

## Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

It has been a month of major political developments in Karnataka & a new government is in place. And so far as BAF is concerned – our focus is on the manifesto item of the new government - which promised to **do away with apartment discrimination** along with other issues that improve city infrastructure like Lake development , SWD & STP etc.

Hope all members are by now familiar with the new Governing Council team (<https://baf.org.in/baf-governing-council>) & new Cluster Council Teams (<https://baf.org.in/baf-cluster-councils>). Also between Jun to August – many AGMs of member associations are taking place. **Outgoing apartment leaders of BAF need to ensure they update the BAF member portal with access to their new office bearers. All this can be done by the existing members themselves on the portal.**

BAF EC meetings continue to gather momentum. It was indeed heartening to see most cluster level meetings conducted in the last 2 months post AGM. Cluster leaders briefed members during these meetings on initiatives – Water Management, Roof Top Solar, Solid Waste, KAOA, Member Portal, Ward Committees, BAF knowledge papers & newsletters plus some alerts & developments at various civic agencies & their expectation from apartment residents. **This information would be useful to plan various capex initiatives of member apartments.** Member Portal utilization is making decent progress, especially Vendor platform. We hope more members participate to make this a very valuable resource to engage with vendors.

Here is a quick update on events of the month:

1. Representation made to BWSSB for unnecessarily charging commercial/ partial domestic rates to apartment complexes – though resolved by BWSSB that the charges will be reversed – there has not been much progress on this. Those who have found this being reversed or even not effected in coming months – pl. do update BAF GC. BAF will arrange follow up meetings at BWSSB and affected apartments can join & represent on the issue.
2. BAF participated in the Corporator#1 initiative by Citizens for Bangalore (CFB) Group. It is important to know that 50 councilors were awarded for conducting at least 4 ward committee meetings during past 6 months. Trust all BAF members across are able to represent in these WC meetings to ensure ward level planned improvement activities & issues are making progress..
3. BAF attended a Water Symposium conducted by BWSSB during the month. This was one of its kind event organized by BWSSB to share good practices that can be followed on demand side – i.e. industry & citizens – on judicious use of water, amid the impending water crisis. BWSSB has proposed new norms on the RWH systems implemented by Apartments & homes. It has proposed threefold increase in RWH storage capacity, monitoring RWH effectiveness & consumption pattern of water, compulsory sub-metering etc going forward. Failing this- penalties are proposed. Associations need to factor in these new proposals in their water management capex initiatives.

Note: **BAF has sensitized all members to Water Management by conservation, reducing wastage, water measurement & management (RWH practices, Groundwater recharge, Aerators, Water meters etc) in BAMBOOS & innovative initiatives like #BAFHalfBucketBathChallenge.** Visit our knowledge base for knowledge papers & <https://baf.org.in/bamboos>. We encourage BAF members to do their best in conserving water & explore various initiatives to be water+ve.

As announced last month - BAF is the community partner for **PRIDE RUN 2019 to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019.** Members are reminded to register on the brochure circulated & participate in large numbers.10% discount for Aug applicable.

BAF has planned to release a souvenir booklet on **Apartment Value Enhancement through use of Efficient & Sustainable solutions titled AVenuES.** The booklet will be a **handbook for apartment associations** in managing various areas of association work. It will also give opportunity for organizations to showcase their services & products to the BAF community. Those who wish to partner with BAF on this may reach out through Cluster leadership or GC team.

More news created by BAF & useful to BAF members is available in the rest of the newsletter. Check out July issue's **new look & the New Quiz format ! SEND ANSWERS(to info@bafonline.org.in) & WIN EXCITING PRIZES TOO!**

Cheers ,Team BAF!

