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A lowdown on the city's good, bad and the ugly.



**Nidhi Subbaiah, Actor**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The weather.
2. The South Indian food.
3. It has more trees and greenery as compared to other cities.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The nightlife. Everything shuts down by 11pm and dancing is not allowed.

That's a stupid rule.

2. The traffic. I have to wake up two hours before a shoot just to get there on time.
3. The airport. It is so far away that it feels like another state altogether.

**Geetanjali Kirloskar, Businesswoman**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The cosmopolitan and international character of the city.
2. The medical facilities are good.
3. The people of Bangalore.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The city has great weather but not enough outdoor hangouts.
2. Apart from IIM there are no "destination colleges" in the city.



**Madhuri Upadhya, Contemporary Indian dancer**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The weather. It's pleasant almost 90 percent of the time. It's always great for a walk.
2. The people of Bangalore. They have strong family values.
3. The food joints. There is just soo much to choose from!

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The traffic and poor infrastructure.
2. People spitting and urinating in public places.
3. The quality of the arts in the city. It suffers due to lack of support and sometimes funds.

**Anita Nair, Writer**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The weather.
2. The way this city has grown over the years-geographically and also the infrastructural advancement.
3. Despite the size of this city, there is a small town feel to it.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The sense of civic planning in the city.
2. There is no respect for green spaces.
3. The city's neighbourhoods are all starting to look the same. They are losing their individual character.



**Balan Nambiar, Artist**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The weather.
2. The people of Bangalore.
3. The cultural scene which has greatly flourished since I first came here 40 years ago.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The infrastructure- terrible planning of roads and residential layouts.
2. Traffic is a serious concern.

**Abhijit Saha, Founding Director and Chef, Caperberry**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The weather.
2. The city's cosmopolitan spirit.
3. This city has made me famous.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The traffic.
2. The poor infrastructure.
3. The prevalent corruption.



**Ajit Saldanha, Food critic**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The city's laid-back attitude.
2. Bangalore's open-mindedness: sleazy go-getters, progressive thinkers, congressive drinkers, it has room for all.
3. Our politicians: if it weren't for them, the influx of yokels from other locales attracted by our magical weather would be far greater.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. Lack of planning, and here's where that laid-back, 'adjust maadi' attitude that I love, gets on to my nerves.
2. Our voters: How do we manage to stay out of sync with the Centre every single time?

**Anjum Jung, Interior Designer and Managing Director, Morph Designs**

### Things I like about Bangalore

1. The people are warm and welcoming.
2. The city's culture is very relaxed. This is not a hostile city like Delhi or like an aloof Mumbai. Bangalore has a soul that a lot of other cities lack.

### Things I'd like to change about it

1. The people have taken from the city but not given back anything.
2. Growth is part of evolution but it has destroyed this city which has been disproportionate to development. Bangalore is still very limited in many ways.

