

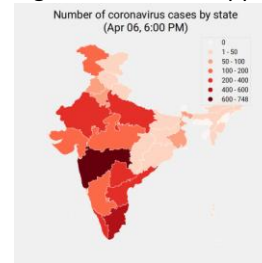


Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

COVID19 was declared a Pandemic by WHO on March 21st 2020. Unbelievable, Unprecedented, Unknown, Uncertain and certainly different from what we have ever witnessed in our lifetimes or earlier generations. The Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) has certainly upset life & lifestyles. We do hope all our communities are safe & doing their best to prevent the community spread of the virus by embracing all the preventive guidelines and advisories. BAF as usual sprung into action to support its members.



The month of March began with BAF activities - Mindtree run, meetings on the KSPCB issues, successfully negotiating & ending Water Tanker Association strike in Mahadevpura, BAF stall held in the VK Shrunga (Bangalore Development) event and BBMP ward limitation- where BAF presented its objections, all these issues have been overtaken by the COVID 19 situation. The following timeline activities, BAF team, since then, undertook, to lead the response of RWAs for COVID situation:

1. **March 1st & 2nd week** : Creating COVID awareness information to flatten the COVID Curve across member communities.
2. **20th March 2020** : **BAF COVID19 TASK FORCE (BC19TF)** team comprising of GC members, cluster leaders and other cluster representatives. There are 33 members in the task force – from clusters cluster + few officials from BBMP & others. BAF GC also finalized on the **COVID19 info themes & creation of COVID 19 microsite**. These efforts were led by BAF GC members **Vidya Goggi (content)** and GC Member **Ajay Mehrotra (Website&Tech)**. BAF also started the Daily Covid bulletin lead by GC Gen Secy **Vikram Rai**. Microsite has received wide acclaim from govt, industry & RWAs across country.
3. **22nd March 2020** - Janata curfew was announced by PM Narendra Modi, followed with lockdowns in 75 districts where COVID cases had occurred as well as all major cities. **Full day BAF –Ki- Baat sessions launched to keep members engaged during Janata curfew**. These meetings, led by BAF GC member **Sandhya Bhatt**, were held on virtual platforms.
4. **24th March 2020: Nationwide Lockdown (LO-Ph-I)** ordered by PM for 21 days, affecting the entire 1.3 billion population of India. Lock down was from 24th March til 13th April 2020.
5. **24th March-13th April 2020:**
 - ❖ BC19TF team represented RWAs in **BBMP war room (with BBMP & Police commissioners)** to discuss strategies, co-operation & actions required to ensure lockdown norms followed & community support to stop virus spread.
 - ❖ BAF clusters across engaged with **BC19TF teams for handling various community situations arising out of the COVID19 situations**. These instances included collaboration for essential C19 supplies & services – IR thermometers, Masks, Sanitizers, Helpline numbers, Telemedicine facility (non covid doctor support), Traveller declaration, Home Quarantine (HQ) guidelines, closure of common areas & sanitization, Covid passes for essential staff, residents' violations of Lockdown or HQ, SWM issues, grocery & staples related essential supply issues, Corona warriors & police matters, farm-to-home produce issues to support distressed farmers and so on.
 - ❖ BAF team engaged at **GOK-HOPCOMS warroom** and various other essential suppliers to ensure door delivery of essential items. BAF GC team of Arun Kumar, Hareesh Sivaraman, Vidya Goggi & Vikram Rai led these efforts.
 - ❖ **BAF-Ki-BAAT knowledge series sessions** on virtual meeting platform engaging entire BAF community and beyond
 - ❖ BAF approached by various GoK ministries, ULBs, others to support, facilitate & collaborate on COVID19 dynamics.
6. **14th April 2020: Nationwide lockdown extended till 3 May 2020**. BAF continues to facilitate various matters to support the government & the community. With no vaccine and partial cure in sight – the **impact of COVID19 will stay for long**. **Masks, Sanitization & Social Distancing norms are the only preventive measures**. BAF advises its members to be patient & co-operate with their RWA decisions & guidances.

