



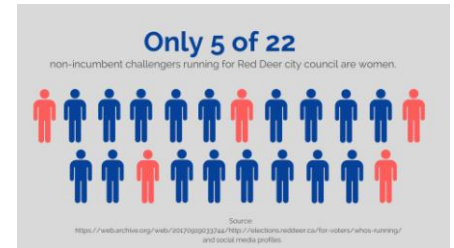
Bangalore Apartments' Federation Newsletter

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Dear Apartment Resident,

Wishing all at BAF a Very Happy International Women's Day for March 8th 2021! BAF has launched **BAF WOMEN** group to encourage women participation in BAF & create a larger community impact in various areas. We urge interested BAF women to read our events section & write into info@baf.org.in to seek information & be a part of **BAF Women initiatives**.

"Women play an extremely key role in keeping the communities up & running. Be it taking up leadership roles in Management Committees (& in BAF) or being involved in initiatives that keep the apartment communities clean, healthy, safe & resource-efficient or promotion of socio-cultural harmony involving all groups of residents in the community, women are central to the well-being of the apartment communities. BAF would like to further empower and encourage the spirit of the Woman of BAF."...Vikram Rai, BAF General Secretary



March 2021 also saw start of Covid Vaccinations Phase for senior citizens (we call them young hearts!). BBMP website provides all updates on those who wish to avail of this. Read more about this in the newsletter.

The following is the summary of key activities that BAF engaged in during the past few months & for many resolution awaited.

1. BAF represented in KERC hearing and presented objections to the **power** tariff hikes
2. On BBMP invitation, BAF and members participated in a BBMP war room meeting on **"Effective Control Of Covid And Following Covid 19 Protocol At Apartments And Complexes** This meeting was chaired by BBMP Commissioner Mr. Manjunath Prasad & IAS special commissioner for Health & IT Mr Rajendra Cholan. It addressed concerns & precautions on the new Covid community outbreaks and need to curb super spreader events.
3. Beyond Carlton memorial event (11th year of the Carlton Fire tragedy), also saw BAF member sharing a panel discussion on need for **fire safety**, as also what builder & RWAs need to comply with, to ensure Fire safety in apartments.
4. BAF GC attended an event held in Bangalore presided by the Union Finance minister Ms Nirmala Sitharaman and submitted relevant inputs to Union Finance Budget inputs, that would benefit apartments. Representation emphasized elimination of **GST & Income Tax, incentivize** green initiatives, **subsidies** to "green" infra and equipment deployed, **waiver on property taxes** for "Atmanirbhar apartments etc.
5. A BAF team met with BESCOM MD to resolve issues on **SRTPV, Transformer maintenance, Power disconnections, EV charging Stations** etc. A notice on Transformer maintenance along with divisional contacts has been released.
6. BAF team has impleaded in the **DoD-PIL (KAOA)** matter that seeks to make DoD associations null & void. During hearing in February, many other parties have also impleaded. BAF legal & finance team has been formed to focus on these efforts and ensure that legality and functioning of any associations formed by Apartment Owners is covered adequately under provisions of law and is fair and just for all owners. Details will be updated as and when more inputs are available.
7. BAF team also met Chief Secretary, GoK and appraised him of various issues w.r.t. **STP/NGT** impact on apartments, **KAOA**, **SRTPV net metering** and other concurrent issues. The Chief Secretary has assured of interactions to resolve many of these issues faced by BAF member apartments.
8. Another BAF team met with Chief Election Officer on various clarifications on **voter ID card application, rejection reasons & issuance of cards and issues of online process**. These are being looked into and assured of support to BAF members.
9. A BAF team also met with **KSPCB** on various STP notices and power disconnections to apartments. A **new STP notification superceding** all previous notices has been released & BAF will soon hold a BAF-Ki-BAAT session for the same.
10. BAF tied up with **World Wildlife Fund (WWF)** to roll out **Plastic Reduce (Tide Turner), Earth Hour and Adopt a Tree** challenges. BAF urges all its members and every apartment resident to participate in this initiative

Lastly – this newsletter has introduced new sections on Apartment Initiatives & Impact, Event of the month. So Happy Reading!

