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## As city catches Covid fever, business hubs feel the chill

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**B**engaluru's business hubs are falling one by one to the rampant coronavirus.

Top revenue generating wards in the tech hub — which accounted for 981 of the total 1,843 new cases in the state on Monday — are seeing a sharp spike in Covid-19 cases, which could derail business activities in the coming days in these areas.

Consider this: the highest number of cases for the past 10 days have been in Shantala Nagar (MG Road, Brigade Road, Ashok Nagar), Chickpet (wholesale business), Basavanapura (IT hub), Malleswaram (markets), Gandhi Nagar (shopping, markets, eateries etc), Dharmaraya Swamy Temple ward (elec-

Shantala Nagar seeing a spike, Page 2

tronic goods) and Jayanagar ward (commercial hub).

According to the BBMP, these wards are the highest revenue earners for the civic body.

On Sunday, the highest number of cases were reported in Shantala Nagar ward (no 111), which saw 59 fresh infections.

MBDwarakanath, corporator of Shantala Nagar, said the ward is seeing a sudden spike



Workers sanitising the first floor offices in Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Monday. DH PHOTO/S K DINESH

### Sumalatha, three other politicians test positive

Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambareesh and senior Congress leader Janardhan Poojary were among politicians who tested positive for Covid-19. On Monday, Sumalatha said she had tested positive for the virus. "On July 4, I had headache and throat infection. Since I was actively involved in work in my constituency and had visited several Covid-infected areas, I

underwent a test. Today, I have tested positive. I have taken doctor's advice and have quarantined myself at home. I have also intimidated a list of names to the officials, naming everyone I met recently," she said in a Facebook post. Besides Poojary of the Congress, the party's Kuni-gal MLA HD Ranganaiah and BJP MLC MK Pranesh and his wife have also tested positive.

after not seeing any infections for several days. "Our ward is the highest revenue generator and entertainment hub in the city. There are three stadiums

and a huge shopping hub but if cases continue to rise like this, it would be difficult for business," he said.

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INDIA  
CASES ON  
MONDAY **22,398**

**466** DEATHS

Sunday's cases: **24,248**  
Deaths: **425**

KARNATAKA  
CASES ON  
MONDAY **1,843**

**30** DEATHS

Sunday's cases: **1,925**  
Deaths: **37**

TILL 11.45 PM, SOURCE: DHNS/PTI

### Govt freezes direct hiring

The Yediyurappa administration has put direct recruitment on hold as an 'economy' measure to cut costs even as the state government faces severe financial difficulty in the wake of Covid-19.

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