Visit our microsite for updates on various matters affected by COVID19 – be it guidelines, BESCO payments, virtual meeting sanctity for MC, e-filings and so on. Read further the Newsletter for usual sections including Quiz & Citizen Say must matter

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QUIZ BASED ON BAF NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTH!

THEME: REST OF THE NEWS SECTION

- Q1. What is the full form of COVID19 ?
- Q2. What is the full form of HOPCOMS?
- Q3. What is the new one-time fee for water and sanitary connection by BWSSB for individual new homes?
- Q4. K-RERA has extended the completion date of real estate projects by how many months due to COVID lockdown?
- Q5. By what % has demand for power gone down due to the COVID lockdown situation, as reported by BESCOM?

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

SEND your ANSWERS to :info@baf.org.in& WIN EXCITING PRIZES TOO!

CITIZENS' SAY MUST MATTER.

Express Thy Opinion on Civic Matters!

THEME: MY ROLE IN COVID 19 SITUATION

AS AN APARTMENT COMMUNITY RESIDENT, WHAT DO YOU PERCEIVE YOUR ROLE TO BE IN THIS PANDEMIC COVID-19 SITUATION. 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.....



Apartments told to close swimming pools

Mar 16, 2020

Children cooped up at home with schools closed cannot beat the heat by chilling in swimming pools at their apartments. The BBMP has ordered apartments to shut down their pools to prevent any the spread Covid-19 in the city.

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Coronavirus in Bengaluru: Many residents give paid leave to domestic helpers

Mar 20, 2020

Working professionals have started offering paid leave to do domestic helpers to minimise infection risks on all sides

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Apartments at forefront of fight against COVID-19

Mar 27, 2020

From home-delivering groceries to making sure neighbours have their daily supply of milk sachets, the city's apartment dwellers are going out of their way to help those in self-quarantine.

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BAF IN THE NEWS.....

BIAL urges apartments not to evict airport employees

Mar 29, 2020

Landlords of airport staff are asking them to vacate their residences due to fears that they would spread the deadly Covid-19 disease among the community.

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Coronavirus drives up water use in outer Bengaluru

Apr 01, 2020

Water consumption has gone up by an estimated 20% in outer Bengaluru households, as the 21-day COVID-19 lockdown enters the second week. However, in core city areas, the demand spike is lower and compensated by the 140 Million Litres Daily (MLD) fall in supplies to industrial and commercial establishments now under lockdown.

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They've planned it all to the 'tea'

Apr 04, 2020

As many farmers have complained about poor demand for their crops, the HOPCOMS will soon start delivering bulk orders at the doorstep of apartments across the city.

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Govt to market fruits, vegetables to apartments in Bengaluru

Apr 04, 2020

Providing relief to thousands of farmers who had no access to markets to sell their farm produce due to lockdown, the state government and Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) on Friday decided to market these farm produces directly at apartment complexes...

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<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>

Department of Health and Family Welfare

COVID-19 (nCoronavirus)
**DO NOT PANIC
BE AWARE**

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

COVID-19 (nCoronavirus) An infection with Coronavirus typically affects the respiratory tract of mammals including humans. The virus originated in Wuhan City, China.

SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Headache
- Cold & Cough
- Difficulty in Breathing
- Diarrhoea

MODE OF TRANSMISSION

- Through air by coughing & sneezing
- By close contact, such as shaking hands or touching an infected person
- Touching objects an infected person has handled
- Touching of eyes, nose & mouth with unclean hands after contact with infected person

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

- Wash your hands with soap & water
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth with unclean hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Use handkerchief or tissue paper while coughing & sneezing
- If you are concerned about your symptoms, you should see healthcare provider
- If you are mildly sick, keep yourself hydrated, stay at home and take rest

For more information contact nearest Government Hospital or Call Health Helpline 104

Health For All, Health Everywhere

<https://covid19.karnataka.gov.in/english>

<http://covid19dashboard.karnataka.gov.in/>

<http://bbmp.gov.in/en/web/guest/covid-19>

<https://www.who.int/>

BAF digital touch-points as below:

- Covid-19 microsite:

