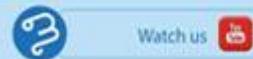


Our Values

- Let's be heard
- Let's be proud
- Let's be progressive
- Let's be fair
- Let's be green
- Let's be accountable

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A **BETTER LIFE** FOR
CITIZENS OF **BANGALORE**



From the Editor's Desk

Greetings! We are happy to bring you the next edition of B.PAC newsletter, hope you enjoy reading this as much as the past issues. We welcome your feedback and suggestions to make this better. B.PAC extended its dialogue with Bangalore's MLAs to get an insight into the plans for their constituency, the priorities and programmes and also offer BPAC support wherever possible.

As a part of this initiative two MLAs had in-depth discussions with B.PAC's core committee members further to the previous meetings. These were: MLA of Rajajinagar, Mr. S. Suresh Kumar, and Mr. Aswathnarayan MLA from Malleswaram.

In support of the zero garbage Kasa Muktha movement, B.PAC conducted a workshop at place which was well attended by over a...b..c people . B.PAC also visited a number of projects initiated by Bangalore's MLAs to strengthen lines of communication and understand how it can support them. B.PAC strongly believes in strengthening the citizen's engagement to make a bigger difference.



B.PAC MLA Dialogue Series: Session 3

Mr. S. Suresh Kumar visits B.PAC

Mr. S. Suresh Kumar, the MLA from Rajajinagar, Bangalore visited the B.PAC office recently for an interactive session with the committee members, he shared his vision for the constituency and the Bangalore city. Ms. Revathy Ashok, COO, B.PAC and other B.PAC core committee members welcomed him at the meeting.

Being a corporator for two terms and now having won his third term as MLA, he provided extremely valuable insights into the city's working and how B.PAC and citizens' involvement can make a difference. It was heartening to note his view that a candidate propagating value-based politics can still win elections in the existing system.



Mr. Kumar welcomed civic groups actively taking part in city's issues and endorsed B.PAC's objective of creating a platform for discussion and dialogue with the citizens by creating awareness in the public and soliciting their participation. He suggested the creation of an umbrella agency under BBMP, under which all agencies such as BWSSB and BESCO, can work in co-ordination, to avoid digging and re-digging of roads among other things! He also suggested creating a zone level program in BBMP.

Mr. Suresh Kumar mooted the idea of forming a legislature forum based on a common minimum understanding from all political parties, to move urban governance bills in the assembly.

Mr. Suresh Kumar shared some of the major problems his constituency is facing and requested B.PAC to help in matters related to education, women's safety, traffic, voter registration, garbage. In support of the work being done by Seva Bharathi and other agencies working with BBMP schools in his constituency, B.PAC will augment resources in organizing skill development programs, for +2 students, leading to job opportunities.



B.PAC MLA Dialogue Series: Session 4

Dr. Ashwathnarayan C.N. visits B.PAC

Last month , Dr. Ashwath Narayan.C.N., who is serving his second term as MLA from Malleshwaram also visited B.PAC. He was greeted by Dr. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, President B.PAC and other members of the core committee. Mr. Manjunath Corporator, BBMP from the Kadu Malleshwara ward also accompanied him. Dr Ashwathnarayan made an eloquent presentation on his action plan for the development of Malleshwaram constituency. This was followed by a lively discussion on how B.PAC could help him carry out his agenda.

Dr. Ashwath also shared information on the work done in his constituency in the areas of civic amenities, healthcare, education, and providing a green cover. An interesting development was the setting up of a mechanized Dhobi Ghat which has become very popular. He shared his future plans of installing surveillance system for enhanced safety, and creating an archive of road history and property tax assessment system.

Dr. Ashwath invited B.PAC to work with him in creating a Better Malleshwaram.





B.PAC Extends Its engagement with MLAs

As a follow-up to earlier MLA interactions, representatives of B.PAC's core committee visited the constituencies of these MLAs to evaluate and contribute to an identified list of programmes and initiatives. Here is a round up...

Jayanagar

- B.PAC team visited Mr. Vijaykumar's office in Jayanagar as well as the learning center at the school.

Mr. Vijaykumar apprised the team about the innovative steps taken by his office in the area of education, vocational training and the learning center. He also showed the team the 'Rain Water Harvesting system' setup in his office and at various other public places and government offices in his area in order to restore ground level water.

Mr. Vijaykumar's team organized a tour of the Jayanagar Shikashinika Samithi which is being run along with BBMP. This is Mr. Vijaykumar's 'dream project' as it provides coaching classes to students from class 10th and 12th and also has a vocational training center for professional skill development. An e-library is also underway.

A follow-up visit is planned to look at the government primary school in Marenahalli ward, a model school with good infrastructure and teaching quality.



Shanthinagar

- Similarly B.PAC team also visited office of Mr. N.A. Haris in Shanthinagar

Mr. N.A.Haris invited B.PAC members to visit his constituency, to see the schools therein and suggest ways to improve the quality of education. He accompanied the visiting team to BBMP run government Girls and Boys high School in Austin Town. These schools had good infrastructure and Mr. Haris introduced the heads of the school to visiting team with a request to work towards improving the quality of teaching and to achieve good results. Subsequent to the visit, B.PAC team has developed an action plan to further enhance the quality of learning at these schools.



Voter Registration Campaign at CII Young Indians Forum

Following the successful Vote Maadi campaign as a run up to the elections B.PAC further strengthened its voter registration drive and participated in CII's Young Indians program held on the 66th Independence Day. Held in collaboration with SmartVote, the voter registration program held at the Welingkar Institute of Management was inaugurated by Revathy Ashok COO, B.PAC . Highlighting the importance of casting their vote responsibly she urged them to register as a voter and take the first step towards choosing the Right Candidate who can provide good governance, at the municipal, state and national levels.



