



# B.PAC

**3RD ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL**

Greetings,

The period gone by has seen many of our endeavours take fruition. Building on from the garbage crisis that brought us all together, eventually culminating in B.PAC itself, our crusade against unsustainable waste practices in the city have advanced further. We are very happy to state that B.PAC's advocacy efforts against the use of plastic bags in the city have resulted in the city-wide plastic ban as announced by the State Government. It is also heartening to note that the ban has met with an enthusiastic response from the citizens, but the effective enforcement continues to be a challenge.

The magnitude of the garbage & mobility problem in the city highlighted the fact that Bengaluru requires a minister at the State dedicated solely to address the concerns of the city or a directly elected Mayor with a 5 year term. Consequently, we advocated the need for this setup to various decision-makers and stakeholders. Our efforts have paid off and a ministerial berth responsible solely for the concerns of the city has been appointed. In light of some of our recent advocacy work with the office of the Minister for Bengaluru, we have found this administrative reform to have immensely helped in streamlining the processes of development in the city.

Our core civic leadership-building programs have been continuing their strong form. B.CLIP has been a breakthrough initiative in educating and enabling citizens to implement their own solutions in tandem with the efforts of the government. The initiative and the work done by the participants has been well received by both, the government and the citizenry. In fact, the program has now matured to a stage where we have been able to establish a 'Civic Hub' consisting of B.CLIP members. The Civic Hub is currently active in nine wards across the city. The other aspect of our citizen engagement approach is our 'Participatory Democracy Program'. Smaller, focussed initiatives under the program have sought to address each of the 8 eight principles on which the program is based. These initiatives include conducting voter registration drives, citizen-surveys and improving environmental parameters in the city, among other things.

Going forward we hope to continue our work with our focus always on being responsive to the troubles of the citizens of Bengaluru.

We thank you for your continued support and encouragement without which we could never have come this far.



**KIRAN MAZUMDAR SHAW**

President



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Trustee and Secretary

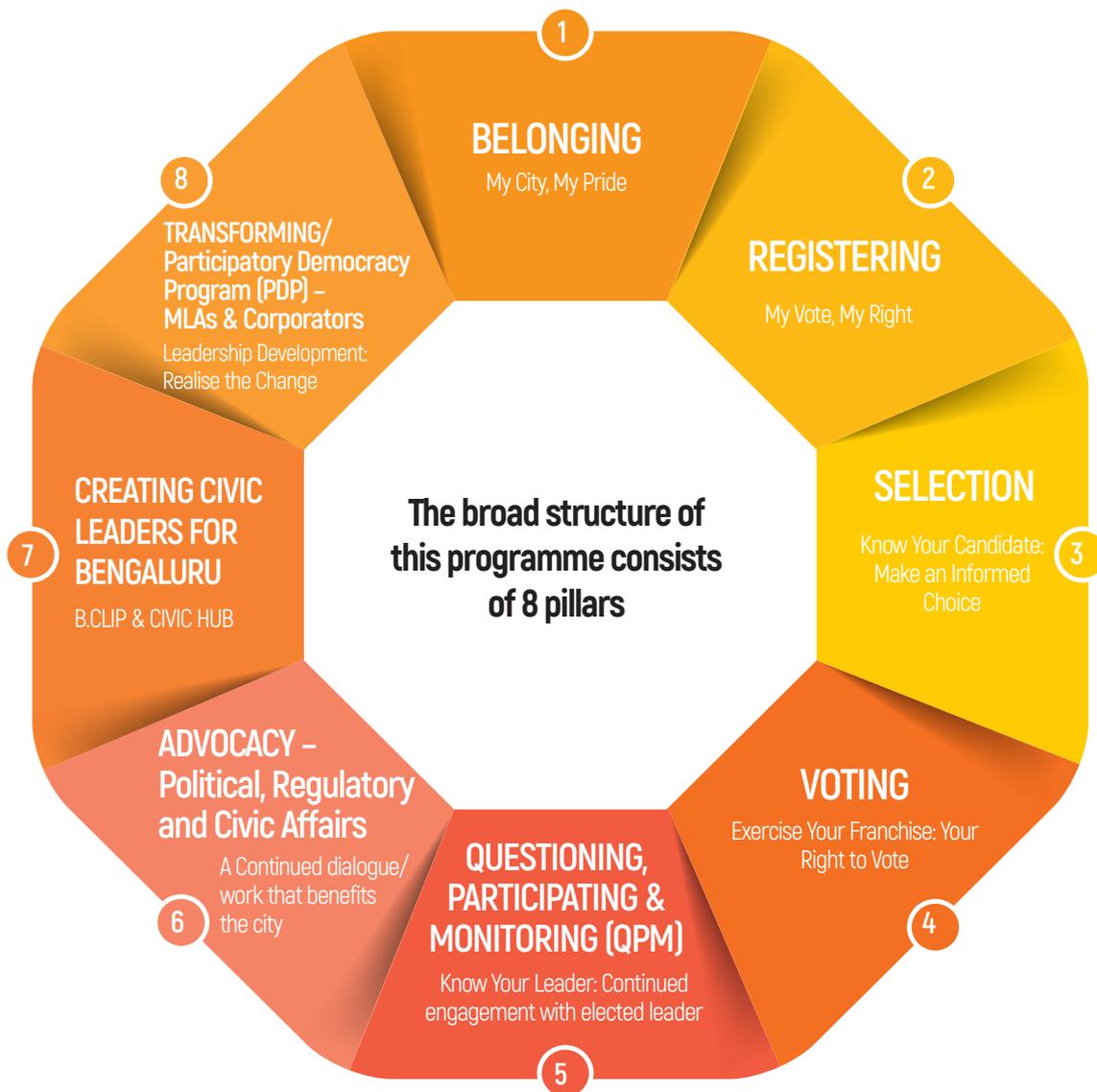


**REVATHY ASHOK**

Hon. Managing Trustee  
and CEO



# Participatory Democracy Programme (PDP)



# 1

## Belonging

The first step towards encouraging proactive participation of citizens is to bring in a sense of belonging and pride. With this in mind, B.PAC launched the program “My City, My Pride”. To mark Dr BR Ambedkar’s birth anniversary, we brought together a multitude of people from various strata of society. Our objective was to remind each other that our responsibilities towards our society take precedence over what we expect from it. What better way to achieve this than to read aloud the Preamble to the Constitution of this mighty nation?



# 2

## Registration

Continuing our constant encouragement to the citizens as a voter, prior to the BBMP elections in 2015, B.PAC ran the “One Million New Votes” campaign, urging the city’s inhabitants, particularly its youth, to participate in the electoral process.

To aid this, we have worked hand-in-hand with educational institutions to devise a system in which students could avail of registration forms for a voter ID at the same time as applying for admission at the particular institution.



