



Environment

Over 2 lakh Ganapati idols immersed in Bengaluru lakes in one day, 12000 made of PoP

Activists allege that the government is doing nothing to prevent the immersion of Plaster of Paris idols.



As the Ganapati festival comes to an end and visarjan kicked off in several parts of the country, data shows that over 2 lakh idols were immersed in the city's lakes in just one day. And despite Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's ban on the immersion of Ganapati idols made of Plaster of Paris, more than 12000 of them were immersed in Bengaluru's lakes on Saturday

According to data released by the BBMP, a total of 2,08,585 idols were immersed. Of the 48,000 idols immersed at Yediyur Lake, 8,000 were made out of PoP. Ulsoor Lake, which falls under the BBMP East Zone, had 2,600 PoP idols immersed in it out of the total 21,200.

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Details of Ganesha Festivals 2017 - Idol Immersion & Garbage generation per day

Sl. No	Name of the Zone	Details of permanent Immersion tank	Total no Idols Immersed as on 25-08-2017	Total no of POP idols immersed as on 25-08-2017	Festival garbage generated (in tones per day)	No of Temporary Immersion tanks	Total no Idols Immersed as on 25-08-2017	Additional garbage generated (in tones per day)
1	East	Haburu Lake	21200	2600	15	24	14152	79 to 75
2	West	Sankey tank	35000	648	16 to 18			75 to 80
3	Dayarahalli	Chokkasandra	176	3	3 to 4	24	502	10 to 15
4	Bommanahalli	S Lake/tank	5276	30	24 to 25	24	1964	8 to 10
5	Mahadevapura			237		17	3231	35 to 37
6	Yelahanka	Yelahanka Lake	280	12	-	9	4539	18 to 19
		Attur Lake	182	-	-			
		Allasandra Lake	470	20	-			
		Hebbai Lake	3250	-	-			
			504					
7	South	Yediyur lake	48000	8000	6	39	53713	13 to 14
8	RRNagara	Herohalli Tank	605	4		82	2507	18 to 19
		Ultala Tank	603	3				
		madavara	512	10				
		malathahalli	406	6				
Total			115960	12077	64 to 68	223	80548	247 to 269

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Total No of Idols immersed	208585
Total no of POP idols immersed	12077
Total Additional quantity of garbage generated	311 to 337 TPD

"It is too early to say if the number of PoP idols immersed is less as it was only on day one. A clear picture will emerge once all the immersions are over," a senior BBMP official said.

Bengaluru Mayor, G Padmavati, said that the BBMP was trying to create awareness about using eco-friendly Ganapati idols and that it could not take decisions that would hurt religious sentiments.

According to Ramprasad of the activist group Friends of Lakes, the KSPCB is doing nothing to stop the violators who are immersing PoP idols.

"If this is the level of apathy on day one of the immersions, imagine the coming week, when many more PoP Ganapati idols will be immersed in the lakes. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and BBMP could have stopped this but they are mum on the issue. At a time when our lakes are dying, the authorities are turning a blind eye. They could have banned the PoP idols from entering the lakes," Ramprasad said.

According to Dr TV Ramachandra of the Indian Institute of Science, the BBMP should have banned both the manufacture and sale of the PoP idols.

"What is our mayor doing? She says that the BBMP cannot stop people from immersing PoP idols because it would hurt religious sentiments. Is the fact that the chemicals from PoP will enter our food chain not bother the BBMP?" Professor Ramachandra questioned.

However, Ramprasad said that the fact that 90% of the idols were made of clay this year, was sign that Bengaluru residents were becoming more aware of environmental-friendly solutions.

"We have reached the 90% mark this year. With time and patience, maybe one day we will have 100% eco-friendly idols," Ramprasad added.



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Ganesha Habba celebrations turned deadly for two persons in Karnataka. On Sunday night, a 15-year-old boy and a 25-year-old man were killed during idol immersion processions in Bengaluru and Mandya.

Venkatesh (15) had gone to witness the procession in Bengaluru's JC Nagar when the truck carrying a huge idol ran amok and killed him.

The procession, organised by the Gajanana Yuva Sangha, was moving through 11th main road in JC Nagar, when the driver of the truck lost control and rammed several vehicles before running over Venkatesh.





Venkatesh's parents have alleged that the truck driver was driving under the influence of alcohol, said an official of the JC Nagar police.

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"According to the complaint filed by Venkatesh's parents, the truck driver lost control of the wheel on the main road. Several vehicles were damaged and, as far as we know, three people were injured. The injured persons have not filed a complaint. So, the exact count of injured persons is not known yet. An investigation is on to see if there was a problem with the truck or if the driver was drunk," the official said.

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A case of accidental death has been filed.

In Mandya district, 25-year-old Vijay Kumar drowned in a lake in Malavalli taluk's Ragi Bommanahalli, when a Ganesha idol was being immersed.

"Vijay Kumar's friends informed the local police and the rescue team was dispatched to fish him out of the water. After hours of searching for his body, it was fished out early on Monday morning. Vijay Kumar's family has been intimated and they will have to identify the body," the Mandya SP added.



