

B.SAFE CONSTITUENCY

PUBLIC PLACE AUDIT REPORT

Hebbal Assembly Constituency





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About B.PAC

Bangalore Political Action Committee (B.PAC) is a non-partisan citizen's group that aims to improve governance in Bengaluru and enhance the quality of life of its citizens.

B.PAC advocates good governance practices, integrity and transparency in all arms of the government, improving the quality of infrastructure in the city, identification and support of strong candidates for public offices through its flagship program B.CLIP ,a grassroots Leadership Program . Besides B.CLIP, B.PAC is focused on several other verticals to drive strong initiatives in Bengaluru working alongside key stakeholders .(www.bpac.in)

One of the verticals is B.SAFE which addresses safety initiatives of women and children, involving stakeholders to advocate the rights of women and children while sensitizing and engaging the community and larger public on this issue.



About CGI

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About B.SAFE Constituency

Women's safety is imperative to make strides towards women's empowerment. B.SAFE Constituency is a unique initiative to bring different stakeholders, community and domain experts on a common platform and facilitate a safer assembly constituency for women and children through an integrated set of programs like public place audits , community awareness, recommended action plans and sustained advocacy.

B.SAFE Constituency program was envisaged as a proof of concept through implementation of the program in two Assembly Constituencies, viz Mahadevapura and Malleshwaram in the year 2020-22 and the program was continued in phase 2 and was envisaged in Hebbal and Dasarahalli in the year 2022-23.

This report covers the findings in Hebbal Assembly Constituency, with the ward delimitation boundaries as per year 2022 covering 8 municipal wards.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Every community has a band of committed leaders driven by passion and intention to help disadvantaged women but lack knowledge and necessary tools. This program strives to identify such potential leaders, and build their capacity to become 'B.SAFE Ambassadors'.

These community leaders will be empowered with intensive training by experts and they will have access to resources such as police officials, counselling centers, legal support, knowledge of schemes and loans offered by Government and other entities which are required for their onward outreach to the Community on issues of safety and empowerment of women in their neighborhood. B.SAFE Constituency program which is implemented by ward in the Constituency is led by a band of B.SAFE Ambassadors.

B. SAFE Constituency Program has four key 4 pillars.

A. Public Place audits



Bus stop



Street light



Public toilet



Park



Primary Health Care Center



Police Station



Anganwadi

The audit findings would provide insights on how to improve safety and empowerment of women across 6 categories of public places and 19 streets in Hebbal.

The recommendations would be presented to key stakeholders viz; local MLA, BBMP, BESCO, BMT, etc

B. B.SAFE Community Awareness Program



An initiative to build awareness amongst women of the local community on personal safety and economic empowerment.

The initiative helps bring a sense of community amongst women and amplifies the voices of B. SAFE Ambassadors to meet their goal of making their constituency safer and provide support for economic empowerment.

C. B.SAFE College Awareness Program



An initiative to sensitise college students on gender related issues. The gender sensitisation workshop helps examine student's personal attitudes and equips them with critical thinking tools.

The goal of the program is to make students unlearn sexism, understand patriarchy, be active bystanders and learn essential law and resources to make their college and neighbourhood safer for all.

D. B.SAFE Nirbhaya Chalaka Awareness Program



The drivers of public transport are the eyes on the street with power to be active bystanders and make our public places safer and inclusive for all. They are the true representatives of any city and often first responders during harassment or violence in public places.

The B.SAFE Nirbhaya Chalaka is an initiative to sensitise the auto and cab drivers on challenges faced by women commuters and emphasise the pivotal role the drivers play in making public places safer for women. B.PAC has completed multi year gender sensitisation program with BMTC for its drivers and conductors, the number close to 27,000.



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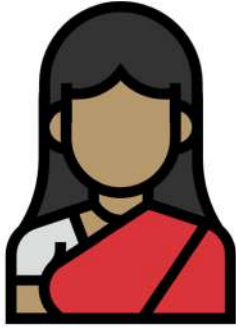
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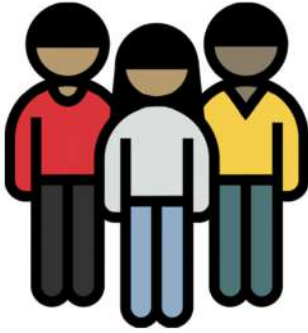
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LIST OF B.SAFE AMBASSADORS AND VOLUNTEERS



