

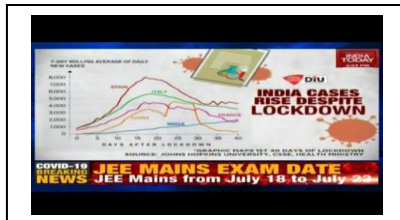


## Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

Volume 4, Issue 4, Jul-Aug 2020

Dear Apartment Resident,

We are bringing to you this Newsletter which is a combined edition of July and Aug months. By now we all know the COVID pandemic has shown no signs of slowing down. At the same time, there have been series of relaxations from the regulatory bodies – including reduced CZ, no domestic travel quarantine, opening up of Gyms and other market places etc. Hence it is now upto EACH ONE OF US to be RESPONSIBLE and navigate the pandemic with self discipline and established covid prevention protocols. Let us all rise upto that and effectively adhere to it.



INDIA: OVER 1L CASES IN 5 JULY DAYS	
<b>NO. 3 IN THE WORLD</b>	<b>WORST 4 IN JULY</b>
TOTAL COVID-19 CASES/DEATHS	
US	29.5L/1.3L
Brazil	15.8L/64,365
India	6.96L/19,684
Russia	6.81L/10,161
<b>COVID COUNT ON SUNDAY</b>	
Cases: 24,912	Deaths: 421 Total Recovered: 4.22



Members are requested to visit BAF website for updates on various matters affected by COVID19 – be it guidelines, government notifications, and other routine BAF newsletters, advisories, BAF-Ki-Baat sessions etc.

The following is the summary of key activities that BAF engaged in during this month

- BAF GC attended a KSPCB meeting with Member Secretary and SEO on STP notices served to BAF members and needed compliance to NGT orders. BAF also demanded shifting the environmental compensation liability onto builders where they have lapsed. CREDAI was also represented in this meeting and agreed to pursue matters with its members as well.
- The BAF-BBMP CQS program was kick started with 900 BAF volunteers signing up for the same. However the program is still evolving as many relaxations on COVID continue to happen. We do urge volunteers to stay in group for further update.
- BAF attended BBMP war room meetings. BAF bulletins deciphered the GoK/ BBMP advisories, making it simple for RWAs to understand and implement the government guidelines during COVID. There was continuous engagement with BBMP and other officials on covid advisory and other support. The role played by BAF was acknowledged & appreciated by all departments
- BAF partnered with KSPCB on the Eco Turmeric Ganeshha Campaign. While the campaign sensitized BAF members on celebrating Ganesh festival in an eco friendly manner. The campaign also expanded to include virtual contests, that encouraged members to celebrate the festival in a manner that is safe, retains its festive fervours and at same time use technology to facilitate virtual celebrations. The DIY Eco Ganeshha, DIY- Ganeshha Décor, Ganeshha-Cultural program and Live Ganeshha Bhog Cookery contests saw huge participation by BAF members. [\(List of winners for various contests announced at the end of this newsletter\)](#)
- Further to BAF follow ups, Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Cooperation Dept. has issued 3 notifications affecting RWAs:
  - Notification-24/6/20: KCSA(1959) registered associations are allowed to hold AGM by 25<sup>th</sup> Dec & file report by 31/12/20.
  - Circular-22/7/20: AGM for KSRA(1960) registered & functioning associations are allowed to hold AGM by end Dec 2020.
  - Circular-23/7/20: One time permission to those KSRA associations who have not renewed for more than 5 years, to do so online, before 31.12.2020 with one time penalty levied (Rs 500p.a), else registrations to be cancelled/removed.
- BAF ki BAAT virtual learning & knowledge sharing sessions were conducted on following topics during July & August:

a. Integrated Approach for Prevention of COVID	b. Know your Armed Forces
c. Importance of Domestic Safety	d. Emotional Intelligence & Road Safety
e. Sewage Problems & Effective Green Solutions	f. Conducting AGMs Amid Covid Restrictions

The video recordings of all above sessions (and previous ones) are available at <https://baf.org.in/gallery>

- Regular EC & GC meetings were conducted virtually with great participation. Many cluster meetings were conducted for better engagement, knowledge sharing, learning, support & networking across all members

**Independence Day & Ganesh Chaturthi showcased possibility of safe & virtual celebrations. With opening up of travel, no traveler quarantines & other relaxations, BAF urges members to Celebrate this Festival Season – SAFELY**

Cheers! Team BAF!

