

## Our Values

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Dear Fellow Bangalorean,

The excitement of the Elections had barely died down and Bangalore was eagerly looking forward to some bold initiatives from our elected leaders to support the city's creaking infrastructure. But that feeling quickly eroded when Bangaloreans woke up to a rude shock with rape of a woman just outside her apartment in Fraser Town and rape of a 6 year old child in an upmarket school making national headlines in electronic and print media.

Safety is the right of each citizen. And Bangaloreans always felt safe in the city compared to many other cities in the country. That confidence seems to have eroded with parents getting increasingly nervous about sending their children to school in a safe and secure environment.

We are a society in transition. As a fall out of Nirbhaya, and subsequent developments in legislation and high media coverage, women are now beginning to speak up and report incidents which would hitherto have gone unreported. This is a positive development but much more needs to be done. As citizens we will have to accept that as more women and children feel bold enough to come out and report incidents of harassment, the statistics will go up before they can come down.

Collectively we have to take steps to strengthen our prevention, detection and judicial processes and we are having some productive conversations with the Government and the Police. All stake holders have to come together to work on an Agenda for a Safe City where we have to shed our 'Not In My Back Yard' attitude and start actively contributing to making Bangalore a safer and better city through awareness, dialogue, protocols, guidelines supported by good infrastructure and technology.

Our B.SAFE initiative has emerged as a great platform for multi-stakeholder engagement with lawyers, doctors, trainers, counselors, psychologists, police, parents, teachers, women and child protection groups all coming together to put these protocols in place and action them. We have been vocal in both electronic and print media and part of the Expert Committee set up by the government, bringing the right issues to focus. Bangalore will work together to ensure that we have a long term Safety Road map to deal with these kinds of incidents in a responsible way and B.SAFE with its collaborative platform is at the heart of it.

The other crisis that hit the headlines was the garbage crisis and the Mandur situation which is appalling. Our B.CLIP teams are now active in their respective wards, creating waste segregation awareness, evangelizing organic waste composting, pushing for black spot removal and making Dry Waste Collection Centers functional.

We started with a vision of creating active citizen engagement on issues that are important to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in Bangalore, where we work with the government and the political leadership.

We are encouraged with the progress we have made so far and invite each of you to actively participate in rebuilding our city.



## Inauguration of B.CLIP Batch II

8 June 2014

Batch 2 of our flagship program B.PAC Civic Leadership Incubator Program (B.CLIP) which seeks to encourage passionate and concerned citizens to enter public service was inaugurated on 8 June 2014 by the Honourable BBMP Mayor Honourable Sri Katte Sathyanarayana.

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## Petition for a Safe Bangalore

17 July 2014

B.PAC, under its B.SAFE program, has petitioned Karnataka's Chief Minister demanding a safer Bangalore for women and children. B.PAC was in the media on the same subject.

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**BPAC** appeared in various News Channels on Women Safety Issue:

[In Headlines Today](#)

[In NDTV](#)

## Working for a Safe City



### Memorandum to the Chief Minister for a "Safe City"

17 July 2014

B.PAC submitted a comprehensive memorandum to the Chief Minister and other officials of the Government of Karnataka, on 17 July 2014, requesting them to adopt the Agenda for a "Safe City".

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### **B.SAFE Press Conference – adopting the agenda for a Safe City**

B.PAC has been pushing the concept of a “Safe City” for over a year now. The string of sexual abuses against women and children rocked the city for the last two weeks. As one of the immediate responses, B.PAC organized a press conference with Dr. Kiran Bedi on 17 July 2014 calling for a special session in the Assembly to discuss issues surrounding women and child sexual abuse and adopt the Agenda for a Safe City and for immediate implementation of the key recommendations of the B.SAFE..

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### **Engaging with the Commissioner of Police** 17 July 2014

Over the last one month B.PAC and B.SAFE members met with the Police Commissioner on four different occasions, once with Mr. Auradhkar and thrice with Mr. M N Reddi, the new Commissioner of Police, to discuss various aspects of the Agenda of a Safe City and reinforce the need for putting in place more stringent and effective systems for prevention, registration of crime, investigation and redressal as also the key points mentioned in the memorandum that had been submitted to the Chief Minister of Karnataka and the Police Commissioner on 17 July 2014.

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## **Advocacy in Action**



### **Team B.PAC meets with the Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka**

21 June 2014

Making Bangalore a better and safer city has been a key agenda for B.PAC. We have been tirelessly working to create collaborative partnerships with like-minded organisations and individuals to further the cause.

On 21 June 2014, B.PAC members including Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (on phone), Mohandas Pai, Revathy Ashok, Anil Shetty and Sharath Shroff met the Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddaramaiah to submit a comprehensive memorandum as a follow up to various memoranda submitted by B.PAC in the past regarding improving the quality of life of citizens of Bangalore.

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### **Civic engagement - Unsung heroes at traffic signals**

17 July 2014

B.PAC, The World Peacekeepers Movement and the Bangalore Traffic Police Department organized the first of its kind award ceremony, 'Unsung Heroes at Traffic Signals', on 17 July 2014 where, in the presence of Dr. Kiran Bedi and other dignitaries, 25 traffic constables were honoured for their selfless service.

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## **B.CLIP – Building Future Civic Leaders, Improving Governance at the Grassroots**



### **Team B.CLIP visits Maltose Wet Waste Processing Centre**

29 June 2014

It is B.PAC's endeavour to constantly provide practical learning opportunities to the B.CLIP participants so that the same can then be applied in their field projects.

25 participants from Batch 1 visited the Maltose Agri Products Private Ltd. Wet Waste Processing Centre at Doddaballapur on 4 June 2014.

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### **Team B.CLIP visits the Sewage Treatment Plant at Jakkur Lake**

4 June 2014

Participants from Batch 1 and 2 B.CLIP visited Jakkur Lake on 29 June 2014 as part of their on field learning activity. Spread over 140 acres, it is one of the largest and cleanest water bodies in Bangalore which today has less than 34 lakes compared to over 280 lakes half a century ago. The purpose of the visit was to study the process of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) located by the lake and understand the various aspects involved in a lake rejuvenation project.

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