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B.CLIP Graduation
Batches 6, 7, and 8

From the CEO's Desk

Dear Reader,

Warm greetings!

I am delighted to share that the graduation ceremony of the B.PAC Civic Leadership Incubator Program (B.CLIP) for Batches 6, 7, and 8 was successfully held on August 31, 2024. It was a truly momentous occasion, celebrating the dedication, perseverance, and accomplishments of the 157 participants who completed this intensive program.

At B.PAC, we take immense pride in having launched the B.CLIP program, which is designed to nurture and empower the next generation of civic leaders. This program equips participants with the skills, knowledge, and values-such as accountability, integrity, and a deep commitment to public service-required to lead their communities effectively and address the pressing challenges facing Bengaluru.

To date, we have graduated 8 batches, totaling 355 civic leaders who are making meaningful contributions in various spheres. Among them, 145 civic leaders currently hold prominent positions across different political parties, and some have even won elections.

The B.CLIP civic leaders exemplify the spirit of the program, actively working to create positive change and promote good governance in their communities. Their efforts are crucial as we strive to build a more vibrant, sustainable, and inclusive Bengaluru.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our patrons, supporters, media, faculty and partners who have consistently placed their trust in this initiative, enabling us to continue developing civic leaders dedicated to the betterment of our city.

As we look to the future, our hope remains steadfast that these leaders will continue to make significant strides in their endeavours. Now, more than ever, their work is essential, and we rely on their vision, passion, and commitment to help build a brighter future for Bengaluru. We are very hopeful that these civic leaders will contest the upcoming BBMP elections and make their way into the BBMP Council and help in making good policy decisions and govern Namma Bengaluru better.

Warm regards,

Revathy Ashok,

Hon. Managing Trustee & CEO,

Bangalore Political Action Committee

B.CLIP Graduation Ceremony

Batches 6, 7, and 8

The graduation ceremony for B.PAC's Civic Leadership Incubator Program (B.CLIP) for Batches 6, 7, and 8 took place on August 31, 2024, at the Khincha Auditorium, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bengaluru. The event was graced by the presence of several distinguished dignitaries, including the Chief Guest, Shri U. T. Khader, Honourable Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. Other esteemed guests included Ms. Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, President of B.PAC; Mr. Prasad Bidapa, Member of B.PAC; Mrs Revathi Kamat, philanthropist and environmentalist, Mr. N. Harish, Advocate; and Mr. Anand Gundurao, Member of B.PAC.

The ceremony commenced with a solemn invocation, marked by the recitation of the Preamble to the Indian Constitution. The dignitaries delivered inspiring speeches, sharing their wisdom and encouragement with the graduating B.CLIP civic leaders.

In total, 157 civic leaders graduated from the program on August 31st. Each graduate received a graduation certificate from the Chief Guest, Shri U. T. Khader, in recognition of their commitment to civic leadership and their dedication to building a better Bengaluru.

The event concluded on a high note, filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the future. With Batch 9 currently underway, we look forward to nurturing even more civic leaders who will continue to make a positive impact on our city. The future of Bengaluru shines brighter with each new graduate!

Media Coverage

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Certificates presented to 157 civic leaders

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As many as 157 civic leaders from across political parties were awarded graduation certificates on Saturday at the graduation ceremony of the sixth, se- Programme. U.T. Khader, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, who was the chief guest for the ceremony, said, "I thank B.PAC for its selfless efforts to create a better Bengaluru and most importantly, for training B.CLIP civic lead-

THE TIMES OF INDIA

Want Bengaluru To Be Safest City In India: Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

CITY | TNN | Sep 1, 2024, 08:45 IST

The B.CLIP Patrons

Infosys Foundation

Infosys is committed to the communities in which it operates. This has led to the creation of Infosys Foundation to support the underprivileged sections of society. A not-for-profit initiative aimed at fulfilling the social responsibility of Infosys Ltd., the Infosys Foundation creates opportunities and strives towards a more equitable society.

