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Driving Climate Leadership,
Women Empowerment & Inclusive Cities

FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Dear Bengalurugias,

The first quarter of FY 2026-27 has demonstrated what is possible when citizens, institutions, governments, and partners work together with a shared commitment to improving Bengaluru.

During the quarter, **B.ENGAGED** continued to strengthen B.PAC's role in fostering evidence-based governance by strategically engaging with policymakers and legislative institutions. We met with senior leaders, including **Shri H. D. Kumaraswamy**, Hon'ble Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel, Government of India; **Dr. G. Parameshwara**, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka; and **Shri B. K. Hariprasad**, Member of the Karnataka Legislative Council, to discuss B.PAC's ongoing climate initiatives and preparations for the upcoming Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) elections. We also engaged with **Shri U T Khader, Hon'ble Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly**, to advocate for dedicated legislative deliberations on climate change, reinforcing the need to place climate governance at the forefront of public policy.

Our environmental initiatives under **B.GREEN** also gained significant momentum during the quarter. Through collaborations with government agencies, academic institutions, civil society organisations, and community partners, we advanced initiatives on sustainable waste management, circular economy, air quality monitoring, water conservation, and urban forestry, reaffirming our commitment to building a greener, more climate-resilient Bengaluru.

The quarter also witnessed significant progress in advancing women's economic empowerment through **B.SAFE**. By strengthening partnerships with BMTC, Rapido, healthcare organisations, philanthropic institutions, and government agencies, we continued creating pathways for women auto drivers to access livelihoods, healthcare, vehicle ownership, and institutional support. Every woman who earns an independent livelihood represents not only financial empowerment but also greater confidence, dignity, and social inclusion.

Our **B.CLIP** civic leaders addressed issues ranging from sanitation and waste management to public infrastructure and street safety. Simultaneously, our work preparing civic leaders for the upcoming Greater Bengaluru Authority elections reflects our continued investment in nurturing ethical, informed, and capable public leadership.

Through **B.MOBILE**, we continued to advance people-centric and evidence-based urban mobility solutions for Bengaluru. Our work this quarter included accessibility audits, user behaviour mapping, scientific street lighting assessments, traffic studies, and advocacy for key infrastructure projects such as the Ejipura Flyover. We also strengthened our partnership with BOSCH to pilot innovative mobility interventions and engineering solutions along the Hosur Road Corridor, reinforcing our commitment to creating safer, more accessible, and sustainable streets for all road users.

B.PAC remains committed to serving as a trusted platform that brings together research, policy, partnerships, and people to build a city that is more inclusive, resilient, and future-ready.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. Together, we will continue creating meaningful change for Bengaluru.

Warm regards,

Revathy Ashok

Hon. Managing Trustee & CEO

Bangalore Political Action Committee

B.ENGAGED

PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

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Meetings with Key Policymakers



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Climate Advocacy with the Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly



A formal engagement was undertaken with **Shri U.T. Khader Fareed, Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly**, to propose the allocation of a dedicated day during the upcoming Monsoon Session of the 16th Karnataka Legislative Assembly for deliberations focused exclusively on climate change and its multifaceted impacts on Karnataka.

The discussion highlighted the importance of sustained political dialogue and legislative oversight in advancing climate-responsive planning, strengthening resilience, and enabling coordinated policy action across Karnataka. It also emphasised the need to mainstream climate change within legislative deliberations to foster evidence-based policymaking, enhance interdepartmental coordination, and build robust long-term governance frameworks to address climate-related challenges affecting both urban and rural communities.

The Hon'ble Speaker expressed keen interest in the proposal and assured his support in taking the initiative forward. If realised, it has the potential to become a first-of-its-kind legislative effort in India, setting a precedent for stronger legislative engagement on climate action and resilience planning.

Percolation Pit Initiative – Dasarahalli Constituency



B.PAC initiated discussions with United Way and Shri Muniraju S, Dasarahalli MLA, to explore the implementation of percolation pits as a sustainable solution for groundwater recharge, urban flood mitigation, and improved stormwater management, contributing to Bengaluru's climate resilience efforts.

