



**Bangalore Apartments' Federation News Letter
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Dear Apartment Resident,

BAF has journeyed a long way since the Apartment Rally of 2nd December 2017. **We created magic with more than 10,000 of us coming out on to the streets to protest against discrimination of apartment residents!** The rally forced the Government of Karnataka to invite Bangalore Apartments' Federation for a meeting and then annul the completely unfair & unreasonable retrospective STP rule within 2 weeks (14th December, to be precise)!

This year, in commemoration of the RALLY TO PROTEST, let us all **RALLY TO VOTE!** All BAF Members would by now have received a docket having all the forms and the primer on how to go about doing the voter registration process in your apartment. For any support, please write to info@bafonline.org.in!

And from serious news to SERIOUS FUN!!! **Starting from this newsletter, BAF is happy to introduce a new section in the newsletter from this month "QUIZ / PUZZLE TIME @BAF!** It consists of two parts – a quiz based on the news items of the previous month and a puzzle, which will be thematic. **DO NOT MISS IT!!**

All BAF Member Apartments are eligible to participate & each member association can send in their submissions through email (only one submission per member association). Each of the Top 5 winners will receive a BAF T-Shirt , each of the Top 10 winners will receive ranking points. Ranking points will accumulate for a grand award to be presented during our AGM!

And now here is an update on various initiatives, the BAF team took to resolve member issues :

1. Meeting with BESCO MD & team for streamlining meter transfer and transformer servicing issues
2. New notifications from the police department on apartment security and BAF clarifications on them through relevant notification. If need be BAF will meet Police commissioner office for further representation & guidance
3. New notification by GoK / UDD that no apartments will register under the KSRA(1956) act. Already Existing apartments under any ACT need not panic - as we await further guidelines on this from GoK. Only new associations getting registered may now need to take cognizance of this new notification and check with their respective legal councils sought.
4. New Land Dispute Guidelines issued by Police department on matters wherein police should not interfere in various civil matters related to land/ building disputes
5. BAF supported a peaceful protest rally on 1st December called by United Bengaluru and Forum for People's collective effort for home buyers, owners and RWAs drawing attention of GoK on harassment by builders and lacunae in various property related laws including RERA, KAOA, KOFA, KSRA etc.

Please do share this with your entire residents community and engage them to get back with your answers at the earliest!

We look forward to active participation from all our members!

Cheers.
Team BAF





BAF IN THE NEWS.....

BAMBOOS – landmark event to showcase apartments making Bengaluru sustainable

Oct, 2018

Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF), a Federation representing the interests of hundreds of apartment complexes and lakhs of apartment residents across Bangalore, is organizing an event titled BAMBOOS (Bengaluru Apartments Making Bengaluru Operationally Outstanding & Sustainable). This will be a day-long event to be held on 3rd November (Saturday) at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Vasanth Nagar.

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1,000 Households to get Solar Panels on Rooftops in Bengaluru

Nov 05, 2018

Residents of apartments across Bengaluru can now reduce their dependency on Bescom by installing rooftop solar power plants.

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Committee for domestic workers by city apartment

Nov 10, 2018

As the domestic workers sector continues to be an unorganised one, exploitation at the work place in terms of wages, leave and lack of grievance redressal mechanisms remain at the forefront of their concerns. A small step to solve these issues has been taken up by residents of Keerthi Flora, an apartment complex in Brookefield. Six women formed a committee last September to provide a safe platform for domestic workers.

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BAF IN THE NEWS.....

Who fines BBMP for dumping waste, ask residents

Nov 19, 2018

Garbage has always been and continues to be a growing problem in the city. And for residents of Ranka Colony in Bilekahalli, garbage segregation has become a stinky affair, as the corporation uses an empty site on Ranka Road to carry out this work. Residents claim what the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is doing is illegal, as it is a residential area

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BAMBOOS.... IN PHOTO & VIDEO

BAF EVENT BAMBOOS WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 1000 REPRESENTATIVES – COMPRISING OF RWA MANAGING COMMITTEES, RESIDENTS, OWNERS, HOME BUYERS AND MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS CIVIC FORUMS. A COLOURFUL, INFORMATIVE, PARTICIPATIVE ONE OF ITS KIND EVENT FOR APARTMENT OWNERS EVER IN THE COUNTRY.

