

B.PAC
Let's be better

Bangalore Political Action Committee
A NON-PARTISAN FORUM SEEKS GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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

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Dear Bengalurean,

Welcome to the latest edition of the B.PAC newsletter. We have had an extremely busy period with all our programs - B.CLIP, B.GREEN, B.CLEAN and B.SAFE running at full throttle.

We believe we have been able to motivate several civic groups and citizens of Bangalore to collectively engage with us and the Government on several matters that concern the city. Whether it was saving an iconic structure like the Balabrooie, working on a Child Protection Policy, taking up programs to ensure transparency in the FIR Registration process, the issue of encroachment of our lakes or our Green Ambassador Program for colleges, B.PAC and our B.CLIP warriors were at the forefront of each of these initiatives.

In this newsletter, we bring to you some of the extraordinary contributions of several participants. In each of the neighbourhoods, where our B.CLIP participants and other volunteers have worked, they have been able to bring about greater community engagement and several of the projects have been implemented in collaboration with local communities. One of our key goals has been to make our elected leaders more accountable to the citizens of Bangalore. B.PAC, in association with Daksh, published the MLA report card based on citizen perceptions. The idea was to give citizens an opportunity to assess their leader's performance on parameters they considered important.

Bengaluru is a city that holds a special place in our hearts. The city's rich heritage is a part of our identity and we strive to retain this identity. Our goal is to work with experts on a Heritage Protection and Conservation Policy for the City. B.PAC will continue to strive towards achieving the Agenda for Bangalore through its various initiatives and programs. We hope that each one of you and many more will support us in our endeavour to make our city a paradise for people from all walks of life.

Passionate leaders can make a big difference to the city. I encourage you to drop by and work with us. Together we can transform the city.

Compliments of the Season and Happy Holidays!

Warm Regards
Revathy Ashok
CEO & Managing Trustee

Our History, Our Pride, Our Balabrooie!



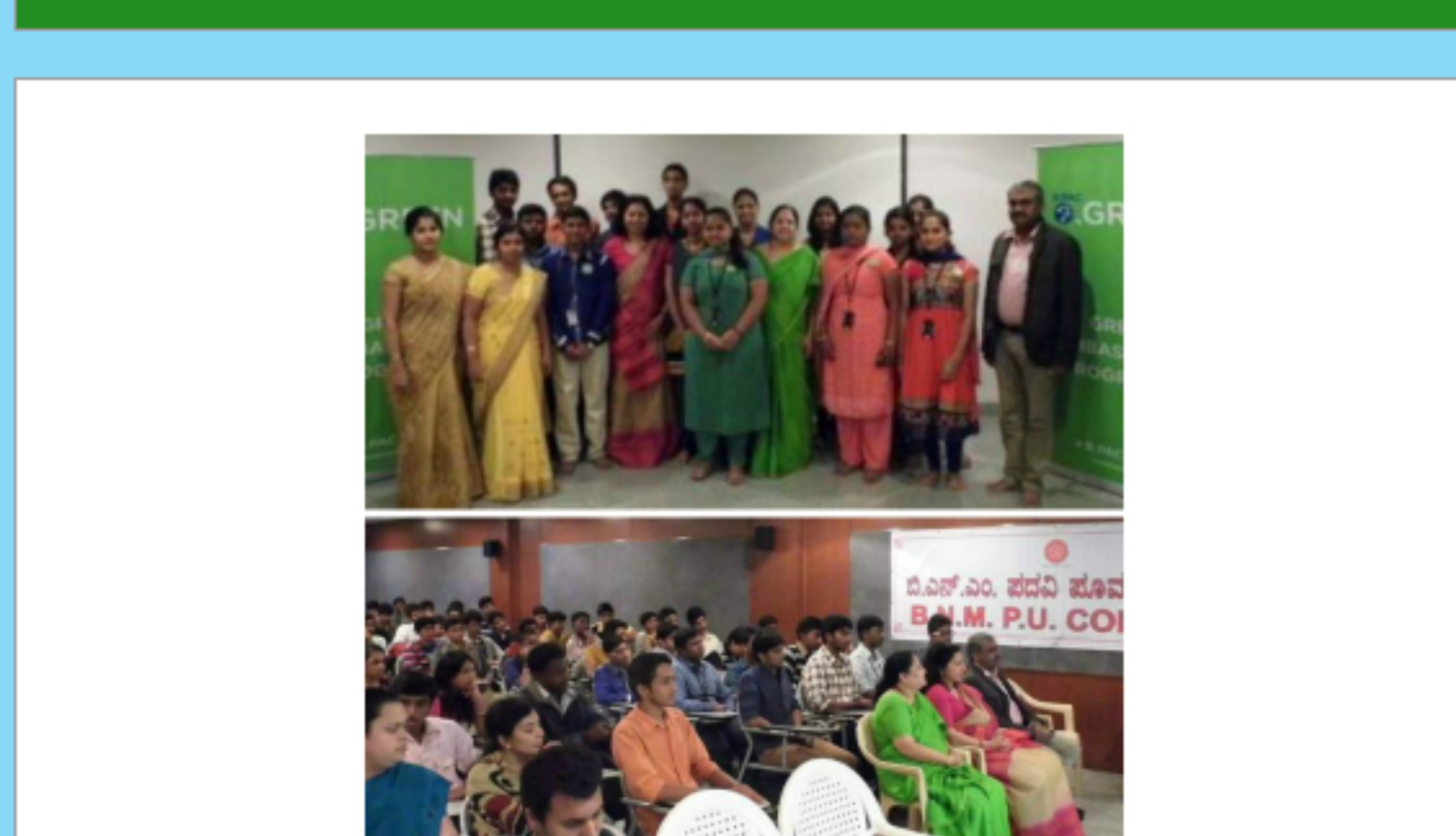
What Bengaluru saw on October 26th was people from all walks of life joining hands to save Balabrooie, an important part of Bengaluru's heritage and history. B.PAC actively supported this cause along with other concerned citizen groups to preserve the heritage structure of the city. Chief Minister, Mr. Siddaramaiah & Speaker of Legislative Council, Mr. Kagodu Thimappa assured the representatives of Save Balabrooie Committee that the guest house will not be demolished and that no trees will be felled in the premises. B.PAC as part of the Save Balabrooie committee will work on advocacy for a Heritage Preservation and Regulation Act to ensure protection of other historical buildings and monuments of the city as is the case for Mumbai, Delhi etc.

