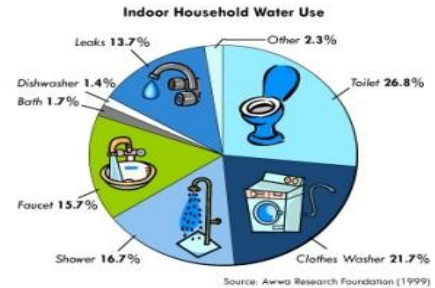


## Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

Volume 3, Issue 5, Aug, 2019

Dear Apartment Resident,

It is indeed heartening to note how responsible we – The BAF Community - are becoming!. We have our members representing at the BBMP WC meetings, waste segregation compliance, managing water responsibly, implementing Green Energy etc.



And to add to all that the community has been absolutely responsive to external welfare needs – like the flood relief – support required in various affected parts of Karnataka. In fact this is a special topic covered under **Apartment Social Responsibility- BAF@Karnataka Flood Relief ! Do check if your apartment figures in the same or let us know your efforts so that we can acknowledge and encourage others on your welfare activities!**

Here is a quick update on events of the month gone by:

1. There has not been much progress on affecting the reversal of **partial domestic tariff applied by BWSSB** despite the resolution of the Chairman on this issue. Members may keep BAF GC informed – if any progress is reflected in their bills (or even if it is continued). BAF has been trying to arrange follow up meetings at BWSSB, so that affected apartments can join & represent on the issue, there has not been success here due to change in guard (new chairman appointed) at BWSSB.  
(Note : Meanwhile we understand many of you have not analysed your BWSSB bills to check if you are affected or not. Simple check to be done is Rate = water consumption charges divided by consumption Kilolitres for the month. **The domestic rate is Rs 22 per KL, and if calculated rate is Rs 28 or higher, it implies you have been charged partial domestic rates for having swimming pool and gardens.** And if your swimming pool & garden do not use Cauvery water- then the partial domestic rates are not applicable. This is in effect from April/May 2019. Sanitary & Borewell charges have also been impacted in this tariff category.)
2. A BAF team met up with **CREDAI** to explore partnership of all stakeholders in the newly proposed **Fire Safety rules** for apartments. As also compliance of the same during building construction stage that should not stay a cause for concern to apartment associations post handover. The new rules propose **linking of property tax to NoC & also exorbitant inspection fees**
3. Another BAF team met on **KAOA proposals** to discuss future of KSRA(1960) registered associations as there has been no input from Registrar offices on migrating those associations to KAOA. BAF is in discussions with various activists and stakeholders to define a **single association registration act to ensure that apartments are registered under that (say KAOA with amendments- that addresses various issues of now)** that will allow apartment associations to function in decentralized, independently managed, transparent, accountable & in self regulatory way, with special tribunals for any disputes- instead of going to rigorous legal process as now for even minor disputes.
4. BAF participated with another citizen forum CiFoS – on their discussion to decongest Hebbal Flyover.
5. BAF members participated in RunForGreenEnergy – the Pride Run on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which was attended by many civil society dignitaries & entrepreneurs. And with over 1500 participants.

BAF will shortly release **AVenuES - Apartment Value Enhancement through use of Efficient & Sustainable solutions** - a handbook for apartment associations in managing various areas of association work. It will also give opportunity for service providers to showcase their services & products to the BAF community. Do connect with BAF GC for this partnership opportunity. **Also Check out our special section on Karnataka Flood relief, followed by Fun@BAF and all other regular section in the August issue of the BAF newsletter!**

Cheers ,Team BAF!

