offer a solution to the problems faced by expanding cities like Bengaluru. The second day of the 'Smart Cities Investment Summit' began with a panel discussion on 'Sanitation and Waste management: Clean Karnataka'.

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## Lake restoration gets costlier as revenue officials fails to clear encroachment

Feb 08, 2020

A company that spent crores rejuvenating a waterbody in Hebbagodi is facing cost escalations because local authorities failed to remove encroachments. The news comes amid plans by the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike and the Minor Irrigation Department to rejuvenate more than 10 lakes with CSR funds.

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## Rejuvenation of Bengaluru lakes: Implement steps required

Feb 09, 2020

The advantages of lakes are many: they provide water for drinking, irrigation and industries, produce edible fish, recharge the groundwater, support recreation activities like swimming and boating, provide habitat for birds and keep the region around the lake cool, among others.

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## Lake revival: For CSR to work, public participation on equally vital

Feb 10, 2020

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike, which is now the custodian of 207 lakes, needs ₹1,253 crore for their maintenance and rejuvenation. To date, the civic body has developed around 75 lakes, and the rejuvenation of another 20 is currently in progress.

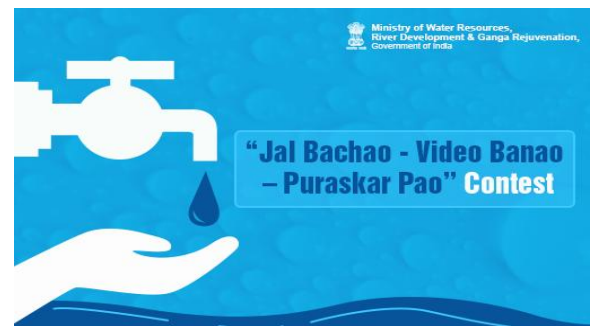
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## Palike recovers land worth Rs 70 crore

Feb 12, 2020

Here is good news for residents of Domlur. The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has prepared a plan to develop a playground on its land that was encroached by a few people and is situated beside Bangalore International Centre.

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## You can now get an award for conserving water

Feb 15, 2020

Ahead of the summer season, the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) plans to recognise those who conserve water. For the first time, the government has instituted an award – Bangalore JalaRushiPuraskar – those who have implemented water conservation techniques rainwater harvesting and wastewater management in the city.

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## BWSSB focusses on Distributing Quality Water at optimal Cost

Feb 15, 2020

“Water conservation measures have to be done by the consumers. BWSSB had advocated measures to reduce usage of fresh water, rainwater harvesting both for recharging the groundwater and also for reuse in the households,” says Tushar Giri Nath, Chairman, Bangalore Water Supply And Sewerage Board (BWSSB) in an exclusive interview with Krishna Chandra Mishra of Elets News Network (ENN).

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## Flat owners' association registered under KAOA can't file consumer complaint: SC

Feb 15, 2020

The Supreme Court has held that a flat owners' association registered under the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972 is not a voluntary organisation, so it cannot file a complaint under the Consumer Protection Act against any deficiency in goods or services under the welfare legislation.

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## Residents in a fix as BBMP starts razing 'illegal' flats

Feb 15, 2020

Around 25 families face the prospect of losing their homes five years after they spent over Rs 50 lakh on flats, which the BBMP officials began demolishing on Friday.

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## Karnataka HC gives nod to procure noise meters for Bengaluru

Feb 15, 2020

The Karnataka High Court on Friday gave the green signal to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to complete the process of calling for fresh tenders for the procurement of noise level meters. Noting that the public should not suffer, the division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Hemant Chandangoudar modified an interim order to allow the KSPCB to procure meters. In the interim order, the Court had restrained the KSPCB from proceeding with the contract to procurement noise level meters.

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## HC seeks details of applications for constructions of new buildings

Feb 17, 2020

The Karnataka High Court on Monday directed the Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) to submit details of the number of applications received for grant of sanction for construction of new buildings from January 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020

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## BBMP falls 35% short of property tax target

Feb 17, 2020

With just 45 days remaining of the financial year, Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike has been able to achieve only 65% of the property tax target of Rs 3,813 crore as of Feb 14.