Voter registration drive

# 3

## Selection



Citizens meet candidates during Hebbal Assembly Elections

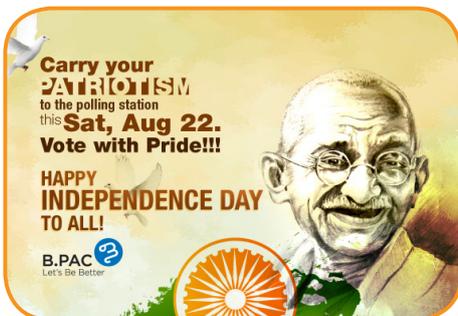
One of the biggest challenges citizens face is that they are never sure whom to vote for. This could be attributed to the fact that they don't entirely know who the candidates are. B.PAC has taken up the responsibility of reviewing these candidates' profiles and then endorsing them, thus giving citizens a better idea of whom they could vote for. To bridge the gap between citizens and candidates, B.PAC also conducts open debates. This gives both sides a chance to get to know each other better.

- During the 2015 BBMP elections, B.PAC endorsed 50 candidates from a pool of 1151 across 198 wards.
- 23 of the 50 endorsed candidates were elected to the BBMP Council including the current Mayor of BBMP.
- Organized '**Citizens Meet Candidates**' during the Hebbal by-poll election in association with the B.CLIP leaders in the month of February, 2016.

# 4

## Voting

The elementary needs of city are addressed by BBMP corporators, so it is imperative that people vote to voice their opinions. With this in mind, B.PAC organised a series of events and initiatives during the 2015 BBMP elections as part of the Right to Vote campaign.



# 5

## Questioning, Participating And Monitoring

Citizens' responsibilities don't end with the voting on the day of elections. It is important that there is a continuous dialogue with the now elected representatives during their term in office. We envision that this process takes place in the form of a three-pronged approach:

**Questioning** the representative on the initiatives undertaken by them, and raising concerned civic issues that may prove detrimental to the community.

**Participating** in the initiatives taken on by the representative that would prove beneficial for the respective ward and its community.

**Monitoring** the ongoing work in the ward to ensure that they are, in fact, being carried out in a transparent and effective manner.

In the year 2015, B.PAC conducted a perception survey on BBMP services and its findings are shown below:



### Prioritizing Service Delivery Bangalore City



Priority Level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bangalore City							
	Roads	Solid Waste Management	Parks and Play grounds	Bus Shelter	Lake	Building Related	Crematoria

## Bengaluru Rising - Aspirations Vs Reality

After BBMP elections, B.PAC organised 'Bengaluru Rising' to provide a platform for dialogue between elected representatives and citizens to find pragmatic solutions to improve their ward conditions, thereby setting an example for others to emulate.



## Women Leaders For A Better Tomorrow

The 2015 BBMP elections proved monumental for female representatives, as they now enjoy an unprecedented 52% majority in the council. To celebrate that fact, B.PAC joined hands with the BBMP and organised an exclusive workshop that would help these women representatives realise their full potential and lead from the front in transforming the city.



Women Leaders for a Better Tomorrow



Ashwini Nachappa



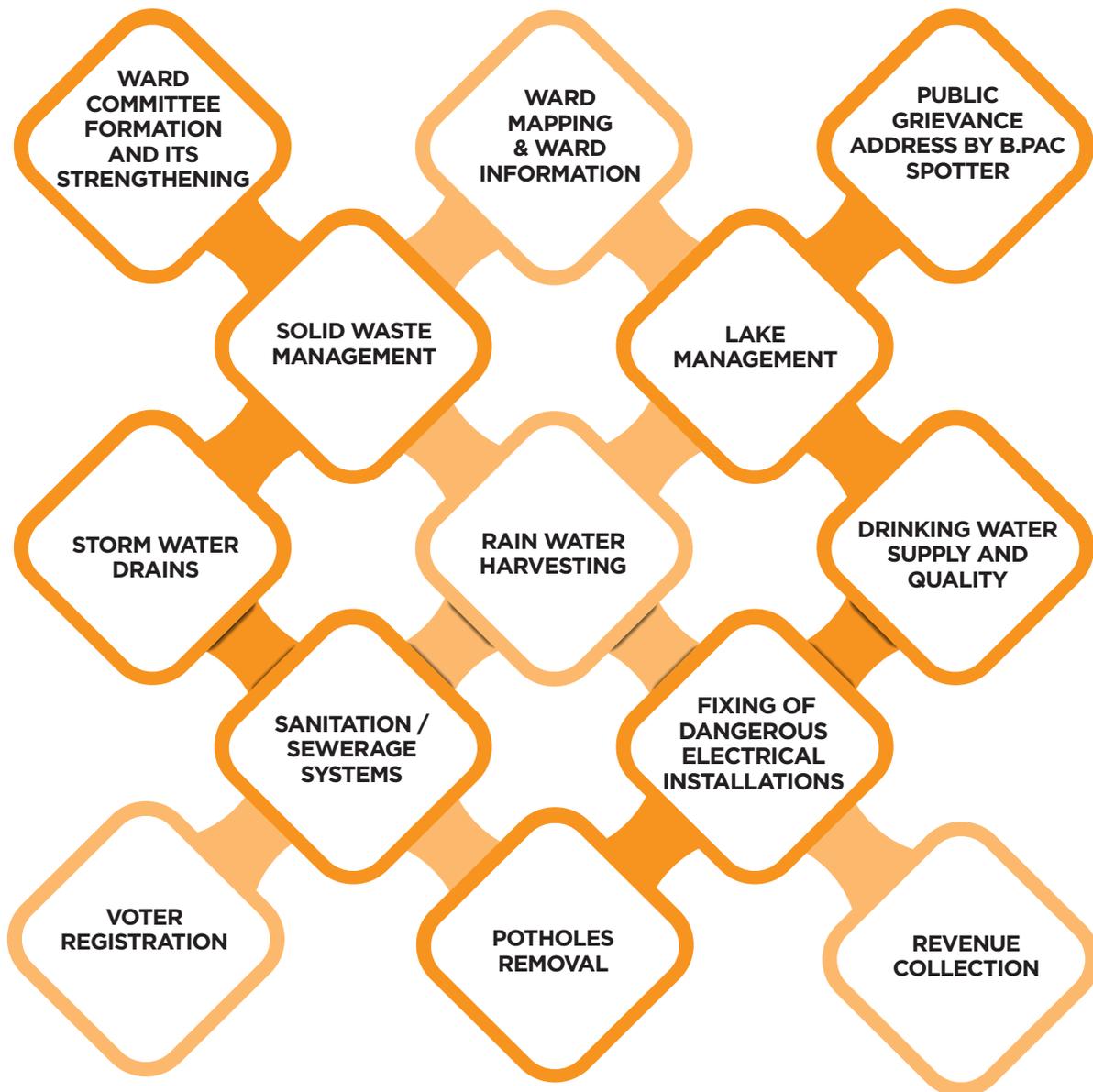
As an individual citizen often you feel a sense of powerlessness with regard to what you can do for your city. In a country like ours we often forget that every voice matters and every little change is merely a prelude to a larger change you can make. It is by helping each citizen make these small changes that we begin to transform our society



# Corporator Engagement Programme

When provided with the right kind of support and resources, corporators can deliver better results. To enable this, B.PAC has launched the **Corporator Engagement Programme**

Based on the results of the survey, we compiled a set of Ward Development Initiatives that would aid the corporators in the quality of living in the respective wards as represented below,



# Ward Vision - Realising The Change

Continuing our efforts, through Corporator Engagement Program B.PAC envisions to work with Corporators for developing a ward vision. CEP intends to strengthen the engagement with Corporators through meaningful interventions and innovative solutions for various civic issues.