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

**THEME: WATER SECTION**

- Q1. Reportedly how much % of apartments in Bangalore do not get Cauvery Water?
- Q2. What amount of penalty has BWSSB collected on non compliance to Rain Water Harvesting Compliance in a month?
- Q3. How many offenders paid the above penalty for non implementation of RWH?
- Q4. What is the existing prescribed compliance by BWSSB on the capacity of storage of **roof top based rain water harvesting system**? And what is the new proposal on the same for all Bangalore homes & apartments going forward?
- Q5. What is the existing prescribed compliance by BWSSB on the capacity of storage of **land based rain water harvesting system**? And what is the new proposal on the same for all Bangalore homes & apartments going forward?

**THEME: REST OF THE NEWS SECTION**

- Q6. How many corporators were awarded the Corporator #1 award for holding regular WC meetings?
- Q7. How many E-waste handlers are registered with KSPCB & what is the total e-waste capacity handling of these handlers?
- Q8. How many DRY WASTE centers were opened by BBMP and how many of them are presently functioning?

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





## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### **70% apartments in Bengaluru don't get Cauvery water**

*Jul 02, 2019*

The burgeoning number of apartments in Bengaluru has thrown up a huge challenge for the state government meeting water needs of the residents.

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### **Bengaluru: GST on flat maintenance opposed**

*Jul 28, 2019*

The Union Finance Ministry order on collection of 18 per cent GST on flat owners paying monthly maintenance charges over Rs 7,500 has drawn flak from various Resident Welfare Associations, flat owners and the Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association (CREDAI), Bengaluru Chapter here.

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### **Declare water emergency: BAF**

*Aug 02, 2019*

Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF), which represents around 450 apartment complexes, has called upon the State government to "declare a water emergency", by incentivising low water usage and penalising those who use excess water.

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### **Bengaluru: Residents' body extend a helping hand**

*Aug 02, 2019*

The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has come out with an action plan for the government and citizens to tackle the water emergency given its alarming shortage and erratic supply.

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### **Bangalore Apartments' Federation moots filing water tax returns**

*Aug 02, 2019*

The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) has come out with suggestions for the new state government to take up for water conservation. "If we were to harvest even 30% of the 3,000 MLD rainwater that falls in Bengaluru, we have another 1,000 MLD available," said Srikanth Narasimhan, General Secretary, BAF, in a press release.

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### **Even mosquitoes prefer techies in Namma Bengaluru**

*Aug 07, 2019*

Mahadevapura zone records 632 dengue cases in Jan-July period, up from 66 last year; Tech Corridor is in trouble.

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## Water in The News



### **RWH: Rs 2.93cr/month collected in penalties**

*July 10, 2019*

Latest data shows there are more than 64,000 offenders in the city, who are willing to pay a penalty, but do not want to harvest rainwater. As per the rule, the civic body gives three months' time after providing water supply for new houses to implement RWH

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### **City's treated water filling lakes in north Bengaluru**

*July 18, 2019*

Residents of Bagalur and surrounding areas in north Bengaluru have been rejoicing of lake. The lake in their vicinity, which had dried up due to lack of rain, is gradually getting filled with the city's treated water. In the coming months, 11 more lakes in Bengaluru Urban district will be rejuvenated in a similar manner.

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### **Install rainwater harvesting or be ready to cough up double fine, says BWSSB**

*July 18, 2019*

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has sent two key proposals to the government to maximise utilisation of the city's rainwater.

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## Water in The News

### **City needs to bring back community sharing of water, says conservationist**

*July 29, 2019*

River-less Bengaluru should look at its past, where community sharing of water sustained it rather than private sources through borewells, said S. Vishwanath, water conservation expert, during a talk on lakes in the city and their management held at the Mythic Society on Sunday.

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### **Alarmed by water scarcity, Bengalureans find ways to reduce wastage**

*July 30, 2019*

Recently when Chennai ran out of water, many questioned what if Bengaluru was next? With many areas in the city running dry and price of water delivered by tanker skyrocketing, citizens are already scrambling to save as much water as possible

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### **BWSSB for amending building bylaws to make RWH mandatory**

*Aug 02, 2019*

With water scarcity an ever-present threat, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has proposed some amendments to the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike's (BBMP) building bylaws concerning rainwater harvesting.