Azim Premji Foundation (APF)

APF makes multi-year grants to not-for-profit organisations that work with the most vulnerable in our society. Through such support, people who are deeply disadvantaged and marginalised are offered immediate care, access to essential services, and the possibility of a dignified future.

MEMG

Manipal Foundation is the social and the philanthropic arm of the Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG) has adopted this ethos of empowering people and focuses its initiatives in the five areas of Education, Healthcare, Women Empowerment, Livelihood & Vocational Skills and Environment and Civic Initiatives.

Mazumdar Shaw Philanthropy

Mazumdar Shaw Philanthropy strives to enable social impact initiatives that empower people and communities affected by entrenched inequities. They support institutions and initiatives actively working in areas related to the environment, sustainability, health, nutrition, diversity and inclusion. We also aim to play a catalytic role in building bridges at the intersection of government, businesses, civil society and communities.

T. V. Mohandas Pai

T. V. Mohandas Pai, a distinguished former board member of Infosys and currently the Chairman of AARIN Capital, is renowned for his commitment to various causes. His consistent philanthropic efforts and invaluable, longstanding support for B.PAC have been instrumental in advancing societal progress and driving meaningful change.

Program Faculty

Anjali Karol Mohan
Urbanist

Anupam Manur
Academician

Ashwin Mahesh
Urbanist

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Co-Founder, Civic

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Urbanist

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Urbanist

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Former MP Rajya Sabha

Sandeep Shastri
Academician and Political Expert

Suresh Moona
Historian

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Program Coordinator, B.CLIP

Acknowledgements

B.CLIP BATCH 6
BATCH DETAILS

Applications Received
150

Selected After Internal Screening
140

No. Of Sessions
80

Interviews Attended
130

Selected For The Batch
65

No. Of Hours
120

Course Completed
51

Noteworthy Projects
Undertaken by Batch 6 Participants:

Education:

Government schools often grapple with challenges stemming from inadequate infrastructure and unhygienic surroundings, which hinder the delivery of quality education. To address these issues at Amruthahalli Government School, Ms. Meghana undertook the task of cleaning the school premises and adorning the compound with inspiring imagery to motivate students to study and aspire for higher goals. Her actions aimed to enhance the school's environment and make a positive impact on students' learning experiences.

Before   After

Environment:

Ms. Poornima Mallesh took a significant step towards sustainability by installing a leaf composter in her neighbourhood. This initiative has yielded multiple benefits. Firstly, it effectively reduces the amount of waste destined for landfills, thus helping lower carbon emissions. Secondly, the organic manure produced from the composter has found valuable use in parks and homes, diminishing the need for chemical fertilisers. Ms. Poornima's efforts have left a positive mark on the environment, promoting a more eco-friendly approach to waste management and gardening.

Civic Amenities:

The lack of information about responsible officials for civic amenities often hampers active citizen participation. To address this concern at the ward level, Mr. Vijay Prasad proposed a simple yet effective solution: installing ward information boards in prominent locations. By doing so, he aimed to increase awareness among citizens and encourage their active involvement in addressing ward-level concerns. These information boards serve as a means to provide necessary details about the officials responsible for specific civic amenities, fostering transparency and empowering citizens to actively participate in resolving local issues.