Ambassadors

1. Kavya Lakshmikanth
2. Radhika G N
3. Sujatha Rasik
4. Shwetha Shankar
5. Jacintha Thomas
6. Seetha Lakshmi
7. Catherin Vijaykumar
8. Kiran Singh



Volunteers

1. R Sai Suhas
2. Surya Reddy
3. Shreya Balachandra Naik
4. Shruthika V
5. Jayashree S

PUBLIC PLACE AUDIT - METHODOLOGY



1 Fill the form



2 Meet the panel



3 Select B.SAFE Ambassadors



4 Capacity building



5 Field work

A call for B.SAFE Ambassadors to volunteer for the B.SAFE Constituency program was issued in the entire Hebbal Constituency.

Applied interested candidates have undergone a screening process set by the expert panellists. 8 energetic and passionate B.SAFE Ambassadors were chosen for the program.

These ambassadors underwent capacity building sessions on 12 different topics conducted by experts.



Concepts of women's safety and empowerment



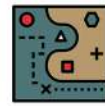
Legal resources



Working with police



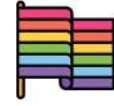
Financial Literacy



Doing diagnostics of safety in public places



Knowledge on conducting awareness programs

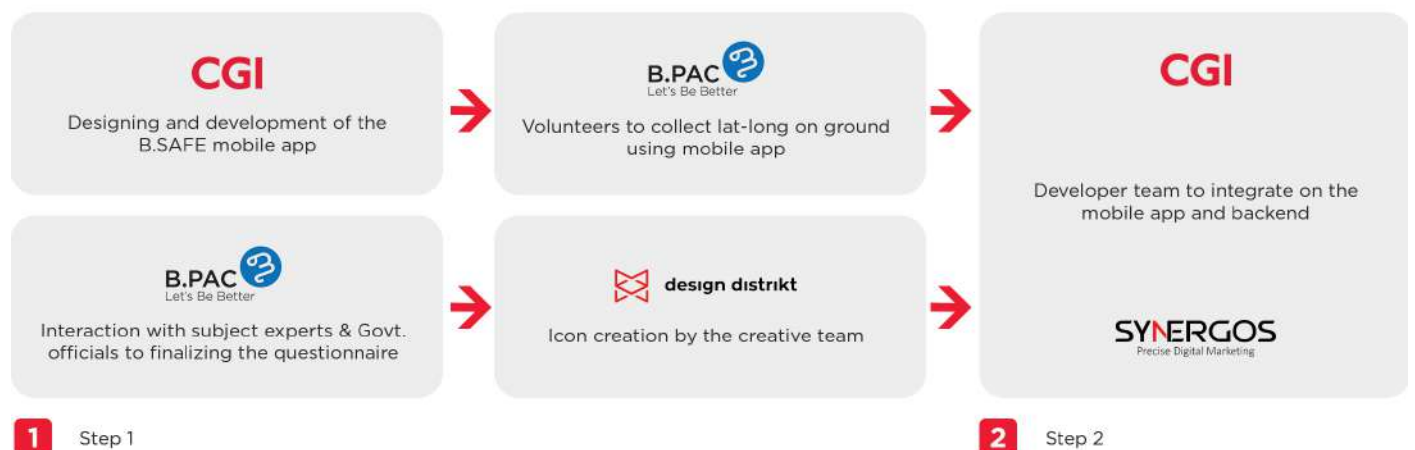


Ally for gender and sexual minorities



Government schemes for empowerment

Post the session on capacity building sessions, Ambassadors along with volunteers were divided into groups to conduct the safety audits. Below image depicts the stages involved during the creation of the mobile app and also the safety audit process.





The detailed analysis was carried out on raw data collected from the above mentioned process. During the analysis, the raw data was sorted under must have and good to have categories. Further the scoring was classified under 5 colours, red being the lowest and green being highest. Constructed on the analysis performance of each ward, ward wise comparison and ward level scoring was determined.

This safety audit report is limited to the areas and facilities specified in the list of annexure 2. It does not encompass other areas or locations that were not audited. The audit was conducted during the period from June 2023 to July 2023. Conditions may change over time, and this report may not reflect the current safety status of the audited locations.

