

B.PAC

2ND ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL



From the President's Desk

***FOR EVERY POSITIVE CHANGE YOU MAKE AROUND YOU
SOMETHING ELSE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER
AS IT CREATES A CHAIN REACTION OF CHANGE
-Leon Brown***



It's a moment of great pride for all of us at the Bangalore Political Action Committee, its partners and the many volunteers associated with it to be celebrating the Second Anniversary of B.PAC's founding. From its inception in 2012, when a handful of like-minded citizens of Bangalore came together to convert urban apathy into positive urban

engagement, B.PAC has today emerged as a platform for participative governance. It has galvanized ordinary citizens to engage proactively with government and civic bodies to tackle the issues plaguing the city and participate in the journey of transforming Bangalore into a world class metropolis.

In a short span of two years, B.PAC has evolved into a very influential apolitical organization working tirelessly to catalyse social change, enable good governance and ensure a better life for all Bangaloreans.

During these two years we have gained better insights into the functioning of the political and administrative machinery, received co-operation and faced obstruction. Nothing has however been able to stop us from moving ahead fearlessly, driven by our ambition to make a difference.

One of B.PAC's most noteworthy programs, which has truly made a difference, is the B.PAC Civic Leadership Incubator Program (B.CLIP). This program is grooming leaders of the future, who are passionate about socio-political issues and are willing to dedicate their lives to ushering in positive change. B.CLIP, in its maiden year, has trained over

100 motivated citizens to participate effectively as civic leaders at the grassroots level and address pressing problems. After providing B.CLIP participants three months of intensive classroom training, B.PAC is also mentoring them and providing support for specific projects in their localities. The overwhelming support and encouragement for the first and second batches has led B.CLIP to seek applications for the third batch.

The past two years have been full of action on all fronts. B.PAC has championed participative democracy, promoted women and child safety, spoken up for heritage protection and endorsed introduction of smarter regulations. It has stood up whenever Bangalore's political, economic, civic and cultural rights have been threatened.

During the state and general elections, we have lobbied for transparent campaign financing and responsible electioneering. We inspired citizens to register as voters and exercise their franchise as well as helped them make an informed choice by organizing pre-election debates and preparing political report cards.

Specific attention has been given to women and child safety through the B.SAFE program, which has introduced several initiatives like the 'Gulabi Auto' service for women, the Durga Alarm pilot project in buses, installation of CCTVs in police stations, articulation of a Child Protection Policy for schools etc. These programs have started contributing towards creating a safer Bangalore.

B.PAC has taken up the cudgels on behalf of the citizens of Bangalore for a fair User Development Fee (UDF) regime at Bangalore Airport, equitable electricity tariffs and a hoarding-free city. We have lent our collective voice to the 'Save Balabrookie' campaign and are now working on an initiative to restore Cubbon Park to its former glory.

B.PAC today has emerged as a powerful pressure group in bringing about a transparent and accountable political and administrative system in the city. I would like to congratulate the Core Group of B.PAC as well as all associated members, partners and volunteers who have joined hands to provide momentum to this cause. While we have achieved many firsts and crossed many milestones, this is just the beginning. We have miles to go before we sleep!

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, *President*

Message from Vice President



The Origin!

It was the Garbage Crisis that got us together. Some of us were invited to an event where we were to talk about the Garbage Crisis in Bengaluru. We were upset and angry and after the event met and decided to come together to work out a solution. We understood that we needed a political solution as our challenges were recurring

and needed massive government intervention. It needed citizens to come together and demand reforms from their government.

Thus was born the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) to increase interaction between citizens and political leaders and make the system responsive. We drew up a charter to define us, a strategy to make it work and an organisation to execute the strategy. Kiran agreed to head B.PAC and we were in business. Our strategy was simple- create a lobby of urban middle class voters to make our political leaders listen to us and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

We worked hard with others to get over 600,000 citizens enrol as voters, endorsed good candidates for the State Assembly Elections, contributed to their election campaigns, and publicised our endorsements. We organised debates, ran a campaign to get more people to vote and helped increase the percentage of votes cast. We met the new government to discuss our demands and seek reforms. In the Lok Sabha elections too we did the same. We published a MLA scorecard to focus on their work. Soon citizens began to see in us their champions for good governance.

We started the B.CLIP programme to create grass root leaders who could one day become ward councillors and work their way up. We represented citizen interests before the airport and power regulators and won a reduced charge for the air traveller. We sought and got Tender Sure Roads in the CBD area and an assurance from the CM that more would be done.

Overall we trod a new path, of citizen activism in the political arena. We have been successful but have much more to do. But what keeps us going is the trust and confidence of our fellow citizens and our love for our great city!

T.V. Mohandas Pai, Vice President

Message from the Secretary



I remember distinctly the inauguration of B.PAC two years ago. The program was held at TERI in Domlur and had a number of dignitaries. For all of them, as I can gather, B.PAC was a revelation. Many were quizzical about the nature of B.PAC. Yes, they could understand a forum for highlighting civic issues in Bangalore; of course, they reasoned, considering its high powered nature akin to BATF it would be effective and listened to with respect by those who matter. But an Organization aimed at lobbying for change and better governance by direct political involvement? Well, that was quite extraordinary! Were the founders really serious? Could such an organization survive and meet the challenges?