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**Apartment Social Responsibility**  
**BAF @ KARNATAKA FLOOD RELIEF**

**“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention”**



A number of Apartments in various BAF clusters especially, responded to the call for contribution towards Karnataka Flood Relief & contributed to the best of their ability. Some apartment complexes which participated in the same include:

1. Elegant Embassy 3
2. Avani Amulya
3. Shivashree Garden block 2
4. Sai Mahima
5. Vaastu hill view 2
6. G R Grands
7. G M Terraces
8. White House Apartments
9. Mantri Greens

Voluntary contributions from the apartment members (ranging Rs 20-25000) from many apartments as well as items like plates, tumblers, blankets, mats, bed sheets, sarees were collected towards flood relief with the contributions received and were delivered it to various collection points

***Write to [info@bafonline.org.in](mailto:info@bafonline.org.in) to feature above welfare initiatives or any best practices that your apartment is following by 30<sup>th</sup> of every month. This will feature in the subsequent issue of BAF newsletter***



## FUN@BAF

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

#### THEME: REST OF THE NEWS SECTION

- Q1. What is the full form of OFC?
- Q2. What is the rate charged by BWSSB to supply one tanker (6000 litres) of treated water?
- Q3. Karnataka high court has asked BBMP to either rejuvenate or create how many lakes that disappeared due to unweid construction?
- Q4. Reportedly how much funds planned for infrastructure were diverted by BBMP towards other projects ?
- Q5. How many dengue cases were reported in the city til August 2019?

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

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





## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### **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 Apartment's 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.

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....



### **Pride run to promote clean energy**

*Aug 23, 2019*

City-based Chronic Foundation has launched a statewide campaign to spread awareness on green energy and its benefits. The campaign, in tune with the global outcry against greenhouse gas emissions and programmes to promote clean energy, has the support of the state government and several independent organisations.

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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### **Untangling the A-Khata, B-Khata mess**

*Aug 03, 2019*

Trapped for what seems like an eternity, lakhs of property owners in the city are in a bind over an alphabetical regression. Well, that is what you call it when full ownership of your property evades you without a cumbersome, taxing documentary shift from 'B' Khata to 'A' Khata.

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### **Smart water meters to gauge individual consumption**

*Aug 04, 2019*

To keep track of individual water usage in each home, apartment and other places, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is framing a policy to make smart water metering mandatory.

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### **BBMP puts ward panels in charge of garbage disposal**

*Aug 04, 2019*

Making solid waste management easier for citizens, the BBMP has put ward committees in charge of handling garbage generated locally. The panels at all 198 wards will now work in tandem with the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) on solid waste management and sanitation in line with the Karnataka Municipal Corporations (Ward Committee) Rules.

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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### **Waste from apartments may be picked up at night**

*Aug 06, 2019*

The BBMP may well pick up trash from apartments and other bulk generators only at night. The separate collection will ensure that garbage from apartments and bulk generators does not get mixed with that dished out by individual homes.

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### **Defunct STPs could make you poorer, drier**

*Aug 07, 2019*

Apartments and other private establishments may have to pay heavy fines if their sewage treatment plants (STP) have stopped working as the BWSSB is gearing up to check their maintenance.

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### **Harvesting rainwater? You can't let it down the drain**

*Aug 07, 2019*

If the BWSSB has its way, the mere harvesting of rainwater would not be enough. You would have to store it as well. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is working on a policy that will make it mandatory for all establishments measuring 2,400 square feet and above to store rainwater as well as treated water to reduce the dependency on freshwater.

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## Ward officials must curb optical fibre cable menace: BBMP

Aug 10, 2019

Despite various drives by the BBMP, Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) continues to be menace in the city, posing a hazard to pedestrians. Now the BBMP wants ward level officials to monitor the situation.

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## Resident urge BBMP to stop litigating, carry on its work

Aug 11, 2019

The recent developments with the work in progress have suffused Bellandur residents with hope that their lakewill come alive, after a long period of frothing, multiple fires and controversies.

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## BDA newsletter to keep public updated

Aug 11, 2019

In an effort to further transparency, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) may publish a monthly or quarterly newsletter on its website on the work undertaken by the agency.