Cheers! Team BAF!

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QUIZ BASED ON BAF NEWSLETTER OF THE MONTH!

THEME: REST OF THE NEWS SECTION

1. What is the approximate number of potholes as reported by the citizens in the KSLSA
2. How many junctions BBMP plans to beautify?
3. How many vendors have been engaged for setting up sewage sensors?
4. How many illegal water connections were disconnected by BWSSB?
5. What is the limit in KLD set by KSPCB for sewage treated water, over which the apartments have to install sewage sensors?

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

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

Congrats!! Winner of Quiz Feb 2021 : K. E. Kumarswamy, BAF North 2 Cluster

CITIZENS' SAY MUST MATTER.

Express Thy Opinion on Civic Matters!

THEME: Women's Role in Apartment Associations

Do you have Women members in your MC?

As an Apartment community resident, how well do you perceive Women's Role in running of the Apartment Association? - Do write in @150 words (with supporting experiences & anecdotes) about the impact of women leadership in your association & their contributions & impact on residents within apartment or at ward level.

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(Do mention your name, apartment name & BAF number. Non member Apartments also welcome to contribute)





BAF IN THE NEWS...

4 vendors chosen to set up sewage sensors

Feb 09, 2021

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has short-listed four vendors who will install sensors for online monitoring of sewage treatment plants (STPs) in large apartment complexes and commercial establishments mainly shopping malls. Only plants with capacity to treat 500 KLD of sewage are initially expected to get sensors, estimated to cost a minimum of Rs 4 lakh. It's learnt that only around 100 buildings in the city have such big plants. No apartment complex has come forward so far.

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Pandemic has made citizens feel more positive about the police: Study

Feb 25, 2021

The efforts of the city police to reach out to citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic has helped gain their trust, according to a survey taken up by the Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy, and the German research foundation Hanns Seidel Stiftung. Of the citizens surveyed, 90% felt a little or a lot more positive now about the police in Bengaluru than before the pandemic.

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BAF IN THE NEWS...

BBMP finds a way out of Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy

Feb 26, 2021

Apartment associations, with their ready database of senior citizens and persons with comorbidities, could be an ideal starting point to address vaccine hesitancy and boost the vaccination drive among the general public, reckon healthcare specialists. Once the most vulnerable sections are identified, convinced about the benefits and vaccinated, the other family members would be more open to take the vaccine, the specialists feel. "The government and the BBMP should be proactive in collaborating with the apartment associations to take this forward," says a doctor. Nearly a thousand volunteers signed up with BAF to collect baseline data, so a tie-up amid Palike and BAF may be decisive in driving the vaccination process.

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Lowering of guard: Bengaluru apartments must try to stop coronavirus surge

Feb 27, 2021

In the first few months of the Covid-19 spread through the city, apartment complexes had battled the pandemic with an edgy resilience marked by innovation, collective planning and spirited activism. However the guard is lower now and the scare is real. For instance, the RT-PCR test results from apartment complexes in Bellandur and Mahadevapura are showing a disturbing rise.

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REST OF THE NEWS...

Sensors for STPs now must only for large apartments in Bengaluru

Feb 08, 2021

A public notification issued by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) clarified that the sensors are mandatory at present only for mega commercial or residential apartments that treat 5 lakh litres or more of sewage per day.

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KSPCB's solution for excess treated water

Feb 10, 2021

The Pollution control board is working on an app to collect grey water from apartments to water parks and gardens. An Uber-like tech solution is being currently designed by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to address a common but major complaint of apartment dwellers, who are not allowed to discharge excess treated water into BWSSB's underground drain network (UGD) or BBMP's storm water drains so far.

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Bengaluru's BBMP will issue Occupancy and Commencement certificates in DigiLocker

Feb 16, 2021

To eliminate the use of forged documents while obtaining services from sundry civic departments, the Bruhat Bengaluru Municipal Palike (BBMP) civic body now plans to use the DigiLocker facility to issue the core document demanded by these departments to begin work - such as Occupancy Certificate (OC) and Commencement Certificate (CC).

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REST OF THE NEWS...



