

Our Values

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

COMMITTED TO PROMOTING
A BETTER LIFE FOR
CITIZENS OF BANGALORE



Dear friend,
Summer is here and it is election season too. At B.PAC, it has been a busy few months with various events related to city safety, urban transformations and engaging citizens!

Along with the marathon elections, B.PAC too has been running a marathon. A marathon to channel the political energy of the citizens of Bangalore towards installing an accountable government, a marathon to engage the citizens with their political representatives by way of meaningful debate and a marathon to transform the urban polity of Bangalore.

We have had a very busy quarter as you will note from the highlights in this newsletter. We will soon have an Elections Special where we will separately cover all our activities leading up to the elections.

B.PAC, in the recent past has focused on some key initiatives that revolve around governance policy, leadership and public safety. While raising awareness and the level of discourse on matters of public policy is just one part, improving the quality of leadership in the public sphere is another essential aspect. In this newsletter, we bring you news about the dialogues, programs and initiatives in the first quarter of this year.

We are excited to see an increasing level of engagement by citizens in various activities that we have initiated and this is really the cornerstone of success and sustainability of an organisation such as ours.

We at B.PAC take this opportunity to thank all of you - citizens of Bangalore - for your presence and overwhelming support for our initiatives to create greater public accountability and civic engagement. This journey has just begun, but we are very optimistic about changing the nature of political discourse.

- Team B.PAC

Transforming cities

B.PAC organised an interaction with Justice Sambhaji Hegde, Dr. K. Kasturirangan and Isher Ahluwalia on the challenges of urbanisation at the release of the latter's book 'Transforming Our Cities'. The session was moderated by Kiran Mazumdar Shaw and K. Jairaj. [Read more](#)

Creating future city leaders

It is said, "Leaders aren't born. They are made."
The first batch of B.CLIP, the civic leadership programme has completed and students have gained a significant understanding of local politics and city administration. This is an important milestone in our journey, and strengthens our focus on improving the quality of decision makers. [Read more](#)

A safer Bengaluru, for all, at all times

Walk for a safe city: Thousands of Bangaloreans joined B.PAC in a walk on International Women's Day this March 8, and reinforced their commitment for a city safe for women. [Read more](#)

The 11 pm Debate: Extending the closing hours for the city's shops, restaurants and shops will increase the number of people in public spaces at late hours and make it safer too! [Read more](#)

Peace Auto Awards: B.PAC along with the World Peacekeepers Movement and United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan organized the Peace Auto Awards, a first of its kind award in the city to celebrate the good services rendered by Peace Auto drivers to their passengers. [Read more](#)

Governance and Policy

Knowledge and skills in public policy analysis, municipal administration, the political landscape and election campaigns are vital to resolving urban challenges. B.PAC organised workshops and roundtables to raise the level of discourse in the public sphere.

Public policy workshop by MP Jay Panda covered various topics ranging from the role of an MP to opportunities in the field of public policy. [Read more](#)

Meeting with Consul General of US: B.PAC and BCLIP participants interacting with Jennifer McIntyre, Consul General of the USA. [Read more](#)

A Governance Dialogue with British MPs: B.PAC, in association with British High Commission in Bangalore organized 'The Governance Dialogue: Roles, Responsibilities and Decision-making process in a decentralised set up'. This facilitated exchange of ideas between UK Parliamentarians and MPs and MLAs from Karnataka, and local stakeholders. [Read more](#)

Karnataka State Budget- 2014

B.PAC conducted a Google Hangout panel discussion on the State Budget on 20 February 2014. The panelists included B.PAC President Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Vice-president Mohandas Pai, urban experts Ashwin Mahesh and V. Ravichandrar. The debate was moderated by Revathy Ashok Managing Trustee and CEO of B.PAC. [Read more](#)

Engaging citizens

One Million New Votes Campaign: In February, B.PAC initiated a campaign aimed at a massive increase in young people getting registered. [Read more](#)

Rate your MPs and MLAs: B.PAC in partnership with [i for India](#) (www.iforindia.org) has initiated a project to rate your MPs and MLAs on their performance and make your voice heard by people. [Read more](#)