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## Bengaluru is hanging by a cable

Aug 12, 2019

Potholed roads, broken or non-existent pavements and dangling cables that is what seems to define to Bengaluru, once a city of lakes and gardens and referred to as pensioners paradise.

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## Treated water may save B'luru, but success depends on BWSSB

Aug 13, 2019

Namma Bengaluru is facing its worst ever water crisis, and the BWSSB's idea to sell treated water from their Sewage Treatment plants is a much-needed and welcome move. Under this scheme, BWSSB is selling about 6000 litres of water (one tanker), for Rs 360, to large apartment complexes, private establishments and IT Parks, to reduce the dependence on Cauvery supply.

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## Property insurance rates may spike

Aug 14, 2019

Insurance firms are likely to bump up property cover rates as extreme weather becomes more common in the county. This year, floods have caused widespread devastation in Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

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## Lakes to tackle water crisis; augment supply

Aug 15, 2019

In a move highlighting lake conservation, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is planning to tap into the waterbodies to address the water crisis in the city.

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## Restore 19 disappeared lakes or create artificial ones to compensate for loss: Karnataka HC

Aug 15, 2019

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday directed the State government & the Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) to bring out -within a month - a comprehensive scheme to either restore 19 disappeared lakes, including those used for forming layouts by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), or create artificial lakes to compensate for the loss of 19.

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## Bengaluru's infrastructure projects hit as BBMP diverts 34% of funds

Aug 17, 2019

Civic managers redirected a huge portion of state-allotted funds meant for infrastructure development to clear old bills, a financial flub that's now left BBMP without resources to pay for ongoing projects in the city

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## Begur residents protest seeking Cauvery water, roads

Aug 18, 2019

It's been five years since the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) started the work to lay pipelines to supply Cauvery water - the only source of drinking water for the people of Begur ward. The Palike awarded the project to a private contractor.

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## Why Koramangala looks like a war zone: Five ongoing projects in 4 sq km

Aug 19, 2019

A well-known architect and town planner recently commented on a WhatsApp group that the whole of Bengaluru had become one construction site – with Koramangala being the epicentre – resulting in the city's liveability index being at its lowest ever.

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## BBMP asks corporates to adopt streets

Aug 20, 2019

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has urged corporates to come forward and adopt streets and maintain them under their corporate social responsibility(CSR) fund.

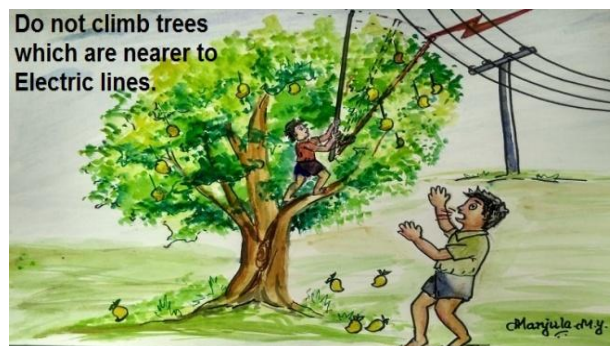
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## BBMP hindering waste disposal: Corporators

Aug 21, 2019

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) and its corporators who have to jointly ensure effective administration of Bengaluru seem to be working at loggerheads.

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## Demand for more powers to tackle rising garbage menace

Aug 21, 2019

To tackle the mounting garbage menace and completely rid the city of black spots, various citizen groups and individuals demanded the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) to issue authorised ID cards to them, so as to ensure better efficiency.

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## Rooftop solar power: A bright and clean idea on our terrace

Aug 21, 2019

India is finally catching up to rooftop solar (RTS) as a reliable source of power for industries, offices, and homes across the country. At the end of the last financial year (FY19) the total installed capacity of RTS in the country was around 4,375 MW, an impressive 72% jump over the previous year.

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## Power is surplus, Bescom says no outage till 2023

Aug 21, 2019

Promising a bright future for Bengaluru, Bescom on Tuesday assured the people of the city that there won't be any load-shedding until 2023, as the state is witnessing surplus power generation.