Two years is a good time to test the proposition relating to the creation of B. PAC. Direct action for improving governance and living standards in Bangalore have been attempted in a number of ways :Through the creation of B.CLIP ,and the purposeful identification of more than 100 able ,motivated individuals who will be in the vanguard of the City's elected structure very soon. Through a conscious attempt to support capable candidates contesting for legislature and parliamentary elections. Through focusing on issues bearing on citizen safety, security and physical quality of life. And, finally, through unrelenting pressure on the decision makers to make things better for the citizens in Bangalore.

The task appears half done simply because of the preponderance of the problems confronting this City from garbage to security to infrastructure. But what B.PAC has also done is to create a resilient internal structure which can articulate the needs ,plan responses quickly and be at the site of action, shoulder to shoulder.

Yes, we can celebrate our two years with satisfaction. We need to redouble our efforts to realize our vision and objectives over the coming years.

K.Jairaj, Trustee and Secretary

From The CEO



We are overwhelmed by the response and support from citizens and citizen groups of Bengaluru over the past two years. We have raised our voice on critical issues concerning the city be it civic issues like waste management, power and water or safety and security of citizens, governance or protecting our heritage.

We have demonstrated that our collective voice is powerful and that we can bring about change.

Many of you have written to us appreciating our effort and offered your help and it is only this active support that has enabled us to take up so many issues.

The road is long and arduous but as responsible citizens we must stay engaged and continue to push the system for greater transparency and accountability.

We look forward to your active engagement and participation.

Revathy Ashok, *Managing Trustee & CEO*

B.PAC Launch

03rd Feb 2013

Bangalore Inc to Field Candidates for Polls

Bangalore Political Action Committee invites nominations from groups to identify suitable contestants



(From left) TV Mohandas Pai, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, N Narayana Murthy, Ashwin Mahesh and K Jairaj of the Bangalore Political Action Committee unveiling the BPAC's agenda in Bangalore on Sunday.

INDU NANDAKUMAR

BANGALORE
India's only political action group formed by corporate heavyweights has begun its hunt for candidates to field in the assembly election due this year in Karnataka, an unprecedented effort by the business elite to influence politics. Headed by the likes of Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw and Mohandas Pai and backed by NR Narayana Murthy, the Bangalore Political Action Committee, or BPAC, was formed to improve governance and the quality of life of citizens in the technology capital of India by growing, and then, flexing some political muscle. BPAC, which launched its charter and agenda on Sunday at the hands of Murthy, said it has invited nominations from political parties and independent groups to identify suitable candidates for the election, due latest in May. Murthy, the chairman emeritus of Infosys, said he was hopeful that for the first time in his life he sees confidence that India can indeed solve its problems. "I don't see the same kind of helplessness that I saw when I was in my twenties. Therefore, I believe this is the right time to wake up, build an aspirational dream and an action plan," he said.

Murthy who has been an influential voice on economic and political developments in the country urged political parties to publish their lists of candidates at least 60 days ahead of elections so that there is enough time to verify their backgrounds.

Lobby for Urban Dwellers >> 10

A journey in Political Engagement begins

Biz heads chalk out political interventions

Bangalore Political Action Committee Plans To Enhance Voter Participation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bangalore: IT, BT and business honchos as well as eminent Bangaloreans who have put the city on the global map have decided to cleanse the polity of its rot. Launching the Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) on Sunday,

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they unveiled a multi-pronged strategy to ensure the coming state assembly elections will be truly democratic and representative.

Prominent among the strategies of BPAC, whose charter and agenda



NR Narayana Murthy, R K Misra and Mohandas Pai

are proactively campaigning to ensure that the urban middle class turns out in large numbers to exercise their franchise. It's also setting up a fund to bankroll the campaign activities of quality candidates.

The candidates will be from recognized political parties and the elections will include civic, assembly and parliamentary elections restricted to city

FULL OF HOPE

“For the first time in the 66 years of my life, I'm confident we can indeed solve these problems. I don't see the same helplessness in addressing public problems now like it was when we were in our twenties

NR Narayana Murthy | CHAIRMAN EMERITUS, INFOSYS

face-bearers, trustees and management committee members. The organization received a shot in the arm when Infosys chairman emeritus NR Narayana Murthy unveiled the charter.

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Narayana Murthy said candidates should be announced by political parties six months in advance so that people get to know their potential representatives well. Murthy's references to the class of current crop of politicians and a need of code of conduct for them evoked much mirth among the audience.

“We're a committee formed by a group of proud Bangaloreans who cannot see our city battered anymore. We believe we cannot stand and watch helplessly as Bangalore trembles and declines because of bad governance. But I don't think we are helpless but apathetic. We want to build a Bangalore we can boast about in the years to come. Our fundamental objective is to connect the citizen with the political process,” said Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, managing trustee and president

Mr. N R Narayana Murthy, Chairman Emeritus Infosys Ltd released B.PAC Charter & Afb. Dr. Kiran M Shaw, Mr. Mohandas Pai, Mr. K Jairaj along with core committee members & other eminent citizens attended the launch.

Bangalored!

Our Journey in Political Engagement and Governance



Participative Democracy

Creating Accountability

For far too long, the ubiquitous citizenry has been disengaged with the political system of the country. B.PAC over the last two years has been striving to emend this shortcoming. We are pushing for greater engagement at every level of democracy. This is our process of keeping both the elected representatives and the community engaged not only during elections but more significantly during the time in between them. This has been a watershed moment for us as slowly; more and more citizens have begun to question their elected representatives and are holding them accountable for their actions (or lack of it).



