



**ELECTION
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CITIZENS' MANIFESTO FOR

MAHALAKSHMI LAYOUT



Mobility &
Infrastructure



Waste
management



Health



Water &
Sanitation



Women &
Child



Environment

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Mahalakshmi Layout at a glance:

1. Area: 8.9 sq. km
2. Population: 314072
3. Wards: Nandini Layout | Marappana Palya | Nagapura | Mahalakshmiipuram | Shakthi Ganapathi Nagar| Shankar Matt |
4. Vrishabhavathi Nagar MP Constituency: Bengaluru North (Bengaluru West??)
5. Household: 80522
6. Road length: 289 km
7. Lake: Shivanahalli lake
8. Police stations: Nandini Layout, Mahalakshmi Layout
9. Bus stops: 92
10. Fire station: 1
11. Government schools: 14
12. Colleges
13. Playgrounds: 12
14. Parks: 92

Namma simple ask:

1. MLA must chair a monthly general meeting with parastatal agencies, corporators and citizen groups with set agenda to enable transparency and better co-ordination between agencies
2. Common website to connect and provide all relevant data and information about Mahalakshmi Layout
3. Transparent and consistent communication on current and future work. Public consultation through online and offline media.
4. Communicate legislator's stand on various policy matters that would be tabled in the assembly. Hold consultation with citizens on pressing issues via online and offline medium
5. Robust volunteering opportunities for citizens to participate for various causes.
6. Internship opportunities for college students and special opportunities for home-makers and senior citizens to contribute to Mahalakshmi Layout's development
7. Contact details of concerned officials (BBMP, BESCOM etc.) must be made available at ward office and other prominent places along with allotted time for grievance redressal.
8. Biometric attendance at all the parastatal agencies
9. Quarterly report to citizens on constituency's progress
10. Constituency map with CA sites and other amenities should be made available.

The top 5 ask:

Waste Management

1. Methodical waste collection system with separate vehicles for dry waste and wet waste. GPS Trackers are to be attached to the vehicle to introduce tracking capabilities
2. Scientific transfer points wherein waste from smaller vehicles is directly transferred to larger vehicle.
3. Visual cleanliness across Mahalakshmi Layout constituency must be priority. Few areas such as BGS compound, near Mahalakshmi layout swimming pool have large black spots.
4. The processing plant at Mahalakshmi Layout must be made functioning and more number of similar plants must be planned The processing plant located at Mahalakshmi Layout is to be running at full functionality. Along with the current plant, similar plants must be planned
5. Health care of Pourakarmikas must be prioritized. A system that ensures an allotted number of Pourakarmikas work at the ward level needs to be developed

Mobility and infrastructure

1. Communicate information on specifications of roadworks undertaken at Mahalakshmi layout
2. Only scientific speed breakers across the Mahalakshmi Layout constituency
3. Accessible public transport and last mile connectivity options from Metro stations Easily accessible public transport along with a last mile connectivity option from Metro stations
4. Reduce high traffic junction areas on Outer Ring Road.
5. Mahalakshmi Layout needs more number of playground for children. Lack in number of playgrounds available for children in Mahalakshmi Layout

Water

1. Two people lost their lives due to heavy rains in Mahalakshmi Layout. Mahalakshmi Layout requires an urban flooding disaster management plan and a dedicated implementation team. Measures should be taken to prevent urban flooding.
2. To raise awareness on water conservation, a campaign should be held and a kiosk must be made available to get easy access to water aerators and rain water harvesting experts
3. Since Mahalakshmi Layout constituency has just one lake, Rain water harvesting projects must be prioritized. RWH must be implemented on all public spaces and public buildings.
4. Periodic desilting and maintenance of storm water drains and sewage lines
5. Waste water from the Ashokpura Industrial Area has been coming into contact with the drain water at Mahalakshmi Layout bus stop. This has resulted in foam and foul smell. Preventive measures are to be taken to inspect the illegal discharge of industrial waste water.

Women and child safety

1. Public places must be well lit, have accessible footpath, sufficient police patrolling and CCTVs to aid redressal measures and specially to prevent cases such as chain snatching.
2. Special programs for young college students to help build their career building opportunities.
3. A larger number of Police Chowkis and aggressive police need to be patrolling across Mahalakshmi layout.
4. A dedicated counselling centre at Mahalakshmi Layout to help distressed women and children.
5. Anganawadis must be modernized, utilize better infrastructure, nutrition and early learning measures.