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....



### **Bengaluru authorities, resident associations join hands to quarantine COVID patients**

*July 11, 2020*

While the state government has been establishing COVID care centres at marriage halls, auditoriums, many - Resident Welfare Associations (RWA) too have come forward to facilitate home isolation and management of positive patients in their apartment premises.

In this regard, on Friday, BBMP, with the help of Bangalore Apartments Federation, enabled 225 apartments campuses in Bommanahalli to create COVID Care Centres, thereby allowing immediate relief for 42,383 families.

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### **How apartment RWAs can prepare to handle COVID cases, Bengaluru**

*Jul 14, 2020*

Since the recent surge in COVID-positive cases, Bengaluru's health infrastructure has been overburdened.

Vikram Rai, a member of the governing council of Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF), says, "The response from the BBMP is more and more delayed as the number of cases rises. Sometimes, it can take up to 2-3 days." BAF is an association of over 750 RWAs and AOAs (Apartment Owners Associations) in the city.

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## BAF IN THE NEWS.....

### **Bommanahalli federation gets nod for first-ever RWA Covid-19 Care Centre**

*July 18, 2020*

Amid increasing Covid-19 cases and a shortage of beds in hospitals, a federation of residents' association in Bengaluru has been permitted to create its own Covid Care Centre (CCC).

The Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) in Bommanahalli zone has 225 member apartments with 42,383 families. Its General Secretary Vikram Rai approached Rajendra Kataria, the official in-charge of public Covid Care Centres such as BIEC and Haj Bhavan, with the request to allow private buildings to run their own care centres.

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### **Apartments find an outlet for e-waste during lockdown**

*Aug 6, 2020*

Despite the lockdown, old televisions, computers and dry waste material from South Bengaluru made their way to recyclers, thanks to dedicated residents of the city. Vikram Rai, general secretary of Bangalore Apartments Federation (BAF), which has over 800 apartments in its fold, told The New Indian Express that they launched a Dry Waste/E-waste campaign on June 5, World Environment Day, in association with Saahas Zero Waste, a non-profit.

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## Apartments battling Covid-19: A collective combat in flats

Aug 07, 2020

“Indeed, the measures are taken to strictly enforce the 14-day home quarantine for people returning from outside the State such as sanitation, and entry checkpoints have helped,” says Vikram Rai from the Bangalore Apartments’ Federation (BAF) governing council. “With positive cases emerging in big numbers, we adopted Covid Affirmative Action plans for apartments.” Step-by-step guide Collating data, guidelines and updated protocols, the Federation came out with a step-by-step chart on whom to contact, what to sanitise, home isolation and more. “We also formed a special support WhatsApp group called ‘BAF Positivity Group.’ Over the last one and half months, more than 80 apartment associations have joined the group,” Rai informs.

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## RWAs cautious, set up Covid centres

Aug 28, 2020

Rohan Vasantha Apartments, Marathahalli, set up a care unit in their guest room facility, near the clubhouse. Prabhu Patil, president of the RWA says that they decided to set the unit up after noticing a shortage of hospital beds, as all positive cases were being rushed to hospital.

The BAF played a role in requesting the government to come up with guidelines to encourage apartments. “We also help individual apartments interested in setting up the facilities to connect with service providers who can support them,” he says.