Ward Vision



# Advocacy

## Garbage & Debris Free Metro Median In Namma Bengaluru

**C**onstruction debris and garbage have become ubiquitous to the city. B.PAC had filed a complaint with 700 photographs to the office of the Lokayukta as evidence to show the indiscriminate dumping of debris on the metro medians. Accordingly, Lokayukta registered the complaint and summoned officials of BMRCL (Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited) and BBMP to file their responses.

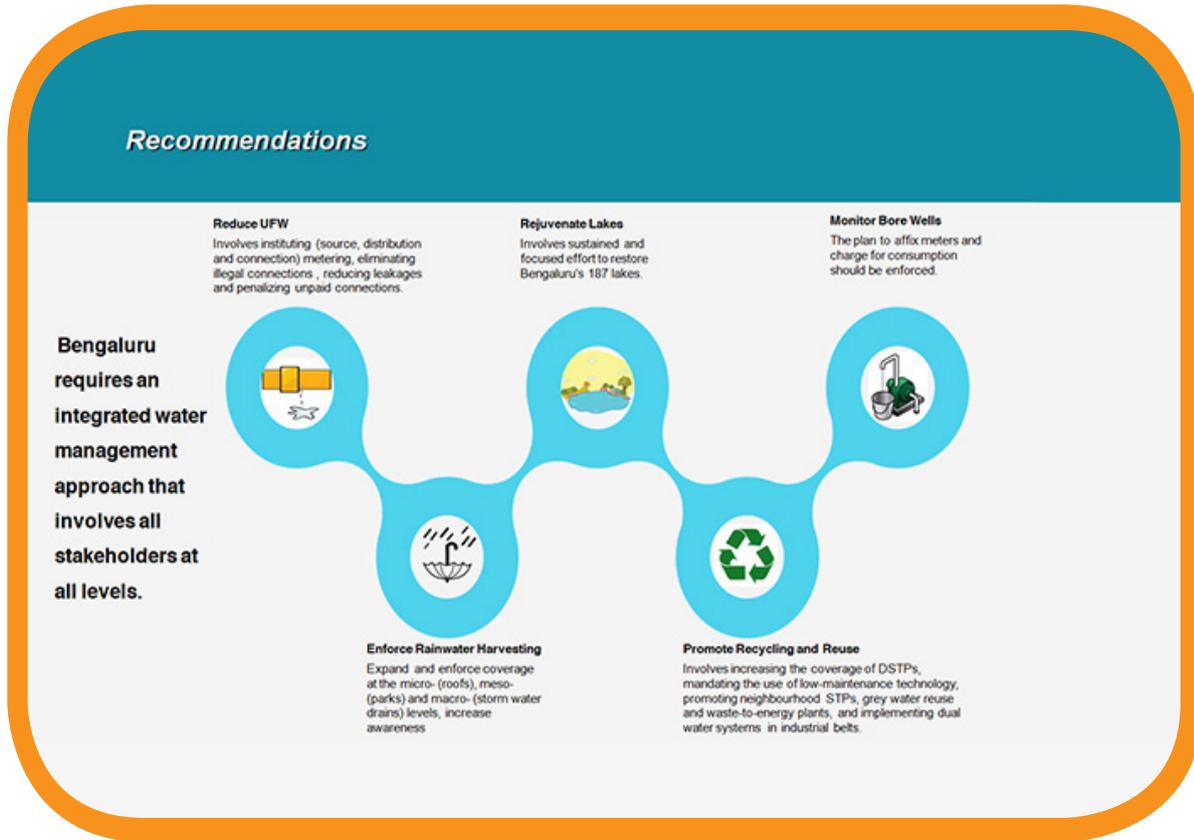


Metro Median

After 6 hearings and again providing over 1500 photographs and number of submissions from the officials, there has been commendable progress in clearing construction debris as well as garbage from the sites.

As a result of this effort, BBMP and BMRCL took up the responsibility to clear the debris from the medians and in an effort to beautify the entire stretch, planting saplings and painting the stations' walls were done with active support of artists. BMRCL has been working with B.PAC in intensifying the efforts making our city less polluted and it is indeed a welcome move!

# Our Efforts To Drive Effective & Efficient Water Management



B.PAC took into consideration the ever-growing water requirements of the city and prepared a report covering the major aspects of water supply to Bengaluru city. A letter to the Chief Minister, Minister for Bengaluru Development & Town planning and Chairman of the BWSSB highlighted the findings of the report and proposed proactive and pragmatic reforms to deal with the current water crisis besides advocating solutions to implement a sustainable water usage policy.

In the letter, B.PAC raised the situation of water supply to the city and recommended that the supply be augmented by reviving the lakes and cutting down the transmission and distribution loses. Apart from highlighting the importance of Rain Water Harvesting (RWH), waste water and sewage water treatment, B.PAC also emphasized on the guidelines on monitoring the underground water usage and establishing norms for sewage line workers.

The chairman lauded B.PAC's efforts in preparing the report substantiated with facts and figures. Upon his directives, the BWSSB officials are working with B.PAC in improving the water system. B.PAC strongly believes the technology intervention in all spheres of BWSSB's operations will open ways to progress towards better conditions.

# Our Demands To Bengaluru Development Minister

Although Bengaluru has been a major contributor to the state's economy, the city's development has been facing certain roadblocks. B.PAC strongly recommended the Government of Karnataka to have a dedicated in-charge person for Bengaluru Development. This request was met by the Government announcing a dedicated Ministry for Development of Bengaluru.

## B.PAC's key recommendations for the development of Bengaluru:

### Mobility

- ▶ Metro - 250 Kms Crisscrossing Bengaluru City
- ▶ Elevated Corridors - 45 Minutes to Cross City from North to South & East to West
- ▶ Signal Free Corridors - 45 Minutes to Cross City from North to South & East to West
- ▶ Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) for Outer Ring Road
- ▶ Pedestrian Friendly Footpaths
- ▶ Pot Hole Free Roads

### Sanitation

- ▶ Garbage and Debris Free Bengaluru by Focusing on Visual Elements
- ▶ Plastic and Flex Free Bengaluru
- ▶ Making the 8 Scientific Waste Processing Plants Functional
- ▶ Wet Waste Processing in Every Ward
- ▶ Regular Cleaning, Desilting & Closure of Storm Water Drain

### Sustainability

- ▶ Sewage Free Lakes
- ▶ Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) System
- ▶ Green Lung Space in City
- ▶ Residential Solar Roof Top PV Generation System

