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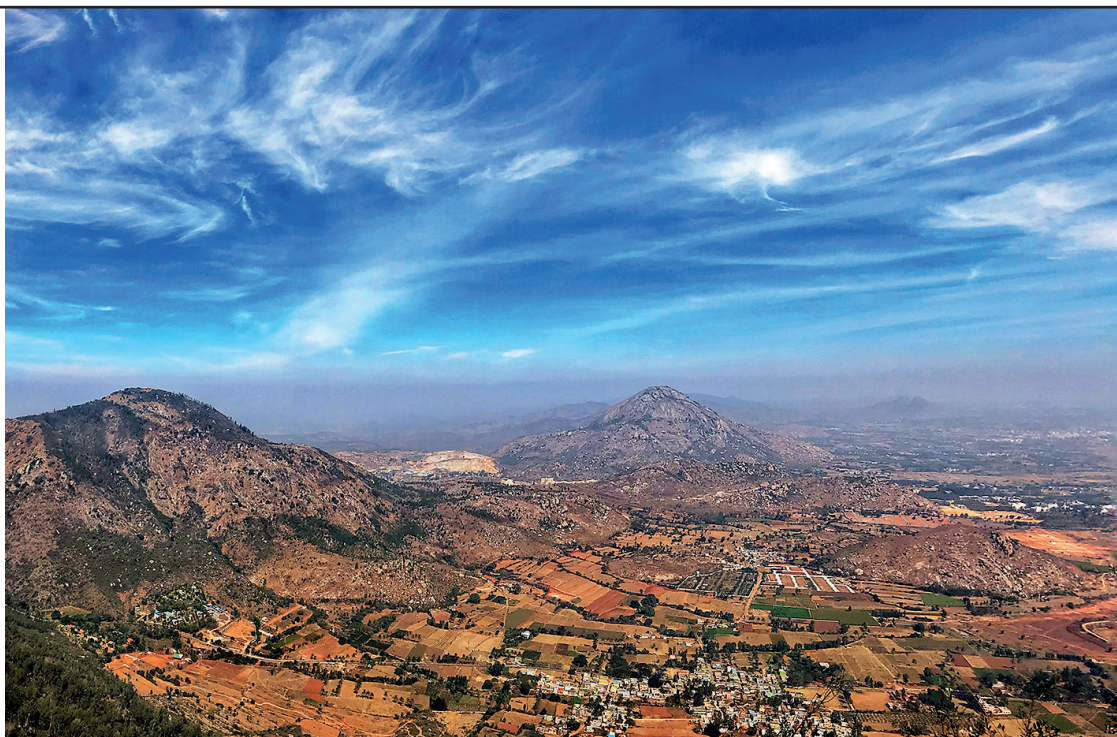
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STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

POINT OF VIEW

Our reader made the most of the view point on top of Nandi Hills. "The blue sky and vibrant view of the city made my heart skip a beat," he wrote

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Spreading warmth and kindness on the streets

Retired police personnel distribute blankets to homeless people in city



The drive was held in Nagarbhavi, Majestic, City Railway Station and other spots

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Members of the Karnataka State Retired Police Officers Welfare Association took to the streets of Bengaluru to distribute woollen blankets to homeless people.

"All of us were discussing about how cold it's been in Bengaluru and especially at night. We got to know that Ramaiah Hospital recently distributed a hundred blankets to the poor and needy. So our committee thought of doing the same but with greater intensity," said Pemmaiah, the president of the

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association.

The Association distributed blankets across Nagarbhavi II Stage, Chowdappa Orphanage, Majestic Bus Stand, the City Railway Station and various other slums. So far, the members have distributed 500 blankets after generating Rs 85,000 from the association's fund and donations from the committee members.

"It's very difficult to stay warm in this cold weather that Bengaluru is experiencing. Thinking about people who do not have a proper shelter or a place to sleep and end up in bus and railway station corridors made us realise our privilege. We want to help at least a few of them," said a volunteer.

"We used to serve our people and our nation earlier when we served in the police force. So, helping people in need is ingrained in all of us in this association. Being retired limits us from doing certain things but nevertheless, all 400 of us do our best to make sure that our association, in some way, helps the needy," he added.



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THE CLAIM

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where Bangaloreans speak their mind
Do you think civic agencies get lazy when citizens take to solving problems on their own?



Ajay Rajendran
BM reader

Yes. Civic agencies go to sleep and wake up to destroy the work done by public.



Amrita Mallick
Homemaker

Yes. They are famous for shirking responsibilities. If the citizens do their work, they will while away their time in unproductive works.



Joseph F Benedict
Engineer

Since citizens are tax-payers, the onus rest with the civic authorities. Citizens only help out of zeal, of which the civic authorities should not take advantage



KL Subramanyam
Senior citizen

Civic agencies are lazy on the whole. When citizens solve the problems on their own, action should be taken against the concerned authorities for their lethargic attitude



Shreesha Mokhashi
BM reader

Lazy? What are they even paid for, otherwise? Why should I pay any taxes if I have to fix civic issues on my own?



Vivek Achar
BM reader

They need to be awake to get lazy. Moreover all pathetic people with no knowledge on civic management or idea about development are sitting in the BBMP offices.

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