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## Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike could soon penalise illegal constructions

Feb 18, 2020

The government is set to bring in a law to control unauthorised construction of buildings in BBMP limits by penalizing those who violate building norms with a fine.

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## HC directs closure of biomethanization plant in North Bengaluru

Feb 20, 2020

The high court has directed the biomethanization plant and dry waste collection and transit point established on a civic amenity site in North Bengaluru to close its operation in a months' time as it lacked consent to operate certificate from KSPCB.

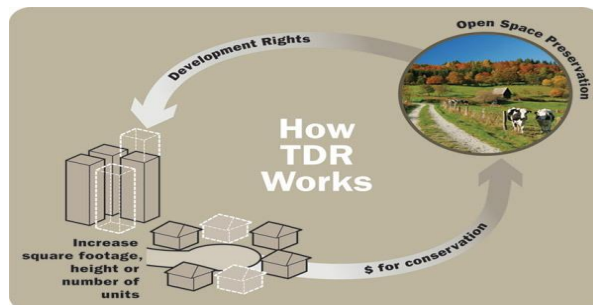
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## HC to BBMP: Shut waste sorting unit in Mahalakshmpuram

Feb 20, 2020

The Karnataka High court on Wednesday directed the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) to shut down the waste segregation and disposal unit in a residential area in Mahalakshmpuram II Stage within a month.

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## Waiting for Godot? For these landlords, TDR proves equally elusive

Feb 22, 2020

To accommodate the needs of growing cities and creating new and wider roads and transport solutions, the BruhatBengaluruMahanagaraPalike started something called Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) in 2005

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## BBMP marshals teach govt school children how to segregate waste

Feb 23, 2020

Garbage segregation is now part of extra-curricular activities for students of government schools across the city. BBMP marshals are educating children about segregation as part of an initiative of the civic body's solid waste management cell.

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## Karnataka river water quality remains poor despite pollution control efforts

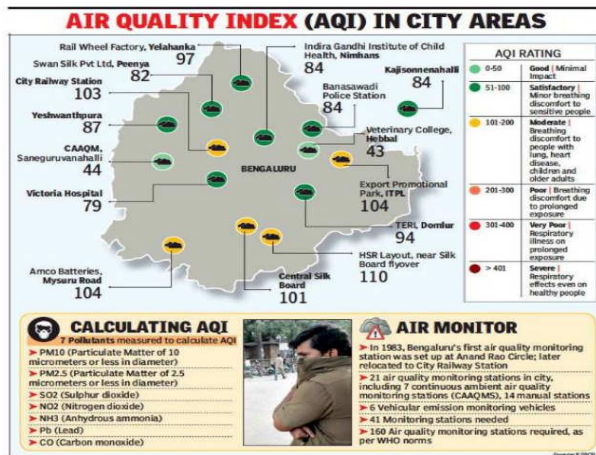
Feb 24, 2020

Quality of river water in Karnataka has failed to improve despite efforts by authorities to control pollution. The state has not been able to construct essential sewage treatment plants and other infrastructure to arrest the growing contamination.

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## Bengaluru's air quality inching towards danger level

Feb 26, 2020

Air Quality in the Garden City is moderately bad, according to the World Health Organization, but experts say the situation could actually be worse. The WHO's 2019 World Air Quality Report which assessed particulate matter (PM) 2.5 of top cities across the globe found that Bengaluru's annual average is 32.6 micro grams per metre cube, against the standard value of 10 micrograms per metre cube. This means that sensitive people may experience respiratory symptoms.

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## How to file a complaint under RERA: Know steps

Feb 26, 2020

The Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 was introduced to establish the Real Estate Regulatory Authority for regulation and protect the interest of consumers in the Real Estate Sector. The act came into force from May 1, 2016.

