Press Release

B.PAC in association with CGI launches B.SAFE Constituency

B.SAFE Constituency is a programme for the safety and empowerment of women.

Bengaluru, November 30, 2020: The Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC), in partnership with CGI, one of the largest independent IT and business consulting services firms, launched the B.SAFE Constituency programme for Mahadevapura and Shivajinagara assembly constituencies in Bangalore.

The programme was inaugurated virtually by Sri Aravind Limbavali, MLA Mahadevapura, and Sri Rizwan Arshad, MLA Shivajinagara. Following the launch, panel discussions on "*Citizen Expectations of a Model Constituency and Stakeholder priorities"* and "*Safety & Empowerment of Women"* were held. It was graced by Ms. Pramila Naidu R, Chairperson, Karnataka State Commission of Women, Ms. Isha Pant, IPS- DCP Command Centre, Bengaluru City Police, and Ms. Tara Krishna Swamy, Political Shakthi and Citizens for Bengaluru.

Safety in public places is a complex issue as multiple agencies are responsible and lack the significant data and participative approach to understand the community's needs and vulnerable groups. Cities need to enable the women in the communities to create awareness of safety and gender sensitization initiatives.

To implement this vision, B.PAC initiated the B.SAFE Constituency programme. Different government departments, key stakeholders, and domain experts will come together on a common platform for the safety and empowerment of women through field audits, community awareness programmes, action plans, and advocacies.

The programme will be led by B. SAFE Ambassadors trained and given access to knowledge and resources such as government agencies, counseling centres, legal support, police officials, schemes, and loans.

The B. SAFE Ambassadors will focus on:

1. Identifying the gaps for women's safety in public spaces and working with government and key stakeholders to bridge the gap in the constituency through a defined action plan.
2. Engaging the community to create awareness and enable access to resources to empower women.
3. Driving safety and empowerment in that constituency in a sustained manner.

B.PAC would like to thank Sri Aravind Limbavali, MLA Mahadevapura and Sri Rizwan Arshad, MLA Shivajinagara for their support towards this programme and CGI for their sponsorship.

Sri Aravind Limbavali, *MLA Mahadevapura* said “We need to bring more awareness in society about the crimes against women either happening in public or inside the households and bring the perpetrators to task. I m sure #BSAFEConstituency program will help in making the city safer”

Sri Rizwan Arshad, *MLA Shivajinagar* said "Shivajinagar has a sizeable number of working women and it has many educational institutions for women and B.SAFE Constituency program will certainly help in instilling confidence in women to move around freely and confidently without any fear".

"CGI is committed to being a good corporate citizen in the communities where we work and live." said **George Mattackal,** *President of CGI's Asia Pacific Global Delivery Centers of Excellence*. "We are pleased to partner with B.PAC on this initiative to promote women's safety and encourage an inclusive environment where women have equal access to resources to help improve the safety and security of our communities."

Smt Revathy Ashok, Honarary Trustee and CEO, B.PAC, “B.SAFE Constituency program is an unique mix of participation of different governemtn agencies, experts, local communities and above all support from the elected representatives.

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About B.PAC

Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) is a non-partisan nonprofit organization that aims to improve governance in Bengaluru and to enhance the quality of life of every citizen. B.PAC is specifically targeting good governance practices, integrity and transparency in all arms of the government, improving the quality of infrastructure in the city, and identification and support of strong candidates for public office at all levels of governance in Bengaluru city. Learn more at https://bpac.in/

About B.SAFE Constituency: Women’s safety is imperative to make stride towards women’s empowerment and vice versa. B.SAFE Constituency is an initiative to bring different government departments, key stakeholders and domain experts on common platform to make an assembly constituency safer for women and children through field audits, communcity awareness programs , action plan and advocacy. This initiative will be rolled out in two constituencies - Mahadevapura and Shivajinagara.
More info on https://bpac.in/b-safe-constituency/
The program will be led by a band of B. SAFE Ambassadors
About B.SAFE Ambassador : We believe in every community that we wish to engage in, there are a handful of women with passion to actively engage and empower economically challenged women but often, they lack the knowledge and necessary framework. These women will be selected and identified as B. SAFE Ambassadors and their capacity will be built with intensive training and access to all required knowledge and resources such as government agencies, counselling centres, legal support, police officials, schemes and loans etc.

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