<https://baf.org.in/covid-19/baf-guidelines>

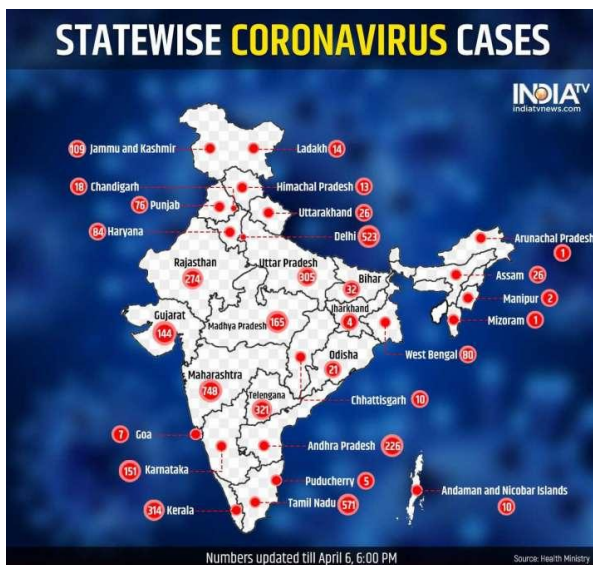
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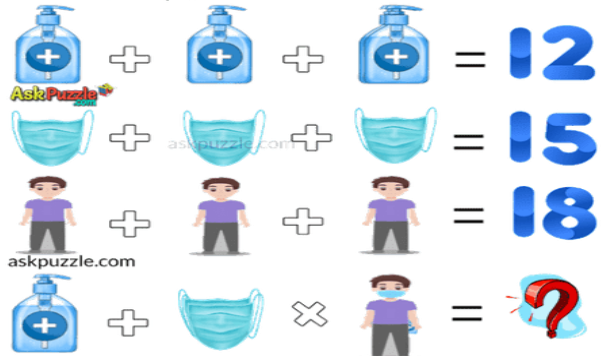
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REST OF THE NEWS....

BWSSB to deploy water warriors

Feb 18, 2020

Similar to lake wardens and ward marshals, the city will soon get JalaSenanis (Water Warriors). The BWSSB plans to appoint a volunteer for each of the 198 municipal wards. The army of appointees, who will work free of cost, will spread BWSSB's message to Bengalureans.

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Pet dog licensing by law, Deadline to remove hoarding frames, Police programme for women's safety and more

Mar 02, 2020

BBMP moots controversial Pet Dog Licensing Bylaw again. BBMP has again drafted the Pet Dog Licensing Bylaw, which had been withdrawn in 2018 following opposition from dog lovers.

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Dear BBMP, before you spend 100cr to beautify Bengaluru

Mar 05, 2020

How are you doing? Hope all is well with you. Things haven't been going so great with me for a month now, as I have been bedridden after being injured on a faulty footpath. But that's another conversation for another time.

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Bescom launches solar portal

Mar 17, 2020

Bescom on Monday launched a solar housing scheme that promises to incentivise the generation of 1 kV to 10 kV of electricity through rooftop solar systems.

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REST OF THE NEWS....

BWSSB hikes one-time fee for new houses

Mar 17, 2020

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has hiked the one-time fee for new water and sanitary connections for some categories of individual houses, bringing it on par with charges for apartments. Rates for commercial establishments remain unchanged.

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Water supplies call off strike

Mar 18, 2020

Residents across Mahadevapura zone are heaving a sigh of relief after private water suppliers announced withdrawal of the ongoing agitation on Tuesday. They had refused to supply water from Monday in protest the Hosakote tahsildar's restrictions.

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HC sets aside KSPCB's environmental compensation charges on industries

Mar 18, 2020

Observing that there was no specific direction from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to demand Environmental Compensation Charges (ECC) from industrial units, the High Court of Karnataka on Monday set aside demand notices issued to several industrial units at Peenya industrial area here.

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STPs may not meet July deadline without imported equipment

Mar 18, 2020

The coronavirus has now cast its shadow on three major sewage treatment plants (STP) of the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), which are racing towards a July 2020 deadline. When completed, the STPs can treat an additional 450 million litres of sewage water per day.