1

Creating awareness about the role of a citizen in active democracy and inspiring citizens to get registered, making it easy for them
- creating voter search engines etc...getting them to go out and vote
- through OMNV, March for Bangalore, Vote Maadi, ('Vote for a better Bangalore' Campaign)

2

Endorsement of candidates, helping citizens make an informed choice, Encouraging citizens to invest in their candidates through Campaign Funding for better Transparency (MLA &MP elections)

3

Constant Dialogue with Elected leaders even after elections 'candidates meet the citizens' (MLA &MP elections) - Dialogue for deciphering their Manifestos

4

Annual Perception and Performance Score card- For Bangalore city MLA's

Other Initiatives for greater political engagement



March for a better Bangalore



Panel Discussion on 'Transforming our Cities' a book by Isher Ahluwalia



Policy workshop by Jay Panda, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha)



The Governance Dialogue – UK Parliamentary Meet

Advocacy Wins

Campaign against Illegal Hoardings

B.PAC filed a complaint with Justice Subash Adi, Upa Lokayukta on the illegal hoardings defacing the city. In support of this complaint, a B.PAC commissioned team of volunteers travelled across the city, gathered evidence first hand and submitted over 400 photographs of unauthorized hoardings as evidence to the Upa Lokayukta. Following this, B.PAC members met the CM and raised their concern regarding Illegal hoardings defacing the city.

CM assured the team of stern measures to ban these flexes boards and banners. BBMP has passed a resolution to remove all illegal advertisements, bill boards and hoardings across the city during its monthly council meeting.



B.PAC's efforts to curb this menace was also cited by the Chief Minister when speaking about this issue. He told the Legislative Council that his Government would bring in a policy to check these unregulated and unrestrained flex boards and banners.

Keeping the city open till 1 A.M.



Global cities all over the world have a deadline for commercial establishments that goes well beyond the stipulated deadline for

Bangalore. B.PAC had addressed this issue by conducting a panel meeting inviting all stakeholders from citizen groups to Home Minister and Minister for Bangalore to weigh the pros and cons of the deadline from safety, security and regulatory perspectives. After a very engaging public debate, the conclusion was that an extension of the deadline would create a vibrant environment in the city, would facilitate citizen self-policing and also send a positive signal that Bangalore is a safe city with law and order under control.

Today Bengaluru remain opens up till 1 am on weekends.

BBMP restructuring

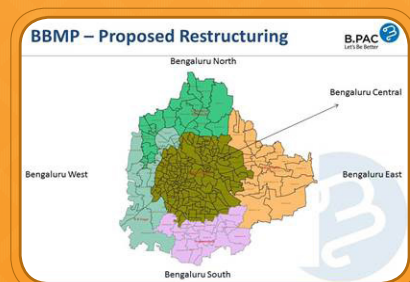
BBMP is currently the largest municipal corporation with an area of over 712.54 sq. kms and highest decadal growth of 51% in the country making efficient infrastructure development and service delivery extremely challenging. The periphery of the city is growing much faster @ 10.55% CAGR as compared to the core @ 1.357% CAGR and hence the two have differing infrastructure and servicing needs.

In light of the above, B.PAC made a compelling submission to BBMP restructuring expert committee headed by Mr B.S. Patil, with recommendations to restructure BBMP into 5 corporations. B.PAC's recommendation to restructure Bengaluru into 5 Corporations is based on the detailed analysis of data on revenue generation possibilities, population density, political considerations, administrative aptness, regional growth potential etc. and also in comparison with other metros.

The submission can be viewed **here**:

<http://www.bpac.in/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/BBMP-Restructuring-20-02-2015-Final.pdf>

The cabinet took a decision to restructure BBMP into three municipal corporations based on the recommendations of the restructuring committee.



Meetings with Chief Minister, Bangalore In charge Minister, Home Minister, Upa Lokayukta, BBMP commissioner and Additional commissioner, SWM BBMP

B.PAC over the last two years has been meeting, discussing and demanding from the ministers, action on various infrastructure and civic and developmental issues plaguing the city and for improving the life of the citizens of Bangalore city.



B.PAC'S KEY DEMANDS

1 Power Reforms

Restructure through PPP

2 Infrastructure

Elevated Corridors
Signal Free Corridors
Potholes Free Roads
Well Maintained
Footpaths

3 Namma Metro

Expedite the completion of Namma Metro

4 Waste Management

Solid Waste
Management
Debris
Management

5 Illegal Hoardings

Enforcement of law
to remove illegal
hoardings

6 Safety for women and Children

Gulabi autos
Gulabi taxis

7 Heritage Policy



Regulatory

FAIR FARES!

On completion of airport terminal expansion works, BIAL proposed to raise the User Development Fees (UDF) to an extent of Rs.1300/pax and accordingly submitted their application to Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA). B.PAC evaluated the proposal technically and filed detailed objections to the proposed steep hike of airport charges. Based on extensive analysis of factual data and supporting evidence, B.PAC was able to convince AERA about the impropriety of the proposal and its nonconformity with the norms laid down by AERA, which resulted in a **favorable verdict which allowed BIAL to charge a UDF of only Rs.306 per pax.** The outcome of B.PAC's timely intervention came as a relief for 14 Million passengers using KIA.



B.PAC's contentions on various aspects of the proposal has found mention in prominent places throughout the final order of AERA, running into 600 pages.

POWER TO YOU!