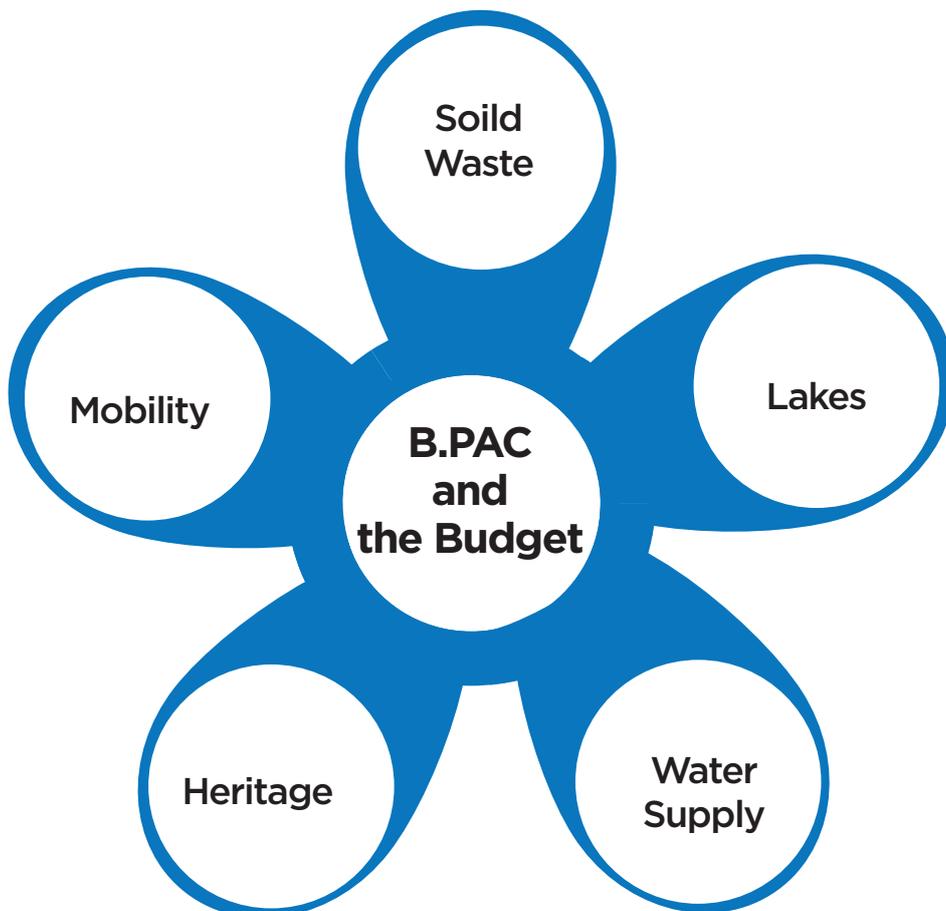
# Budget



## B.PAC, The Karnataka State & BBMP Budget 2016

Bengaluru contributes 60% - 70% to Karnataka's taxes and GDP and accounts for nearly 20% of the total state's population. This city needs an emphasis to develop strong civic Infrastructures.

Keeping this in mind, B.PAC urged the State and BBMP to focus on the following areas while preparing annual budgetary allocations. We are happy to share that most of our requests found place in the state budget.



## Mobility

- Signal free corridors spanning 51.56 kms
- 12 TenderSure Roads
- Allocation of Rs 797 Crores under CM's grant for the development of 112 roads at ward level
- Rs 100 crore will be earmarked initially for sub urban railway scheme

## Solid Waste Management

- Rs 500 crore allocated for waste management
- Announcement of Rs 2158 crores for special basic infrastructure out of which Rs 300 crore is allocated for SWM

## Lakes

- Cleaning lake and development - Rs 100 crores
- Storm water drain construction - Rs 800crores

## Water Supply and Sewerage

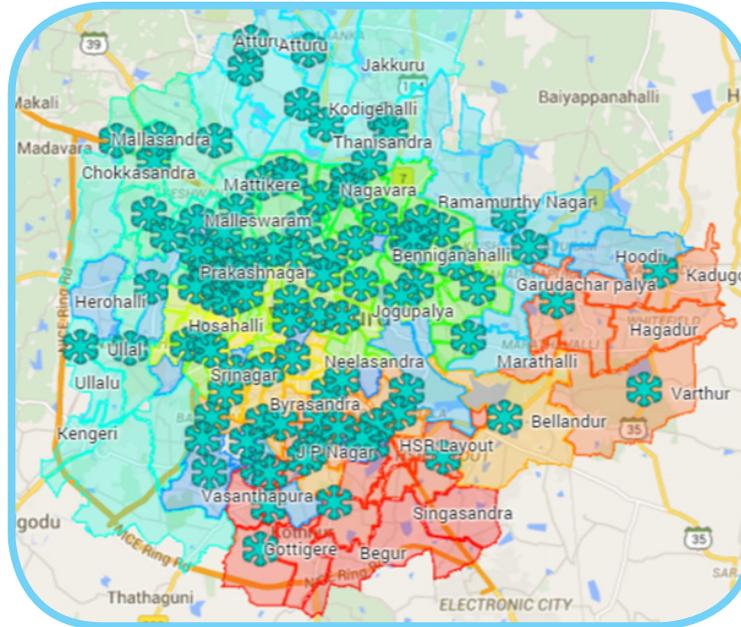
- Water supply and underground drainage project for 110 villages coming under BBMP at a cost of Rs 5018 crores.
- Initiatives announced to reduce the Unaccounted Water losses (UFW)

## Heritage

- Development of Market having heritage value
- Rs 5 crore for development of Kempegowda heritage site



# B.CLIP



B.CLIP presence in the city

## B.CLIP Journey

For better governance in the city, we need a pool of good civic leaders. With this objective, B.PAC started B.CLIP (Civic Leadership Incubator Program) to select, train and support talented individuals who wish to transform our city. By equipping candidates with skills in public policy analysis, municipal administration, political landscape and election campaign dynamics, the incubator project will create a pipeline of candidates that B.PAC and other civil society organizations find suitable to endorse for the future elections.

With our objective to create informed leaders we conducted five batches of B.CLIP and trained over 150 leaders. We are proud of our civic leaders coming from different walks of life and irrespective of their political affiliations our leaders work together to bring about positive change. Our civic leaders work on issues spanning from waste management, water conservation, sanitation, safety initiatives, lake rejuvenation, and revenue augmentation etc.

► **Impact: 108 wards have B.CLIP representation**



Ananda Gundu Rao

“ Through B.CLIP, B.PAC has created a large pool of informed civic leaders. These leaders are well motivated to usher in positive change to our City as they understand civic issues, administration and the power of citizen participation. B.CLIP alumni today represent a large group, ready to be leveraged by the political spectrum for better management of Bengaluru ”

# B.CLIP Goes To Polls

During the 2015 BBMP elections, eighteen of our B.CLIP civic leaders contested for elections. It was a proud moment for us, filing their nominations and working for their electoral campaigns. Against all the odds during BBMP elections, our leaders were able to make an impact in the system. Our B.CLIP Batch 2 leader Sampath Kumar contested for elections and won from Vasanthnagar ward. He is Bengaluru's first B.CLIP participant who went on to become a corporator.



Team B.CLIP during election campaign



Team during election meet

# Visit To Vidhana Soudha

B.CLIP participants visited Vidhana Soudha and met prominent elected representatives of the city.

The B.CLIP team attended the Council proceedings. When the legislators discussed few important finance bills. The team also had the pleasure to meet the Chairman at his desk, post the proceedings. He was happy to note the work that B.CLIP participants have taken up in their wards and invited them to attend more discussions.

## Civic Activism Continues!



B.CLIP team with Mr. D H Shankar Murthy, Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council

# B.CLIP Success stories



## Sagar Satish

A grassroots leader with global connect. Sagar has undertaken several civic improvement projects in Marappanapalya ward. His thirst for knowledge and his relentless efforts have yielded results in the form of an invite to address the Global Youth Forum in Taipei, Taiwan. He envisioned and successfully organised the Bengaluru Youth Festival.