Model Youth Parliament on Climate Governance



B.PAC partnered with JAIN PU College to organise a Model Youth Parliament for students of Grades 11 and 12, aimed at strengthening leadership, public speaking, and understanding of democratic governance. A dedicated session on climate change has been incorporated to encourage informed discussions on key themes such as mobility, water, waste management, air quality, energy, urban planning, disaster management, and biodiversity.

To prepare participants, a two-day capacity-building programme led by Shri Harish N., Senior Lawyer, introduced students to parliamentary procedures, legislative debates, Question Hour, and other parliamentary processes.

Advocacy On Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

A formal consultation was undertaken with **Shri S Suresh Kumar, MLA, Rajajinagar**, to present **data-driven insights** on Bengaluru's current **climate realities** and discuss pathways for strengthening the implementation of the **Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)**. The discussion included a **sector-wise analysis** under the **BCAP**, covering key thematic areas such as **Energy, Transportation, Solid Waste Management, Air Quality, Water & Wastewater, Stormwater Management, and Urban Planning & Greening**.

B.GREEN

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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Solid Waste Management:

Advocacy and Multi-Stakeholder Coordination



A discussion was held with **Shri Maheshwar Rao M, I.A.S., Chief Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Authority**, and **Mr Kareegowda, IAS, CEO, BSWML**, regarding the ongoing **solid waste management crisis** in Bengaluru and the need for stronger institutional mechanisms to address emerging waste management challenges across the city. During the meeting, BPAC's detailed research and analysis on Bengaluru's solid waste management ecosystem was presented, highlighting key concerns related to waste collection, segregation, processing capacity, institutional coordination, illegal dumping, and the growing challenge of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste.

B.PAC convened civil society organisations, including Saahas, Hasiru Dala Innovations, and Rainmatter Foundation, to strengthen collaboration on solid waste management in Bengaluru. The discussions focused on improving coordination, resource sharing, and integrated waste management practices to build a more efficient, scalable, and sustainable ecosystem aligned with the city's climate goals.

Online Convening on Air Quality:

Mahadevapura Assembly Constituency



An online convening brought together experts, partner organisations, and community leaders to discuss hyperlocal air quality challenges in Mahadevapura. The session highlighted the importance of neighbourhood-level monitoring and data-driven interventions to support informed community action and improve urban air quality. B.PAC convened civil society organisations, including Saahas, Hasiru Dala Innovations, and Rainmatter Foundation, to strengthen collaboration on solid waste management in Bengaluru. The discussions focused on improving coordination, resource sharing, and integrated waste management practices to build a more efficient, scalable, and sustainable ecosystem aligned with the city's climate goals.

Engagement with Forest Department and BDA on Urban Forestry and Tree Conservation



B.PAC conducted a discussion with **Shri Charan G S**, Deputy Conservator of Forests for the Forest Division at the Bangalore Development Authority, along with ecosystem partners to explore collaborative initiatives on urban forestry and biodiversity conservation. The discussions focused on expanding Bengaluru's green cover through community participation and long-term environmental stewardship, reinforcing the importance of collective action in creating a greener and more resilient Bengaluru.

Workshop on "Scalability Strategies for Cutlery Banks"



In partnership with **Ramaiah Institute of Management (MSRIM)**, B.PAC organised a collaborative workshop on "**Scalability Strategies for Cutlery Banks**" to explore opportunities and challenges in expanding Bengaluru's cutlery bank ecosystem. The workshop brought together cutlery bank founders, faculty members, students, academic experts, and sustainability practitioners to exchange ideas and develop strategies for scaling community-led initiatives that reduce single-use plastic consumption.

Participants engaged in structured research exercises, including **SWOT Analysis** and **Business Model Canvas** sessions, facilitated by MSRIM faculty. These collaborative exercises generated valuable insights into the strengths, challenges, opportunities, and long-term sustainability of the cutlery bank model. The findings will form the basis of a comprehensive research report being jointly developed by **MSRIM and B.PAC**, providing evidence-based recommendations to strengthen, institutionalise, and scale the cutlery bank ecosystem across Bengaluru.