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## People avoid Covid-19 testing in Bengaluru

Sept 04, 2020

The BBMP is sending swab collectors to apartment blocks, but not many people are willing to be tested. IAS officer Munish Moudgil, in charge of the Karnataka State Covid-19 War Room, says, “People don’t want to cooperate. They even object to a free testing need not be shunned. However, a trust deficit exists, and many people Metrolife spoke to believe they could become victims of false, or worse, fudged outcomes.

Vikram Rai, general secretary of the Bengaluru Apartments Federation, says people avoid testing because of the stigma associated with the disease. “The moment someone tests positive there is an air of suspicion and they are isolated. This can be a difficult ordeal for many,” he says.

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**MAIN METHODS TO DETECT VIRUS**

- MOLECULAR TEST** (Commonly called: RT-PCR)
  - How sample is collected: Mostly nasal or throat swab. Saliva in some cases
  - How long for results: 6-7 hours
  - Need for repeat test: Rarely. Test is highly accurate
  - What the result shows: Active infection
  - Pros: An antigen test is designed for rapid detection of coronavirus. The process, which usually involves samples taken from nasal cavity using swabs, scans for proteins found on or inside the virus.
- ANTIGEN TEST** (Commonly called: Rapid diagnostic test)
  - How sample is collected: Nasal or throat swab
  - How long for results: <1 hour
  - Need for repeat test: At times, second round is required for accurate results
  - What the result shows: Active infection
  - Pros: The test can detect the virus quickly but delivers more false negatives than the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, which is considered the gold standard of Covid diagnostics.
- ANTIBODY TEST** (Commonly called: Rapid test)
  - How sample is collected: Finger prick or blood draw
  - How long for results: <1 hour
  - Need for repeat test: If you were infected by coronavirus in recent past
  - What the result shows: Active infection
  - Pros: The antigen test is generally cheap and can produce results in minutes. It is also used for diagnosis of infectious diseases such as influenza, tuberculosis and HIV.

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**Ministry Of Health  
&  
Family Welfare**

**All India Advisory & Dashboards:**

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



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**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/>



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**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/bafbngalore>



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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### COVID



#### **Don't worry, be happy**

*Aug 30, 2020*

It's going to be a Terrific Tuesday. Resto pubs, bars and clubs have been allowed to resume services from September 1 as per Unlock 4.0 guidelines released on Saturday. Excise Commissioner M Lokesh said that an official order to this effect will be issued on Monday. "It will be back to normal like earlier,"

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#### **Unlock 4: Metro trains, political meets allowed in Karnataka**

*Aug 31, 2020*

Metro train services here will resume in a graded manner from September 7 while political, social and religious congregations of up to 100 people will be permitted as part of Unlock-4 guidelines issued by the Karnataka government on Monday. Schools, colleges and other and coaching institutions will remain closed for students till September 30, while some relaxation has been given for students of classes 9 to 12, the Unlock-4 order issued by chief secretary T M Vijay Bhaskar in line with the Centre's guidelines said.

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## REST OF THE NEWS....

### BBMP & MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE



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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

#### **BBMP to get bigger, include IT hubs, villages**

*July 04, 2020*

If all goes as planned, the existing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will become even more 'bruhat'. There is a proposal before the State Government to include a few parts of Bengaluru Rural, especially the IT hubs, into BBMP limits. Meanwhile, the government is set to postpone BBMP elections, scheduled for September 2020.

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#### **209 areas in city flood-prone, says BBMP**

*Aug 08, 2020*

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has identified 209 flood-prone areas in the city, categorising 153 of them as sensitive and 56 hypersensitive. With the threat of flash floods looming over the city, the civic body has decided to instal sensors in many more stormwater drains.

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## **BBMP, is there no good time to start tree census?**

*Aug 11, 2020*

Every monsoon, when tree and branch falls bring the city to a halt, the importance of a tree census comes to fore. The BBMP gave an undertaking to the Karnataka High Court in October 2019 to commence the tree census within a month and it was supposed to be taken up in November 2019. It took five months from then for the BBMP to announce training for its officials, but now it has been five months, and there has been no progress on the census. Now, of course, the covid crisis has come as a convenient excuse for the delay.