In Koppala district, a scuffle broke out between local youth participating in an immersion procession and the police, resulting in a lathi charge.

A Ganesha procession was en route to the immersion spot in Koppala town, when it was intercepted by the police at Kinnala Road. The police objected to the loud sound system being used in the procession.

"It is against the rules to use sound systems which fall in the spectrum of 2000 Mega Watts. The sound was too loud and people had complained about it. We confiscated the equipment," Koppala SP said.

Angered by the turn of events, the youth kept the Ganesha idol in the middle of



road and sat down to protest.

"Once they sat down to protest, the police told them that it could not be done unless they had obtained prior permission to protest. An argument ensued and several youths began throwing stones at the police. That is why they resorted to lathi charge," the SP said.

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Politics

K'taka Congress leader DK Shivakumar's close aide Varaprasad Reddy joins BJP

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Reddy said, "I have joined the BJP because I am impressed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's work."

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As the Karnataka Assembly elections near, the parties in fray have geared up their strategies. The BJP, which has launched a campaign seeking Energy Minister DK Shivakumar's resignation from the post, has now accepted his close aide into the party.

On Sunday, the saffron party welcomed DK Shivakumar's close aide, Varaprasad Reddy into its fold. Reddy joined the party in the presence of BJP state President BS Yeddyurappa and the party's National General Secretary Muralidhar Rao.

However, the BJP, which has started a strong campaign to oust DK Shivakumar after the I-T raids conducted at his properties, seems to have no problem accepting into its fold Reddy, who was also raided by the police in 2015.

According to media reports, the police had raided Varaprasad Reddy's residence in 2015 and had found Rs 1.15 crore in cash. This was the time when the BBMP elections were being conducted. Reddy had contested from the Uttarahalli ward in the previous BBMP elections and was defeated by his rival Hanumantaiah from the saffron party.

Defending the move, State BJP General Secretary CT Ravi told the media that the leader will come clean.

"Unlike Shivakumar, Reddy is not an elected public representative. If he had defaulted on income-tax, he is bound to pay the penalty and come clean to make himself eligible to contest polls or occupy public office." CT Ravi added.

Varaprasad Reddy however said, "I have joined the BJP because I am impressed



Crime

7-year-old girl dies after her mother throws her off a terrace twice in Bengaluru

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Seven-year-old Aisika Sarkar was alive when her mother Swathi threw her from the terrace of their building in Bengaluru's Jaraganahalli.

But that was not all. Swathi picked her up, went back to the terrace and flung her down once more from the four storey building on Sunday afternoon, Times of India reported.

Neighbours who heard the commotion rushed out to witness a girl falling down to her death. According to one of Aishika's neighbours who was sleeping at 3.30 pm on Sunday, woke up to screams of a child.

When she rushed out to find out what happened, she witnessed Aishika being flung from the terrace of her building.

"I did not understand what was happening at once because, Aishika was screaming in pain and Swathi's nightie had some blood on it. She picked up Aishika and went up. But I never expected to throw her from the terrace.," one of Swathi's neighbour's told TNM.

Swathi then ran into her house. Her neighbours allege that she seemed mentally unstable.

"She went in to change her clothes. Once she came out, we tied her to the pole and informed the police about the incident," Aishika's neighbour said.

Neighbours allege that Swathi had been acting strangely since she separated



They said that Aishika only started speaking recently and was a slow learner.

"Aishika was not going to school. She started talking recently and Swathi was always with her," the neighbour said.

Puttenahalli Police, upon receiving the neighbour's complaint arrived at the spot. They have taken up a case of murder and shifted Aishika's body to KIMS Hospital for an autopsy, which could be conducted on Monday.

Police arrested Swathi, who used to work as a teacher, after calming down the neighbours who had tied her up to the electric pole.

The Puttenahalli Police suspect that Swathi is mentally unstable. "The deceased child had speech development problems. We have taken the father's statement, who said that, the accused Swathi Sarkar used to get angry and lose control of herself. He has said that their daughter was the victim of her anger," the police said.

Swathi and her estranged husband Kanchan came to Bengaluru from West Bengal's Bankura nine years ago, were living in the Jaraganahalli house. They were in love when they came to Bengaluru and married against their parents' wishes. The couple had no contact with their families.

A few months ago, the husband moved out of the house to live separately near his office in Indiranagar and would visit his wife once a month to give her money for maintenance.

Swathi, who was initially teaching in a private school, quit the job two years ago.

Crime

His proposal refused, B'luru man abducts and rapes neighbour after forcibly tying mangalsutra

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Santosh had allegedly been harassing the woman and her family, who had rejected his proposal because he was already married with children.



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A horrifying case of abduction, forced marriage and rape has come to light in Bengaluru.

Santosh, a man in his mid-thirties, allegedly kidnapped his 20-year-old neighbour, forcefully tied a mangalsutra around her neck and raped her in the city's Dasarahalli area.

According to the Magadi Road Police, the incident occurred late on



“According to the complaint filed by the girl’s parents, Santosh had been harassing the family for a long time. He wanted to marry the girl and had proposed the idea to the girl’s family members. However, the girl’s parents knew that Santosh already had a wife and two children, which is why they refused his offer,” an official at the Magadi Road police station said.

