



Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

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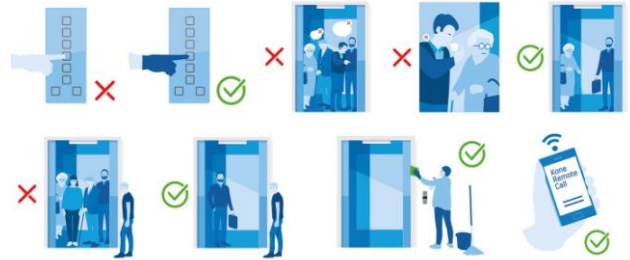
Dear Apartment Resident,

April 2020 was a month of 2 serial Lockdowns(LO) due to COVID19 Pandemic. What started with Janata Curfewon March and a week of initial lockdown was formalised with LO#1 from 1st March to 14th April, and further LO#2 from 1st April til 3rd May. The Lockdowns brought city to a grinding halt as we all had to stay inside our homes. **Through the month BAF extended support with advisories, interpretations, clarification and provide all support required for its members as well non members. BAF virtual knowledge sessions, essential supply programs and other initiatives kept us all aware, alert & engaged.** As we look further to relaxations of Lockdown- we caution members to stay safe and adhere to all preventive measures.

Total COVID-19 positive cases in Karnataka and in BBMP limits

March 8, 2020	May 3
First COVID-19 case was reported in the State	End of Lockdown 2.0
Karnataka 1	Karnataka 606
Bengaluru 1	Bengaluru 149
March 24	May 17
Lockdown 1.0 began	End of Lockdown 3.0
Karnataka 51	Karnataka 1,146
Bengaluru 32	Bengaluru 221
April 14	As of May 24
End of Lockdown 1.0	Karnataka 2,089
Karnataka 260	Bengaluru 272
Bengaluru 68	

Source: BBMP COVID-19 war room



We do hope all members have visited our microsite for updates on various matters affected by COVID19 – be it guidelines, BESCOM payments, virtual meeting sanctity for MC, e-filings and so on. The guidelines issued have been dynamic and we urge all readers to check the date of the guidelines and ensure they are the latest, before implementing or enforcing the same.

While India & Bengaluru stayed home – BAF played the crucial role played to help navigate members through this Lockdown base with challenges, knowledge sessions & updates & also provide support to GoK authorities in critical areas

1. **BAF ki BAAT** sessions on various knowledge and cultural topics and about Bengaluru gained momentum in the viewership. All sessions were virtual sessions on a technology platform
2. **BAF engaged in BBMP war rooms** and various other essential meetings with the government representatives to understand advisories, extend member support to supplement government efforts in containing covid19 spread, as also to place issues of RWAs in these difficult times to the government authorities.
3. Daily **BAF bulletins** were the highlight of the month and are much awaited update by all members as well as non member apartment community. They have been a source of great simplification bulletins, deciphering the MoFW & GoK advisories, and making it simple for RWAs to understand and implement.
4. **BAF Essentials Supply Exchange – BESFEX** was launched to support distressed Govt & other distressed vendors and at the same time ensure members are benefitted by getting essential supplies at their doorstep. This program supported **HOPCOMs/ distressed farmers & produce**, there were also tie ups with various corporate to ensure members have **supply of fresh food & essentials**. Other partners also included providers of **pet food**, covid products (masks, IR thermometers, sanitizers etc) etc. The programs were rolled out BAFwide or specific geographies or member apartments depending on the need. A **BAF directory** listing many such suppliers is listed on the **BAF Covid microsite**.
5. BAF also sensitised the member community on extending **support to their staff on the RWA payroll as well as all their domestic help, car drivers & cleaners, dhobis and other daily wagers supporting their communities**, and ensure they were compensated for loss of pay.
6. It was heartening to note that – many **BAF members engaged in their neighbourhoods / wards** to ensure they provided support to other underprivileged persons , be it migrants or nearby slums as well.
7. Regular **EC & GC meetings were conducted virtually with great participation from BAF leadership teams**.

We are proud of our BAF community who did STAY HOME, STAYED SAFE & supported so many activities as responsible citizens- working with the local government, their communities, neighbourhoods & also engaged in self skill building activities!

Cheers!

Team BAF!

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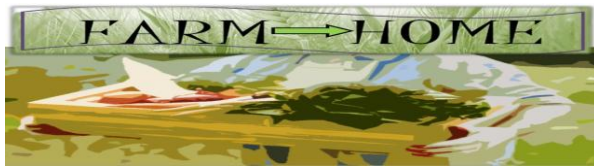
BAF IN THE NEWS.....

Fruit Mela at Your doorstep in Bengaluru this weekend.

Apr 01, 2020

About 200 trucks carrying tonnes of fruits will roll into the streets of Bengaluru this weekend. The mobile 'Fruit Mela' during the lockdown period will tour the 198 wards of the city on April 25 and 26, with 400 tonnes of pineapple from Uttara Kannada and Shivamogga, grapes from Kolar and Chikkaballapur, and watermelon and musk melon from various other districts.