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## **BBMP lost Rs 500 cr in property tax as 110 biz units undervalued liability**

*Aug 11, 2020*

The BBMP council on Monday accepted the total station survey report that found irregularities in the way 110 highly commercial establishments were given property tax concessions. As per the report, the BBMP lost nearly Rs 500 crore in property tax, including Rs 116.93 crore in the East Zone alone.

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## **BBMP's sweeping statement**

*Aug 12, 2020*

Despite 17 sweeping machines not being put to good use, BBMP to buy 25 more at Rs 41 cr How effective have mechanical sweeping machines been in keeping the city's roads clean? The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) does not care

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## **Can RWAs ban pets, feeding of strays during COVID?**

*Aug 17, 2020*

COVID-19 has not only affected us humans, but also stray animals in several ways. For one, though the [World Health Organisation \(WHO\)](#) [has stated](#) that animals can't transmit COVID to humans, they are ill-treated and not allowed in residential areas. Another issue is that stray animals, especially dogs, are often dependent on leftover food from street vendors and fast food vendors. But with fewer people and shops, and more restrictions since COVID, strays have been left without enough food.

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## **Complaints mount, BBMP starts drive to fill potholes**

*Aug 18, 2020*

According to BBMP records, Bengaluru has 85,321 roads, of which 62,199 have been declared pothole-free. The corporation also stated that of the total roads, 12,440 are under the zonal divisions, of which 75% have been attended to, 10% are worn out and 22% have dug up for various utility works.

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## Swachh shock: BBMP slips drastically in rankings

Aug 21, 2020

Claiming to replicate the Indore model of the garbage disposal system in Bengaluru, the BBMP has secured 'zero' points in the 'Garbage Free City' category of the Swachh Survekshan 2020 rankings. Planning to implement the Indore model, a high-level delegation led by Mayor Goutham Kumar had visited Indore and even invited experts from there to replicate the model in five selected wards of the city. Yet, the civic body failed to fully implement the model and secured zero points in the category, affecting its overall ranking.

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According to Bill, the mayor will enjoy a 5-year term. The city will be divided into zones - up to 15 of them - and each will have a committee chaired by a zonal commissioner. Zonal committees will be formed to implement projects. A chief commissioner will coordinate between the mayor, the city council and the zonal committees


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Bengaluru skids on its waste heap, down in Centre's Swachh ranking

Aug 25, 2020

Demands for fixing Bengaluru's civic administration structure have come back after India's tech capital fell by 20 slots in the Centre's Swachh Survekshan — a cleanliness survey — the results of which were announced last week. Among the 4,242 towns and cities assessed, Bengaluru now stands at 214th position, gradually slipping year after year.

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**Top 20 Cities in >10 Lakh Population Category**