## Jagadish V

Founder of Nisarga Seva Foundation, which focuses on a large chunk of work involves disseminating information on the social schemes to the needy citizens in his neighbourhood and assisting them to avail the services. He has also carried out important awareness programs like Water Day, Environment Day to sensitise the community on the importance of water conservation and increasing the green cover in his ward.

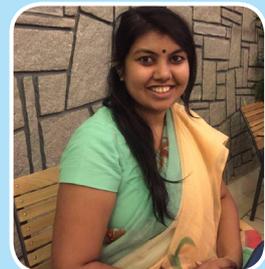


## Singapura Srinivas

Srinivas is currently serving as the President of Sunday Market Association in Singapura ward. He organized a health camp that benefitted almost 3000 people with free health check-up and more than 500 people were the beneficiaries of free medical services.

## Sowmya Reddy

Sowmya Reddy is a strong advocate in making the ward Zero Waste. Even before the plastic ban could be effective in the city, Sowmya had undertaken proactive initiatives to implement total ban on single-use plastic in Koramangala and surrounding areas. This initiative is being lauded by the community and is being replicated in other wards.



## Joel Samuel

Introduced the Green Ambassador Program in his Alma mater, Clarence School to create Green Warriors. Joel has been actively involved in Solid Waste Management initiatives in Jayamahala ward. Alongside BBMP, he has worked on remodelling roads and clearing traffic bottlenecks. His mission is to expand the base of Green Warriors emerging from GAP who will responsibly act in urban life.

## Shilpa Pawar

Shilpa Pawar an IT professional worked with her community and organizations in harnessing technology for civic solutions. She has undertaken geo-tagging of trees and developing map based solutions (Geographic Information System) for the pressing issues.



## Antony Dass



A retired defence personnel Antony Dass revived a public space that was a dump yard for several years. The community appreciated the relentless work undertaken by Dass in creating a common place for citizens. He educated and continues to monitor and check that pourakarmikas do not mix the segregated waste, which will facilitate composting of waste. As a result of his initiatives a drastic change is visible in Sahakarnagar and the surrounding area.

## Navid Ali

Navid Ali resident of Shivajinagar planned and joined hands with other in the area to educate the pourakarmikas to handle waste generated in commercial buildings and households.



## Meenakshi Ravikrishnan



A resident of Shantalanagar is inclined towards tackling the existing issues in the area. She mobilised volunteers from schools and carried out awareness programs on the importance of segregation of waste. Other initiatives like eco-friendly festivals with zero waste and increasing the rainwater harvesting systems in the ward are the work that she has been working on.

## Jyothi P Chowdry

A resident in Govindrajnagar works closely with elected representatives and officials in solving the community problems. Her skill in mobilizing citizen voices has been applauded and a trust in her work is visible. Free distribution of educational kits to students of government schools in the area, dedicating her time to teach in these government schools are some of her initiatives.

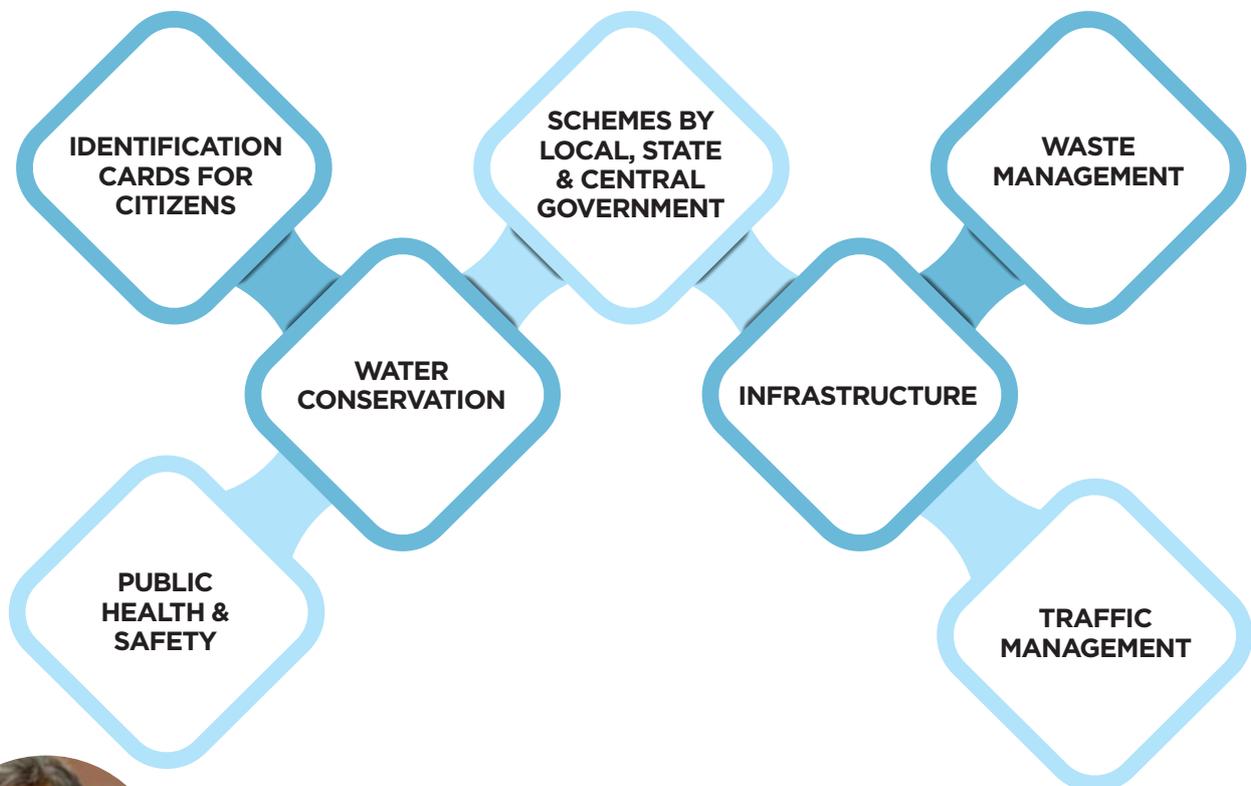


# Civic Hub



**C**ivic Hub is a unique initiative that aims to equip B.CLIP participants with the right platform coupled with the theoretical exposure to voice and pragmatically implement their ideas. These Civic Hub centres are strictly apolitical and enable their incumbents to work alongside elected representatives, bureaucrats, citizens, as well as other stakeholders, to discuss and resolve specific civic issues to their respective wards. These centres also help bridge the gap between citizens and the government agencies, and provide citizens with a place to address civic issues that they face on a daily basis. We have already set up nine Civic Hub centres across the city, and intend to establish many more in the near future.

## Programs led by Civic Hub leaders



**Harish Bijoor**



The B.PAC Civic Hub brings the B.PAC social responsiveness touch closer to the people. The Civic Hub is a point of local societal action. Every ward needs one. The more micro you get in watching and aiding civic action, the more relevant you get. The B.PAC civic hub fulfils this goal.



In the few months since the inception of Civic Hub, we have seen our civic leaders take steps towards solving problems rather than complaining about the issues. This involves strategic traffic intervention in Sanjaynagar, which includes initiatives such as the monthly Cycle Day, Walk to School, as well as assigning traffic wardens.