B.PAC submitted its strong objections to BESCOM's proposal for increasing electricity tariff for FY-16 by 0.80 paise per unit. During the public hearing conducted by KERC. Through this submission B.PAC urged the commission to put in place a road map for reducing & eliminating cross subsidy over the next 3 to 5 year and recommended that metering of power to all sectors be made mandatory including the agriculture sector to eliminate power theft.

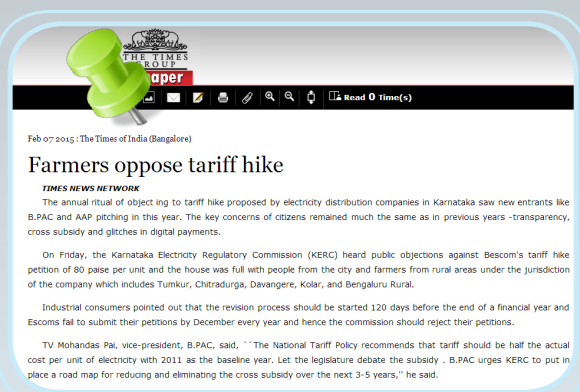
B.PAC's submissions highlighted that in agriculturally advanced states like Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra, the percentage of electricity consumption in agriculture as a percentage of the total usage is below 20% whereas in Karnataka it is 39%. B.PAC pushed for PPA with private players, metering of power to agriculture sector and other stringent measures to plug leakages in power

distribution, all of which would enhance revenues and eliminate the need for any power tariff increase.

B.PAC was the pacesetter in opposing the proposed tariff hike by BESCOM, by submitting a meticulously prepared technical paper to KERC and then pressing the case during the public hearing.

B.PAC's objections and suggestions were considered favorably by KERC as it has finally approved only a nominal hike of 15 - 20 paise per unit against the BESCOM proposal for a steep hike of 80 paise per unit across all sections of consumers. This benefits almost 89 lakhs BESCOM consumers.

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B.PAC represented Vice-president Mr. Mohandas Pai





Center for SMART Cities
Creating Smart Cities & Making Cities Smarter



B.PAC has been working towards making our city smart and sustainable. Considerable knowledge, resource & best practices exist both in private sector and with the governments/municipal bodies, C.SMART (CSC) aims to document this vast knowledge and therefore acts as a repository, making this information available to all stakeholders. CSC – A Think and Do Platform is curated and incubated by B.PAC to be a knowledge bank of practices for socio-economic, outcome driven SMART Urban Planning & City Management.

All programs and initiatives of B.PAC have been centered around these pillars that make our city truly smart.

B.SAFE

let's
progressive

CCTV camera Installation at Police Stations



The B.SAFE program has three major components namely prevention, emergency response and judicial response. Recent sexual abuse cases have brought to light the growing need for better governance hence B.PAC has put forward a solution to facilitate the beginning of this process, starting from our neighborhood Police Stations. B.PAC has undertaken the installation of CCTV's in police stations. There are 108 police stations in Bangalore city and



B.PAC in collaboration with Bangalore City Police has installed 35 CCTV's so far with over 10 more in progress. This will enhance transparency and accountability in the police functioning and promote friendly policing.

Child protection Policy

Children have the inalienable right to protection and safeguarded from all forms of abuse, maltreatment and harm, and this applies to all children in all settings including educational environment. With the recent surge in crimes in Bangalore, B.PAC through B.SAFE organized a meeting of experts and various school authorities to encourage schools to adopt a Child Protection Policy, and to set up monitoring and evaluation of its implementation, in the participating schools. Child Protection Policy is a statement of intent that defines the school's commitment to safe guard children from harm and abuse. What is paramount is that central to any course of action lies the best interest

Violence against women and children is the most pervasive violations of human rights in the world, one of the least prosecuted crimes, and one of the greatest threats to lasting peace and development. B.PAC has realized the need to address this grave issue and has launched a safety initiative for women and children under the banner of B. SAFE B.PAC has been



of the child, and all decisions have been guided by B.PAC by this core principle.

B.SAFE members Suchitra Rao, UNICEF consultant and Sangeetha Saxena from Enfold India partnered with GOK, in bringing together this document which is now open for public comments.

Gulabi Auto

collaborating with the government, women commuters and auto drivers to understand the issues of safety in public transport. As part of our B.SAFE initiative B.PAC proposes the **“Gulabi Auto”** Scheme. Its objectives would be to promote safety in public spaces and create greater women's empowerment. This would be one of the several steps we need to take for instilling faith in every woman that Bangalore stands united and strong to ensure her safety.

The Gulabi Auto Proposal is currently under active discussion in the Department of Transport, Gok.

Unleash the Durga in You

B.SAFE Member Priya Varadarajan launched Durga Alarm as pilot in buses. While the laws for safeguarding women and children have been significantly strengthened, a lot remains to be done in the area of prevention of horrifying atrocities against them. In this context, providing adequate safety measures in transportation through panic alarms and surveillance technology assumes great significance. The DURGA alarm is one such initiative for safer public transport.



The alarm allows any woman or child to reach out to a series of switches placed on either side of the bus in the panel between the windows and it alerts the bus driver, conductor and the other commuters about any form of harassment. It has been piloted in 5 buses so far.



A core group under the leadership of B.PAC, NHRD, other industry associations and experts came together at this conclave to create heightened awareness and understanding of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplaces (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013.

The objective of the Conclave was to be a catalyst in sharing learnings, issues, challenges and best practices, through industry bodies, associations, organizations, NGOs and other stakeholders of the SHWP Act, 2013.