Environment and health

1. Mahalakshmi Layout has good number of parks and are well maintained. however, one of the said parks must be converted to an urban forest
2. Monitor and maintain green cover (scientific tree pruning) and open spaces in Mahalakshmi Layout.
3. Preventive health care measures to be prioritized
4. 24*7 emergency centres and Primary Health Care Centres
5. Accessible toilets in public spaces and parks Easily accessible and clean public spaces and public toilets



Annexure:

Waste Management

Current	Desired status	Ideas to achieve
Segregation and collection		
The number of houses has increased and consistent campaigns are not run to bring awareness	To achieve 10% segregation	Designated date for monthly awareness on waste segregation and data on level of segregation to be publicised on same day
Irregular service and waste-pickup time by waste collectors	Regular and on-time waste pickup	Collection vehicles to have GPS and to be tracked in real time Communication via SMS and social media to citizens if any irregularity to be expected in waste collection
Inefficient functioning of DWCC	Efficient DWCCs at each ward	Facilitate to raise funds from corporates or higher budget allocation from BBMP/other funds to efficiently run the Dry Waste Collection Centres
Collected waste is dumped at transfer points	Transfer points are perpetual blackspots	Need scientific transfer points. Smaller vehicles should directly unload the waste to larger vehicle. Sripura has empty space that can be used for transfer point, identify better transfer point
Waste processing		
Burning of leaf and garden waste has led to air pollution E.g. Waste is burnt at Ward 43 near nandhini layout petrol bunk.	In-sit composting of garden waste at ward/constituency level	Leaf waste composting units along with sufficient funds to run the operations must be set up
The waste processing plant at Nandhini theatre is not functioning	Efficient functioning of processing center	Allocate funds and team to run the centre
Vegetable market in ward 44 generates high quantity of wet waste and spoil visual cleanliness of the area	Demonstrate model markets	Markets should have awareness, no use of plastic, bins and in-situ processing of waste
Educational institutions are not managing waste responsibly	All educational institutions should stand as a model and encourage the local community to manage waste responsibly	Certificate programs and contests among educational institutions to manage their waste responsibly

Low awareness about home-composting methods	At least 10% of houses in Mahalakshmi layout must compost waste at home	Monthly Composting awareness programs at ward office to residents
System and technology support		
Regular attendance of Pourakarmikas'	Biometric attendance of Pourakarmikas' to be introduced	Pourakarmikas' biometric attendance along with a verification feature for third-parties
Staff and system are not monitored	Monitoring system to monitor and ensure efficient functioning of waste management system	Citizens are to be introduced and included in the waste management programs. The required training is to be completed by all volunteering citizens for official recognition
Dearth of communication to citizens	Communicate to citizens on level of segregation, campaigns and programs related to waste management	Waste management indicators data are to be processed in a recommended format and is to be made accessible to citizens online through the internet or at the ward office
Rampant use of plastic material even though it is banned	Efficient implementation of plastic ban	A team who aids citizens to recognize and adhere to the plastic ban law and to penalise establishments for using or issuing plastic
Low awareness among Pourakarmikas and health workers regarding proper waste management	Pourakarmikas and health workers to be fully aware of all aspects of waste management	Orientations to be held to educate the health workers and Pourakarmikas and introduce incentives to encourage them
High quantity of waste generation during festivals	Zero waste festivals Biometric attendance of Pourakarmikas' to be introduced	Set up a festival waste management team and draw a festival waste management plan
Cleanliness and hygiene		
Mahalakshmi layout has number of black spots such as at the swimming pool, BGS compound etc	Blackspot free Mahalakshmi Layout	Identify blackspot, beautify with help of urban planners/designers and monitor the same.
Street vendors dump waste in public space	Responsible disposal of waste by street vendors	Awareness and support to street vendors to manage waste
Transfer points are perpetual blackspots	Need scientific transfer points	Waste from smaller autos and push karts should be directly transferred to lorries

PKs are prone to high risk health concerns	Quality preventive health care for PKs	PKs should have access to clean drinking water and toilets PKs should undergo periodic check-up and should be given preventive medicine
Push carts used by Pourakarmikas are broken and difficult to use in high slope roads	Need better push carts which are easier for Pourakarmikas to use	Electric pushcarts for Pourakarmikas

Mobility and Infrastructure

Current	Desired	Idea to achieve
Road works		
Condition of roads deteriorates due to water logging along with the formation of potholes (Eg. Saraswathipuram Road)	Maintain motorable roads throughout the year	Placement of system to promptly repair potholes and to fine/blacklist contractors
Random/ unnecessary speed breakers in main roads and residential areas	Scientifically located speed breakers	Development of standard design and system to report and replace unscientific speed breakers
Congestion		
Rapid commercialisation and occurrence of bars such as Dhanalakshmi bar and other two bars has caused traffic congestion	Free flow of traffic	Allocate traffic wardens and signals in such high traffic congestion areas
Haphazard parking has led to congestion at hot coffee corner	Disciplined parking is encouraged amongst vehicle users	Parking fees are to be charged and one-sided parking or no parking is to be encouraged. Parking at metro station is required
Public Transport		
Absence of bus routes to few key areas	Well-connected bus network	Introduce bus routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahalakshmi layout to satellite bus required • To Shivajinagar • To Malleshwaram
Inadequate last mile connectivity options from metro station	Accessible and economical last mile connectivity from metro stations	Options to be prioritized for persons with special needs and senior citizens
Pedestrian friendly/Cycling/E-transport		

improper footpaths have made it inconvenient for them to commute	Pedestrian friendly footpaths	Footpaths are to not exceed a height of 6 inches and the footpaths are to be uniform in height
Footpaths are encroached in commercial areas	Footpaths are meant for the use of pedestrians only	Zero tolerance towards footpath encroachment and a process to remove encroachments on footpaths is to be developed
25000 street vendors are surveyed. Yet ID cards are not issued (Kanteeravanagara, Ramakrishna badavane street vendors)	Protect rights of street vendors	Allocate dedicated hawker zone and distribute ID cards