B.CLIP

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

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B.CLIP Civic Action Projects

B.CLIP leaders continued to demonstrate grassroots leadership by addressing civic issues across Bengaluru through sustained engagement with government agencies and local communities. Some of the key interventions this quarter include:

- **Deepika S. (Vidyapeeta Ward 163):** Facilitated the repair of a damaged electric pole at Vidyapeeta Circle, mitigating a major public safety hazard.
- **Abdul Rahim (Bapujinagar Ward):** Addressed the accumulation of garbage along a pathway in Manjunatha Nagar, improving cleanliness and ensuring safer access for residents and pedestrians.
- **Chetan V. (Yelachenahalli Ward):** Successfully resolved the issue of non-functional streetlights, enhancing safety and visibility for the local community.
- **Ramya (Chamarajapet Ward):** Coordinated the restoration of broken barricades and improved the maintenance of the public park near Victoria Hospital, creating a safer public space for visitors.
- **Sathyalaksmi Rao (Basavanagudi Ward):** Led efforts to clear accumulated garbage and solid waste along the roadside, restoring cleanliness in the neighbourhood.
- **Narasimhulu K. (Jagajeevanram Nagar Ward):** Worked with the Forest Department to remove tree waste and wood debris near Bhuvaneshwari Temple and the JJR Nagar Maternity Hospital, ensuring safer and cleaner public spaces.



Community-Led Clean-Up Drive

Kempuraja Krishnan, a B.CLIP leader, spearheaded a clean-up drive in Sarvagnanagar, personally clearing two garbage blackspots and inspiring community participation in maintaining cleaner neighbourhoods.

Community Health Camp

B.PAC organised a **Health Camp** at **Vishnuvardhan Park** in Vishnuvardhan Ward, benefiting **over 100 residents** through preventive healthcare services and community outreach.

B.SAFE

WOMEN SAFETY & EMPOWERMENT

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Government Engagement



The progress of B.PAC's Women Auto Drivers Programme was presented to **Hon'ble Minister Shobha Karandlaje**, who assured her support and directed her office to take the initiative forward.

Strengthening First and Last-Mile Connectivity

B.PAC met with **Shri Aaradhya, Chairman, BMTC**, to discuss enhancing first and last-mile connectivity through women auto drivers. The discussions also explored the establishment of dedicated charging stations and restrooms for women auto drivers at BMTC depots to improve their working conditions and support sustainable mobility.

Rapido Partnership

A briefing session on Rapido's rental programme was conducted, and following the session, the participants completed their onboarding at the Rapido Electronic City Hub and collected their rental autos, enabling them to begin operations on the platform and expand their livelihood opportunities.

Health Screening Camp



In collaboration with the **Prameya Foundation** under the **FENS (Functional, Emotional, Nutrition & Spiritual) Pranasakhi Programme**, B.PAC organised an exclusive health screening camp for women auto drivers at Frazer Town. Around **30 women drivers** underwent blood tests and breast thermal screening, with follow-up consultations planned to provide personalised health guidance.

Supporting Women Auto Ownership

B.PAC facilitated down payment support for 29 women auto drivers, enabling them to move closer to owning their vehicles.

- **Sri Jain Manav Seva Trust, Rajajinagar** contributed **₹19 lakh**, supporting **19 women auto drivers** with **₹1 lakh each** towards auto ownership.
- **Mr. Srinivas Alavalli and his associates** contributed **₹8 lakh**, providing **₹80,000 each** towards the purchase of **10 electric autos**, promoting both women's livelihoods and sustainable mobility.



B.MOBILE

SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY

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Advocacy for the Completion of the Ejipura Flyover



B.PAC engaged with the **Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)** to discuss the longstanding delays in the completion of the Ejipura Flyover. Drawing on stakeholder consultations and site visits, the team highlighted key challenges, including land acquisition, site access, and inter-agency coordination. The Chief Commissioner assured support in addressing the pending issues, and B.PAC proposed a joint meeting with affected property owners, GBA officials, and the project contractor to facilitate the timely completion of the project.

Universal Accessibility Audit

As part of the **Hosur Road Corridor Project**, B.PAC collaborated with **369 Ochre Studio** to undertake a comprehensive Universal Accessibility Audit of pedestrian infrastructure and public spaces, with a focus on inclusive design.