We hope to calibrate the success and effectiveness of our Agenda over a one year time frame, through three simple metrics which measures levels of awareness and understanding of the law by the workforce, ICC compliance rates, and employee perception for a safer work place which has several multi-dimensional measures such as perception towards night shift, company travel and transport

The Billion Eyes Conclave

systems, etc. This would go a long way in building Bangalore as a safe city for Women at the work place.

The Private Hospitals & Nursing Homes Association (PHANA) and the Academy of Hospital Administration (AHA) have unanimously passed resolutions to work with B.PAC to frame a policy for the implementation of the POSH Act in its entirety, to scientifically dispose medical waste as part of our Swachha Bharat Abhiyan program, organizing preventive health check ups and advice on health matters.



The spirit of the Billion Eyes Campaign being championed across various segments of the city

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B.PAC 3.CLIP

CIVIC LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR PROGRAM

Let's Govern Better



Creating Future Leaders

WINDS OF CHANGE!

As Bangalore continues to grow both in size and numbers, there is a greater and dire need to ensure that the city's infrastructure and public institutions are geared up to work effectively to ensure a better standard of living.

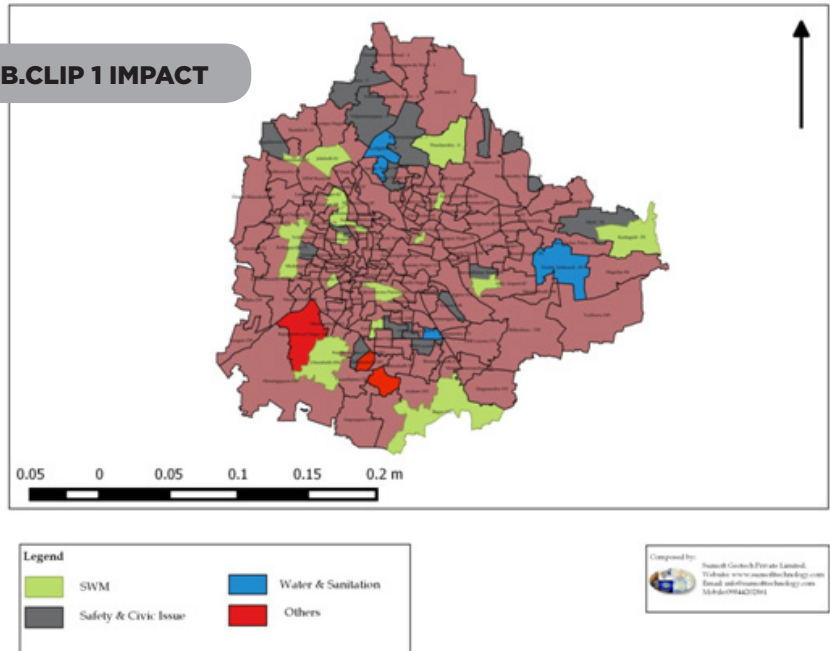
In keeping with achieving these goals, B.PAC launched its flagship initiative; The B.PAC Civic Leadership Incubator Program (B.CLIP). B.CLIP aims to create a pool of informed citizens who have the ability to work on various issues important to the citizens of Bangalore and act as a pressure group to bring in transparency and accountability into the system.

B.CLIP has had a successful homerun with its two batches. Over 100 civic conscious and/or politically aware citizens have been trained in a short span of 1 year. With another 50 soon joining the corps B.CLIP batch 1 participants having undergone three months of intensive classroom sessions have taken up specific projects in their localities that will leverage the knowledge gained by them these past few months.

Each project involves a combination of advocacy and organizing awareness programs, working with local leaders in getting various issues solved, and creating plans for sustainability of results achieved. These projects, which cover areas like Water, Sanitation and Lake Rejuvenation, Solid Waste Management, Revenue Augmentation and Expenditure Management, and Overall Public Safety (women safety, child safety, unmanned manholes, loose electric wires, potholes, faulty footpaths etc), are aimed at making the lives of fellow Bangaloreans better.

B.CLIP batch 2 participants have completed their theory classes and are finalizing their projects and are in the initial phase of collecting data for the same. We have just concluded the Interviews for batch 3 through which **50 more civic leaders would be equipped to transform the city!**