Safety Score



Must have and Good to have categories for the audited public place
















Anganwadi

Must have				Good to have
Seating	Clean Toilet	Disabled Friendly	Nutrition Garden	
Drinking Water	Fan			

Bus Stop

Must have				Good to have			
Clean and Walkable Footpath	Well Lit	Eyes on Street	Clean Seating Area	No Dead Area behind the Bus Stop	Bus Routes and Bus Numbers	Maps	Signages
				Passenger Information System (PIS)	CCTV	Safety Message	Helpline Number

Park

Must have						Good to have
 Visibility of the Park	 Well Lit	 Eyes on Street	 Security Guard	 CCTV	 Play Equipment	 Open Timings
 Gym Equipments	 Drinking Water	 Sheltered Seating Area	 Lawn Moving	 Clean/ Usable Walking Track	 Sweeping	
 Watering Plants	 Removal of Dead Leaves					






Police Station

Must have				Good to have			
 Women's Desk	 Clean Toilet	 Separate Toilet	 CCTV	 Waiting Area for Women	 Helpline Numbers Board	 Zero FIR Board	 Police Complaint Process Board
 Drinking Water	 Functioning CCTV	 Ramp Access		 Counselor Availability			

PHC

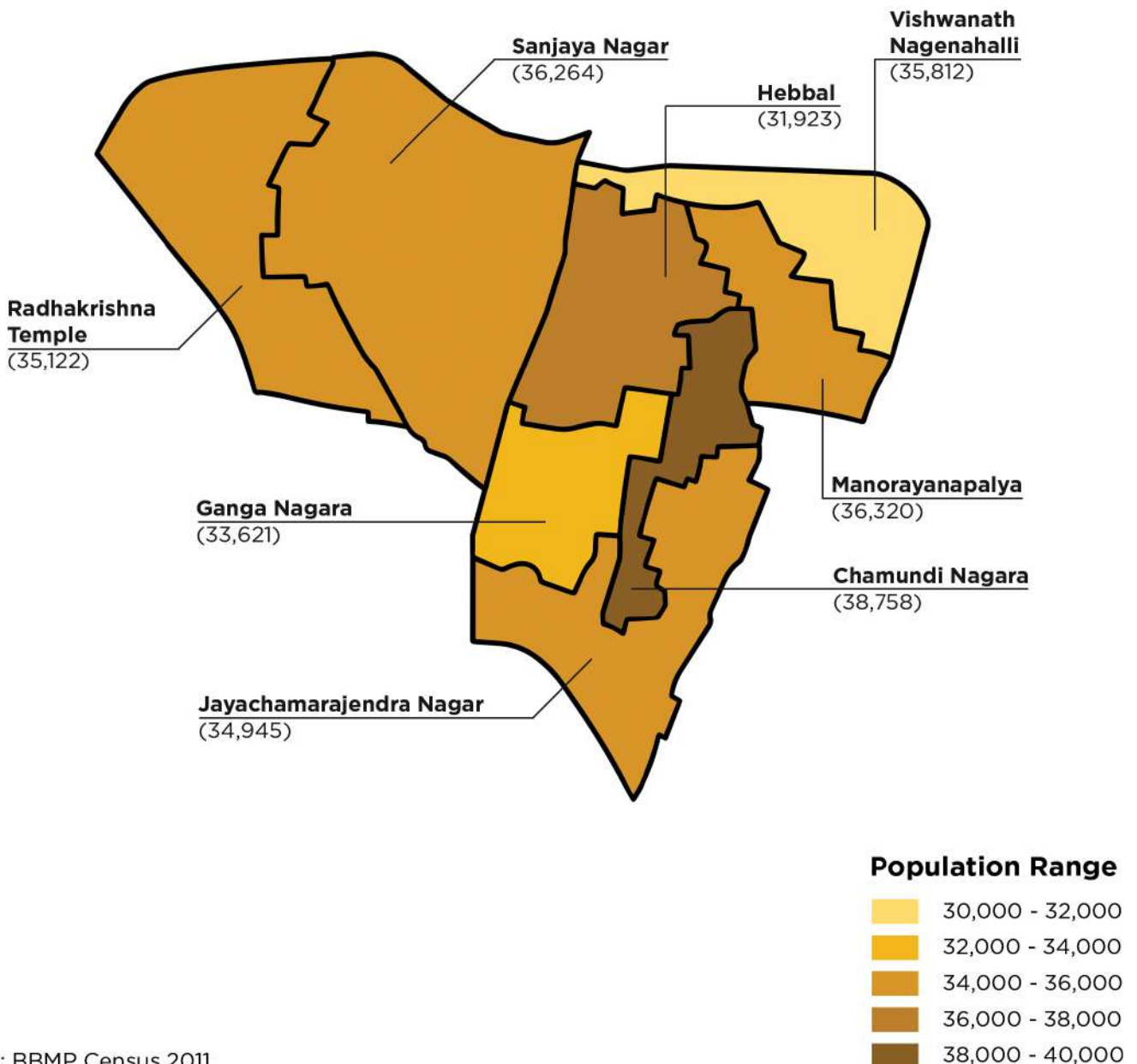
Must have			Good to have
 Drinking Water	 Clean Toilet	 Separate Toilet	 Free Medicines