Our civic leaders are working on improved waste-management techniques, as well as running campaigns involving waste segregation, plastic-ban drives. Garbage-disposal kiosks in Sanjaynagar are now manned to ensure proper segregation of waste. Efforts are on towards making Shivajinagar eco-friendlier, as well.

They are also working towards uplifting the urban poor by bringing government schemes to those who deserve them. There is an urgent need to develop government schools, and our civic leaders are working on addressing that.

By monitoring ongoing infrastructure work, taking steps to prevent flooding, and working together with elected representatives, our leaders have spun the wheel of change.

## Civic Hub leaders



**Subbaiah T S**  
Radhakrishna temple (18)



**Geetha G**  
Sanjaynagar (19)



**Jayalakshmi**  
Mahalakshmiapuram (68)



**Eswarappa**  
Sriramamandira(108)



**Kavitha Reddy**  
HSR Layout (174)



**Ashok Nidgil**  
Pattabhiramnagar (168)



**Sufiyan**  
Sampangiramnagar (145)



**Devika Raj**  
Prakashnagar (98)



**Kaveri Kedarnath**  
Gayathrinagar (76)



# B.SAFE



Safety Wheel



Chitra Talwar

“ To build a safer community for our women and children, we need multiple stakeholders to work together with clear accountabilities. B.PAC has made significant strides in engaging and bringing different partners together through programs that build awareness and enable processes to create a safer and progressive Bengaluru. ”

# Karnataka Is The First State To Pass Child Protection Policy

B.SAFE has been strongly advocating for Child Protection Policy to ensure safety of all children. Child Protection Policy is a statement of intent that defines the school’s commitment to safeguard children from harm and abuse. What is paramount is that central to any course of action lies the best interest of the child, and all decisions have been guided by this core principle. B.SAFE members Suchitra Rao, UNICEF consultant and Sangeetha Saxena from Enfold India partnered with Government of Karnataka, along with other experts in drafting the Child Protection Policy. Government of Karnataka has now passed the policy.

We are now working towards helping schools enforce the policy.

## Safety in Work Place

### Making Hospitals Safer For Women

➤ **Impact:**

- 4 Workshops**
- 7 Zones**
- 400 Member Hospitals and Nursing Homes**

In March 2015, we hosted a unique conclave bringing together various stakeholders and launched “The Billion Eyes” campaign. It was done with the objective of building awareness and understanding on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplaces (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. B.SAFE partnered with Private Hospitals and Nursing Homes Association to organise a series of workshops for its 400 members - hospitals and nursing homes across seven zones of Bengaluru Urban.



During workshop for PHANA members

Four workshops, relating to the POSH Act and its relevance in the healthcare sector, were conducted across the city; they were attended by the top management of hospitals and nursing homes. We also engaged PHANA to take the lead in ensuring their members implement the sexual harassment policy and comply with the law at their workplace.

# Making Special Courts for Children More Effective

We, along with experts from the Centre for Law and Policy Research, organised a panel discussion on the functioning of the Special Courts for Women and Children that have been set up in Karnataka. A study on the Special Fast Track Courts for Sexual Assault and Child Sexual Cases in Karnataka by CLPR was released by Justice MN Venkatachaliah and Justice Santhosh Hegde. One of the findings highlighted that the courts are not functioning as envisioned, because of various implementation issues such as lack of infrastructure, support system, delay in victim compensation, hostile environment etc.

In the above context B.PAC, along with UNICEF personnel, Enfold Trust, legal experts, CCL and child rights activists, consulted Justice N Kumar, Justice NK Patil and Justice Ashok Hinchigeri to draft guidelines for the enhancement of the functioning of special courts established in Karnataka, but more importantly for trying sexual offenders against women and children. The draft guidelines have been submitted to the court. Thanks to support from the Judiciary and other stakeholders, we have been relentlessly working towards the enforcement of said guidelines.



Harish N, Member B.PAC, Justice Santhosh Hegde, Justice M.N Venkatachaliah, Jayna Kothari & Aparna Ravi during release of the study on Fast Track Courts



B.SAFE members discussing Guidelines for Special courts for POCSO cases at B.PAC office

## Waiting Room for Child Victims

Children who are tried in cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO) are often made to wait in the same corridors as criminals and face unpleasant gazes by strangers. B.PAC, along with UNICEF, CCL & Enfold advocated the need for waiting rooms specifically for these children and their parents. Justice Anand Byrareddy, in charge of infrastructure for special courts, ensured that a specialised court room was provided for these children so that they can wait in peace until they are called for. We are now in the process of making the room child-friendly.



Release of study on Fast Track Courts for Women and Children



Harish N



B.SAFE members' effort to make Special POCSO Courts more effective & Children Friendly is a small step in the right direction but a giant leap towards preventing "Delay & Derailment of Justice" and ensuring "Delivery of Justice" for Children to feel Safe & Secure. I am certainly confident & sure that such continuous effort will usher in a positive change for a Safe Bangalore



# Green and Safe School

B.PAC envisioned a holistic model to create a clean, hygienic and safe environment in government schools. A “Green and Safe School” employs a child-centric approach in which a school becomes a space for positive carbon footprint, while also being free of violence, harassment and abuse.

B.PAC, in association with Shell-MRPL Aviation Fuels & Services Ltd, applied the principles of the Green and Safe School to improve the state of the Government Primary School in Palace Guttahalli. Through interventions by way of infrastructure upgradation, training and awareness on safety and sustainability the dream of a green and safe school was delivered.

**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**BEFORE**



**AFTER**



**Nooraine Fazal**

“ B.PAC’s Green and Safe school is a path breaking initiative. It is equipping learning communities with the desire & the know how to make school’s eco-friendly and safe. We hope to reach out to more schools in Bengaluru and make a positive impact in these children’s’ lives, and the world that they are inheriting ”





A workshop on Road Safety conducted by our B.CLIP leader Pushpa Murthy

Inauguration of Green and Safe School Project





# B.CLEAN B.GREEN

## Partnering To Create Cleaner and Greener Neighbourhoods

Cleaning pavements, along with Syngene

Painting adjoining walls and planting saplings

Ensuring constant upkeep by appointing wards to keep watch.



27th main road in HSR Layout was considered one of the most littered areas, making it difficult for the mobility of residents. B.PAC, in association with Syngene International Ltd and Hasiru Mithra (the HSR Layout residents' initiative) led by B. CLIP leader Kavitha Reddy took up the beautification drive. Around 50 employees of Syngene international, team B.PAC and residents of HSR layout cleared up the litter and removed the weeds. Further, the team painted the wall and planted saplings along the footpath and appointed wardens to keep watch and ensure that the area does not relapse into its original state.



**N. S Ramakanth**



Bengaluru has completely shifted its mindset on how waste is segregated at source. Due to programs on awareness building more and more people in Bengaluru have woken up to the problems of waste management at home. B.GREEN has now moved on to spread awareness to bulk waste generators & continues to take steps for a better Bengaluru.



## Beautiful People, Beautiful Bengaluru

The pourakarmikas are the people who keep the city clean and their work often goes unnoticed. In order to build an inclusive society, we took up the task of honouring the unsung heroes, our Pourakarmikas. Pourakarmikas, sanitary workers and gardeners were awarded for their efforts to keep Bengaluru neat and tidy.



