

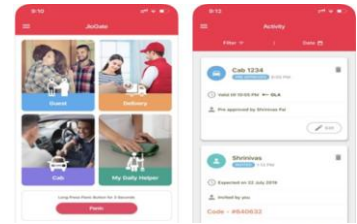
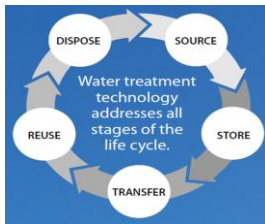


Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

Volume 3, Issue 6, Sep 2019

Dear Apartment Resident,

Greetings and best wishes to all our communities! Reason being we are into the festival season. And we would like to hear about how "Green" was your event. And we wish that all of us continue to ensure we celebrate festivals with zero plastic, zero waste, SWM compliant and so on. Some quick tips to ensure zero waste is by carrying re-useable items in a personal reusable bag as below. While you do it- share your secret with others too!



And its time for BAMBOOS once again. Calling all BAF Apartments to be Operationally Outstanding & Sustainable! **BAMBOOS will be held on 24th November 2019, at Freedom Park.** This time the following themes will be available for clusters to participate in.

WATER | SAFETY |

SWM | COMMUNITY WELFARE|

RENEWABLE ENERGY| CIVIC ENGAGEMENT |

APARTMENT MANAGEMENT| SMART COMMUNITY|



Each of the themes above will have their own sub themes (eg Water will cover aerators, smart meters, RWH and so on). For details do get in touch with Cluster Leaders/ GC members. **WE EXPECT EACH MEMBER APARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN EACH CLUSTER TO share & learn the best practices & network with members of BAF in a productive & fruitful way.**

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

1. Trust the members are keeping a close watch on reversal of **partial non domestic (PND) tariff applied by BWSSB** since past few months. There may be reversals soon as some local offices are inspecting the reversal applications made by our members by inspecting the usage of Cauvery water.
2. BAF was invited to represent for a panel discussion on **Customer Centric Issues in a National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), event called Karnataka Builders & Developers' Conclave** held in Bengaluru. NAREDCO represents an ecosystem of all stakeholders for real estate industry-builders, PMC contractors, architects, building material suppliers etc. It functions under the aegis of Union Housing Ministry. Customers like us definitely need to have a say in policies affecting real estate. BAF is happy to announce that, subsequent to the conclave, a **K-NAREDCO special task force has been constituted in which BAF will also represent.** Initial paper on woes of home owners & association formation related issues has been shared with NAREDCO.
3. BAF also has been in touch with **KAOA and RERA expert/activists** as there are quite a few lacunae in the relevant association acts. **Several PILs are being lined up for filing**, that will seek to address issues that have been facing apartment registration, conveyance, acts that need to be amended etc. BAF is actively following up on all developments. Members facing issues in this space can connect to GC for support.
4. BAF partnered with **DAANUTSAV- JOY OF GIVING**. We request members who celebrated to share their initiatives.
5. **Draft fire safety inspection norms have been notified by KSEFS**. BAF will be evaluating the same for feedbacks.

Visit our special section on Civic Engagement by BAF Members in the Newsletter. Win BAF T-shirt with FUN@BAF! Attend Cluster meets In October to collect educational & empowering membership certificates! Happening only at BAF !

Cheers ,Team BAF!

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**BANGALORE
APARTMENTS'
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**Bengaluru Apartments Making Bengaluru
Operationally Outstanding & Sustainable**

**AT FREEDOM PARK
24TH November 2019**

**“The Greatest Threat To Our Planet is the Belief That.....
Someone Else will Save It”**

We at BAF believe – WE CAN & WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SAVE OUR PLANET!

Kudos to BAF members who have worked at cluster level or ward level at various places around the city to contribute making Bengaluru clean and green! Members got their communities together – including Gen-next, and collaborated with civic officials, NGOs, citizen groups/ local RWAs etc. across the city & contributed to city beautification. BAF Banshankari, BAF-HSR, BAF North 2 members - to name a few - have individually or collectively participated actively for cleanliness drives, plog runs, creating water conservation awareness, voter enrolment awareness & so on.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT – This is what it looks like! A theme in BAMBOOS!! We are sure we all have some of this to share with our BAF community!

[Lets get ready to share our best practices with our BAF community, learn from each other, showcase our achievements at our annual BAMBOOS event. BAMBOOS will be held on 24th November @ FREEDOM PARK. We urge every BAF member to participate & make it a grand success. Contact your cluster leader/ GC for more details & cluster topic allocation.](#)

Next Month special coverage on “JOY OF GIVING”. Send in a brief write up and pictures on your cluster / apartment contribution to the same to info@bafonline.org.in This will feature in the next issue of BAF newsletter



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QUIZ BASED ON BAF NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTH!