Campus Diaries: Engaging with the Youth

Ms Vani Ganapathy, Ms Sujata Rakhra, Members of the BPAC Core Committee, and Ms Revathy Ashok, COO, BPAC addressed two youth groups at the Campus Diaries event held at Book Café's in Koramangala and Indiranagar. The objective was to engage with the youth and sensitize them about the importance of their participation solving the problems of the city. The participants at the event were encouraged to register for vote, follow B.PAC activities, in order to enhance their civic and political awareness, and prepare themselves to participate in the political process.





New initiatives

Support for Kasa Muktha

B.PAC extended its full support to Kasa Muktha, a waste management initiative of BBMP run in collaboration with Wake Up Clean Up group, piloted in 22 wards in July 2013. The program was officially flagged off by Shri. K. Siddaramiah, Hon'ble CM, GoK. The project aimed at achieving a garbage free city focused on sensitizing citizens about the importance of sorting garbage at source in order to liberate the city from its garbage.

The Campaign focussed on : “1 Mane, 2 Dabba, Mix Maada Beda” (One house, 2 buckets, no mixing the two). This initiative is designed to implement a planned drive to ensure that garbage is properly segregated at source—the household—and also that it is not mixed again while loading into garbage disposal trucks. **Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Ministers Dinesh Gundurao and Ramalinga Reddy, Mayor D Venkatesh Murthy and BBMP Commissioner M Lakshminarayana presided over the launch of this programme on garbage segregation.**



Kasa Muktha Workshop

In collaboration with the MLA, B.PAC organized a special workshop for the corporators in the Jayanagar constituency, which was attended by Shri. B.N.Vijayakumar, Hon'ble MLA, Mr. C.K.Ramamurthy Corporator, Pattabhiramanagar, Mr. Somashekar, Corporator, Shakambarinagar, Mr. Chandrashekar, Corporator, JP Nagar, Mr. Channagiriappa Nominated Corporator Jayanagar, BBMP officials and a few residents of Jayanagar area.



Ms. Kalpana Kar, Member B.PAC has been the key driver of WUCU project, she presented the 'zero waste ward' model to the Corporators, some of them agreed to work towards waste segregation in their areas namely Pattabhiramanagar, Sarakki and J P Nagar. Various residents of these areas present at the forum also agreed to join hands in the initiative and committed to monitor the progress of the project in their wards. This was followed by a lively discussion on the ways of making the initiative successful.

B.PAC joins the Lungi Lover's Clean up Drive

On a bright Sunday morning, walkers near Ulsoor lake, were surprised to see, a group of volunteers at 6:30 am setting up a music system in a nearby building under construction and in a short while as the music begun to play, a large group of volunteers, from MEG center – Indian Army team, BBMP, BESCOM officials begun to arrive and by 7:30 am lot of action got started. The Clean up drive led by Lungi Lovers and the Indian Army(MEG Center) took people by surprise.

Bangalore's music band Lagori performed all through the clean up drives scheduled from 7.30 to 11.30 am. B.PAC volunteers supported and participated during the clean up drive. A few walkers and residents around Gangadara Chetty Road also joined hands to clean the stretch from garbage, and painting the sides of the footpath.

At the end loads of garbage, debris were carried out of site by BBMP. This clean up drive also led the way to restart Nirmala public toilet which was dysfunctional for a long time.



Civic Leadership Incubator introduced at TIE

BPAC also joined hands with Tie and organised a special session on "Bangalore Civic Leadership Incubator" at the TIE forum held by the Bangalore chapter last month.

A number of speakers from B.PAC and associated organisations including Mr. Mohandas Pai addressed the exclusive session to discuss nuances and aspects of being a part of making Bangalore, a wonderful city to live in.

Panelists at the forum discussed the importance of developing well trained passionate professionals to play the roles of future corporators.

- Mr.T V Mohandas Pai, Vice President, B.PAC.
- Mr. R K Misra, Founder Trustee, Nav Bharat Trust.
- Prof.Rajeev Gowda, Professor IIMB - Center for Public Policy.
- Mr. Harish Narasappa, Daksh India.



Mr. Pai during his talk shared some very alarming statistics/ facts related to Bangalore city and reiterated the importance of Bangalore city for the health of state economy and the country overall. He also spoke on the need for citizen's participation in city administration. Mr. Pai informed the audience on the need of BCLIP. According to him B.CLIP will create a platform for aspiring Corporators who wish to work for the development of the City.

Prof. Rajeev Gowda agreed with the concept of creating an incubator for aspiring corporators.

He talked about the existing problems faced in the city and the need for training to be provided to prospective elected representatives. He also shared his experience of conducting 'I WILL ' leadership program for women in IIMB.

Following this, Mr. R.K. Misra spoke about the strategies for winning elections and how to run a campaign for public office. His talk covered fundraising, campaign and volunteer management. Mr. Harish Narasappa who runs Daksh India, which did report cards on elected MLA's from 224 assembly constituencies in Karnataka, emphasized the importance of data analysis during elections. He shared his experience of doing report cards and how the elected representative's offices function. In conclusion, he made an appeal to all the TiE members present to consider taking part in the initiative. This was followed by a round of Q and A.

Thank You Bangaloreans

A movement such as ours can never be successful without the active support of citizens such as you. B.PAC thanks all the volunteers who supported us in the various activities during last several weeks. Keep up the enthusiasm and passion. We need much more of it in the coming months to collectively make Bangalore a better city.



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