Quarter 1			Quarter 2		
Rank	State	City	Rank	State	City
1	MADHYA PRADESH	INDORE	1	MADHYA PRADESH	INDORE
2	MADHYA PRADESH	BHOPAL	2	GUJARAT	RAJKOT
3	GUJARAT	SURAT	3	MAHARASHTRA	NEW MUMBAI
4	MAHARASHTRA	NASHIK	4	GUJARAT	VADODRA
5	GUJARAT	RANI	5	MADHYA PRADESH	BHOPAL
6	MAHARASHTRA	PIMPRI CHINCHWAD	6	GUJARAT	AHMEDABAD
7	GUJARAT	AMRITSAR	7	MAHARASHTRA	NASHIK
8	MAHARASHTRA	NEW MUMBAI	8	MAHARASHTRA	GREATR MUMBAI
9	UTTAR PRADESH	ALLAHABAD	9	UTTAR PRADESH	ALLAHABAD
10	MAHARASHTRA	VASAI VIKAR	10	UTTAR PRADESH	LUCKNOW
11	CHHATTISGARH	CHANDIGARH	11	MADHYA PRADESH	JHARKHAR
12	MAHARASHTRA	PUNE	12	MAHARASHTRA	PUNE
13	MAHARASHTRA	GREATR MUMBAI	13	MADHYA PRADESH	BHOPAL
14	UTTAR PRADESH	VARANASI	14	MAHARASHTRA	PIMPRI CHINCHWAD
15	UTTAR PRADESH	KANPUR	15	MAHARASHTRA	NAGPUR
16	UTTAR PRADESH	LUCKNOW	16	MAHARASHTRA	KALYAN DOMBIVLI
17	MAHARASHTRA	KALYAN DOMBIVLI	17	MAHARASHTRA	VASAI VIKAR
18	CHHATTISGARH	RAIPUR	18	ANDHRA PRADESH	VISHAKHAPATNAM
19	ANDHRA PRADESH	VISHAKHAPATNAM	19	UTTAR PRADESH	VARANASI
20	ANDHRA PRADESH	VISHAKHAPATNAM	20	GUJARAT	SURAT

**SWACHH SURVEKSHAN**

## BJP MLA Raghu to head house panel on BBMP Bill

Aug 24, 2020

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bill, which the BJP government tabled in the Assembly when it was last in session in March, was referred to a joint panel after several MLAs, including those from the BJP, opposed it. The Bill comes ahead of elections to the BBMP Council whose term ends early next month.

There is speculation that the BJP government will look to enact the Bill before the elections.

## A breather for Bengaluru's lakes

Aug 25, 2020

Most tanks in Bengaluru are cleaner this year due to the restrictions on idol immersion. With the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) taking measures to prevent immersion of Ganesha idols into immersion tanks, most lakes in the city are relatively less polluted as compared to the previous years.

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## TDR scam probe: ACB raids 4 houses

Aug 26, 2020

Sleuths from the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday raided the residences of four individuals, including an assistant engineer working in the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in connection with the Transferable Development Rights (TDR)

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## RWAs may come up with leashing rules

Aug 30, 2020

Apartment owners' associations and RWAs are reconciling themselves to the new government guidelines that categorically state they can't bar any of their members from keeping pets. "We don't want to discriminate between pets and people," said Vidya Goggi, resident of White House Apartment, RT Nagar. She added that her apartment earlier had a no-pet policy but now many residents have pets.

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## POWER



## Karnataka Regulator Reduces Tariff for a Delayed 1 MW Rooftop Solar Project

Aug 21, 2020

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission ([KERC](#)) issued an order in favor of the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited ([BESCOM](#)) and asked Applied Solar Technologies Private Limited to revise its rooftop solar tariff to ₹5.20 (~\$0.07)/kWh from the ₹9.56 (~\$0.13)/kWh tariff it claimed. The Commission also noted that the developer was not entitled to any relief sought in the petition.

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## Demand shock shuts Karnataka's three thermal power plants

Aug 22, 2020

Karnataka, which was a power deficit state 10 years ago, now faces an energy crisis of a different kind: there's more electricity generation than demand, which has been hit by the pandemic.

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## Flipkart pledges complete transition to electric vehicles by 2030

Aug 26, 2020

Walmart-owned e-commerce firm Flipkart has committed to a complete transition to electric vehicles (EVs) by 2030 by partnering with Climate Group's global electric mobility initiative, EV100.

Flipkart has already achieved 51% reduction in consumption of plastic packaging and has been encouraging higher use of renewable energy for its power needs. It has been introducing projects to boost energy productivity and zero-liquid discharge of wastewater at its warehouses.

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## **CSTEP launches tool to boost solar power generation in Bengaluru**

*Sept 02 2020*

The Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP) on Wednesday launched a web-based tool that would use LiDAR-based aerial imagery to identify shadow-free rooftops in Bengaluru to help the government design policies to tap solar power at household level.