Water and Sanitation

Current	Desired status	Ideas to achieve
Water Supply		
There is a sufficient amount of water available. However, the water is released at irregular times	Water supply timings are to be informed to citizens	SMS are a medium to inform citizens about water supply timings. The Resident Welfare Association groups/volunteers can also inform citizens
RO purifiers have been set up but four of them are not working	Well-functioning RO purifiers	Allocate AMC to maintain and monitor RO purifier
Water conservation		
RO water purifiers installed in public spaces waste water	Discharged water from RO purifiers should be reused	Measures to reuse dispensed water from RO purifiers need to be taken
Inefficient use of water	Awareness and aid to citizens to conserve water	Kiosk/help desk for citizens to aid water conservation (to buy water aerators at subsidized rates and resources to implement rain water harvesting)
Mahalakshmi Layout has no lakes and the water table levels depleting	Risen efforts to increase water table level	Water tables are to be analysed and sink pits should be implemented. Rain water harvesting on public spaces and public buildings are to be executed. A minimum of 1200 sink pits to be set up.
Urban flooding		
Urban flooding is a major cause of concern and has lead	Free of urban flooding and alerts	Conduct hydrological analysis and collaborate with experts to prevent

to death. Few areas prone to Repeated urban flooding are ward number 74 and 75 Kereangala, JC nagar, Chandra Nagar, Vrushabhavathinagar Ward 43 – Kanteeravanagar near Anu Public school	in case heavy rain ix expected along with rescue teams	urban flooding. Few suggested measures are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase wall heights of drains Unauthorized slums need to be rehabilitated Desilting of drains and rajakaluve
Sanitation and sewage		
Sewage pipes are not periodically desilted. Saraswathipuram main road is low area and has frequent sanitary issue	Maintenance of sewage lines	Periodic desilting of sewage pipes
The storm water at Mahalakshmi Layout bus stand is polluted by waste water from Ashokpura Industrial area which has resulted in foam and foul smell	Manage industrial waste water	Regulate disposal of industrial waste water

Women and Child Safety and Development

Current	Desired	Idea to achieve
Public Spaces		
Repetition of chain snatching has made public spaces unsafe	Safe public spaces	Well-lit streets, walkable footpath, sufficient police patrolling is required
No toilets for women	Need dedicated toilets for women along with waiting room	Identify appropriate space for women only model toilets
Inadequate number of CCTVs' in all public places	Public spaces to have sufficient CCTVs'	Installation of CCTVs' and functionality of CCTVs' is to be checked regularly Install CCTVs at Mahalakshmi layout bus stand, APMC junction, studio road, Kamalanagudi playground walking spot
Schools		
Irregular attendance of Anganawadi, teachers are not working,	At least one model Anganawadi per ward	Allocate funds and collaborate with experts to build model Anganawadis
Police, legal and Counselling Centre		
No counselling centre	A counselling centre to help distressed women and children	Set up counselling centre in collaboration with city police
Empowerment		

Inadequate amount of economic empowerment opportunities	Sufficient avenues for women to learn and access opportunities available for economic empowerment	Centres that spread information on empowerment opportunities are to be constructed. Ward offices should also be fully utilized in spreading the information
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Environment and health

Current	Desired	Idea to achieve
Level of air pollution at traffic junctions is high	Air quality to be monitored in all places and recognize spots that need to be addressed	Air quality and noise level monitoring indicators are to be installed at high traffic junctions and areas under on-going construction work
Unscientific tree pruning and cut branches are not removed by BBMP	Scientific tree pruning to be carried out	BESCOM and BBMP to develop and coordinate a systematic method of tree pruning
The essential health facilities are not setup in primary health care centres	Accessible and affordable health care	An emergency 24/7 healthcare clinic is to setup with the following functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventive medicine to be given • Preventive healthcare to be prioritized • Dialysis centre should be set up
Requirement of toilets in a few areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kethmaranahalli circle needs toilet for 2000 people commuting • Maruthi nagar circle • Nagapura main road • Anjaneya temple ward • Geleyara balaga (next to Govt. hospital) 	Require an increase in the number of clean and gender friendly public toilets	Cleanliness and maintenance of toilets in parks to be monitored

Suggestion: Convert at least one ornamental park to urban forest area.