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Summer Assault: Shutdown in the time of lockdown

Apr 25, 2020

Forced indoors for weeks by an unfettered virus, Bengalureans have had their lockdown struggles aggravated by a summer onslaught like no other. Trapped in the soaring heat, water shortage and power cuts have spelled double trouble for lakhs on the city's edge.

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Indoor walks, online meetings and more: How a senior citizen is beating lockdown monotony

Apr 28, 2020

Senior citizens are more vulnerable and face specific challenges during the COVID-19 lockdown. In this series, some seniors discuss how they've been dealing with the situation. In the second part of the series, a senior citizen writes on the solutions he found to cope with lockdown.

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BAF IN THE NEWS.....

Lockdown 3: BBMP Covid advisory for apartments, resident groups

May 04, 2020

Yesterday, a team of representatives from **Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF)** – a federation of apartment RWAs in the city – participated in a video-conference with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) officials. BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar, Special Commissioner (Health and Projects) Dr Ravi Surpur and Special Commissioner (Solid Waste Management) Randeep Dev were present, along with representatives of various Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs)

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Government Relief to Farmers in Karnataka

May 07, 2020

In the wake of the Corona Crisis and the farmers dumping produce, it's a pleasure to be part of the State government to bail out different measures and to try help the farmers at this crisis says Kshama Patil, the Deputy Director of Horticulture. We see a whole hearted effort in Karnataka from the Agriculture Departments, KVK, FPOs, Non -Government and ICAR organisations like IIHR and Agri Universities and Private Organisations, Individuals and Residential associations in helping the farmers link with consumers. The government already had done video conferencing with Bangalore Apartment Federation and Various Residents Welfare Association to help in bulk purchase. HOPCOMS also have been directed to facilitate its produce in bulk to residential localities too. The middle men have been cracked and the farmers have been given direct market facility.

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FOR LATEST COVID ADVISORY:



Ministry Of Health & Family Welfare

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All India Advisory & Dashboards:

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

Karnataka Advisory & Dashboards:

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

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

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

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

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

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

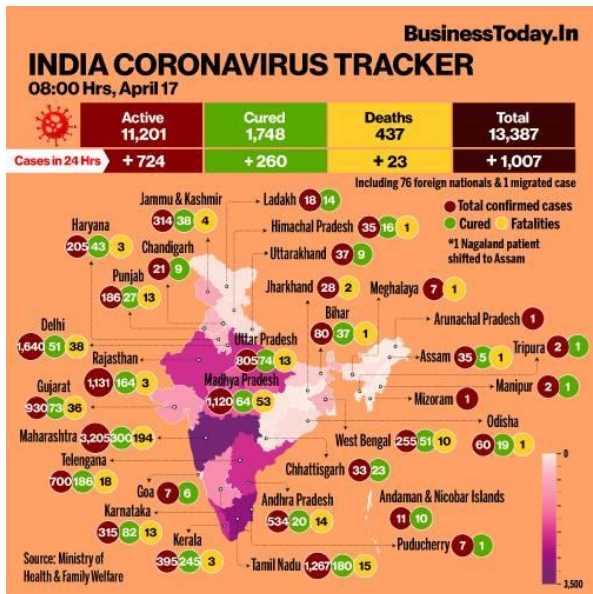
MODE OF TRANSMISSION

- 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 mildly 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



BAF digital touch-points as below:

- Covid-19 microsite: <https://baf.org.in/covid-19/baf-guidelines>
- Twitter : <https://twitter.com/bafblr>
- FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/BangaloreApartmentsFederation/>
- YouTube Channel: BAF Ki BAAT <http://youtube.com/c/bafbangalore>



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REST OF THE NEWS....

BWSSB restarts work on pending projects

Apr 30, 2020

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has started carrying out work on its pending projects on the city's main roads. Three major pipe infrastructure works commenced on Tuesday after getting permission from the state government and police. Water pipeline replacement works have begun on Magadi Road, Old Airport Road and at a spot near the Raj Bhavan.

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KSPCB chairman resigns; he's the third one in a year

May 4, 2020

After earning the wrath of the High Court, M Sudheendra Rao resigned from the post of chairman of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) on Saturday, barely four months after taking over the reins. The appointment of a "civil engineer" to the top post had attracted criticism from environmentalists, stating that the government defied the Supreme Court's directive.

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REST OF THE NEWS....



Lockdown 3: MCA allows companies to hold AGMs via video conferencing

May 06, 2020

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on Tuesday allowed companies to hold annual general meetings (AGMs) through video conferencing (VC) or any other audio-visual means during 2020. This follows the ministry's decision to allow companies to conduct extraordinary general meeting (EGMs) through VCs. In view of the continuing restrictions on movement of people because of covid-19 lockdown, it has been decided that the companies be allowed to conduct their AGM through video conferencing, MCA said in the notification.

- Items deemed unavoidable by the board can be considered in the virtual AGMs
- MCA has allowed companies to send financial statements, board, auditor report through email

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Bengaluru's air purifiers confirms heavy metals in air

May 12, 2020

Recently, the BBMP put up air purifiers by signing a memorandum with software company Atechtron to counter the city's ambient air pollution. According to lab reports, heavy metals like lead and chromium have been found in the city's air.

