Dear Apartment Resident,

A very Happy independence day month! And this was yet another month of various RWA AGMs. It was indeed heartening to hear from many members how **a slot was allotted in the AGM to talk about achievements of BAF and the benefits to member communities** for being a part of BAF. Let the good word travel and may we grow from strength to strength!

We understand BAF members have had change of guard at their MCs. Do keep us informed – so that we routinely **integrate new members into various groups and e-mailers.** A new **BAF Member Portal is proposed to be launched in September**; post which all such processes will be automated! The portal will facilitate members to update the data themselves online! Via the www.baf.org.in, - member login – a whole new window of services will be available to BAF members. A dashboard, vendor network, cluster member networking, vendor ratings etc., will ensure members can utilize real data on various products and services being used by all of us. Do note – this is a portal – **OF THE MEMBERS, BY THE MEMBERS, FOR THE MEMBERS**– and it works on us, making it successful by populating it with required information plus using the information provided by all! A big cheer to the BAF Technology- team of volunteers from across various clusters – who are working on this! More on this next month!

Apartment harassment problems seemed to continue during August. Apartments have once again received notices from KSPCB for consent- STP CFO renewals (which is no longer applicable), STP installation (not mandatory), installation of OWCs (not mandatory), notices for treated water standards which are stringent (not recommended by CPCB) etc. In addition there were threats on power and water disconnection, along with other harassment. **BAF immediately swung into action & ensured these harassments and threats were highlighted in the media. Subsequently KSPCB invited BAF for a meeting & issued restoration notices** to these Apartments, thus resolving the issue. Members may revert to BAF as and when such issues come up. Standard responses are available for members to respond. And if need be - BAF will not hesitate to highlight this in media

BAF held its second EC meeting on 11th August. A mega event was proposed to commemorate the STP rally anniversary event of Dec last year. **The BAF mega event will be held on November 3$^{rd}$, 2018, with the theme of sustainability.** It will enable the clusters/ mmbers to showcase the best practices on **4 main themes  -1. SWM;  2.Water Management; 3.Energy Management, 4.Safety & Compliance.** Other cluster level themes will be on AARAMB, Staff Welfare, community engagement etc. Do check your e-mailers, whats-app or get in touch with cluster leaders and GC members for more details of the same.

Two key developments during the month were participation by BAF teams at GoK level. **One BAF team met Additional Chief Secretary –Energy Department and Bescom management with representation to simplify the approval process and other operational aspects of Rooftop Solar initiative**. Based on this meeting, the Energy Department has subsequently increased the threshold limit for approval by Chief Electrical Inspectorate from 10 KW to 1 MW, which will result in a significant time reduction in the implementation process. A BAF technology team will also work with Bescom design team for online approval process streamlining. **Another BAF team – on KAOA -was invited by UDD-TCPD cell to participate in amendments to the Model Karnataka Apartments Ownership Bill.** A representation was given highlighting issues faced by apartment buyers, owners and RWAs. Issues such as lacunae in property documents, approvals, occupation, handover & association formation, incomplete amenities, title defects, registration ambiguities, and various promoter-civic authorities-owner conflicts, khata transfer etc.. BAF is working with a group of experts on this subject and further invites members who wish to be part of this team to get on board.

BAF has partnered with CFB in their campaign for #ModaluTrainBeku – to demand for a working suburban rail system. And finally – with success of the AARAMB campaign and large voter turnout from apartments – another rewarding offer from Trends has come up for all BAF members and their community. Do ensure all receive the same & reinforce the message of AARAMB!

Cheers! TEAM BAF                                                        (PS- Do make note of BAF IN THE NEWS section!)

### This lake is family to residents
*Aug 02, 2018*

When residents of JP Nagar, 7th phase, walk around the Puttenahalli Lake in the morning, taking in the clean air, flowers in bloom and kingfisher making a quick dip, they pat themselves for a job well done

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### Drone cams to monitor traffic, map properties
*Aug 03, 2018*

Drone Cameras will soon be used by police to record traffic density and violations.

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### Kolar lake water not fit for drinking: Report
*Aug 04, 2018*

Narasapura gram panchayat in Kolar district has issues a circular asking the public not to use water from Narasapura lake and bore wells in its vicinity, and ensure cattle, too don't consume it. The order follows lab reports that confirm the water's not fit for drinking.

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### Final run of Bellandur Lake sluice gate takes off
*Aug 06, 2018*

The final run of the sluice gate set up at Bellandur Kodi to check the frothing in Bengaluru's largest lake took off on Monday. The trial, which began at 2.30 pm, is being carried out to monitor the water quality and the performance of the gate on hourly basis. BDA engineers and contractors said frothing had visibly come down in Bellandur Lake at the spot where the sluice gate had been set up.