<https://baf.org.in/gallery>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHnBVyBOW4MdVwW9kZI9Lmg?view_as=subscriber&app=desktop





REST OF THE NEWS.....

Stop registration of new vehicles for two years in Bengaluru: G Parameshwara

Oct 29, 2018

Stopping registration of new vehicles for two years, phasing out 20-year-old vehicles and fixing arterial roads are among the ideas Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara is working on for Bengaluru. The City Development and Home Minister tell ET's KR Balasubramanyam that vehicular pollution is causing serious health issues in the City.

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Housekeeping staff killed by guard in Lavelle Road office

Oct 30, 2018

A 21-year-old housekeeping employee of Cinerama Pvt Ltd (Cinebels) on 4th Cross, Lavelle Road was murdered by the firm's security guard on Monday.

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Residents complain of drainage left unattended by BWSSB, say stench unbearable

Nov 02, 2018

A storm water drain in HSR Layout is lying open near the flyover since June this year. While Bangalore Water Supply and Sewage Board (BWSSB) dug it open earlier this year to clear the drain, the work is left incomplete to this day, as the BWSSB sewage line is passing through the land owned by a private party. BWSSB agrees there's been a delay, but they would be able to resume work only if Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) resolves the dispute about the land.

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Cross connections, underground

Nov 03, 2018

Did you think the IT hub's connected network would have naturally triggered a connected, well-coordinated network of civic agencies, perfectly in sync to propel Bengaluru to a classy world city? One Metro-sparked gas leak on ITPL Main Road last week all it took to dramatically puncture any such illusion

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Parameshwara orders BDA land audit, sets March 2019 deadline

Nov 03, 2018

A comprehensive land audit of all properties of Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has been ordered by Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister G. Parameshwara, who, on Saturday, set a deadline of March 2019 for the task.

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Dingy record room greets DyCM at BDA office

Nov 03, 2018

The squalid record room at the Bangalore Development Authority's (BDA) head office left Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara appalled on Saturday. Walking into the dingy room in a corner of the administrative building, he asked BDA officials whether all precious land records have been digitised. Officials replied that only some have been digitised and that others are still being digitised.

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Has water harvesting cut dependence on Cauvery? BWSSB hasn't got a clue

Nov 05, 2018

The city received no less than 654.5 mm of rainfall between March and September, but its dependence on Cauvery water has not reduced a bit- at least, according to BWSSB figures.

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HC: Act against those dumping waster at clean spots

Nov 06, 2018

The high court on Monday directed the BBMP and the government to initiate action under both criminal and municipal laws against those littering places that have been cleaned by pourakarmikas.

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Encroachment, dumping of waste threaten sprawling lake

Nov 08, 2018

The near-death situation of the Doddabidarakallu Lake is the result of years of neglect when officials turned a blind eye to the encroachment of storm water drains and then the lake area itself. The waterbody falls under the limits of both Nagasandra and Doddabidarakallu villages off Tumakuru Road in north Bengaluru. Residents said the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had set up a sewage treatment plant near the lake a few years ago, but it was hardly of any use.

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Bengaluru Police serves notice to apartments on CCTV issue

Nov 11, 2018

Apartments in Bengaluru are at sea over the notices being served to them by Bangalore City Police. Police stations are handing out notices to apartments with more than 100 residents asking them to install CCTV cameras, door frame metal detectors and luggage scanners to better safety measures.

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Karnataka govt mulls tax incentive for builders, home buyers opting for green buildings

Nov 12, 2018

In a bid to encourage builders and home buyers to increasingly opt for eco-friendly buildings, the Karnataka government has proposed to provide an array of incentives, including reduction in property tax and stamp duty.