Public Toilet

Must have				Good to have			
 Open Timings	 Dust Bins	 Soap	 Bucket & Mug	 Tissues	 Sanitary Pads	 Wheelchair Access Ramp	 Separate Wash Basin for Disabled
 Well Lit	 Electricity Supply	 Continuous Water Supply	 Very Clean Toilet	 Separate Urinals or WC for Disabled	 Feeding Room	 Diaper Changing Table	
 Dry Waste and Wet Waste							

B.SAFE CONSTITUENCY - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Hebbal assembly constituency is located in the northern part of Bangalore city in Karnataka, India. It is one of the 28 constituencies in Bangalore and is known for its residential areas, and commercial establishments. The constituency has a diverse population. The Constituency is well connected with other key areas in Bengaluru city though the outer ring road, it has also connected with the Railway station along with the upcoming Metro line of Namma Metro which would enhance the overall connectivity of the Constituency . Hebbal Assembly Constituency has eight BBMP Wards.



Source: BBMP Census 2011

Audit Highlights of Public Places :

Safety audits were conducted at 19 streets based on light, openness, visibility, security, footpaths, gender usage and sense of safety.

Covering 8 municipal wards of the Hebbal Assembly Constituency in 6 types of public places safety audit

was conducted at 127 public places.

The raw data was sorted under must have and good to have categories. Further the scoring was classified under 5 colors, red being the lowest and green being highest.

***Refer Annexure 1 for Public Place Questionnaire**

SAFETY SCORE



Ward Name	Anganwadi			Bus Stop			Park		
	No. of Audited Places	Must Have	Good to Have	No. of Audited Places	Must Have	Good to Have	No. of Audited Places	Must Have	Good to Have
Radhakrishna Temple	0			8			19		
Sanjaya Nagar	2			8			13		
Vishwanath Nagenahalli	1			4			0		
Manorayanapalya	3			3			0		
Hebbala	2			0			5		
Chamundi Nagara	0			1			0		
Ganga Nagar	1			4			9		
Jayachamarajendra Nagar	0			6			6		
Total	9			34			52		

Ward Name	Police Station			PHC			Public Toilet		
	No. of Audited Places	Must Have	Good to Have	No. of Audited Places	Must Have	Good to Have	No. of Audited Places	Must Have	Good to Have
Radhakrishna Temple	0			0			6		
Sanjaya Nagar	1			1			4		
Vishwanath Nagenahalli	0			0			0		
Manorayanapalya	0			0			0		
Hebbala	1			1			7		
Chamundi Nagara	1			0			0		
Ganga Nagar	0			0			3		
Jayachamarajendra Nagar	1			2			4		
Total	4			4			24		

Key Findings :

During the study/analysis of the sample data collected across 8 BBMP wards in Hebbal assembly constituency, it is observed that overall public place safety score for the constituency can be surged by implementing below mentioned action plan.



Street (19)

38% of the audited streets, and the public places need to be well lit, this includes 2 streets, 20 bus stops and 19 parks.



Anganwadi (9)

6 of the anganwadis require proper seating arrangements for enrolled students.



Bus stop (34)

To make bus stop more accessible 97% of the bus stops needs to be installed with passenger information system (PIS)



Park (52)

To create a better sense of safety in the parks 21% of the parks needs to have eyes on street around the park, 73% of the parks require security guards and 83% of the parks need CCTVs



Primary Health Care Center - PHC (4)

One of the PHCs need to have a separate toilet for women.



Public Toilet (24)

We suggest 10 of the public toilets need to be open throughout the day like others.

To create a better sense of safety and security, action plans on the key findings have to be implemented as to priority by stakeholders.

Summary Recommendation and Way Forward

The B.SAFE Constituency project of public place audit provides a data based approach to measure safety and infrastructure gaps to enable action by key stakeholders, thereby ensuring better safety of public places for women, children and citizens at large. It can serve as a model approach to measure public place safety for any assembly constituency.