B.CLIP 1 IMPACT



Swach Bharath Abhiyan

- B.PAC and Rotary initiative for cleaner Bengaluru

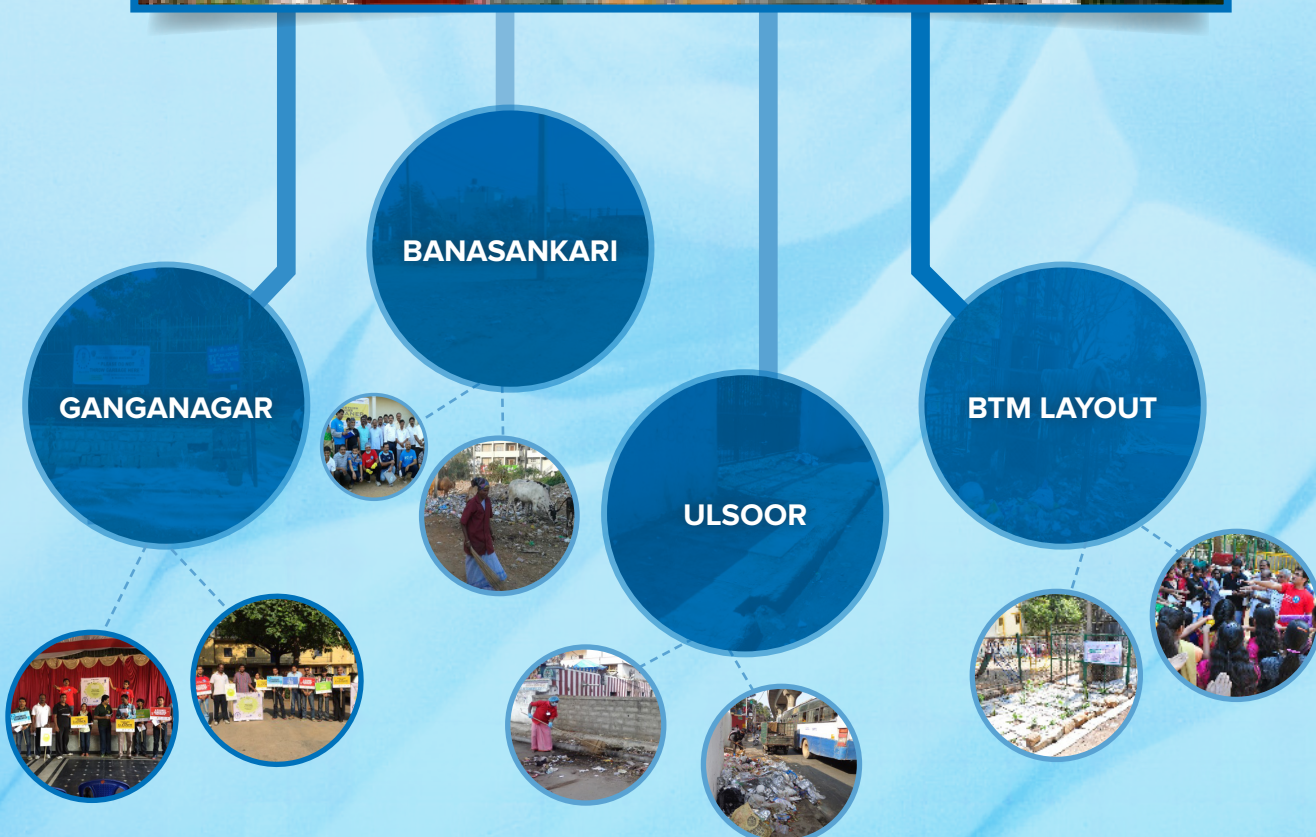
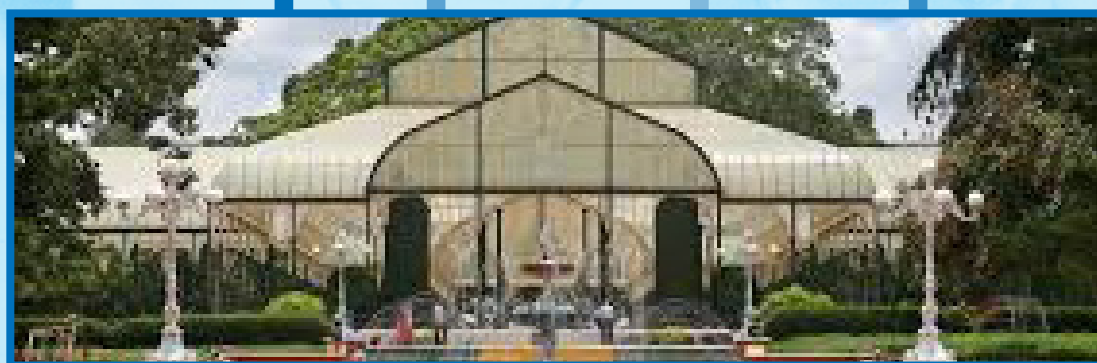


B.PAC in association with Rotary District 3190 and BBMP organized a massive clean-up drive as part of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan at 22 locations simultaneously across Bangalore city on Sunday, on 8th of March, 2015. This Initiative catalyzed the local citizens, RWA's, civic groups, BBMP officials and sensitized garbage contractors on the need to keep our streets clean and litter free.

Mr Ramalinga Reddy , Bangalore In-Charge Minister , Gok , Mr P.C. Mohan , MP Bangalore Central ,Mr Lakshmi Narayana , BBMP Commissioner ,Mr Mohandas Pai, Vice President B.PAC were all present to provide support to this cause of national significance.

The Partnership with Rotary, an organization renowned for its commitment to humanitarian service internationally has helped us make deeper inroads in realizing the dream of a Swachh Bharat for all.







BPAC's other Swacch Bharath Abhiyan Initiatives



KAVERI KEDARNATH, Gayathri Nagar

Awareness Programs for 180+ students of Homegowda college fixing of one black spot in the ward.



RAVI KUMAR S, Padmanabha Nagar

50 Pourakarmikas of the ward trained for efficient waste collection, personal safety and Hygiene.

Removal of the only black spot in the ward.

Close to 800 households have been touched through awareness Programs.

Notices to 16 bulk generators in the ward.

Green Ambassador Program has been initiated in 4 colleges with 350 students undergoing training in areas of Waste, Energy and Water.



SAGAR SATHISH, Marappan Palya

250 + students participated in the waste awareness walkathon and spread the message of cleanliness to the local residents.

20 PK's were trained for better handling of waste and personal hygiene.



SAMPATH RAMANUJUM, Kadugodi

100 + tree saplings planted on SH 35 . Preliminary research on restoring lake on the highway has begun.