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## Power cuts short-circuiting productivity in Bengaluru, rues industry

Aug 21, 2019

Power outages have shorted productivity in Bengaluru, and industry heads are making their displeasure known.

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## New BDA rule on file flow holds up site registrations

Aug 22, 2019

Every file in the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) will now be tracked as it moves from one department to another. G C Prakash, the new BDA commissioner, has ordered all sections in his office to maintain a register on the file movements in order to streamline the functioning of the civic agency.

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## Change of guard: New chiefs for BBMP, BWSSB

Aug 23, 2019

Effecting a change of guard at the city's civic administration, the state government on Thursday transferred the commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) and brought in senior IAS officer B H Anil Kumar to the post.

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## Karnataka tops rooftop solar development index

Aug 23, 2019

Karnataka ranked number 1 in the state rooftop solar attractiveness Index (SARAL), which was launched by Power Minister RK Singh on Wednesday. This was followed by Telangana, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh.

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## One-stop shop soon for availing all Escom services in Karnataka

Aug 24, 2019

Power consumers in the state will soon have a one-stop destination for whole range of services, including applying for new connections, increasing load, paying bills, transferring ownership, and lodging enquiries and complaints related to all electricity supply companies in the State.

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## Bescom to take underground route to cut power outages

Aug 24, 2019

The Bescom will soon be inviting tenders to carry out underground cable laying work in the City. According to Bescom sources, laying of underground cable totalling 18,000 km will begin once the tender is issued and finalised.

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## Karnataka slips by 1 spot in water management index

Aug 25, 2019

As per the latest water index report released by Niti Aayog on Friday, Karnataka has slipped one position in the state-level performance on water resource management sources on the composite water management index (SWMI) to occupy the fifth spot among non-Himalayan state in 2017-18. It held the fourth position the 4 previous year.

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## Begur residents protest as BWSSB skips civic event

Aug 25, 2019

Angered by the prolonged apathy of the BWSSB in completing works in the ward, residents of Begur, led by the local corporator, will stage a protest at the civic body's office on Monday.

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## MCC to get UN funding for waste management projects

Aug 26, 2019

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is set to receive funding from the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) for the implementation of waste management projects to reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emission.

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## Houses on 60ft\*40ft sites to soon save three times more rainwater

Aug 27, 2019

It may soon be mandatory for all existing constructions on sites of 60ft\*40ft or more to have a tank or sump that stores 6 litres of rainwater for every square foot (or 60 litres/1sqm) of rooftop area

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## E-waste initiative to be expanded to BSNL, BWSSB

Aug 27, 2019

Over the last one month, BBMP and two NGOs have been collecting e-waste from citizens in a drive which will now be expanded to other government agencies, including Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL), Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (BESCOM), and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC).

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## Govt mulls doubling rainwater harvesting fine

Aug 27, 2019

Establishments not following the rainwater harvesting rule will soon have to cough up more penalty, as the BWSSB plans to increase the fine.

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## BBMP ward delimitation plan ready, to place it before elected representatives

Aug 27, 2019

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) is set to place the draft of its delimitation exercise — with some changes — before corporators and MLAs shortly. The draft, vetted by ward-level revenue officials, will rewrite boundaries of wards to ensure equal population in each.

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## With over 9,300 cases till August, dengue sting may be worst in Karnataka

Aug 28, 2019

With 9,374 dengue cases reported till August 26, Karnataka seems to be the worst affected state in the country.

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## Bangalore Development Authority to have record room for original documents

Aug 27, 2019

It's going to get easier for people visiting the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) office in search of original records. The authority has decided to put in place its first-ever record room to house all documents pertaining to the sale of lands and sites.