Directions To All Authorities To Stop Manual Scavenging : Karnataka High Court Directs State Govt

Feb 17, 2021

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday suggested to the State government to consider issuing a general direction to all authorities and agencies and instrumentalities of the state for implementation of Rule 3 of the said Rules of 2013. The State government shall also consider issuing a direction that whenever authorities appoint contractors, condition of complying with Rule 3, should be incorporated in the contract for work order."

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BBMP to get tough on illegal constructions

Feb 18, 2021

The BBMP has decided to issue notices to buildings or sheds constructed illegally under high tension lines. In a meeting on Wednesday, BBMP chief N. Manjunath Prasad directed officials to issue notices to owners of such illegal constructions to vacate the premises in 15 days. If they failed to do so, the buildings would be demolished and the demolition cost borne by the owners.

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Dangling Electric, TV cables common to all cities in India; take action: Karnataka High Court

Feb 24, 2021

Over 400 deaths have occurred in Bengaluru city due to electrocution in the last few years. The Karnataka High Court directed Karnataka government authorities and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to take action against private internet, television and cable operators responsible for such hanging cables in Bengaluru.

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Pollution board issues STP norms

Mar 03, 2021

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has released guidelines for the design and location of sewage treatment plants (STPs). It has also made it mandatory for apartments and commercial complexes to install STPs. Soon after the guidelines were issued on March 1, many citizens raised complaints and expressed apprehension about the new set of rules. Some also stated that as it is, they are finding it difficult to adhere to the existing guidelines and install STPs, and the new guidelines will only make matters worse.

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BBMP asked by HC to give a plan for removal of potholes

Mar 03, 2021

A survey was conducted by Karnataka State Legal Services Authority (KSLSA) on the status of roads on the direction of the High Court. A whopping 5,435 instances of potholes, bad stretches of roads and footpaths have been reported by citizens through WhatsApp chatbot to the KSLSA. The report pointed out that of the 5,435 responses from citizens, 437 were related to potholes and bad road issues, and the remaining 4,998 are related to footpaths.

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Govt. sets up company to manage Bengaluru's waste

Mar 04, 2021

The State Cabinet has decided to establish a separate entity, the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Company to help Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) manage the city's growing solid waste. It will be responsible for collecting, transporting, and processing waste to produce energy. While the BBMP will invest 51% in the newly formed organisation, the State government will contribute the remaining.

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Karnataka govt to soon raze lake encroachments

Mar 04, 2021

The state government has promised the high court that 23 encroachments by private individuals in Bengaluru's Kaggadasapura Lake will be expeditiously removed.

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HC directs BBMP to examine encroachment of footpath by police

Mar 05, 2021

The High Court of Karnataka directed the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike to depute its officers to examine allegations made in a PIL petition that the city police and Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation have encroached on the footpaths in several locations in the city. The court also directed the BMRCL, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd and the City Police to look into the allegation of encroachment of footpaths made in the petition..

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No need for permission from BBMP to install electricity transformer on footpath

Mar 05, 2021

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (Bescom) on Thursday told the High Court of Karnataka that, as of now, there is no requirement in law to obtain permission from local authorities to draw overhead lines or install transformers, including on footpaths. (BBMP) to install electricity transformers on footpaths across the city.

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BWSSB shuts over 60K water connections

Mar 06, 2021

In a drive to weed out illegal water connections in the city the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has so far identified and disconnected 64,568 such connections. According to BWSSB officials, many households and apartments were illegally using the water connection without paying money. This had resulted in twin losses for the water board - pilferage and huge financial losses.

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Right to have footways in good condition is a fundamental right

Mar 06, 2021

The Karnataka High Court on Friday reiterated that the right to have footways in reasonably good condition is a fundamental right guaranteed under Article 21 under the Indian Constitution.

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BBMP set to beautify 12 major junctions

Mar 09, 2021

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is all set to revamp and beautify 12 major junctions in the city, said an official statement. In the statement, the BBMP Administrator Gaurav Gupta said that the architects have studied the city's 12 major junctions and thought of a number of themes for the junctions to make them appealing to the public while incorporating modifications for smooth traffic. The designs must be implemented with emphasis on the beautification of the junctions.

