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B.PAC releases Comparative Manifesto Analysis Report of the previous governments (2018 to 2023) & Citizen Manifesto 2023 based a survey & discussions with experts

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Karnataka's 15th Legislative Assembly has seen a politically unusual, unstable and tumultuous tenure from 2018 till 2023. To start with there was a BJP government for 7 days followed by a coalition government by INC and JDS between May 2018 to 23 July 2019 for 13 months. Finally, a government was formed by BJP through defections which ran the full term from July 2019 to May 2023 for 47 months but with two Chief ministers. This makes us understand that the entire term of 5 years was not smooth, and this had a direct impact on the efficient functioning of the government hence directly affecting the deliverables as committed in their respective manifestos.

Year	Term of office	Months/Days	Political party in power
2018	17 May 2018 – 23 May 2018	7 days	BJP
2018	23 May 2018 – 23 July 2019	13 months	JD(S) & INC
2019 to 2023	26 July 2019 – 12 May 2023	~ 47 months	BJP

At the end of 5 year term, B.PAC has conducted a comparative analysis of the respective manifestos of each party and come up with a **Comparative Manifesto Analysis Report for Bengaluru**. This report has taken into consideration each government and its respective manifestos submitted to the people before elections and has been compared to what has been accomplished after 5 years. We have made broad categories: **City Governance, Mobility and Infrastructure, Solid Waste Management, Water & Sanitation and Women & Child Safety**. This report enlists the "hits and misses" of each government comparing to promised manifestos during 2018 General Election.

Government during May 2018 – July 2019

On July 5th, 2018, and February 8th 2019, JD(S) and Congress party coalition Govt presented Budget for year 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively during their 13 months of tenure in office. Below table enlist a summary of budget announcement with were Bengaluru city focused.

City Governance

Misses

- Decentralize power and create more local self-governing bodies to promote participatory democracy
- Implement administrative reforms to ensure better delivery of services and to promote efficiency and accountability in the administration
- Promote civic participation in decision-making and governance by creating more opportunities for public consultations and involvement in policymaking
- The Chief Minister will convene a Samudhaya Sabha every year between September and October at District levels to address and redress core issue concerning the state, increasing citizen participation

Mobility and Infrastructure

Hits

- Transport Corporations to purchase 4236 new buses for public use. Out of this, under the Karnataka Government Electric Vehicle Policy – 2017, 80 electric buses to be operated through Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation. This work got stopped due to change in government and leading to no progress.
- To establish 100 charging units at a cost of Rs.4 crore to encourage usage of electric vehicles in order to control increasing air pollution in Bengaluru city.
- Promote the use of public transport to reduce traffic congestion and pollution.
- Promote cycling and walking as a means of transportation by providing dedicated cycling lanes and footpaths.
- Promote the development of smart cities in the state with a focus on sustainable mobility solutions
- Promote the use of electric vehicles and to establish charging stations across the state improve the transport infrastructure by providing better connectivity and accessibility to remote areas
- While the above project were announced by the government in the budget, there is a negligible improvement or change on the ground even till day with respect to access of the public transport system and pedestrian/cycle infrastructure in the city.

Misses

- Public transport buses and vehicles will be converted to CNG
- Curbs on registration of new vehicles
- Construct new roads and highways to improve connectivity between different parts of the state

Water and Sanitation

Misses

- Cauvery V Phase will be expedited to augment drinking water supply of Bengaluru City and other areas falling under Cauvery basin by planning and implementing projects which can utilise nearly 75 TMC of water.
- Mission Mode Programme will be launched to cleanse and rejuvenate 192 lakes in Bengaluru and prepare blueprint for water sports in the next 5 years.
- Enact a law for closure of lake polluting industries and also to implement tertiary treatment of sewerage water before planning reuse of the same.
- Prepare and implement blueprint for 80 TMC to utilise 15 TMC additional water in Cauvery Basin allocated as per the recent Supreme Court Orders.
- Involve local communities in the management and conservation of water resources
- Massive programmes to prevent flow of sewerage into water bodies
- To implement water conservation measures across the state, including rainwater harvesting, water recharge, and watershed management