B.CLIP BATCH 7

BATCH DETAILS

Applications Received
143

Selected After Internal Screening
124

No. Of Sessions
73

Interviews Attended
109

Selected For The Batch
65

No. Of Hours
109

Course Completed
51
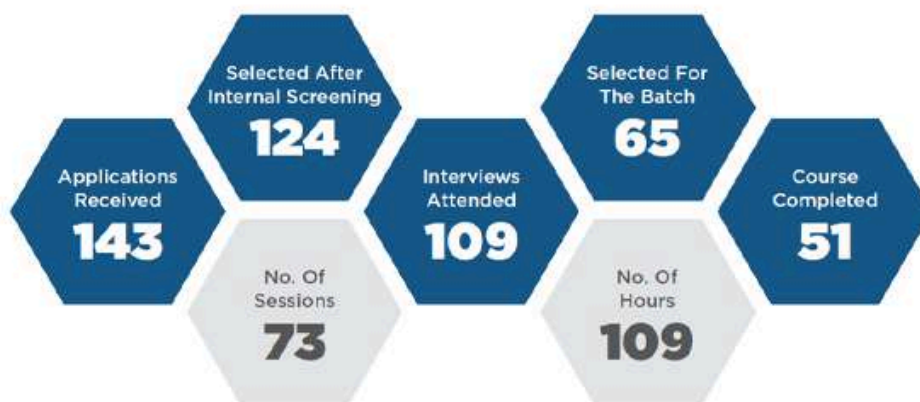
Noteworthy Projects Undertaken by Batch 7 Participants:

Education and Sports:

Mr. Dileep Shetty spearheaded an inspiring project at Shettihalli Government School to promote sports and physical activity among students. He transformed the sports room, creating a motivating environment. The renovated room now boasts a dedicated cupboard to proudly display and preserve sports trophies and prizes, encouraging more students to engage in sports. Additionally, a separate rack was installed for storing sport-specific equipment, ensuring easy accessibility for all students. This project continues to inspire students, encouraging them to embrace sports and reap the associated benefits for their health, education, and personal growth.

Before

After

Environment and Health:

Mr. Chetan Kumar initiated a project to promote waste segregation in Pantarapalya slum, recognizing its importance for a cleaner and healthier environment. The project involved distributing labelled waste bins and providing community training on segregation methods and its significance. By making bins easily accessible, the aim was to encourage effective waste segregation, minimising negative impacts on public health and the environment. This project strives to enhance the well-being and overall quality of life in the slum community through a positive and lasting impact.

Community Development:

Community centres play a vital role in fostering social, cultural, educational, and recreational activities within neighbourhoods. To revive this sense of community, Mr. Deepak Bhavasar took on the renovation of a community centre in Varthur ward. The once dilapidated community hall has received a new lease of life through cleaning and painting. The goal is to utilise this community centre as a welcoming meeting place for people of all ages, genders, castes, and religions. This initiative aims to minimise social divisions, promote inclusivity, and nurture a stronger sense of togetherness within the community.

Before

After

B.CLIP BATCH 8

BATCH DETAILS

Applications Received 193

Selected After Internal Screening 174

No. Of Sessions 94

Interviews Attended 153

No. Of Hours 141

Selected For The Batch 65

Course Completed 43
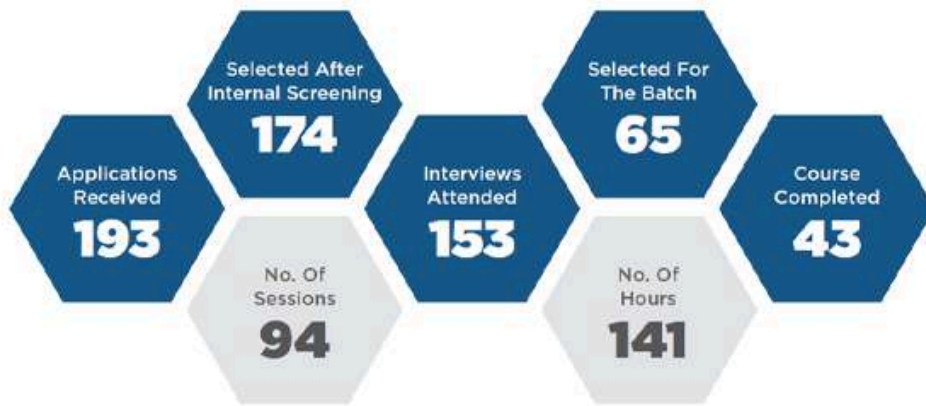
Noteworthy Projects
Undertaken by Batch 7 Participants:

Health:

Ms. Shyla Santhoji Rao organised a mega health camp in Guttahalli ward to offer accessible healthcare services to the community. The camp provided free health check-ups for various ailments and sponsored eye surgeries and glasses for those in need. The project aimed to address healthcare needs, raise awareness about preventive measures, and promote overall well-being. Through collaboration, education, and accessible healthcare, the project sought to positively impact community members' lives and nurture a culture of wellness.