Those who are awarded were selected based on their experience and nominations by local NGOs and corporation officials. Work experience, commitment to work and punctuality were the criteria which were taken into account before selecting the final 21 award winners. B.PAC received around 200 nominations out of which 21 awards were given.



## Going Green With Colleges Of Bengaluru

-  Nurturing a community of youth to combat environmental issues plaguing the city.
-  Over 250 students from three colleges took their first steps towards becoming Green Ambassadors.

The Green Ambassador Program (GAP) is aimed at producing a problem-solving community of youth who would play a significant role in resolving environmental and civic problems. The program is designed with multi-dimensional aspects to enhance the confidence of the students along with preparing them to be socially aware and responsible.

This year we took the program to 250 students from three colleges. The students undertook a wide variety of projects on their way towards becoming Green Ambassadors.



## Green Ambassador Program launched at Government College, HSR Layout



Bengaluru: Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) in association with Shell MRPL Aviation Fuels & Services Ltd kick started Green Ambassador Program (GAP) at Government First Grade Degree College, HSR Layout with the emphasis to create interest & awareness on urban environmental issues.

Our city's urban issues are complex and we are in need of more number of environmental leaders to solve the problems. With this objective, B.PAC has designed the Green Ambassador Program to create environment champions leaders with and thus have active citizen participation and corporate support.



## Creating Young Green Ambassadors In Schools

-  B.PAC, along with Rotary Cantonment, held classroom interactions to promote green schools.
-  Three schools took part in GAP this year with overwhelming response.
-  Clarence High School became B.PAC's first green school under GAP



GAP was conducted for students of Little Angel's Modern High School, Sadanandnagar, and Clarence High School, Richards Town. The enthusiasm and interest of the students was overwhelming. Classroom sessions were held where problems were identified and discussed. Interactive assignments and field projects were also added that made learning more experiential. A door-to-door campaign was launched and the residents were made aware on waste segregation and waste management. After the campaign, the students exchanged their recommendations for waste management in school campuses and their residential neighborhoods. A recommendation letter based on a survey conducted by students was given to each corporator.

# Managing The Waste, The Right Way

-  Introduced responsible waste-management system to corporate campuses.
-  Helped 80 corporate organisations improve their waste-management systems.
-  A one-of-its-kind compliance certificate has been devised for bulk-waste generators.

BPAC and Saahas Zero Waste, in association with BBMP and Indian Institute of Management, Bengaluru, organised a workshop on waste-management for corporate campuses, and tech parks. This workshop aimed at creating a framework for self-assessment of the waste-management system followed by these organisations.

This workshop saw a large attendance of facility heads and senior management from various organisations, expert committee members appointed by High Court of Karnataka, waste experts and social entrepreneurs. The workshop focused on policy guidelines, waste management rules, self-assessment framework, challenges and best practices that can be used by participating companies and campuses.

B.PAC is working with Underwriters' Laboratories (UL) to come up with a certification process for the companies and has registered more than 80 companies in the workshop. This will help companies and corporate campuses to commit to a

long-term sustainable and responsible waste-management journey. The response and interest shown by organisations to the cause has been incredibly heartwarming.



Ms. Revathy Ashok speaking about responsible waste management by corporate campuses



**Prasad Bidappa**

“As a citizen of Bengaluru I have seen huge shifts in the nature of the city. With each year the city faces larger losses of green cover, a garden city it no longer is. But with initiatives of passionate and energized citizens there has been more work towards the protection of the city. It is through such groups that Bengaluru can hope to grow and still maintain its green cover.”



# Plastic Free Bengaluru

Bengaluru, India's garden city, has slowly become the garbage city - like most major Indian cities and towns. One of the main culprits has been single-use disposables plastic. We urged the Government of Karnataka for a plastic ban. Along with other citizen groups, our efforts yield fruit as the State Government on March 11 2016 issued an official gazette notification banning majority of the plastic items that are single-use disposable. Karnataka High Court upheld that decision on March 29th, 2016.

Our B.CLIP leaders have taken up sustainable measures to make their wards free from plastic.



Plastic Ban Drive at Commercial Street



Plastic Ban Drive at Sanjaynagar



B.CLIP members along with Mr Ramalinga Reddy, Minister, Government of Karnataka

# B.PROUD



**T**hrough its B.PROUD initiative, B.PAC is building a heritage registry and continued efforts to constitute a heritage policy and is working proactively to conserve the city's culture and heritage.

Under B. PROUD, we intend to work around Bengaluru's Heritage and highlighting the issues, approaches and possible actions that can be taken to protect, preserve and conserve the city's heritage.

## Save Carlton House As A Heritage Site

During March 2015, B.PAC along with concerned citizens of Bengaluru held a meeting to denounce the news reports on conversion of Carlton House Campus to a club house for legislators. B.PAC along with a group of concerned Bengalureans met the Chief Minister of Karnataka to bring it to his attention along with signatories to the letter on the importance of preserving the Carlton House campus.



➤ **Impact:** CM assured to take up the issue. The legislative committee submitted a report to the Chairman of the council. Cabinet has decided to look for alternate place for the club house



**Vani Ganapathy**



The efforts by B.PAC through the B.PROUD initiative are heart warming. B.PAC has managed to bring spotlight on the heritage structures of Bengaluru and even led to some conservation work of the same. We hope to regain the lost glory soon.

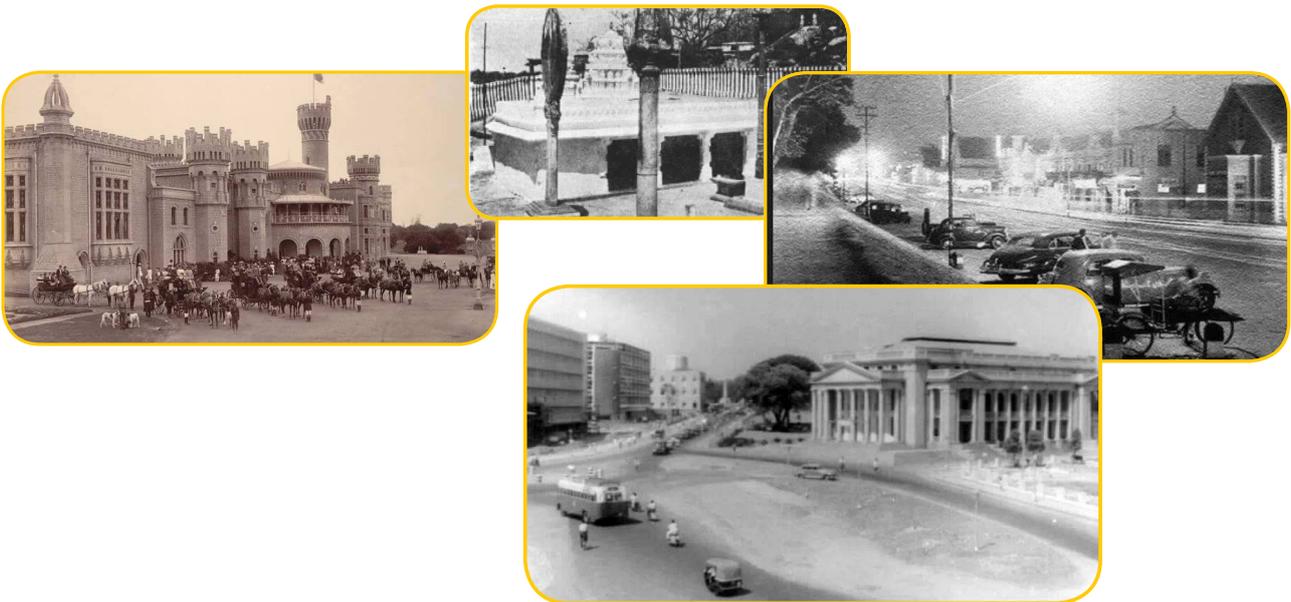


# Bengaluru Heritage Register

B.PAC along with Bengaluru heritage supporters have identified heritage structures in the city and plan on creating Bengaluru heritage sites.