Solid Waste management

Misses

- Commit to making Bengaluru a “Zero Garbage” city.
- Recycling of 100% of sewage generated in the city
- Establish a separate system for the management of construction and demolition waste
- Promote waste segregation at source and to ensure that all households, commercial establishments, and industries practice
- Incentivize households, commercial establishments, and industries for proper waste management practices

Women & Child safety

Hits

- Launching of “Chief Minister’s Mathrusree Scheme”; to provide total allowance of Rs.6,000 comprising allowance for 3 months to pregnant women and allowance for 3 months to lactating mothers of BPL families at Rs.1,000 per month
- Opening of 100 new Anganawadi Centres in urban areas.
- Implementation of life security programmes to Sex workers in co-ordination with various development departments.

Misses

- To increase the representation of women in politics by providing reservations for women in local bodies and the state legislature
- Endeavor to raise the employment level of women to 50% in the government workforce
- increase the number of women in police force from 20% to 33% with at least 5% reservation for transgender
- Ensuring “Gender Just” budget and track expenditure in the skill development programmes for women
- Promised to ensure the protection of women in the workplace by enforcing laws against workplace harassment and discrimination
- Establish a strong child protection system to prevent child abuse and exploitation

Energy

Hits

- Implementation of project to convert all Overhead lines as Underground cables in phased manner in Bengaluru city.

Misses

- Double the production of electricity capacity of the State to 20,000 MWs and increase the state’s solar power production capacity by 4,000 MWs. Establish a mega solar power complex in the state.
- Mandate adoption of Rooftop Photovoltaic systems in government buildings
- Establish EV, charging infrastructure and battery manufacturing units
- Assess waste generation potential for Waste to Energy generation

The BJP government assumed office during July 2019 and presented four budgets for the years 2020—21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 during their 47 months of being in office.

City Governance

Hits

- Passing The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) 2020 Act in legislative assembly.

Misses

- Rules not yet framed for BBMP 2020 Act. Hence Election to BBMP and implement of the Act in letter and spirit is being hindered
- Failed to conduct Elections to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)
- Failed to set up new digital platform www.bengaluru.gov will be launched to build a partnership between Citizens and Government with the help of technology for growth and development of Bengaluru
- Citizen Service Centers in every ward – Single point window to avail all city agency services – BWSSB, BBMP, BDA and BESCOM.
- Reforming and Transforming Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) to make it a corruption free and effective infrastructure agency.
- Annual Bengaluru City Report card to be submitted to citizens by Government of Karnataka
- Block Chain Technology would be used for land registry and property ownership recording system.

Mobility and infrastructure

Hits

- Passing Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) Act in legislative assembly

Misses

- Formation of BMLTA institution and allocation of budget for the functioning of the authority.
- Institute the Bengaluru Transit Challenge Fund with a 200 Crore initial corpus to incentivise citizen driven transit innovation in the city.
- Establish the Bengaluru Traffic Management Centre to support the Adaptive Traffic Management System through big data collection, analysis and real time traffic management to ensure the smooth flow of traffic in the city.
- The city administration will aim to develop 5000 KM of scientifically designed footpaths. These footpaths will be optimized for space utilization and will also be made differently abled friendly footpath / pavements in the city
- Double the fleet of BMTC. 50% reduction in BMTC fares for long rides (for benefiting those in Unorganized and Low-income sectors with long commutes). Introduce through the BMTA, a “United Transport Card” (UTC) which can be used in BMTC, Namma Metro, Suburban Rail and Cycle Sharing.