Karnataka has installed less than 10% of its 2.4 GW solar power target. The state, like most others in the country, depends more on conventional sources of power. However, its renewable energy infrastructure is higher than counterparts

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## **Consumers can assess their rooftop solar potential**

*Sep 05, 2020*

[CSTEP's Rooftop Evaluation of Solar Tool \(CREST\)](#), was launched virtually, enabling consumers to assess their rooftop's potential to generate solar energy, for their own consumption and to supply additional power to the Bescom (Bangalore Electricity Supply Company) grid. The LIDAR-based project maps minute details of the rooftop, including the cost of setting up the solar panels.

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## **WATER**



## **BWSSB is building a database of consumers**

*Jun 22, 2020*

It was during the lockdown that the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), which supplies Cauvery water to the City, realised that it did not have a database of its consumers. So now, it has started the exercise to put together a database of all its 20 lakh consumers, including households and establishments, to be completed in 2 months

It's learnt that the BWSSB officials or water meter readers are dropping a form with 17 questions across the city.

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## **BWSSB, KSPCB to issue notices on the spot**

*Jun 22, 2020*

A special team constituted to crack down on buildings in Bengaluru that discharge their waste water into the storm water drains (SWD) or lakes has so far identified 338 violators.

As the violators are yet to get a notice, the team has now decided to issue notices on the spot to those who are yet to connect their sewage pipelines with the common sewer network running across the city.

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## **BWSSB to widen scrutiny**

*Jul 28, 2020*

To plug unauthorised water connections, the BWSSB, has begun a mammoth exercise of collecting data from every single user in the city. Along with this, BWSSB also plans to integrate the revenue register (RR) number with BBMP Property Information Data (PID). A pilot project to this effect was taken up in Malleswaram earlier

Each household is being given a form which enlists details like: RR and consumer number, mobile phone number, year of construction, BBMP PID number, site area, number of floors, number of houses per water connection, presence of overhead tank, automatic water controller, STP, borewell/well, rain water harvesting and rainwater discharge to BWSSB sewage network. After filling out the details, the consumer is expected to give a self-declaration.

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## **NGT refuses to entertain plea challenging notification on STPs**

*Aug 05, 2020*

The National Green Tribunal has refused to entertain a plea seeking withdrawal of a notification mandating exclusion of all existing apartments in Bengaluru with more than 50 units from installing sewage treatment plant (STP) and adoption of dual piping.

It had also sought directions to BWSSB to exclude all apartments which are occupied and connected to the main swage drains from installation of STP in their respective apartments irrespective of the number of individual flat units present in these apartment complexes located within the limits of Bengaluru city.

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## **Set up STPs by Sept 30, or pay Rs 10L fine**

*Aug 15, 2020*

The Principal Bench of National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ruled out the extension of timelines for executing sewage treatment plants (STPs) and laying of sewerage network beyond September 30, 2020 as part of the restoration of Bellandur, Varthur and Agara Lakes. The NGT Principal Bench, in an order, stated that if work remains incomplete even after the deadline (September 30, 2020), compensation would be liable to be paid at Rs 10 lakh for every STP, per month.

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## Korean 'dream' for Koramangala drain

Aug 17, 2020

If all goes according to the plan, storm water drains that are filthy, full of dirt and sewage, could be the one big hangout place for Bengalureans.

The thinking in the government is to change the outlook of the 20-km drain that passes via KR Market, Shantinagara, Hosur Road, Koramangala and culminates at Bellandur. Currently, the rajakaluve sports a picture of neglect with sewage, wastewater, construction debris and other waste making their way into the drain for several decades. In some places the drain is also encroached. The city has four major rajakaluves including Vrishabhavathi valley.

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## Is the axing of 5,000 trees for road widening around Bengaluru justified?

Aug 21, 2020

"I was in Hesaraghatta the other day and an electrician asked me why I wasn't protesting tree felling on the Nelamangala-Doddaballapura road, just a little distance away from there. He asked me, don't the ministers and bureaucrats need air and water too?" says Mahesh Bhat, photographer and faculty at the Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology.