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Lockdown shows industries are polluting water: Mayor Goutham Kumar

May 15, 2020

The Bengaluru Mayor has stated that studies of the water before and after the lockdown have shown that industries are to blame for pollution and strict action needs to be taken against such units. In his letter to Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), Bengaluru Mayor M Goutham Kumar cited studies conducted by NGOs Citizens for Citizens, Koti Vruksha Sainya, Namami Vrushabhavati Foundation and others to seek urgent action against industry.

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Bengaluru citizens outraged over huge electricity bills

May 13, 2020

Responding to concerns raised by citizens on alleged 'erratic billing' by the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), top officials Wednesday clarified the rationale behind the same.

"Even though the bill is issued for March and April 2020 months consumption together, the total units have been proportionately apportioned for 2 months, units have been doubled starting from the lowest slab," Mahendra Jain, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) said.

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Treat Covid-19 as 'Force Majeure' under RERA: Finance Ministry

May 13, 2020

The state and union territories can issue fresh "project Registration Certificates" automatically with revised timelines and extend timelines for various statutory compliances under RERA concurrently.

[Nirmala Sitharaman](#), Minister of Finance of Corporate Affairs on Wednesday announced that

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs will issue an advisory to states and urban territories and their regulatory authorities to extend the registration and completion date suo-moto by six months for all registered projects expiring on or after March 25, 2020 without individual

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Bill calculation mistakes will be corrected:

May 13, 2020

Coming under fire over inflated power bills, Bescom, on Wednesday, sought to reassure consumers that any mistakes in the calculation of electricity charges will be rectified and no power connection will be removed for non-payment of bills till June 30. Speaking to mediapersons over a video conference, Bescom Managing Director Rajesh Gowda rejected complaints that the generation of bills by calculating the three month average consumption of consumers has been faulty, leading to some consumers receiving inflated bills.

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Bescom Bill May 2020 (March- April)

Description	Amount (Rs.)
Rs60.00 per kW (for 61 of 30 days)	122.00
0 KW at Rs70.00 KW (for 61 of 30 days)	142.33
WH at Rs3.75 per KWH (for 61 of 30 days)	228.75
KWH at Rs5.20 per KWH (for 61 of 30 days)	740.13
KWH at Rs6.75 per KWH (for 61 of 30 days)	1,372.50
KWH at Rs7.80 per KWH (for 61 of 30 days)	1,586.00
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KWH at Rs7.80 per KWH (for 61 of 30 days)	1,586.01
13 KWH at Rs7.80 per KWH (for 61 of 30 days)	8,052.20
	0.00
	0.00
	1363.64
	16779.56
	0.00
	-513.00
	0.44
	16267.00
	Two Hundred Sixty-Seven Only

Bescom Bill March 2020

Description	Amount (Rs.)
	60.00
	70.00
	112.50
	197.60
	8.16
	0.00
	0.00
	27.91
	476.17
	0.00
	0.00
	-0.17
	476.00
	Four Hundred Seventy-Six Only

Bescom Bill February 2020

Description	Amount (Rs.)
	60.00
	70.00
	112.50
	260.00
	9.60
	1.11
	0.08
	33.53
	546.82
	0.00
	0.00
	0.18
	547.00
	Hundred Forty-Seven Only

Resident of Hennur, got a bill of Rs 16,267 for two months (March and April) for a house that had remained unoccupied. The bill for January and February had been less than Rs 600.





COVID-19 gave opportunity to put judiciary's techno infra on robust basis: Justice Chandrachud

May 13, 2020

Supreme Court Justice D Y Chandrachud Wednesday said the COVID -19 pandemic has given an opportunity to place the technological infrastructure of the Indian judiciary on a robust basis.

He said that soon after the pandemic descended, "we were able to create an infrastructure for launching video conferencing in the Supreme Court, high courts and in over 17,000 courts in the country which is is an indicator of what we have been able to achieve."

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Daily Court Digest: Major environment orders

May 14, 2020

Bengaluru lakes; Measures to mitigate pollution in Bengaluru's Bellandur, Varthur and Agaram lakes were gathering speed according to the report submitted by the NGT-appointed monitoring committee, made available to the public on [May 13, 2020](#).The committee noted that 75.21 per cent progress had been achieved against the planned target of 86.38 per cent in the construction of 150 million litres per day (MLD) sewage treatment plant (STP) at the Koramangala and Challaghatta (K&C) valley.

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Call 1912 for Bescom bill queries

May 14, 2020

As a majority of the electricity meter readers had stayed back from work during the lockdown in April, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) has issued power to over 77 lakh consumers for a total of two months (March and April).

Following complaints that a few have received inflated bills the service provider has requested the consumers to dial its helpline number for clarity. The BESCOM has also decided not disconnect the power supply for non-payment of electricity bills till June 30 this year.

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Clarification About BESCOM Electricity Bill - Raise Complaint Online