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Property registration services to go online today

Nov 12, 2018

The process of buying and renting property in Karnataka has got a lot simpler. Citizens will no longer find it necessary to visit a sub registrar's office to register properties, get certified hard copies or to know how to calculate property prices.

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Lift collapse: Lack of requisite permission, proper maintenance said to be the cause

Nov 13, 2018

A day after a lift collapsed in an apartment in Frazer Town injuring four women, the investigation has found that the lift was being operated without requisite permission from the Department of Electrical Inspectorate.

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Building by-law violators may face double property tax

Nov 16, 2018

If the civic body has its way, property owners who have violated building by-laws may have to pay a hefty tax. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has proposed to double the property tax for owners who have deviated from the approved plan.

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New law to make illegal building owners pay hefty fine: G Parameshwar

Nov 17, 2018

If all goes well, the state government and BBMP can effectively put an end to the unauthorised construction across the city. The state government is contemplating bringing an amendment to the Karnataka Municipal

Corporation (1976) Act to punish those building structures with violations and the officials who support them. The act will also deal with those who file cases in the court, said Bengaluru Development Minister G. Parameshwar on Friday.

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Govt to effectively monitor private STPs in apartments

Nov 20, 2018

The government has made Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) mandatory for apartments and it would effectively monitor the private STPs in the coming days, Deputy CM G Parameshwara said.

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Ward committee meetings finally a reality?

Nov 21, 2018

On December 1, the city will witness a new way of governance. Ward Committees, which will comprise groups of 10 citizens for each of the city's 198 wards, will meet for the first time and chart out development plans for their ward in conjunction with the ward councillor — an elected member of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

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BBMP skirts objections, to buy 17 sweeping machines at Rs 23 crore

Nov 21, 2018

Notwithstanding severe opposition from various quarters, the BBMP has decided to go ahead with a costly deal to procure 17 self-propelled mechanical sweeping machines at a cost of Rs.23 crore.

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STPs will be made a must for all new apartments in Bengaluru, says DyCM

Nov 21, 2018

Sewage treatment plants (STPs) will be made mandatory for all new apartments, Bengaluru development minister G Parameshwara said on Tuesday.

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Civic problems come to the fore at Janaspandan

Nov 25, 2018

Garbage problems, encroachment of drains and footpaths were some of the grievances raised by residents from East zone of the BBMP at the Janaspandana programme on Saturday.

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Residents' associations likely to get a seat in BBMP ward panels

Nov 26, 2018

With only "friends and relatives" of corporators becoming a part of ward committees in Bengaluru, the Urban Development Department (UDD) is planning to bring members of residents' welfare associations (RWAs) onboard the citizen-consultation platform as special invitees.

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Bengaluru's blueprint for 2031 is open for public comments

Nov 28, 2018

The draft master plan for Bengaluru is finally out. This important document will shape how the city will develop and function for next 15 years. A press note from Bengaluru Development Authority mentions that

ecological sustainability, mobility, inclusive growth and streamlined governance are the four pillar stones of the Revised Master Plan (RMP) for Bengaluru 2031 (Draft).

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DH Exclusive: Bengaluru's rich use maximum water

Nov 29, 2018

In Bengaluru's daily battle for potable water, the rich are walking away with the lion's share. The city's upscale areas have been consuming eight times more water than other localities, according to an ongoing study by Bengaluru-based Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC)

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In Karnataka, 4 diagnosed with a respiratory problem every minute

Nov 29, 2018

With administrations struggling to tackle increased levels of air pollution arising from vehicular emissions and unscientific management of greenery citizens in the state seem to bearing the brunt

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Sub-registrar offices in Karnataka will go digital

Nov 29, 2018

After successfully launching Kaveri — the online portal for property registration and other services — the Karnataka government has started work for the second phase aimed at making sub-registrar offices paperless.

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