In addition to the Nelamangala-Madhure stretch, five other roads in Bangalore Urban and Rural – spanning a total length of around 155 km – are proposed to be widened under the Surrounding Roads Project.

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## Bengaluru Man's Idea Helps Apartments Save Rs 50,000 in Water Bills Every Month

Aug 24, 2020

In the summer of 2018, five borewells of Metropolis Gurukrupa, a residential apartment complex in Begur, Bangalore, ran dry. The option, then, was to buy tanker water like most of Bangalore does. Needless to say, that would mean suspect quality of water and added expense to residents. That was when one enterprising resident took matters into his own hands.

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## POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



## KSPCB rendered powerless in the city

Jul 13, 2020

For the proper functioning of a city, the civic agencies have to work together. However, Bengaluru has half a dozen bodies functioning independently and sometimes counter-productively. Regulatory bodies like the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) have been rendered powerless because of the way it has been asked to function. It does make rules but does not have the power to enforce them.

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**Peripheral Ring Road project will claim 33,838 trees: EIA**

Aug 02, 2020

The proposed eight-lane Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) on a stretch of 65.5 km will come at a huge environmental cost: 33,838 trees will have to be removed. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on the project states that of the trees identified, 9,304 trees fall under T.G. Halli catchment.

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**Daily Court Digest: Major environment orders (August 3, 2020)**

Aug 03, 2020

**Bellandur and Varthur :**An affidavit was filed by the departments of urban development and minor irrigation of the Karnataka government and the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) before the NGT, which mentioned measures to remove encroachments and desilt the Bellandur and Varthur lakes.

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**Karnataka pollution board's Ganesha Chaturthi plan: 1 million turmeric idols for festival**

Aug 04, 2020

In line with the all-round call to protect oneself from the rampaging coronavirus, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board has appealed to households celebrating Ganesha Chaturthi to create homemade idols out of turmeric due to its intrinsic health benefits. The Board's target is 10 lakh (1 million) idols for the festival, which falls on August 22. It has embarked on a massive social media campaign to achieve this.

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**Bengaluru Peripheral Ring Road: Citizens group seeks fresh proposal**

Aug 13, 2020

The Citizens for Bengaluru (CfB) has written to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to scrap the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) report for the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) project, claiming that it was no longer legally valid. They have asked for a fresh scheme, which includes a new proposal, feasibility studies, alternatives and fresh budget approvals and public hearings, from authorities. Incidentally, the KSPCB is also holding a public consultation meeting on August 18 for the 65-km 8-lane roadways project connecting Tumakuru Road with Hosur Road, based on the same EIA report.

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**Covid-19, lockdown and water quality**

Aug 17, 2020

The recent lockdown has brought in unprecedented benefits to our environment. Citizens and scientists across the world have reported improvements in water and air quality. However, Deccan Herald published the outcome of a water quality survey carried out by Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) during the lockdown. Interestingly, the study reported no significant improvements in the quality of Vrishabhavathi river.

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**One outlet for city's effluents, soon**

Aug 28, 2020

For the first time, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) takes the lead to set up a common effluent treatment plant (CETP) in the Peenya industrial area at a cost of Rs 10 crore. The project is expected to help nearly 250 small- and medium-scale industries who were spending more money to treat the effluents at private treatment plants.

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**HOUSING**



**Demand spikes for larger houses in Bengaluru**

Jun 22, 2020

The pandemic appears to have made the average city resident realize the worth of his home, which is now doubling up as office. "Around 80% of the demand is for 3 BHK homes from serious home buyers in the past two months," said Pradeep Joe, chairman, Confederation of Real Estate Associates of India.