THEME: REST OF THE NEWS SECTION

- Q1. BBMP has extended the ban on digging of newly laid and restored roads from 1 year to how many years?
- Q2. What is the name of the newly launched Bangalore governance focussed political party?
- Q3. How many electrocution deaths were reported just by BESCOM in past 3 years ?
- Q4. How many roof top solar installations are there in the city and how much power do they generate?
- Q5. What is the full form of EVP?

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

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





BAF IN THE NEWS.....



DaanUtsav in its 11th year-commences celebrations of the Joy of Giving Week

Sep 30, 2019

From over a decade, DaanUtsav has grown up to be most efficient and effective platforms to celebrate the joy of giving. Many corporates, NGOs, associations and individuals have come forward to celebrate this week in huge numbers. Bangalore has been celebrating DaanUtsav since the idea of the festival was mooted in 2009.

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BAF IN THE NEWS.....

Bengaluru citizens pick up 7.5 tonnes of plastic trash in tribute to Bapu

Oct 03, 2019

Mahatma Gandhi's exhortations that citizenry has responsibilities too resonated with Bengalureans on Wednesday as they marked Bapu's 150th birth anniversary with cleanliness drives and pledges to cut on plastic

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REST OF THE NEWS....

45-day programme to get errors in EPIC rectified

Sep 01, 2019

To help citizens verify the electoral rolls and get their details corrected, the Election Commission of India launched Electors Verification Programme (EVP) on Sunday. The programme will be implemented till October 15.

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HC seeks state's view on conducting study on KC valley project

Sep 04, 2019

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday asked the government's response on conducting an overall assessment of supplying treated water, from the Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) of Koramangala-Challaghatta (KC) valley in Bengaluru, to the minor irrigation tanks of Kolar and Chikkaballapura districts. The court suggested asking an agency like CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute to conduct the survey.

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Residents say they are forced to dump garbage in drain

Sep 05, 2019

Tension turned into palpable anger on Wednesday, when the body of five-year-old Mohammed Zain, suspected to have fallen into a stormwater drain in Arafath Nagar near Hale Guddadahalli, was found several kilometres away from his home.

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REST OF THE NEWS....

Housing market in Bengaluru attracting more younger buyers

Sep 07, 2019

Bengaluru, Pune, Mumbai, Hyderabad, New Delhi and Chennai are among the cities where the average age of homebuyers seems to be dropping with time. Developers said cities like Bengaluru have attracted a huge influx of white-collar migration due to IT/ITES, which, combined with other factors, has led to a demand for housing.

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HC gives govt. a month to decide on draft solid waste management bylaws

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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Top 50 property tax defaulters under the scanner

Sep 07, 2019

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike has decided to exert pressure on the top-50 property tax defaulters on priority. The list includes well-known IT companies and government agencies such as the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.

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In Bengaluru, skywalks help no one but advertisers

Sep 07, 2019

Sides are covered on Mysore Bank circle skywalk. The narrow footpath forces pedestrians to walk on the road. This is the skywalk at the Mysore Bank Circle on Kemppegowda Road in Bengaluru. It has an elevator and is well-lit. However, the sides of the skywalk path are covered, so the insides are not visible from the road.

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Clogged drain triggered her start-up which now treats waste

Sep 12, 2019

In 2016, Nivedha RM and her friends had cleared a blocked drain near their college in Kengeri. Their joy, however, was short-lived as the drain was again choked with garbage the next day.

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BBMP enhances security deposit for road cutting work

Sep 12, 2019

Lack of coordination between agencies, including private telecoms and internet service providers, is often the culprit for poor and unmotorable stretches of roads across the city.

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Can India kick the plastic habit?

Sep 14, 2019

On the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day of the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to the people to make the country free from single-use plastics (SUPs) and to work towards this mission wholeheartedly.

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Life with less plastic: Now, that would be fantastic

Sep 14, 2019

My concern with plastic started in the late nineties when I experienced the growing dependence of plastic in our day to day lives. In early 2000, Life in Plastic, a book authored by Robert Edwards and Rachel Kellett became a real eye-opener.

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Escoms found wanting as 900 electrocuted in state

Sep 14, 2019

The electrocution of two children in Koppal district has triggered intense public angst across the state. Countering the claims of the government that prioritises the safety of citizens, the state is witness to back-to-back incidents of electrocution in recent times.

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Are zonal committees the way ahead?

Sep 18, 2019

The government has taken a step towards decentralising the civic administration by delegating powers of the civic commissioner to four special commissioners who are in charge of two zones each.

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BBMP commissioner proposes zonal budgets

Sep 19, 2019

Are separate zonal budgets the next step towards a more decentralised Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP)? At the council meeting on Wednesday, civic commissioner B.H. Anil Kumar said that the BBMP may consider having separate budgets for each of the eight zones in the city.