During the study analysis of the sample data collected across the 8 BBMP wards in the Hebbal Assembly Constituency, it is observed that the overall public place safety score for the constituency can be improved by implementing the below mentioned action plan.

The top two priorities for immediate actions are :

1. Focus on fixing the street lights as almost 38% of them are poorly or unlit.
2. Bus stops become more accessible by providing basic amenities like seating, route maps and details. Improvements of walkable footpaths in and around the bus stops.

The next 3 priorities are :

1. Parks become safer for users through better lighting, providing eyes on the parks and security guards.
2. Improvements in anganwadi kendras which can empower working women merits attention.
3. Opening of public toilets throughout the day and also provision of basic facilities like sanitary pads.

These changes will help Hebbal emerge as a model constituency on safety and empowerment.

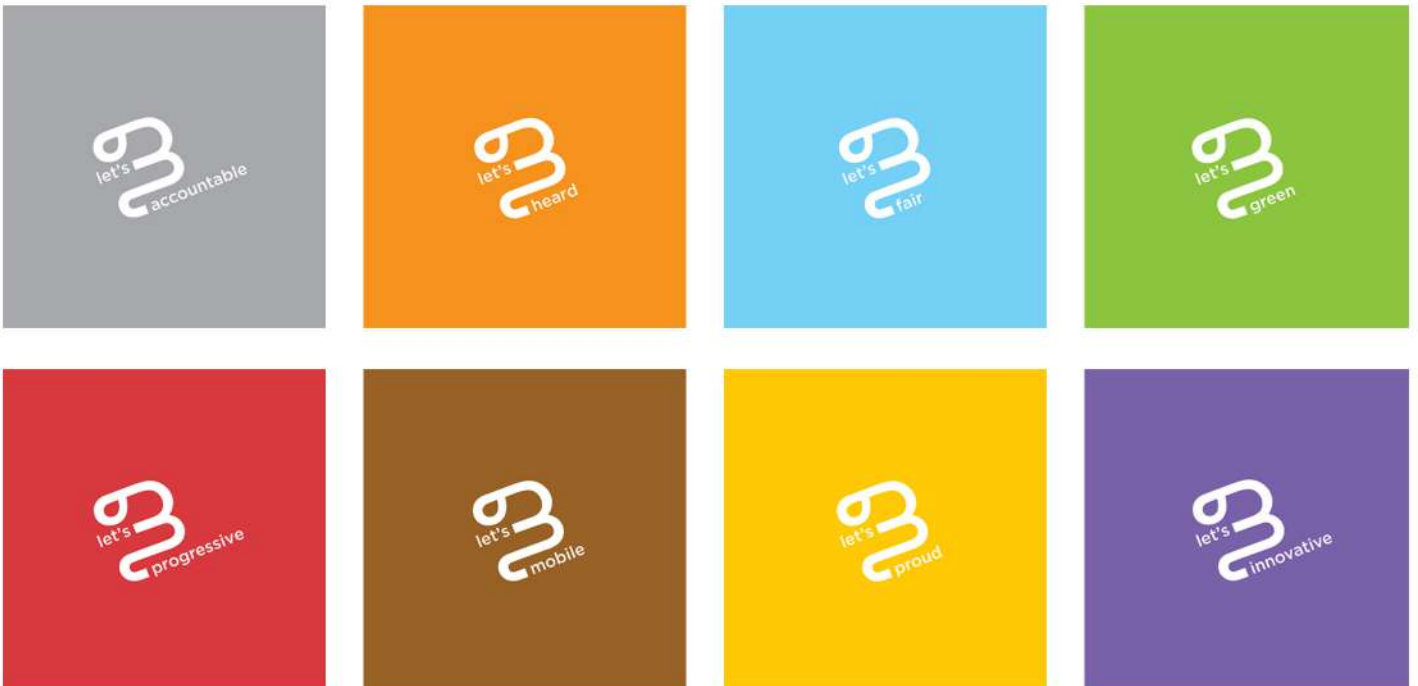
To action, these recommendations, key stakeholders - BBMP, WCD, Horticulture Department, BMTC, Ward Committees, Elected Representatives have to come together with the support of the citizens to implement the suggested action plan. B.PAC through our band of B.SAFE Ambassadors would be happy to work with the stakeholders to showcase Hebbal as a Safe Constituency.

Bengaluru is in the global map for business and enabling safety through improved infrastructure will help enhance its global image as well.

We wish to once again thank all the individuals and organizations who supported this project.

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