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**Owners of a building in Langford Gardens take advantage of Covid to restart work; RWA alerts officials**

Aug 07, 2020

An under-construction seven-floor residential apartment in Langford Gardens, an upscale locality in the City, is allegedly throwing all norms to the winds. It is only when the residents' welfare association (RWA) continued to flag the

violations of the sanctioned plan at various levels in the BBMP did the officials start acting on the complaints by issuing notices to the builder. The illegal construction has, however not stopped.

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**With barely any occupants, lockdown has hit Bengaluru's PG housing operators**

Aug 09, 2020

Over 60% of Bengaluru's urban population consists of in-migrants, and nearly 20% of in-migrants are in the age group of 15 to 34, with education or employment as the primary reason for migration, according to the 2011 Census.

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**'Work-from-home concept likely to fizzle out soon'**

Aug 25, 2020

Bengaluru's property developers urge government to bring down guidance value, stamp duty and digitize property registration process – these are the three key policy changes suggested by the real estate sector, which has come under severe stress stress due to the pandemic

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**B.PAC to crowdsource ideas for sustainability manifesto for Bengaluru**

Aug 25, 2020

Citizen advocacy group Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) plans to crowdsource ideas to draft a sustainability manifesto for India's technology hub to help attain green mobility, among other goals.

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## Land encroachers beware, BDA is watching you

Aug 26, 2020

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) is busy making preparations to slap notices on 1,090 land encroachers who are sitting pretty on two prime residential layouts – HSR Layout and Pillanna Garden in Kadugondanahalli. These two places are part of the 64 BDA-developed layouts where the authority conducted an audit over the last two years as part of its effort to identify both the extent of land owned by the government agency as well as recover encroachments.

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## K-RERA issues around 400 recovery orders

Aug 31, 2020

While issuance of recovery certificate has helped, rate of recovery has been poor, all thanks to the deputy commissioner's slow response rate The Karnataka Real Estate Authority (K-RERA) has issued nearly 400 recovery warrants against builders for not honouring its orders, over the last one and half years.

Some of the real estate projects include: RJ Lake Gardenia, Mantri Web City, Nitesh Cape Cod Phase 1, Aryan Golden Arena GM Ambitious Enclave etc.

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## **BAF-KSPCB ECO GANESHA CONTEST WINNERS**

Thank You to all BAF member participants for taking part in the eco celebrations!!  
Finale Recording @ <https://youtu.be/epAfGqsf5a4>



### **Cat 1: DIY Ganesha Competition Winners**

**First Winner : Deepti Sisodia : Paramount Pilatus, Arekere, (BAF BTM L/O)**  
**Second Winner : Swapna Nagella , Royal Legend Apartment, (BAF Bomanhalli)**  
**Third Winner : Vidya Kamath , Mantri Paradise, Bannerghatta Road (BAF BTM L/O))**

### **Cat 2: DIY DECOR Competition Winners**

**First Winner : Ihina Mittal, Godrej Woodsman Estate, Hebbal, (BAF North 1)**  
**Second Winner : Gunika Karmakar, White House, RT Nagar, Hebbal (BAF North 2)**  
**Third Winner: Prutha Sameer Sakurikar, , Paramount Pilatus, Arekere (BAF BTM )**

### **Cat 3: FESTIVAL Dance/Music Competition Winners**

**First Winner : Oorja Saxena, Sree Mahaveer Gardenia Apt, Kumarswamy Layout**  
**Second Winner : Kavya Subramanian, Saket Callipolis, Sarjapur (BAF HSR)**  
**Third Winner : Niranjana & Jeshtha Bari, Paramount Pilatus, Arekere, (BAF BTM)**

### **Cat 4 -Nestle Ganesh Bhog – Live Cookery Contest-**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize : Kaberi Das, Whitehouse Apartments, RT Nagar, Hebbal (BAF North 2)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize : Namrata Kumari, Whitehouse Apartments, RT Nagar, Hebbal (BAF North 2)**

***All Prizes sponsored by Trends Retail, Nestle & Rishta Foods***

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