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Bescom pulling the plug on Bengaluru

Sep 19, 2019

Bengaluru is one of the technology hubs of the world, despite the best efforts, one might say, of Bescom. Power cuts remain a common feature in city life, transformers explode in rain, sunshine and the wind. In good weather, they overheat and explode anyway. Power lines are cut when passing birds stop to sit on them, or because they came in contact with a tree.

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Is civic body equipped to handle illegal constructions?

Sep 19, 2019

The Karnataka High Court on Thursday directed the Commissioner of the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) to submit details on how the civic body is equipped to tackle illegal constructions, including how many orders were passed for demolishing illegal constructions and how many illegal structures were actually demolished since 2018.

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BWSSB to upgrade three Cauvery pumping stations

Sep 20, 2019

In a bid to address the city's water demand, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) would upgrade three pumping stations processing Cauvery water.

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10 months on, ward committees less empowering than expected

Sep 20, 2019

Ward committees, which aim to empower citizens so that they can oversee and monitor governance at the local level and bring accountability to the civic body, have yet to fulfil their potential. In the 10 months since monthly ward committee meetings were made compulsory, residents and citizens' groups in several neighbourhoods have struggled to put in place effective mechanisms.

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Over 1,800 solar rooftop projects, but only 126MW power

Sep 21, 2019

Four years after having started the solar rooftop scheme, Bengaluru has been able to notch projects with a capacity of a little over 100 MW.

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Ward committee meetings should be more structural, says Mayor

Sep 21, 2019

In one of her final interactions with citizens as she completes her term, Mayor Gangambike Mallikarjun on Friday discussed the need for ward committee meetings to be conducted in a structured manner.

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No Safety: Bengaluru, a ticking firebomb

Sep 21, 2019

Bengaluru was shocked and horrified at the major fire that broke out at a branch of the Uco Bank on M G Road in the heart of the city on Wednesday, but it could be sitting on more such potential disasters as many of its buildings both and government and private, don't have adequate fire and safety measures in place.

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High-tension wires: Ball in BBMP court

Sep 22, 2019

Bescom and KPTCL have asked the BBMP to take swift action against building owners who have not maintained the prescribed distance from high-tension wires.

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Month	Wards that uploaded minutes of meeting
September*	2
August	26
July	33
June	38
May	30

* As on September 18, 2019

Bengaluru citizens launch political party, will contest 2020 BBMP election

Sep 23, 2019

Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP), a political party with the vision to make Bengaluru a model city of the world, was launched this Sunday, September 22nd. The ideology of the party is good grassroots governance. It will focus only on the municipal elections in the Greater Bengaluru Area, primarily BBMP.

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Rs. 3 lakh savings per year, and borewells that never dry: what a Bengaluru Apartment gained from RWH

Sep 23, 2019

Why did Indo-Aryans move towards Indus Valley and then to the Ganges Plain? Why did Dravidians settle near rivers? There may be several reasons.

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Bengaluru traffic police urge BWSSB fix dug-up roads

Sep 23, 2019

Delay on the part of Bangalore Water and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) in restoring the roads dug up to lay drinking water pipelines is not only affecting residents and motorists but is also troubling other government agencies such as the traffic police and the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagarPalike (BBMP).

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Pourakarmikas protest BBMP move to regularise only a few, commissioner assures action

Sep 24, 2019

In a bid to regularise the posts of 4000 pourakarmikas in the city, the BBMP called for online applications in a circular dated 27th August. There are 18,000 pourakarmikas in the city who have been receiving their salaries under the direct payment system since January 2018, and the state government had earlier promised to regularise all of them.

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Your neighbourhood park could hold answer to wet waste management

Sep 25, 2019

As the Bellahalli quarry is brimming over with the city's garbage. BBMP has come up with the idea of wet waste disposal in neighbourhood parks, where it will be composted.

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Citizen's outrage prompts BBMP action plan to fix roads dug up by BWSSB

Sep 25, 2019

Over the past few days, there has been outrage from citizens over the dismal condition of roads owing to digging by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). With the city receiving heavy rains over the past couple of days, the condition of the roads has worsened.

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Bengaluru's new 'citizens' party' offers hope, but can it win BBMP elections?

Sep 26, 2019

It was a lazy Sunday afternoon that saw the launch of a new political party in Bengaluru. Now, in an already overcrowded political spectrum, this should not be news. Yet the launch of Bengaluru Navanirman Party (BNP) has some unique facets to it, that should get us to sit up and take notice.

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Soon, Bengaluru water data will be there at your fingertips

Sep 26, 2019

What's the quantity of ground water residents of Whitefield are consuming? How much of Cauvery Water is getting wasted in Shantinagar? How good is the quality of treated water coming out of BWSSB sewage treatment plants?

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BWSSB looks to shed 'sewerage' from name

Sep 26, 2019

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is mulling to drop the word "sewerage" from its title to propagate the idea that all water, even sewage, is nothing but water.