One Voice, One Demand, One Bengaluru for lakes!



The last few months saw various civic organisations & citizens coming together to fight for a common cause and a greater good - rejuvenating our lakes in various parts of the city. One Bengaluru Lake Seminar was a milestone for all the lake enthusiasts as all the NGOs and lake groups who have been working on lake restoration and conservation decided to fight their battle as one team. B.PAC along with other likeminded institutions supported OBL as we believe that conservation of lakes is the need of the hour as one of the solutions for the water crisis in the city. With the expansion of the city, these water bodies have been under tremendous anthropogenic pressure and have been facing threats ranging from encroachment and pollution eventually leading to its extinction.

Green Ambassador Program



In order to ensure that more and more youngsters and citizens get engaged in taking positive action to solve civic problems in their neighbourhoods, B.PAC launched the Green Ambassador Program that consists of a 6 hour theory module for better understanding of waste management/ lake and rainwater harvesting rules and regulations followed by on ground projects in any of these areas. Our program has been a resounding hit and we already have five colleges who have signed up with several more in conversation. - Mount Carmel, Vasavi, BMS, BNM and Jain College have commenced their activities under B.PAC stewardship.

Headed by our B.CLIP participant Ravi Kumar. S, the Green Ambassador Programme will be a major milestone in creating youth engagement in changing the face of the city to a cleaner, greener one. [Read more about Green Ambassador Program HERE.](#)

B.CLIP: Join the Bandwagon!

Sampath Ramanujam's Treeevolution



Sampath Ramanujam and team (from BWRCA-Bruhat Whitefield Residential Complex Association) planted more than 300 saplings in Kadugodi on State highway number 7 'The Treeevolution' saw participation from an enthusiastic crowd of more than 75 residents of the area, young and old.