RAVI KUMAR H, BAPUJI NAGAR

300+ trees have been planted on 10 streets of Bapuji Nagara including 50 trees that have planted in the community park.



Swachha Bengaluru Abhiyana

B.CLIP Participant Channa Keshava's crusade in creating a clean and green Bengaluru
Shivanagar main road, 12th Main road (Next to pushpanjali theater), Bangalore-10

CHANNAKESHAHA, Nagpura

Awareness campaign in ward that included cleaning of a black spot, training for waste handling and personal hygiene for 12 Pura Karmikas and awareness program on cleanliness and hygiene for 30 govt school children.



SYED MOINUDDIN, Shivaji Nagar

Around 800 students and residents were given awareness about the importance of waste management. Along with a cleanliness drive. The message was also broadcasted with the help of imams reaching the entire neighborhood.



Swachha Bengaluru Abhiyana

B.CLIP Participant Sudheendra's crusade in creating a clean and green Bengaluru
14th cross, Geleyara balaga circle, Mahalakshmi layout, Bangalore -86

SUDHEENDRA, Shiv Nagara

Awareness campaign in ward that included cleaning of a black spot, training for waste handling and personal hygiene for 12 Pura Karmikas and awareness program for 35 govt school children. Area is close to having zero black spots.



IMRAN PASHA, K G Halli

Has undertaken door-to-door waste Management campaign touching over 300 households to explain how to segregate garbage, has trained 5 Pourakarmikas of his ward on scientific garbage collection techniques and has removed 3 black spots in the ward.

HARISH K.G. VV Puram

Mobilised 75 students to spread awareness on segregation and anti littering on food street. Food street sees a foot fall of more more than 5000 every weekend. Initiated the process of History boards for famous heritage spots in V.V. Puram. 3 boards were put up in the first stage

Other BCLIP Initiatives

CIVIC ISSUES



H ESWARAPPA, Rajaji Nagar

More than 50 RTI's filled and followed up.
Several civic issues reported on illegal hoardings, garbage, potholes.

ILLEGAL HOARDINGS



MANJESH, Vidyaranyapura

Ward is 98% illegal hoarding free
Received 98 civic complaints on Aptamitra as on Feb 2015

STRENGTHENING WARD COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS



GIRISHA B.S. Ganga Nagar

Provided Awareness to ward committee members on the KMC, Act 1976 on the rights and duties of the members.
60 trade licenses were registered/renewed and an amount in excess of 1 lakh collected as fees.

WATER AND SANITATION



MADHURI SUBBARAO, Vidyaranyapura

Lake conservation awareness has been given to 100 school students. Tree Inventory program of close to 200 trees in Narasipura lake organized with the help of 50 school children.

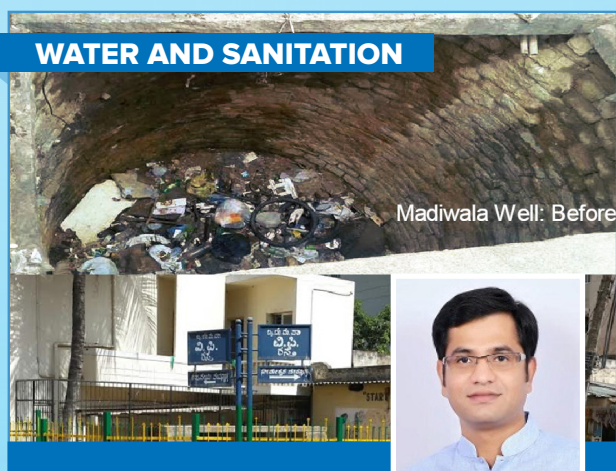
LIVELIHOOD CREATION



NATRAJ GOWDA, Kottegepalya

Has been successfully organising Job fairs for more than 10,000 young college pass outs. Has also started waste management awareness programs in his ward.

WATER AND SANITATION



Madiwala Well: Before

SANDEEP KUMAR, Madiwala

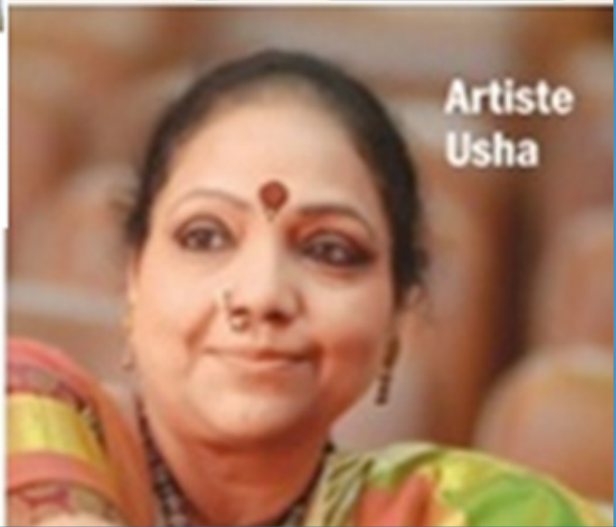
a 75 year old well that had become a dumpyard has been renewed and rejuvenated for harvesting rain and recharge the ground table.

Other BCLIP Initiatives

CULTURAL CRUSADER



Karnataka Institute of Stunt Arts, Basavanagudi (1 guru + 5 teachers): Here stands a vehicle showroom which has been around for about a year. Neighbours too are unaware of any dance or stunt school, for that matter, anywhere in the vicinity



USHA

*Advocacy for cleaning up irregularities in culture department of Bangalore.
PMO has sent a directive to the concerned authority for further enquiry.*

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



UDAY KUMAR, Bagalakunte

Organised women empowerment and leadership programs for more than 1000 women.