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## BBMP clears SWDs, but ignores secondary drains

Aug 02, 2019

To reduce the damage caused by rains, the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has desilted around 220 km of the total 840 km network of stormwater drains. Officials said that the SWDs were prioritised after studying the flow of rainwater to minimise inundation during heavy rain

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## RWH to be a must even for buildings standing on 30ft\*40ft plots

Aug 03, 2019

With the plummeting groundwater table in Bengaluru setting off alarm bells, rainwater harvesting (RWH) will soon be made mandatory eve for buildings standing on 30\*40ft sites. Currently, the practise is must for structures on plots measuring 60\*40ft and more and new buildings coming up on sites measuring 30\*40ft

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## Bengaluru stares at Day Zero due to poor RWH implementation

Aug 07, 2019

The City appears to be heading towards Day Zero a situation where taps run dry if the ineffective implementation of rainwater harvesting (RWH) is anything to go by

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## Good job Bengaluru, says BWSSB on water saving

Aug 07, 2019

At a conference organised by BWSSB to discuss success stories about water conservation, all major residents' associations in the city were present

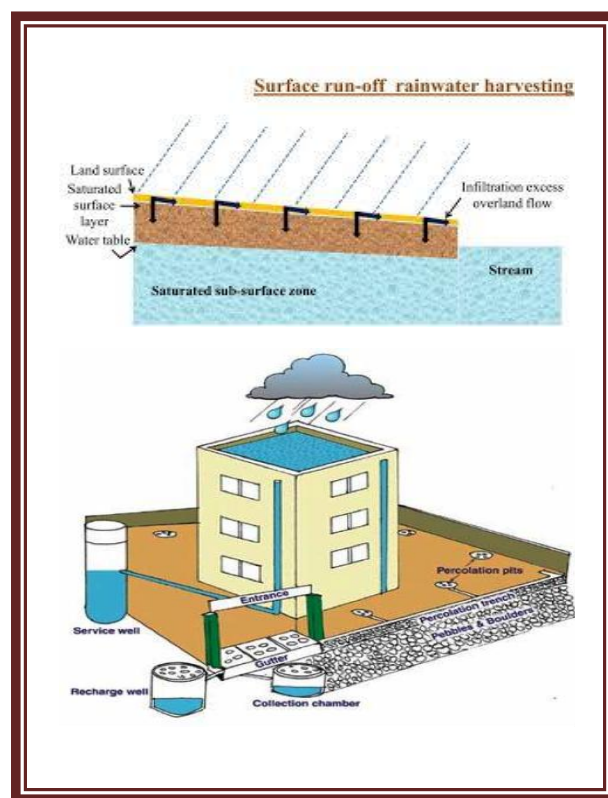
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## Healing water crisis with treated water

Aug 13, 2019

Bengaluru is on the brink of a water crisis, despite the monsoon. As the city expands, the dependence on Cauvery supply and groundwater grows with it, for Bengaluru lacks a sustainable approach to the use and conservation of water.

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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### **BBMP official abused, threatened during inspection**

July 01, 2019

Civic authorities continue to face problems trying to enforce the plastic ban in the city. Recently, Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike's (BBMP) health department officials were threatened and abused allegedly by employees of a provision store at Sivananda Circle when they went to inspect their packaging material.

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### **KRERA relief to home buyers from unregistered project**

July 01, 2019

In what is being touted as a judgement that will impact a large number of home buyers who have invested in projects that are not registered under the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2017, the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has ordered a developer to pay penalty until the buyers are given possession of the houses.

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### **BBMP acts on traffic police report on flood-prone spots**

July 01, 2019

A short spell of heavy rain can bring the city to its knees as motorists and pedestrians are forced to put up with flooded roads and underpasses, overflowing drains, uprooted trees and fallen tree branches. Monsoon woes cause misery to not just citizens who are often caught mid-commute, but also the civic authorities, especially the traffic police.