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BAF Apartments

.. Initiatives & Impact

Residents beautify the 250 ft long road

Rustam Bagh is a quaint enclave of about 700 families, tucked cosily behind Manipal Hospital on Old Airport Road. It's a quiet, serene locality but with a single, very narrow pathway leading into and out of the community. This narrow road is abutted by the Manipal Hospital wall on the one side and the Seventh Adventist School wall on the other. This thin sliver of road has been widely used by vendors, taxi & auto rickshaw drivers and general oafs as a public toilet and a garbage dumping ground. It has been quite an eyesore for quite a while, not to mention an unhygienic, foul-smelling stretch of asphalt. Numerous appeals to health and civic officials bore little fruit and only added to our frustration and disgust.



Finally, the residents decided that self-help is the best help and they have to take it upon themselves to keep the locality and community clean and hygienic. The project was simple: beautify the place. The word was spread in the community seeking volunteers to help with the project. Dozens of eager residents willing to participate were enlisted.

First, the wall was cleaned and painted with a white primer to remove the grime and the muck. Simultaneously, all the junk and garbage was cleared.

The Rustam Bagh Flora & Fauna team, then planted saplings and placed potted plants all along the wall.

Finally, the wall-painting project was opened up to the entire community. A professional artist helped draw the pre-planned designs with messages related to citizens' civic duties. Printed sheets of the designs and colour schemes were passed to the passionate volunteers, aged from 6 years old children to 75 years old senior citizens.

By sundown, the entire wall was almost finished. One of the patches on the wall will pay tribute to all those who gave up their precious time to help with the project: it will have all their palm prints emblazoned on it.

From a gloomy, ugly, smelly spot, the place had been transformed into a bright, clean, jubilant site in just a few hours. The school wall looks so lovely now that Manipal Hospital has agreed to let the volunteers paint their wall, too!



The project required the necessary permissions from the school management, the Bengaluru police, and the BBMP.





Event of the Month...

BAF is happy to announce BAF Women initiatives on the eve of International Women's Day 2021.

What will BAF Women do?

- Form BAF Women Leadership team to undertake specific initiatives in line with BAF Charter.
- Be able to drive BAF wide projects that would create necessary impact & help gain recognition & momentum for BAF, BAF Women & all Initiatives
- Ensure cluster level BAF Women co-ordination group is set up for effective coordination & engagement in the group initiatives
- Successfully run initiatives, and further enlarge the scope of BAF Women Charter
- Collaborate & support BAF initiative originating from different leadership group

Pilot Projects shortlisted:

- Compost Exchange Network for Buyback & Interchange (Smita, Valli, Sowmya)
- BAF Newsletter (Smita & Ranjani)
- Cluster Wise BAF Women Network Building – Smita
- BAF Cluster Members' Handbook - Jayalaxmi
- Support other BAF Leadership Programs

(Many more ideas have been submitted and gives opportunity for BAF Women to take the leadership role in the same.

BAF invites nominations from women across BAF clusters to be part of the BAF Women leadership team. Please send in your nominations to info@baf.org.in, along with a brief write up on your vision of how you can contribute to BAF Women & initiatives for your cluster.



Feature Story....

The apartment association of BAF member apartment Alpine Eco is run by an all women member team.

The all women member team took charge when the pandemic hit the country and nationwide lockdown was imposed. The all women member team is composed of homemakers, corporators, techies and business owners. During the lockdown, the team not only took care of Covid prevention measures for residents, but also provided food for the housekeeping staff and nearby trust KANYA. They were also able to carry out other important activities such as lift refurbishment. Most importantly, they made sure that residents had fun by celebrating festivals during the pandemic. The management committee was very well recognized by the residents and is an apt example of women leadership. Times of India also covered their story.





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**Ministry of Health
&
Family Welfare**

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COVID VACCINATIONS:

Register at www.cowin.gov.in or

Arogyasetu or Cowin app (android) or

Walk in at listed hospitals (private/ government) and various UPHCs

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: <http://youtube.com/c/bafb Bangalore>

Useful Links:

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