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How a dysfunctional pollution watchdog is affecting Bengaluru's water scene

Mar 22, 2020

Today (22nd March) is the World Water Day, devoted to sustainable management of freshwater resources. On this day, events are held world-over, to assess the current state of freshwater and to make strategies for the future

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BBMP sets up war room

Mar 24, 2020

The BBMP has set up a war room to help it check the spread of pandemic COVID-19, apart from implementing various awareness campaigns.

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BWSSB to pump in more water as demand rises in WFH city

Mar 25, 2020

With an increase in demand for water all around, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is gearing up to pump an additional 50 Million Litres Per Day (MLD) from April 15, Board chairman Tushar Girinath said. The existing capacity of 1450 MLD per day will be increased to 1,500 MLD. Girinath told TNIE, "At present, we pump the maximum possible water of 1450 MLD on an average.

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BWSSB puts pumping stations on standby

Mar 27, 2020

At a time when domestic water consumption is surging with a greater need for personal cleanliness due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the BWSSB has put two pumping stations on standby.

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BWSSB offers payment holiday; won't disconnect the water supply

Mar 29, 2020

If there are consumers who are unable to pay the monthly water bill on time due to the lockdown, they do not have to worry about losing the water supply connection.

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Possibly a first. Bescom actually has excess power

Mar 29, 2020

While the country is reeling under shortages of varying degrees, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (Bescom) actually has the opposite problem: They have excess power, lower demand. Despite directions issued by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa, who also holds the energy portfolio, that there should be no power cuts, different parts of the city have experienced power outages.

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In lockdown effect, Bescom sees 25% less demand

Apr 02, 2020

For Bengaluru, summer is usually synonymous with rising temperatures, examinations, vacations, and power cuts. It's the time when Bescom sees peak demand, thanks to the need for air-conditioning and IP (irrigation pump) sets. This summer though, due to the COVID-19 lockdown, it is seeing underutilisation of power.

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Escoms now want to pay power bill

Apr 05, 2020

To mitigate liquidity issues, the Department of Energy has directed electricity supply companies (Escoms) to take measures to collect electricity bill payment from the consumers

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Apartment communities welcome Hopcoms move in Bengaluru

Apr 06, 2020

Helping thousands of farmers by deciding to market their farm produce directly to the apartment communities of Bengaluru, the state government on Sunday received a positive response from the general public.

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Lockdown forces K-RERA to extend completion date of real estate projects

Apr 06, 2020

The real estate sector has not escaped the cascading effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the effects of which are being felt not just in India, but across the world. In the wake of the 21-day lockdown, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) has extended the completion deadline of registered projects that expired on or after March 15, 2020.

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Overflowing tanks may cost you dear

Apr 07, 2020

If your water tank is overflowing, get it repaired or pay the price. To plug leakages, the BWSSB has decided to penalise consumer wasting water

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Sorry state: Rain comes, power goes

Apr 08, 2020

Power cuts are back to haunt Bengalureans. If you thought that excess power demand could be the reason, with many in the city working from home due to the lockdown, it's the thundershowers and strong winds over the last few days that are to blame. Soon after the downpour on Monday, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) office started receiving complaints from many parts of Bengaluru, such as HSR Layout, Koramanagala, HAL, R T Nagar, Banaswadi and other areas.

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Plan to supply veggies to apartments crawls

Apr 08, 2020

The government's ambitious plan to supply agricultural produce to an estimated 1.30 lakh flats across at least 720 apartment complexes in the city is getting off to a slow start.

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Bescom gets 33,000 calls, 10,000 complaints in one day

Apr 09, 2020

After the downpour plunged several city areas into darkness on Monday night, frequent power cut was reported again on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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How ward committees can help Bengaluru handle COVID-19 better

Apr 10, 2020

COVID-19 has caught us all unawares, but in the last few weeks Bengaluru has sprung on its feet to tackle the crisis. BBMP has set up a war room to centrally oversee the situation, police are working overtime, and so are hospitals and medical staff. Besides, innumerable citizens are doing their bit to distribute money, medicines, food and other essentials to those in need. It's heartwarming to see how the city has come together yet again.

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BBMP plans to distribute foodgrain packets in all wards

Apr 10, 2020

Civic authorities on Thursday decided to extend foodgrains distribution beyond the migrant labourers to all the needy people in city wards.

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