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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### **Citizens complain about poor waste collection at NGT meeting**

July 01, 2019

Poor door-to-door collection, increase in the number of black spots, indiscriminate dumping of waste and rampant use of plastics were the main issues raised by citizens and residents' welfare associations during a meeting chaired by Subhash B. Adi, who heads the National Green Tribunal's State Level Committee, on Monday.

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### **HC notice to state on plea for disqualification of councillors**

July 01, 2019

The Karnataka High Court on Monday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a petition seeking direction to the Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru to initiate action for disqualifying 16 councillors of the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) for failure to declare their assets and liabilities, and 18 other councillors for not submitting a declaration within the period stipulated in law.

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### **Sahaya app of little 'sahaya', complain citizens**

July 02, 2019

Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun said that a well-equipped central control room was being launched in the BBMP head office in the next few months and once the control room is operational, the Sahaya app would be rebooted and all complaints meticulously reviewed.

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### **BBMP to collect only segregated waste from September 1**

*July 04, 2019*

From September 1, only wet waste will be picked up during door-to-door collection every day while dry waste will be collected twice a week. Mixed waste will not be accepted, and steep fines will be levied on households and apartments that fail to abide by the rules.

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### **Committee to look into electoral roll reforms**

*July 14, 2019*

The Election Commission, Karnataka has formed a committee to usher electoral roll reforms in the city. The initiative was taken up following a barrage of complaints that thousands of names were allegedly wrongly deleted from the rolls during the recently concluded Lok Sabha elections. The committee includes civic activists.

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### **How much e-waste is being generated in Karnataka?**

*July 14, 2019*

Much of the immense amount of electronic waste generated in the city seems to be going into a rabbit hole over which the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has little control or oversight.

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### **Bengaluru citizens will now attract a fine for the use of plastic**

*July 15, 2019*

It's not traders and shopkeepers defying the plastic ban who will be in trouble with the civic body. Citizens caught using plastic bags may also be fined. The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) is all set to strictly enforce the ban from Monday.

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### **Bengaluru: 51 corporators honoured for holding regular ward committee meetings**

*July 15, 2019*

As many as 51 corporators from Bangalore's civic body, Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP), were honoured at an event held on Sunday. They were awarded 'Corporator #1 Namma Samiti Puraskaara' for holding at least four ward committee meetings in the last six months. Some of the corporators had held monthly meetings for all the six months.

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### **Did your ward councillor win CfB's Corporator No 1 Awards?**

*July 16, 2019*

In a packed Town Hall on Sunday, 14th July, citizens conferred the Corporator #1 Awards (Namma Samiti Puraskaara) to 51 BBMP corporators. Justice Santosh Hegde, chief guest at the event, honoured the winners with a traditional Mysuru Petta.

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## BBMP looks to tighten the noose around errant builders

July 17, 2019

The collapse of two buildings on 2nd cross in Hutchins Road, Pulakeshinagar, that resulted in the death of five people highlights the problem of rampant building violations, which, for the most part go unchecked. Most of the buildings that have collapsed in the city over the past five years resulting in deaths are not old or dilapidated structures.

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## Fed of darkness, citizens conduct survey of streetlights

July 19, 2019

Irked by streets devoid of any lights or the poorly lit ones, Citizens for Citizens, an organisation formed by activists and residents in &around Vasanthnagar recently undertook a comprehensive survey of their neighbourhood.

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## Do you have an idea to make Hebbal better?

July 19, 2019

With Hebbal set to become a major hub, citizens now have an opportunity to offer ideas and solutions to make the area 'inclusive and accessible'. Citizens for Sustainability (CiFoS), in association with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT), Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL), plans to involve citizens to 'make Hebbal better'.

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## NGT Karnataka chief tells Mayor to implement plastic ban from September 1

July 22, 2019

There should be 100% implementation of the plastic ban from September 1. This was the direction of Subhash B. Adi, who heads the Karnataka chapter of the National Green Tribunal, to Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun.