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## BBMP moves SC against survey of buildings

Feb 26, 2020

The BBMP has moved the Supreme Court against a high court order to carry out a survey to identify illegal buildings in Bengaluru for demolition. The High Court of Karnataka had passed the order on its own on November 25, 2019. On Tuesday, Additional Solicitor General K M Nataraj and advocate Sanjay M Nuli, representing the municipal body, mentioned the matter before a bench led by Chief Justice S ABobde and sought an urgent hearing.

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## One flat, one dog policy returns

Feb 26, 2020

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) is introducing the Pet Dog Licensing Bylaws 2020 shortly. Two years back, the BBMP's Pet Dog Licensing Laws 2018 had met with strong criticism from pet parents and animals' activists, because, among other things, BBMP was limiting the number of dogs per.

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## Water board all prepped to see the city through summer

Feb 26, 2020

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) appears confident of tiding over the approaching summer without major hiccups. The BWSSB has put in place measures to avoid a repeat of water shortage seen in 2017 and 2018. They are, adequate water in source reservoirs, 107 bore wells sunk a couple of years ago, additional pumping of 100 Million Litres of Water per day (MLD) from Thorakadanahalli reservoir and the Unaccounted-for Water project that massively brought down water loss.

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## BBMP set to ban ferocious dogs from apartments, residential units

Feb 27, 2020

The civic body is planning to ban ferocious dog breeds like Doberman, German Shepherd, Rottweiler and Hounds from apartment buildings by reviving the pet bylaw proposal with relevant changes.

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## Work is not done, but BBMP has cleared bills

Feb 28, 2020

About 40 per cent construction of a drain at Mallathahalli lake has been completed even before the Urban Development Department (UDD) has given its clearance.

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Average Residential Apartment Prices Bangalore					
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## Property prices in Bengaluru to shoot up soon

Feb 28, 2020

Property prices in Bengaluru are likely to escalate soon, as the Stamps and Registration Department is proposing to revise guidance values by 8-10 percent this year. The draft for guidance value revision has been sent to the state government and is likely to be approved in the budget session after which it will be implemented, a senior revenue department official seeking anonymity told The New Indian Express.

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## Don't treat suo motu PIL regarding illegal buildings in Bengaluru as an adversarial litigation: HC to BBMP

Feb 29, 2020

The Karnataka high court has advised the BBMP not to treat the suo motu PIL relating to unauthorized buildings/constructions in the city as an adversarial litigation.

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## Official demands bribe from pourakarmikas

Mar 01, 2020

A BBMP joint health inspector was suspended and four supervisors overseeing the work of pourakarmikas were taken off that duty after a video of these officials demanding and collecting bribes from the went viral on Saturday.

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## Congress strongholds dropped from new BBMP delimitation ward plan

Mar 04, 2020

The state government published a draft of the BBMP ward delimitation plan on Tuesday, ending months of delay and after facing censure from the High Court of Karnataka.

The fresh list has eliminated several wards in the core areas and created new ones on the city's periphery. The plan also consists of a fresh exercise of reserving wards.

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## Faulty sewage treatment plant in your apartment?

Mar 09, 2020

Recently the State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) slapped heavy fines on multiple apartments in the city. The reason: "STP is not running properly", "treated sewage does not meet some quality parameters". Some apartments have rightly questioned KSPCB's sampling method, the inordinate delay in sending test reports, and the fact that the apartments' own monthly tests (conducted at NABL-accredited labs) had never shown any problem with the treated water quality.

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## Needed: Activism to get BBMP to make ward-wise budgets, fix leaks

Mar 12, 2020

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) affects every resident of Bengaluru. Most people believe that it is corrupt, inefficient and non-responsive. In response, the BBMP throws up its hands and says it doesn't have the funds to meet all of the peoples' expectations.

The Karnataka Municipal Corporations Act, in furtherance of the Constitution's Twelfth Schedule has devolved public health, education, sanitation, solid waste management, environmental protection, slum improvement, parks and playgrounds, street lighting, parking lots, bus stops, public conveniences and burial grounds to the BBMP.

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