WOMEN SAFETY AWARENESS



LAKSHMI PRIYA, Jeevanbhima Nagar

Door to door campaigning on public safety for women.

Impact of B.CLIP

124

Civic leaders
created

400

Trees
Planted

40

Black spots
fixed across
the city

100

Pourakarmikas
trained in
efficient
handling of
Garbage

2500

Citizens
trained in
Solid Waste
Management

500

Women
Empowered
through
Workshops

Other Civic Issues being addressed

Youth Empowerment

Faulty Footpath, Man holes
and loose wires

Illegal Hoardings

Well Rejuvenation

Lake Conservation and Revival

Reviving Interest towards
Heritage and Culture of City





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B. GREEN

Nurturing Social Entrepreneurship

Swachha Eco Solutions” (SES) an innovative company operating in the Dry Waste Processing space. The Material Recycling Facility (MRF) at Swachha converts plastic waste to plastic lumps that become the feed for irrigation pipe manufacturers.

Swaccha Eco-Systems



B.PAC in its endeavor to promote social entrepreneurs in the space of waste management has mentored and supported in bringing together this PPP where many stake holders came together- the entrepreneur who has set up the project, rag pickers who collect dry waste and further segregate them based on Specifications, and BBMP along with the local residents.

Green Ambassador Program

Green Ambassador Program is B.PAC's green initiative in sensitizing youth towards persisting environmental civic issues.



B.PAC Green Ambassador is a 6 month internship Program for Students with focus on solving urban environmental issues. Each student will have to select the issue of interest (Water Management / Waste Management) and will undergo 6 hours classroom training and a exposure visit where he/she will be equipped with theoretical knowledge on the selected issue. Following which he/she will work on a project in his/her area of residence. B.PAC will assist these students by providing the required resources & mentorship.



IMPACT

3 months
6 colleges
30 Trainers
350+ Students



Heritage and History

let's
be proud

Save Balabrooie Campaign

One fine morning Bengaluru woke up to a rude shock that the beautiful 150 year old Balabrooie, now a guest house that once housed eminent persons such as Rabindranath Tagore, Jawaharlal Nehru was going to be demolished to make way for a legislators' club.

B.PAC along with other concerned citizens made a strong representation and a protest march demanding the maintenance of our history. Citizens of Bengaluru from all walks of life joined hands to save Balabrooie. As a result of these representations, the Chief Minister, Mr. Sidaramaiah & Speaker of Legislative Council, Mr. Kagodu Thimappa assured the representatives of Save Balabrooie Committee that the guest house would not be demolished and that no trees will be felled in the premises. It was a collective win for the people of the city and clearly demonstrated people power!

Recently, there were reports in mainstream media of the government



taking over The Carlton House, a 135 year old heritage structure for construction of Government buildings. B.PAC joined the force to oppose this move and demanded the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Government of Karnataka to demonstrate his cultural and public-spirited concern by denying the news reports that suggest the conversion of the Carlton House Campus.

The Government of Karnataka for the first time in the state is considering the formulation of a Cultural Policy. B.PAC and other likeminded groups felt that the time has also come for the Government to frame a comprehensive law to restore, nurture and preserve heritage sites, spaces and buildings, in consultation with experts and citizen representatives, to prevent any future misuse of the city's rare legacy structures.

Heritage lovers of the city can now let a sigh of relief knowing that B.PAC and other similar groups are working towards protecting our city's collective memory.

Vijaya Karnataka, 26 OCT 2014

Prajavani, 27 OCT 2014

Times of India

Deccan Herald, 28 OCT 2014

In the Pipeline

Fulfilling the fabulous Freedom Park dream



The vision behind setting up 'Freedom Park' in place of the previous Central Jail was to recover the depleting green cover and urban lung spaces in a densely developing area and give back the "void" to the city. B.PAC, through continuous advocacy, is in conversation with the government to find workable models to complete the unfinished aspects of the original vision document that will enable this space to reach its true potential and become a hotspot for cultural exchanges.

B.PAC proposed an authority to maintain Cubbon Park and make it a vibrant lung space for citizens that is maintained well. We are pleased to inform that Government of Karnataka in its 2014- 15 budget made an announcement to constitute a Management Authority for Cubbon Park which will overlook its functioning and maintenance. We are working with the government on many sustainable initiatives including eco toilets that will protect and enhance the ambience of the park.



Putting the Mojo back in Cubbon Park - Cubbon Park Management Authority



Bangalore Heritage Preservation and Regulation Policy

In order to ensure that the “Balabrookie type situation” does not recur where arbitrary decisions on demolition of heritage structures are taken, B.PAC would like to revive the idea of an Heritage Preservation and Regulation Policy for Bangalore city which had been mooted some years ago . Other Metro cities like Delhi and Mumbai already have a Heritage Policy in place.

The policy would lay down the guidelines and consultation process to be adopted for any work or demolition of heritage structures. A key step in this would also be to create a “Heritage Registry” that would identify and list the heritage structures establishing mechanisms to protect them and Bangalore will sure benefit from one!



Deccan Chronicle, 28 OCT 2014



Historic Higginbothams on MG Road Bangalore



High Court



Bangalore Palace

B.PAC's Social Media campaign in a Kaleidoscope