- Conducted extensive on-ground assessments of footpaths, pedestrian crossings, and public transport access through the lens of universal accessibility.
- Identified key challenges including discontinuous footpaths, inadequate kerb ramps, inaccessible crossings, obstructions along pedestrian pathways, poor tactile guidance, and barriers to accessing public transport.
- The audit was undertaken with the participation of persons with visual, hearing, and speech impairments, a person with dwarfism, a senior citizen, a mother with a toddler, and children, ensuring diverse user perspectives were incorporated.
- The findings and recommendations will form an integral part of the final **Hosur Road Corridor Project Report**, helping create safer, more accessible, and inclusive streets for all.

User Behaviour Mapping to Inform People-Centric Street Design

B.PAC completed a detailed **user behaviour mapping exercise** along **New MICO Road** to understand how different users interact with the street throughout the day. The study captured the movement patterns and needs of school children, parents, tech park employees, public transport users, and pedestrians. The insights will inform the redesign of the corridor by identifying optimal locations for pedestrian crossings, continuous footpaths, bus stop improvements, shaded waiting areas, school spill-over spaces, and traffic calming measures, creating a safer and more inclusive street environment.

BOSCH to Support Pilot Projects and Urban Innovation

During the quarterly project review, **BOSCH** expressed its support for the Hosur Road Corridor Project by volunteering to implement pilot interventions at **St. John's Junction** and **New MICO Road**. The organisation has also committed technical support through its Research and Development (R&D) team to co-develop innovative engineering solutions for urban challenges, enabling practical and scalable improvements to Bengaluru's transport infrastructure. The first pilot project is expected to be implemented by the end of July.

Scientific Street Lighting Recommendations

B.PAC completed a comprehensive assessment of street lighting along the **6 km Hosur Road Corridor**, identifying inconsistencies in lighting levels, pole spacing, and illumination quality. Based on **Indian Roads Congress (IRC)** guidelines, detailed recommendations are being developed for pole spacing, mounting heights, lighting levels, colour temperature, and luminaire specifications. These recommendations will be submitted to the **Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA)** to improve road safety, pedestrian visibility, and overall corridor illumination.

Traffic Studies to Guide Junction Redesign

Comprehensive traffic studies were completed at **St. John's Junction, Madiwala Junction, and Forum Mall Junction** to better understand travel patterns and junction performance. The findings revealed a high dependence on private vehicles and will inform recommendations to redesign junction geometry, improve traffic flow, reduce conflict points, and enhance public transport infrastructure, supporting safer and more sustainable mobility across the corridor.

Communication & Outreach

B.INNOVATIVE

B.PAC launched **B.INNOVATIVE**, a first-of-its-kind civic innovation platform designed to position Bengaluru as a leading hub for urban innovation. The initiative brings together startups, innovators, researchers, scientists, and public institutions to co-create, pilot, and scale citizen-centric solutions for real civic challenges. By fostering collaboration between the innovation ecosystem and government, B.INNOVATIVE aims to enhance Bengaluru's livability while accelerating sustainable and technology-driven urban transformation.

Know Your RWAs Campaign

B.PAC launched the **Know Your RWAs** digital campaign to raise awareness about the vital role Resident Welfare Associations play in strengthening neighbourhood governance and citizen participation. Through a series of nine engaging social media posts, the campaign highlighted how RWAs contribute to community engagement, address local civic issues, and foster collaborative governance, encouraging citizens to actively engage with their neighbourhood associations.

Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Campaign

B.PAC conducted a **Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Campaign** to promote awareness, encourage informed conversations, and address the stigma surrounding menstrual health. Through engaging digital content, the campaign emphasised the importance of menstrual hygiene, health education, and creating a more informed and inclusive society.

World Bicycle Day Campaign

To mark **World Bicycle Day**, B.PAC rolled out a digital campaign promoting cycling as a sustainable, healthy, and environmentally friendly mode of transport. The campaign encouraged citizens to embrace cycling for their daily commute, highlighting its benefits in reducing traffic congestion, improving public health, and contributing to a cleaner and more liveable Bengaluru.

Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, funders, partner organisations, para-statal agencies, media, civic groups, B.CLIP civic leaders, and volunteers who continue playing a vital role in our efforts to create a better future for Bengaluru.