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## 18pc GST on flat owners paying monthly maintenance of over Rs 7,500

July 22, 2019

Flat owners will have to pay GST at 18 per cent if their monthly contribution to resident welfare association (RWA) exceeds Rs 7,500, the Finance Ministry said Monday.

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## Bescom passes fuel cost hike on to consumers, bills go up

July 24, 2019

Electricity consumers across the state suffered a jolt on receiving their bills this month. There was a perceptible spike in the amount due to a 61% hike in fuel cost adjustment charges (FAC) approved by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC)

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REVISED RATES		
for domestic consumers in BBMP, municipal corporation limits within Bescom		
Units	Previous tariff (Rs./unit)	New tariff
Up to 30	3.50	3.75
31 to 100	4.95	5.20
101 to 200	6.50	6.75
201 to 300	7.55	7.80
301 to 400	7.60	7.80
Above 401	7.65	7.80

(Note: Existing energy charges levied over six slabs have been modified to four slabs--which means 201 and above, would be the fourth slab)

HOW YOUR BILL WILL DIFFER		
Units consumed	Previous tariff	New tariff
Up to 30	₹105	₹112.5
31 to 100	₹346.50	₹364
101 to 200	₹550	₹575
201 to 251	₹385.05	₹397.8

For domestic consumers in rural areas, village panchayats within Bescom

Units	Previous tariff	New tariff
Up to 30	3.40	3.65
31 to 100	4.65	4.90
101 to 200	6.20	6.45
201 to 300	7.05	7.30
Above 301	7.10	7.30

(Note: Existing energy charges levied over five slabs have been modified to four slabs --

Fixed charges		
1 KW	₹50	₹60
3 KW	₹180	₹210
<b>Total bill</b>	<b>₹1,716.5</b>	<b>₹1,819.3</b>

**Increase: 6%**  
This example pertains to a domestic consumer of Bescom and does not include







## **Namma Bengaluru: Unauthorised OFCs continue to choke city**

July 24, 2019

Citizens blame the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) for failing to act tough against the various telecom companies and internet service providers and allowing them to draw cables indiscriminately. They point out that despite the presence of ducts on either side of many thoroughfares, especially those developed under TenderSURE, cables can still be found bunched overhead. These violations are the result of the lack of a policy on the protocol for service providers.

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## **BDA digs channels to divert sewage from Bellandur Lake**

July 25, 2019

There is light at the end of what has been a very long tunnel for the rejuvenation of Bellandur lake. Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has started the process of creating channels to divert sewage away from the water body. Officials said two 'temporary' channels, that will skirt the periphery of the lake, are being created to divert sewage coming in from the inlets.

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## **30% of RERA complaints in Karnataka resolved**

July 25, 2019

A total of 3,958 complaints have been registered with the RERA-K against builders on various grounds. Of these 1,174(30%) have been resolved and, in about 150 cases, buyers have withdrawn complaints after working out a compromise with builders.

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## **Just 119 dry waste centres functioning in 127 wards of Bengaluru**

July 29, 2019

A four-week audit commissioned by Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) to find out the status of Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCC) in the city found that approximately only 35 percent of them collected dry waste, door-to-door as mandated by the local body. The audit conducted by city-based think tank 'Sensing Local' also found that of 167 centres started by BBMP in 2012-2013, only 141 currently exist on ground.

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## **In a first, BBMP drafts by-laws for solid waste management**

Aug 04, 2019

The civic body has for the first-time drafted by-laws for Solid Waste Management (SWM). They will be notified next week and objections from the public will be sought, said senior civic officials.

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## **BBMP plans to tap methane gas from Bellahalli quarry, supply it as fuel**

Aug 07, 2019

The Bellahalli quarry is bursting at its seams with nearly 18 lakh tonnes of mixed waste from Bengaluru, but there is a silver lining. The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) is planning to tap methane gas from the quarry pit, bottle it and supply the fuel to nearby communities free of cost.

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