Water and Sanitation

Misses

- Separate ministry to plan and implement projects to ensure clean drinking water using river and surface water for every household in the state.
- Create a “Water Supply Grid” to ensure equitable distribution of water to all regions of the state. Ensuring Water Security for Namma Bengaluru through comprehensive framework of policies and laws including rejuvenating Rivers and Lakes, Rainwater Harvesting and Water Conservation
- Special focus on tackling the problem of fluoride and other chemical contaminants in drinking water across the state. A new Bengaluru Lake Conservation and Development Authority (BLCDA) will be a single regulatory body for protecting lakes and network of Rajakaluves/Storm Water Drains (SWDs) as part of the largest Water Security for Bengaluru. The government will create a Rs 2500 Crore fund to revive the complete eco system and network of lakes including catchment area and Flood Proofing in all flood prone areas of Bengaluru.

Solid Waste management

Misses

- Commit to making Bengaluru a “Zero Garbage” city. Bengaluru’s Garbage City tag will be addressed in a short period through a comprehensive framework of laws and solutions. Swachha Bengaluru will tackle both the Solid Waste and Sewage in a complete framework and will make it a Landfill Free city.

Women & Child safety

Hits

- Kittur Rani Chennamma Pade, a special all-women squad will be created for the safety and security of women and children
- At least 3 more Special fast track courts for speedy adjudication of cases of offences against Women and children.

Misses

- Create an Integrated Bengaluru Security Management Center which integrates feeds from all police agencies, Government agencies and other private feeds.
- Protecting Our Children – A comprehensive roadmap making schools and other places accountable and safe for Children
- Establish a ` 10,000 Crore “Stree Unnati Fund” to set up one of the largest women run cooperatives and establish “Stree Unnati Stores” to market its products at district and taluk headquarters.
- Establish 30 new mini Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) clusters under a 100 Crore “Karnataka Mahila Enterprise Cluster Program” to support women run businesses.

Energy

Misses

- Double the production of electricity capacity of the State to 20,000 MWs and increase the state’s solar power production capacity by 4,000 MWs. Establish a mega solar power complex in the state.
- Our government will encourage research pertaining to solar electric devices and its technology.

Revathy Ashok, Hon Managing Trustee & CEO B.PAC says “We do understand that last five year term was very unusual and difficult for the respective governments, but we really hope that the political parties remain deeply committed to deliver the manifesto promises when they form the government. We hope the BMLTA bill is executed in its true spirit and all other proposed schemes are also implemented in due time. This will make Namma Bengaluru the preferred destination for technology and startups across the world.”

[Namma Bengaluru Namma Manifesto, A citizen’s Manifesto for and by Bengalureans](#)

Karnataka is on the edge of elections, to decide on the next government that will run its affairs during five years (2023-2027). So, all political parties have drafted their respective manifestos, but it is important for them to also include what the citizens want from them.

In view of this, B.PAC, has prepared a Citizen’s Manifesto after engaging with citizens & subject matter experts for several months to identify issues of Namma Bengaluru that matter to them. The first step was to identify the top five high impact areas the Government should act. Through a Citizen Perception Survey of over 8,500 respondents , five areas were identified as: **City Governance, Mobility and infrastructure, Solid Waste Management, Water & Sanitation and Women & Child Safety.**

Post this, B.PAC held a series of roundtables with experts in each of these subjects. The outcome of these discussions has been documented and enclosed. They are in the nature of recommendations for providing for the long term needs of the City. We earnestly request the political parties to include these recommendations in their respective Party Manifestos, so that it would become a basis for action later.

B.PAC, through these efforts, has worked towards bringing people closer to the governance issues through a participatory process. Political parties’ efforts to incorporate the recommendations in their Manifestos would amount to recognition of people’s aspirations and encourage them to get closer and engage in more meaningful dialogue with the political system. Such strengthening of democratic process would augur well for the future.

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Citizen Manifesto

Observations from the Roundtable discussions with subject matter experts

- City Governance
- Mobility and Infrastructure
- Solid Waste Management
- Water & Sanitation
- Women & Child Safety
- Energy

ABOUT B.PAC: *Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) is a non-partisan citizen's group working to improve governance in Bengaluru and to enhance the quality of life of every Bengalurean. 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 the creation of a safer city where the rule of law is ensured for all citizens.*

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