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### Solar energy: Karnataka earns top position
*Aug 08, 2018*

Karnataka has earned the top position in the country in the installation of solar energy capacity with 5.16 GW.

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### Solar panelling to become key condition to clearances
*Aug 08, 2018*

Builders seeking clearances from government agencies would get them in future, only if they show provision to install solar panels

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### Homebuyers disillusioned with RERA
*Aug 13, 2018*

When the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) Act, 2016 came into effect across Karnataka in July 2017, homebuyers heaved a sigh of relief that they finally had an official forum to approach if trouble was brewing with builders. But a year later, some of those who have approached RERA Karnataka are disillusioned

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### BDA fixing gears to run sluice gates in Bellandur Lake
*Aug 15, 2018*

Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) engineers are working to install a gear system to the sluice gates at Bellandur kodi to manage its height to match the water flow. They have been operating the gates since August 7 while simultaneously working to install the gear.

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### Elevated corridor will be unviable by 2025: IISc study
*Aug 20, 2018*

The elevated corridor project will likely prove to be a big mistake by 2025 when vehicle growth overshoots road capacity; IISc experts have warned and suggested that the government invest in sustainable systems like the metro.

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### BDA issues notices to 70 civic amenity site holders
*Aug 21, 2018*

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has started the process of recovering its civic amenity (CA) sites whose lease agreements has lapsed. The first step in this direction has been taken by slapping notices to lease-holders asking them to renew their lease agreements immediately. So far, the BDA has slapped notices to 70 CA site lease- holders

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### Littering at public events to cost dear
*Aug 23, 2018*

Social gatherings and events attended by more than 100 persons in public places may soon need the permission of the jurisdictional urban local body (ULB) at least three days in advance as per the new draft byelaws on solid waste management.

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### BWSSB drops project to develop natural treatment of sewage in Arkavathy, Bellandur
*Aug 25, 2018*

It will probably be back to brick and mortar of sewage treatment plants (STPs), as the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has dropped two ambitious projects to utilise natural systems of aquatic plants and enzymes to cleanse the city's sewage.

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### Apartment complexes take the lead in raising awareness on sexual abuse
*Aug 28, 2018*

A group of 50 children gather at the community centre in their residential complex in Bellandur and listen with rapt attention to topics not all parents are comfortable talking to their children about: sexuality, safe and unsafe touch, sexual abuse and personal safety.

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### Cheer for owners as Karnataka is set to regularise 'B' khata properties
*Aug 29, 2018*

In a move that is bound to bring cheer to owners of property with 'B' khatas, the Karnataka government is working on a scheme to regularise these properties which come under corporation limits. To this effect, the government plans to make necessary amendments to the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964.

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### Not segregating waste? BBMP mulls hefty fine
*Aug 29, 2018*

Having failed in its attempts to strictly enforce solid waste management (SWM) rules in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is now planning to impose hefty fines on the violators — individuals as well as bulk generators

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### Karnataka Pollution Board issuing 'illegal' notices to get bribes, B'luru residents alleges
*Aug 30, 2018*

Residents of Bengaluru apartment complexes have alleged that officials of the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) are serving them "illegal and unnecessary" notices just for the purpose of collecting bribes since June. The residents further allege that refusal to pay the bribes has put them at risk of losing their power and water connections.

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### Pollution board serving illegal notices: Flat owners
*Aug 30, 2018*

The tussle between the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and Bengaluru Apartments' Federation (BAF) over setting up waste processing units in older flats does not seem to end. The BAF has alleged that the pollution control board, in clear violation of union the environment ministry's guidelines, has been issuing notices to apartment residents.

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### Karnataka State Pollution Control Board sends notices to apartments on STPs
*Aug 31, 2018*

Apartments and the pollution control board are at loggerheads again after residents were served notices threatening disconnection of electricity for 'violations' in Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) norms.

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### KSPCB threatens to cut power supply to apartments residents cry foul
*Aug 31, 2018*

In the past few weeks, several apartments in the city have been slapped with notices from the city have been slapped with notices from the KPCB. The letters pertain to sewage treatment, dual-piping systems, setting up of organic waste converters etc.

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### No Consent certificate needed: KSPCB Chief
*Sep 04, 2018*

After facing criticism from apartment owners, who lashed out at the state pollution control board for violating the union environment ministry's guidelines that prohibit the requirement of consent certificate to set up waste processing units for buildings less than 1,50,000 sqft, KSPCB Chairman Lakshman called for a meeting and clarified that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change guidelines of 2016 have to be implemented in the state through a formal notification from the Urban Development Department.

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### Apartment association wants to bring solar to rooftops across city
*Sep 04, 2018*

The Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF) is working to launch a city-wide solar rooftop initiative. Within one-and-a-half to two years, the hope is to have 1,000 apartments using rooftop solar panels.

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