This is intended to document the historical importance of heritage structures and connect the people to each of these locations.

➤ **Impact:** This action will support the enlisting of important heritage sites through nominations from stakeholders of the city, which will help build a Bengaluru Heritage Register



## Lets Paint Kote Red

B.PAC in partnership with Goethe Institute/Max Mueller Bhavan, MOD Institute and Suchitra Film Society organized “**Let’s Paint Kote Red**” campaign

To gain a better understanding of the lesser-known Tipu Sultan Fort in Bengaluru a heritage party was conducted with a midnight walk across a 2km stretch. This was an attempt to imagine the original boundary of the fort and recreate it.

A group of 200 participants led by B.PAC member Mr. Prakash Belavadi and others heritage buffs walked past the surrounding area of Kote. The volunteers gathered in the middle of the KR Market road, with lit candles and slogans raised in memory of the kote.

➤ **Impact:** Created awareness to the citizens on the history of the Kote leading the preservation of the heritage site.



➤ **Impact:** Invited public participation to build up a positive public opinion on the values of Bengaluru's historic heritage, effective stakeholder participation from NGO's, institutions and citizens of Bengaluru in order to generate an effective action plan.



## Kempegowda Tomb Conservation Proposal

B.PAC along with Urban Research Lab (URL) envisioned a conservation proposal for framing conservation guidelines for historic town leading to Restoration of Monuments and Sites including Kempegowda Samadhi in Magadi.

The proposal includes an appraisal of the current situation, the wilderness observed in the area as well as the art and cultural appropriation of the area. B.PAC and URL believe that Kempegowda Samadhi restoration is imperative for the protection of history of Karnataka and the Kempegowda dynasty.

### ➤ **Way forward:**

**This comprehensive proposal shared with Mayor BBMP and Chief Minister, GoK. We intend to work with BBMP & GoK during the restoration.**





# C-SMART

## C-SMART Plans Ahead And Takes Its Steps Towards A Better Bengaluru



**The Center for Smart Cities (C-SMART)** works with emphasis on the mobility and civic infrastructure of the city. During the year 2015-16, **C-SMART**, a think and do platform envisioned a set of projects which will benefit the city.

C-SMART identifies the pain points and involves the community for eliciting solutions along with the officials.

Following are **Certain major initiatives C-SMART advocated with political and administrative leaderships of the state and the city:**

- 4 Signal Free Corridor – Trinity Church Junction to Hope farm via HAL and Old Madras Road, ORR to Mysore Rd, Dr. Rajkumar Road.
- Bus priority lane on Old Airport Road & Old Madras Road.
- 300 Kms of White topping.
- Bengaluru Suburban Rail, a step closer to reality.
- Elevated Corridors - Connecting North South Corridor & East West Corridor.
- Namma Metro on ORR – Connecting KR Puram to Silk board and connecting International Airport via Nagavara.
- Innovative financial model for PRR
- Solar Street lights in Whitefield and Mahadevapura through CSR partnership.
- Kundanahalli lake rejuvenation/STP with CSR partnership
- Restoration plan for Varthur & Bellandur lake
- Installing 6 solar powered Traffic signals in Whitefield under CSR partnership.

The above initiatives of C-SMART have been centred to making Bengaluru truly a smart city.



**R K Misra**



C-SMART has suggested several projects and initiatives to streamline urban mobility by promoting NMT (Non Motorized Transport), including footpaths and cycle tracks, in conjunction with Public Transport (Metro & BMTC) to reduce traffic congestion and improve quality of life in Bengaluru. We expect these measures to be implemented in the next 3-6 months.





# Regulatory

## B.PAC Opposes BESCO Tariff Hikes

Increasing tariffs on electricity, water and other basic needs is a burden on the common man. Affordable prices make the lives of the citizens smoother and essentially increase the quality of life.

The Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (BESCO) had proposed an increase in the tariff of electricity for **FY 2017-18**.



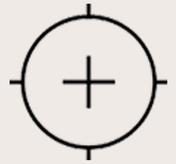
KERC regulatory meet

B.PAC had advocated against increasing electricity tariffs by 9%. Here at B.PAC, we made a strong objection to the proposed tariff increase during a public hearing held at KERC. B.PAC's objections contained the following aspects after thorough study of the proposals given by BESCO which includes the capital expenditure, cross subsidy level, power purchase, trade receivables and agriculture consumption.

B.PAC had also submitted its strong objections to BESCO proposal for increase of electricity tariff for FY-17. T.V. Mohandas Pai, Vice President & Ms Revathy Ashok, CEO & Managing Trustee, B.PAC made the submissions to the commission during the public hearing conducted by KERC on Friday, Feb 26, 2016.



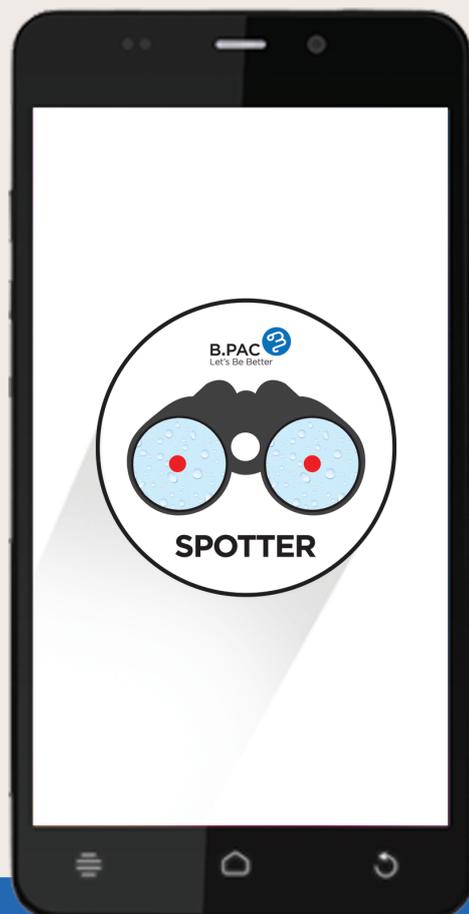
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**M A Parthasarathy**



Today most public services are offered using technology and fortunately even solve issues online. Citizens can pay taxes, apply for various services, even raise complaints online through websites and apps and these get addressed/solved quickly. We feel apps like Spotter (from B.PAC) will make life simpler for the citizens to raise complaints as well as provide real-time updates to government officials attending to complaints.





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