Even after both Sapna (name changed) and her family members refused his offer, Sathosh kept harassing the family with his request, said the official.

“According to the complaint, Santosh had been harassing Sapna and her parents, stating that he wanted to get married to her for a few months now,” he added.

On Thursday night, Sapna, who spent every night at her grandmother’s house a few buildings away, left her home at around 10 pm.

“Her parents said that their house was small and could not accommodate a lot of people. The girl’s grandmother lived on the same street and she would go over at night to sleep there,” the official said.

Sapna was walking to her grandmother’s house, when Santosh intercepted her. He allegedly gagged her and dragged her into his house.

“Santosh dragged her into the house and tied a mangalsutra around her neck. He then told her that she was his wife and raped her. He then locked her in a room in his house the whole night,” the police said.

Meanwhile, Sapna’s grandmother grew anxious as her granddaughter had not come home. She then went to Sapna’s house to enquire and found that she was not at her parents’ home either.

“Her parents looked for her the whole night. Later, on Friday, they became suspicious that Santosh may be involved in her disappearance as he had constantly harassed them for her hand in marriage. According to the girl’s father, the family barged into his house on Friday and found the girl locked up in one of the rooms,” the police official said.

Sapna was then rescued and a complaint was filed at the Magadi Road Police Station on Friday.

A case has been booked against Santosh under Sections 362 (Abduction), 354 (Assault on a woman with intention to outrage her modesty) and 375 (rape) of the IPC. “He has been booked for abduction and rape, and is currently in judicial



Politics

Setback for BSY, arch-rival BL Santhosh made in-charge of K'taka BJP's polls ops

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In the run-up to the Karnataka assembly elections in 2018, BJP's national President Amit Shah has now entrusted the job of poll-organisational matters to RSS man BL Santhosh, the BJP's National Joint Secretary.

Although the party's Chief Ministerial candidate is its state President BS Yeddyurappa, Amit Shah has entrusted the job of strengthening the party at the grassroots level to Santosh.

Shah held a core committee meeting of the Karnataka BJP unit in Delhi on Saturday and instructed Yeddyurappa to cooperate with Santhosh to strengthen the party, a senior BJP leader, who was present at the meeting, told TNM.

This comes as a major set-back for Yeddyurappa as he had sidelined Santhosh in the party ever since he shut down his Karnataka Janata Paksha and rejoined the BJP.

Yeddyurappa had, on several occasions during the Sangolli Rayanna Brigade conflict, accused Santhosh of "interfering in party issues".

According to the BJP source, Amit Shah has now given Santhosh complete freedom to build the party organisation, prepare election strategies and draw an action plan for the upcoming polls.

"Yeddyurappa's organisational roles for the upcoming elections has been restrained. He has been instructed by Amit Shah to take into consideration all core committee leaders' views before making any decisions. This is good because



Yeddyurappa takes into consideration only the views of his cronies and is somewhat dictatorial when it comes to decision making," the source accused.

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Several veteran party members had expressed their disappointment with Yeddyurappa's decision-making processes.

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"The Sangolli Rayyanna Brigade, headed by KS Eshwarappa, the Leader of Opposition in Vidhana Parishad, had become a controversial issue as the Brigade was used by several leaders of the party to bring to fore the workings of the state BJP led by Yeddyurappa," the source added.

The infighting among party members had reached New Delhi and Amit Shah had intervened to settle the dispute.

According to sources, animosity between Yeddyurappa and Santhosh has been building for years. It is believed that Santhosh had a role to play in Yeddyurappa's resignation (<http://www.ndtv.com/india-news/yeddyurappa-resigns-as-karnataka-chief-minister-463451>) as Chief Minister in 2011, following an adverse report by Lokayukta Justice Santosh Hegde on his involvement in illegal mining. BL Santhosh, some say, was among those who convinced the BJP that it required a clean man at the top, and that Yeddyurappa should resign.

It is also believed that Santhosh was not entirely happy about Yeddyurappa's appointment to the top of the state BJP. When Yeddyurappa was appointed (<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/BS-Yeddyurappa-appointed-as-new-president-of-Karnataka-BJP/articleshow/51742250.cms>) as the state party President in 2016, Santhosh had other names in mind, including CT Ravi and Eshwarappa, but the high command thought differently.

At present, national joint secretary (organization) Santhosh is in charge of south India.

"He played an important role in operations in the 2008 assembly polls when the BJP came to power. He has the ability to get volunteers to work for the party. Booth committees of nine members each representing all castes in all Assembly constituencies will be set up," the source added.

The state unit BJP leaders will meet the district core committee and election committee members at the party office from August 28 to September 3 to sort out organisational problems.

Read: The RSS man that Yeddyurappa blames for Eshwarappa's rebellion: Who is he and what is his role? (<http://www.thenewsminute.com/article/rss-man-yeddyurappa-blames-eashwarappas-rebellion-who-he-and-what-his-role-61142>)