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## NGT sets August 31 deadline for plastic ban

Aug 28, 2019

The National Green Tribunal's state-level committee has set August 31 deadline for the government to enforce the ban on plastic, as defined by three government orders issued over the past three years

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## Bengaluru to implement strict ban on single-use plastic from September 1

Aug 28, 2019

Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) special commissioner Randeep D on Wednesday said that the ban on single-use plastic has not been implemented in top gear in the region and starting September 1, actions a per SWM bye-laws will be implemented.

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## Vasanthnagar residents work with BBMP to fix streetlights

Aug 29, 2019

Determined not to be confined to dark streets, Vasanthnagar residents are assisting the BBMP in maintaining streetlights in their locality

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## After 7-year gap, BBMP to conduct dog census in September

Aug 29, 2019

The BBMP will conduct a census to estimate the city's stray dog population in September. The last census held in 2012 had put the number at close to 2 lakhs.

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## Draft bylaws: BBMP may get powers to punish offenders

Aug 30, 2019

If BBMP's draft bylaws 2019 come into effect, the civic agency will for the first time be empowered to take punitive measures to check illegal constructions in Bengaluru.

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## BJP councillors oppose separate collection of dry and wet waste

Aug 31, 2019

Garbage tenders that envisage separate collection of different streams of waste have become a bone of contention between the ruling Congress-Janata Dal(S) combine and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP).

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## From Tuesday, segregate waste or pay hefty penalty in Bengaluru

Sep 01, 2019

Not segregating waste at source could prove costly from Tuesday. The BBMP is all set to implement the hefty penalties it announced for various violations related to solid waste management in the city

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## Retail outlets flout 'no plastic rule';warned by the Pollution Control Board

Sep 02, 2019

Retail Chain outlets and Shopkeepers in Bengaluru have been warned to do away with all forms plastic bags and covering, yet again, after it was noticed that many were still using plastic to pack fruits and vegetables.

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## Escoms bleed in powering up layouts

Sep 05, 2019

Seeking to put an end to losses of crores of rupees in laying electricity lines for houses in new "unauthorised" layouts, electricity supply companies (escoms) have sought to hike the charges by up to 10 times for providing such connections.

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## BBMP to have four special commissioners soon

Sep 06, 2019

In a move to decentralise Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) administration, the state government has decided to appoint four IAS officers as special commissioners, one each for two divisions. The BBMP has eight divisions.

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## HC gives govt. a month to decide on draft solid waste management by laws

Sep 07, 2019

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday set a one-month deadline for the State government to examine the draft Solid Waste Management (SWM) Bylaws of the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) and take a decision on approving the draft for notifying it in the gazette to invite suggestions and objections from the public.

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## 20 days later, Bilekahalli stretch sees no progress

Sep 07, 2019

The Bilekahalli stretch, on Bannerghatta Road which has been in total despair, continues to be so even after more than a week.

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## Car, Air-conditioner and everything under the sun

Sep 09, 2019

A Marathahalli family installs solar panels, use it to charges all appliances and sells excess to Bescom. Bengaluru has one more family added to its list of eco-friendly families.

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## BBMP to conduct survey of dilapidated, unstable buildings

Sep 09, 2019

Following the spate of collapses and a rise in the number of unauthorised constructions, the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has decided to conduct a survey and identify buildings that are dilapidated, and not stable or strong enough to sustain for long.

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## Probe BBMP waste management projects: Karnataka CM

Sep 09, 2019

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa ordered a probe into the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagarPalike's (BBMP) solid waste management (SWM) projects and its expenditure of over Rs 1,000 crore per year on the same.

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## BWSSB to shift office from Anand Rao Circle

Sep 10, 2019

The BWSSB will soon shift the office of its executive engineer and assistant executive engineers near Anand Rao Circle. The office of the executive engineer (M&P)-13 and assistant engineers 13-1, 13-2, 13-3 and 13-4 will be shifted to various locations across the city

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## Sarjapura Road: A study in contrasts

Sep 10, 2019

Just about 2 km from the spot where this collage of pictures was taken, techies put their minds together everyday and produce solutions for the world in Wipro and other tech parks.

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