

## BENGALURU RAINS: IN KORAMANGALA, IN CAME THE OUT

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Bengaluru experienced torrential rains on Wednesday and many areas experienced floods too. In 5th cross, 4th Block, Koramangala, water entered houses six times.

A senior citizen said this was a perennial problem. "This happens every year, but this time, the rains have been heavy and have entered houses six times.

There is a lot of financial loss and a lot of physical effort is put in by people of 50-70 houses just to wake up and push the water outside," he added.

The residents contacted the officials concerned but have not got a solid response to the problem. A resident says the authorities had not sent any technical help to the area to solve the problem. "They either don't have the manpower or they just don't bother to despatch them. We might get better results if an L&T or an IIsC is given the responsibility of solving this as we feel they would do a better job. The BBMP has a squad to take care of water removal, but when we call them, they always give us excuses and never come to our houses," he says.

The resident in question hopes to get a permanent solution soon as there are many people who have been suffering from many years. Usha Madhavan, 70, another senior citizen residing in 4th Block Koramangala, says, "I've lived here for more than 35 years and this is the first year this is happening. Water has been entering our house (in pic) on all days on which it has rained since August 15. Tuesday's rains caused the worst damage. Nine inches of water was seen."

"BWSSB came and fixed some lines three months ago, but the problems started thereafter," she adds.

Mr And Mrs Madhavan's refrigerator and washing machine too have been ruined due to the rains. Usha says, "How many times do we have to go through this? Usha's daughter a resident of HSR Layout, took her parents to her house for the night due to the rains and even tried arranging for sandbags. "I have my daughter who stays close by, so I can go to her house. But what about people who don't have that option?, she asks.

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