Bengalureans, it's not too late to start!! If you want to do a tree plantation drive at your residential areas and you promise to maintain them, please write to forbangalore@bpac.in

Imran Pasha's SWM awareness drive



Imran Pasha has taken up solid waste management awareness in his ward. He has undertaken door-to-door campaigning touching over 3000 households to explain how to segregate garbage, has trained 5 Pourakarmikas of his ward to collect segregated garbage training, and removed 3 black spots in KGHalli. The community has been mobilized to take ownership of the spots to ensure black spot do not reoccur.

Do you want to be the Garbage warrior of your ward? Write to us at forbangalore@bpac.in

Civic leadership to political leadership!



Sagar Sathish is keen on an active political career and has shown great capability to take up issues that are important for his ward like waste segregation, black spot removal, improvement of footpath conditions and several other civic issues in his ward. Read more about his journey [HERE.](#)

We are proud of our B.CLIP participants who are making meaningful change in their neighborhoods. Do you want to be a change maker too? Apply to our [B.CLIP](#) program NOW!

Making of a safer city

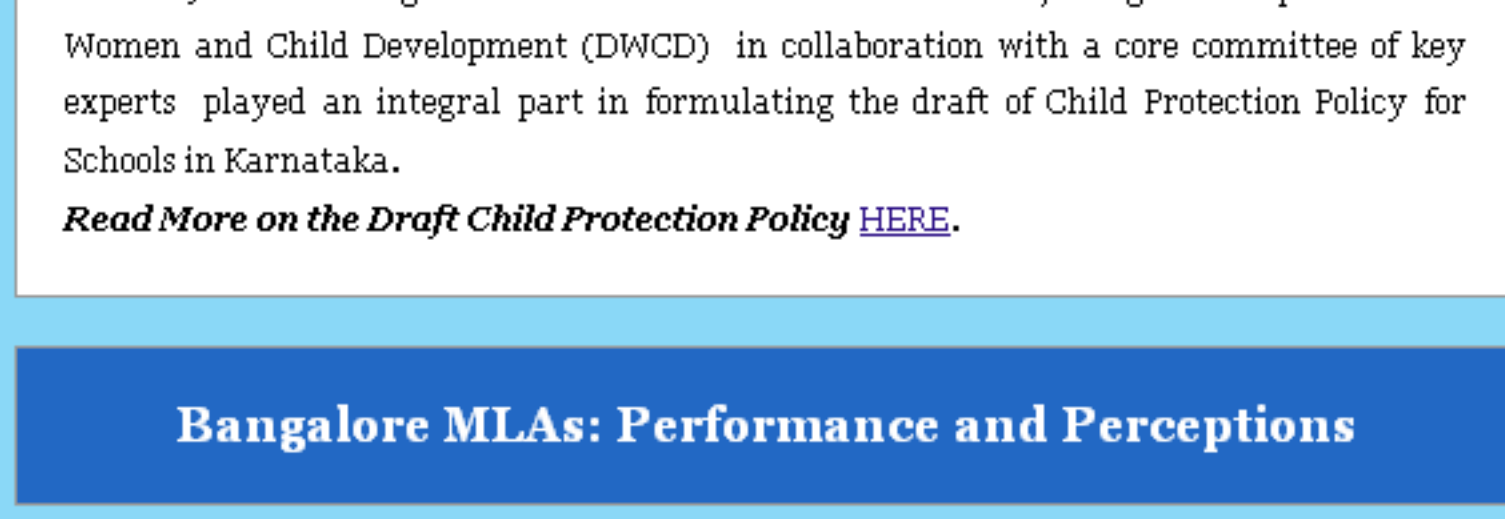
Our B.SAFE program has taken off well and has found a strong resonance with teachers, parents and citizens at large. We had earlier said that prevention and emergency response are two very important aspects of child and women safety and the programs that we have taken up are consistent with these objectives.

B.SAFE: Child Protection Policy

We are proud to announce that our B.SAFE members; Suchitra Rao (Consultant with UNICEF) and Dr. Sangeeta Saksena and her team from Enfield, along with Department of Women and Child Development (DWCD) in collaboration with a core committee of key experts played an integral part in formulating the draft of Child Protection Policy for Schools in Karnataka.

