

ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ತುಣುಕುಗಳು
PAPER CLIPPINGS

17

ಇಲಾಖೆ / ವಿಷಯ : DEPARTMENT / SUBJECT: Covid-19

ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಹೆಸರು : NAME OF THE NEWS PAPER: Deccan Herald ದಿನಾಂಕ : DATE: 6/2/2021

Party turns apartment complex into Covid cluster

56 residents have
tested positive after
the February 6 bash

16/2/21

BENGALURU, DHNS

A recreational party organised by the residents of an apartment complex in Bommanahalli zone limits of Bengaluru has turned into a superspreader event, with 56 residents testing positive for Covid-19 so far.

The complex houses 1,500 people in 435 flats.

The Covid cluster — the second in the city after a nursing college in RT Nagar limits — has prompted civic and health officials to scale up operations to contain further spread.

The apartment complex, SNN Raj Lakeview, is located in Ward 188, Bilekahalli. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials said none of the residents exhibited any symptoms or required hospitalisation. Most were youngsters and have been put under voluntary home quarantine. The apartment complex has been thoroughly sanitised and disinfected.

M Ramakrishna, Joint Commissioner, Bommanahalli zone, BBMP, said the residents had organised a party on February 6. Since 500 people can gather for any social/cultural event, no permission was required, he said.

"Till Sunday, we tested 513 residents in three blocks



SNN Raj Lakeview
apartment at Bilekahalli.

Reimpose curbs: Experts

With four known Covid clusters in the state — two in Bengaluru, one each among nursing students in Mangaluru and Mysuru — Karnataka may have to rethink imposing restrictions on apartments, said Covid-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) experts.

The state has to rethink the upper limit of 500 people for events, TAC member Dr C N Manjunath told DH. "Now there are no restrictions. Previously, at least one had to take permission. We have to keep vigil for the next 2-3 weeks to see if these clusters are an indication of the second wave," he said.

of the complex. On Monday, 600 more were tested. Their results will be available on Tuesday. Another 300 have to be tested on Tuesday," he said.
► Covid, Page 9

Apartment turns Covid...

Covid, from Page 1

The first case was diagnosed on February 10, when a resident got tested on his own after experiencing Covid-19 symptoms. "He went to the hospital and the information was relayed to the BBMP," Ramakrishna said.

"Fortunately, most of them are youngsters and are asymptomatic. None of the 56 has a domestic travel history either. But further contact tracing is on. There were 45 to 50 people at the party, who further infected their families," he said.

Dr G K Suresh, Deputy Health Officer, Bommanahalli, said, "Nobody is resisting testing. We still need to check how many contacts these 56 individuals have generated. As per current guidelines, 380 to 500 people are allowed in social and cultural events."