

THE B.PAC LAUNCH

B.PAC was up and running on a brilliant Sunday morning in Bangalore on February 3, 2013. People who know Bangalore will know that early February mornings are special. They are crisp and clean and invigorating and everyone wants them to last forever.

All of these epithets could also be applied to B.PAC on that day. The first group of B.PAC-ers, with their very special guest, Mr. Narayanamurthy, gathered at the Bangalore International Centre to commit their time to document problems that were dragging Bangalore down. They also generously volunteered their considerable mettle to finding solutions for them.

A B.PAC PROMOTES GOOD GOVERNANCE PRACTICES AND POLICIES.

The B.PAC members met the Election Commissioner of India and discussed matters of registration and software problems at the electronic registration gateway. The EC promised to look into it. B.PAC will provide prompt feed back to the EC whenever they become aware of systemic problems in processes that might impact the conduct of the upcoming elections.

B B.PAC PROMOTES TRANSPARENCY IN THE GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Siddaiah met our members to sort out the inaccuracies in the voter lists and he assured us that he will maintain regular contact with B.PAC. New applications would be dealt with in a timely manner, he promised. BBMP will inform the public of the locations of VFCs. Also, any errors in the software will be corrected.

C B.PAC IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CITY.

B.PAC met Mr. Sivasailam of BMRCL. The meeting was long and productive and the exchange of ideas was free and frank. Topics ranged from the maintenance of the roads below the tracks to making areas where two reaches crossed, into city hubs. B.PAC promised to lend a helping hand whenever the need arose.

D B.PAC IDENTIFIES AND SUPPORTS STRONG CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICES.

True to its word, B.PAC has met some politicians from INC, JD-U, Nav Bharat and Loksatta. B.PAC's document, Agenda for Bangalore was shared with the politicians. This lists what B.PAC wishes to focus on, at the outset. The political parties are encouraged to add points from this agenda onto their parties' manifestos.

Friends of B.PAC and the volunteers at Smart Vote have been relentlessly visiting large corporations and many schools and colleges to present a pain-free method of helping people to register. Smart Vote gathers copies of the necessary documents that people bring as proof and delivers them at the BBMP

E B.PAC PROMISES TO CREATE A SAFER CITY.

The City Police Commissioner, Mr. Jyothi Prakash Mirji met our members to discuss the safety of women on the streets and in police stations. B.PAC members also met the Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka to talk to him about women's safety issues and justice. The CS indicated that he would keep his attention on this matter until resolution.

**We are hosting a walk,
MARCH FOR BANGALORE, on April 13.**
Start Point: Kanteerava Stadium (4 pm)
End point: Freedom Park (6:30 pm)

AND PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!

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