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BMTC looks to the sun to save Rs 4.32 cr a year

Sep 27, 2019

By 2020, Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will be harnessing solar energy to cut down its annual expenses and will be turn reduce its losses.

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Three-year ban on digging newly laid roads

Sep 27, 2019

After much public outrage over the condition of roads, the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) has decided to extend the ban on digging of newly laid and restored roads from one to three years.

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Voter roll revision for 2020: How to enrol, verify or update your details

Sep 27, 2019

This year, thousands of Bengalureans could not vote in the Lok Sabha election since their names went missing from the electoral rolls mysteriously. Thousands of applications for new enrolment also lay unprocessed for months before the election, which prevented many others from voting.

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We've paid BBMP Rs 100cr to fix roads: BWSSB

Sep 27, 2019

Trading blame for the city's crumbling road infrastructure has become a popular sport among civic agencies. BBMP has repeatedly criticised water and sewerage board BWSSB for not repairing stretches which are dug up for installing pipelines.

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BBMP to restore 630 km of roads| Action against water bill defaulters| PlasticBeku for BIAL roads

Sep 29, 2019

BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike) Commissioner B H Anil Kumar tweeted that the civic body has drawn up an action plan to restore 630 km out of 3000 km roads in the city once the BWSSB finishes laying drinking water and underground drainage (UGD) pipelines.

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NGT- appointed committee submits report on lakes

Sep 29, 2019

The National Green Tribunal-appointed committee to oversee the protection and rejuvenation of Agara, Bellandur and Varthur lakes has submitted its report to the tribunal.

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Citizens step out of homes, fix craters and clean roads neglected by BBMP

Sep 30, 2019

The festive season is in, but not all Bengalureans are having fun. Some residents are literally dirtying their hands to finish the job of civic officials, who have left many roads dug up and riddled with potholes, without taking up restoration work.

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Survey to find out if you are catching enough rain

Sep 30, 2019

Are you harvesting rainwater where you live? If not, gear up for the BWSSB is soon going to keep its eyes out. On the cards is a survey of properties that have installed rainwater harvesting systems. BWSSB plans to hire NGOs to check on the eligible

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IRDAI sets up panel to standardise title insurance for home buyers in India

Oct 03, 2019

IRDAI is looking at developing a standard structure for title insurance which is mandatory for RERA registered projects. Title insurance provides indemnity to developers and subsequent home buyers of the property against losses due to defects in the title arising out of third-party challenges.

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Sanjaynagar residents ring in mobile composting service

Oct 03, 2019

Residents of Sanjaynagar are determined to ensure that the waste they generate does not reach landfills. After having successfully installed lane composters, they, along with the BBMP, have tied up with a private waste management service provider that offers a mobile composting service.

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Engineers accountable if potholes not fixed: New BBMP Mayor Goutham Kumar

Oct 06, 2019

M Goutham Kumar, the new Mayor, means business. Aware of the twin menaces of the city, the potholes and garbage, he told The New Sunday Express in an interview that engineers would be asked to pack up if potholes were not fixed. He set a 100-day time frame for officials to find solutions for the garbage problem.

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Will the BBMP wake up now, at least?

Oct 06, 2019

This is not how karma should work. But in a strange twist of fate, KathyayaniChamaraj, who has been fighting for better road infrastructure and amenities at Shantinagar, fell victim to a broken footpath in Berlie Street.

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Bescom to verify occupancy certificate of properties

Oct 07, 2019

The city's power utility has started cracking down on consumers without OCs (occupancy certificates). Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) has begun surveying properties to cross-check if properties that have applied for or have power supply have valid OCs.

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BWSSB shares list of dug-up roads

Oct 09, 2019

In a bid to ensure accountability, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has made public the list of roads that will be taken up for repair by the BBMP

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Bengaluru's new way to manage waste

Oct 09, 2019

Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has formed a high-level technical committee consisting of both BBMP officials and KSPCB officials to evaluate various technologies available for the onsite processing of wet waste by bulk generators and individual households.

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BBMP suspends officials over lapses in land registration

Oct 11, 2019

The Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike (BBMP) on Thursday suspended five officials in relation to financial irregularities while registering a property.

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Bengaluru: Individual water meters to be a must for apartments

Oct 12, 2019

Individual water meters or submeters will soon be mandatory for apartment complexes with three or more units. If they're not in place, BWSSB won't sanction water connections to the builders. Submetering will enable flat residents to monitor their water usage, reduce consumption and trim their water bills

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BBMP staffers, two others dupe taxpayer of Rs 90,000 with fake receipt

Oct 13, 2019

A Jayanagar resident who wanted to save some amount on his long overdue property tax ended up losing Rs 90,000 after four people, including two BBMP officials, conned him with a fake payment receipt.

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