[Read More on the Draft Child Protection Policy HERE.](#)

Bangalore MLAs: Performance and Perceptions

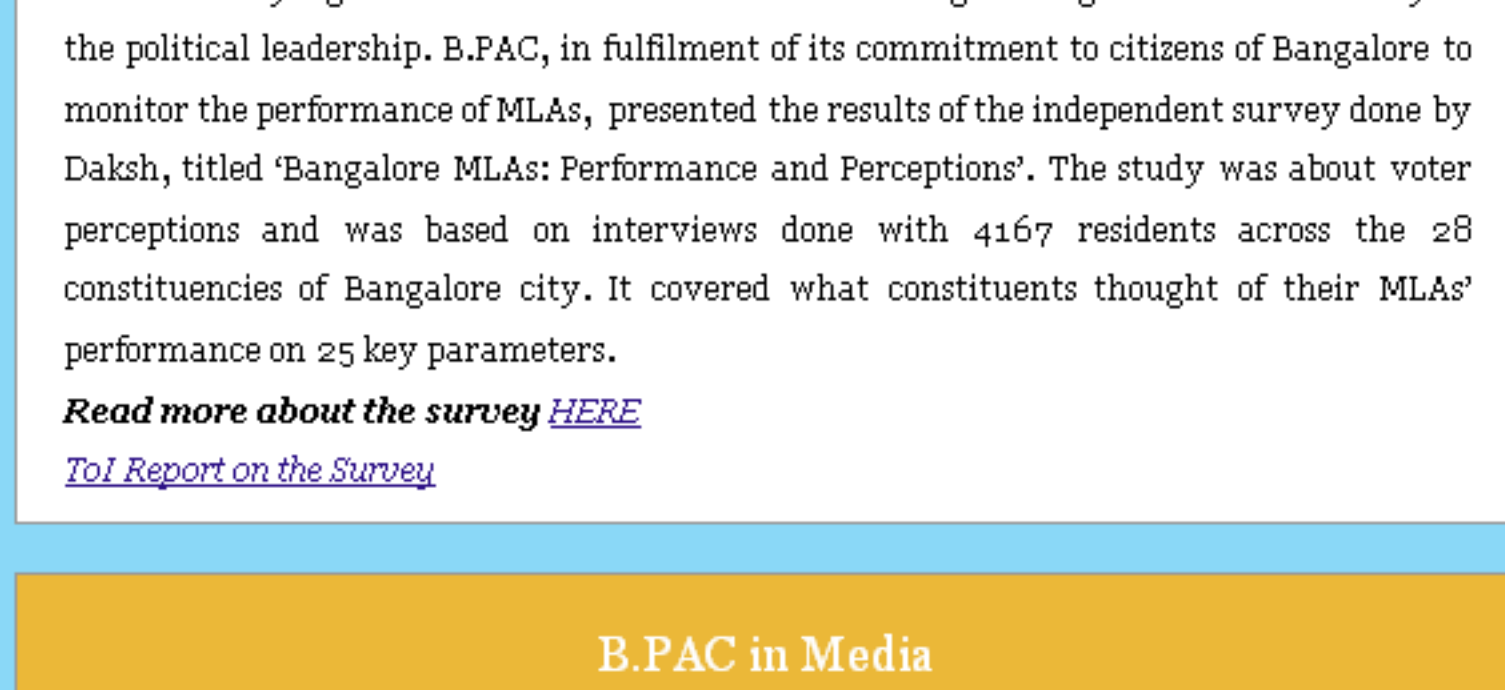


One of the key Agenda items in B.PAC Charter is to bring about greater accountability in the political leadership. B.PAC, in fulfillment of its commitment to citizens of Bangalore to monitor the performance of MLAs, presented the results of the independent survey done by Daksh, titled 'Bangalore MLAs: Performance and Perceptions'. The study was about voter perceptions and was based on interviews done with 4167 residents across the 28 constituencies of Bangalore city. It covered what constituents thought of their MLAs' performance on 25 key parameters.

[Read more about the survey HERE](#)

[To Report on the Survey](#)

B.PAC in Media



Green Ambassador Program Launch covered by Media



Save Balabrooie covered by Media

B.PAC will continue to strive towards achieving the **Agenda for Bangalore** through its various initiatives and programs. We hope that all of you will support us in all our endeavours to make our city a *truly global city with a great quality of life!*