

# Safety matters: City police look to light up Cubbon Park

Authorities planning to double the number of streetlights and install over 100 CCTV cameras

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**BENGALURU:** Efforts are on to make Cubbon Park safer, with the number of streetlights almost doubled and over 100 CCTV cameras installed, as recommended by the city police.

At present, there are 350 streetlights and less than 10 CCTV cameras in the 192-acre park. Senior police officers have been complaining that most of the streetlights and cameras are along the motorable roads inside the park, leaving most parts of the park vulnerable spots, especially at night. The recommendations, made following the alleged rape of a woman in Cubbon Park in November last week, are yet to be implemented.

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## Musical walk in the park

**Y**ou can soon listen to soothing music while on your morning walk at Cubbon Park.

The Horticulture Department has decided to install sound systems on all the street lights along the walkpath, which will be used to play music during the

morning walk hours of 5 a.m. to 8 a.m. "We have decided to play classical music and bhavageete during the morning walk hours, which will add to the experience of the walk," said Mahantesh Murgod, Deputy Director of the Horticulture Department.

the park with no lighting after dusk, making them hot-spots of petty crimes and even stray incidents of sex work. We want most of the areas in the park lit," a senior police officer said.

Mahantesh Murgod, Deputy Director of the Horticulture

Department, said the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) would install an additional 250 streetlights, this time with LED lights. "Bescom will also be replacing the existing ones with LED," he said.

He said the number of

cameras to be installed is yet to be finalised. "We want to put up CCTV cameras on the streetlight poles itself so that both work can be done by laying a single OFC (optical fibre cable) and the digging work is minimised," he said. The locations of the new streetlights and cameras will be decided in consultation with the police.

S. Umesh, president of the Cubbon Park Walkers' Association, said while streetlights and CCTV cameras are welcome measures, the need of the hour is erecting a compound wall, as at Lalbagh. "As per the rules, Cubbon Park requires around 30 security guards and two supervisors at any point of time. But we have only eight guards now. Security needs to be tightened," he said.

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## Two officials caught taking bribes

**BENGALURU:** ACB officials arrested an assistant director and an electric inspector for allegedly taking bribes, on Wednesday. The ACB searched the office and house of Suresh, assistant director in the Factory and Boiler Department, and recovered Rs. 3.4 lakh.

In another case, the ACB trapped Deputy Chief Electric Inspector K.V. Sadananda while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs. 25, 000 from a contractor for issuing a NoC for a residential apartment.

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## Power generation, agriculture hit

**W**ith water level dropping at the Linganamakki and Supa reservoirs, power generation at the hydroelectric stations too has taken a beating. Scanty rainfall



has also impacted agricultural activities. While the total area that can be utilized for Rabi crop cultivation in the state is 32.25 lakh hectares during this time of the year, only 19.67 lakh hectares have witnessed sowing activity, as on November 21. In 2015, crops were sown on 27.75 lakh hectares.

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## No power supply

There will be no power supply on Saturday, between 10 am and 4 pm due to maintenance works in all the connecting stations and line equipments of 66/11 KV Bagmane WTC and ITI Muss.

The areas to be affected are: Bagmane Trade World Centre, Shivagange Layout, B Narayanapura, Kamadhenu Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Shanthi Layout, Akshaynagar, NRI Layout, Munindappa Layout, Devasandra, Masjid Road, Hoyasalanagar, Kalkere Road, Santhe Road, Ayyappanagar, Seeghalli, White City Layout, Sir MV Nagar, KR Puram extensions, Vinayaka Layout, Anandapura, MEG Layout, CWD Road and the surrounding areas.

