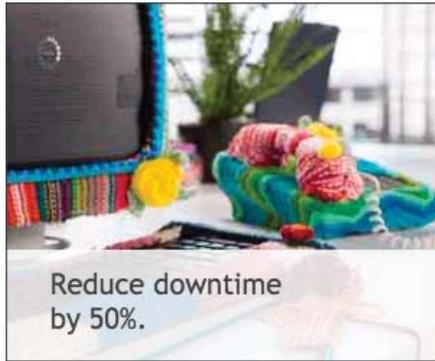


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# I'd raze metro lines & rebuild them with smart design: Kamal Sagar, Total environment building systems CEO

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What makes Bengaluru tick?

The people, especially the youngsters. I cherish my school days and can relate to all the young kids. So much so that I think I am one of them. There is so much energy in them. The cafes, pubs, darshinis, wild traffic, auto-rickshaws, the new airport and the beautiful weather, all these make Bengaluru tick.



"I would green every inch of Bengaluru and plant thousands of trees of various varieties all over the place," says architect Kamal Sagar.

What is your favourite Bengaluru moment?

Nothing can beat the idli, vada and filter coffee at Brahmin's Coffee Bar. Another thing I love is local weddings with traditional sit-down meals. I like hanging out at book stores but unfortunately, there are not too many now.

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If you were the dictator of Bengaluru, what is the first thing you will do?

I would green every inch of Bengaluru and plant thousands of trees of various varieties all over the place. Create large, wide walkways and large parks near every lake and convert MG Road, Brigade Road and Residency Road to walking plazas with street art, music, food kiosks and cafes. I would demolish the terrible Metro lines and rebuild them with a nice, smart design. I would also build a beautiful, large theatre.

Who is your favourite Bengalurean? Why?

It has to be (architects) Renu and Sharukh Mistry for being such nice people and inspiring me in so many ways. I did my training at their office in 1991 and they changed my life forever. But I like the typical average Bengalurean as well. I came back to the city in 1996 after being away for 13 years. I decided to set up my architectural practice in the city only because of fond memories with people here. They are simple, straightforward and down to earth.

It has to be Bengaluru. Honestly, I cannot think of any other place. Maybe [Paris](#) because