Community:

Libraries are essential community assets that promote knowledge, literacy, education, cultural enrichment, and social connections. To ensure these benefits are available to Vasanth Nagar ward citizens, Mr. Suresh B V initiated the revival of the neglected community library. The project involved cleaning and civic work as a first step toward its rejuvenation. By transforming the library into an aesthetically pleasing and functional space, the project aims to encourage community members to embrace the joy of reading, foster a sense of belonging, and promote lifelong learning within the community.

Environment:

Rainwater harvesting offers a cost-effective and simple solution to address Bengaluru's water scarcity challenge. Recognizing its advantages, Mr. Jeevan L initiated the construction of recharge pits on roads in Girinagar ward with the help of field experts. By implementing rainwater harvesting systems, the project promotes water conservation, reduces reliance on external water sources, and ensures clean water availability for various community purposes. It will also prevent flooding and replenish groundwater tables.

Before

After

About B.CLIP

The B.PAC Civic Leadership Incubator Program (B.CLIP) is B.PAC's flagship initiative that intends to create a pool of informed civic leaders who will actively engage in ward level management and administration of the city to improve governance. B.PAC selects, trains, mentors and supports individuals through structured class-room sessions and field projects. These individuals can either contest municipal corporation elections or engage with the elected representatives or even help in individual capacity as concerned citizens to enable better governance. The program equips candidates with skills in public policy analysis, municipal administration, political landscape, election dynamics, media management, and other relevant knowledge.

The B.CLIP incubator program intends to create a network of candidates that B.PAC and other civil society organisations can work with to solve civic issues, and those found suitable can be endorsed in elections. B.CLIP aims to provide a platform for passionate citizens to enter public service and act as a pressure group to bring in transparency and accountability into the political and administrative system.

Mission:

1. To provide a platform for passionate citizens to enter political/public service.
2. Create leadership capacity at the municipal level to enable better city governance.
3. Create leaders with an interest in public service and a will to participate in the political process.
4. Create leaders who understand the complexities and dynamics of managing a ward, a city and its activities.
5. Create leaders to engage with citizens and interact with the political leadership on behalf of the citizens.
6. Create leaders who can govern with accountability, transparency, and integrity.

145 B.CLIP Leaders Occupy Prominent Positions in Political Parties

B.CLIP CIVIC LEADERS STATS

B.CLIP LEADERS 355

👨 **253** 71%   👩 **102** 29%

POLITICAL PARTY WISE REPRESENTATION

	Total No.		Party Position Holders		Total No.		Party Position Holders
🏳️	83	23%	54	🏳️	80	22%	48
🏳️	17	5%	13	aap	16	5%	14
IND	153	43%	n/a	OTH	8	5%	14

GENDER RATIO

BCLIP Batch 1
35 | 46 | 11

BCLIP Batch 5
35 | 47 | 12

BCLIP Batch 2
31 | 41 | 10

BCLIP Batch 6
37 | 58 | 21

BCLIP Batch 3
27 | 36 | 9

BCLIP Batch 7
34 | 50 | 16

BCLIP Batch 4
24 | 34 | 10

BCLIP Batch 8
30 | 43 | 13

*Transgender - 1

NO. OF B.CLIP CIVIC LEADERS
BY ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY

4 YELAHANKA		15 HEBBAL
11 MALLESHWARAM	30 BYATARAYANAPURA	4 PULKESHI NAGAR
12 DASARAHALLI		8 SARVAGNA NAGAR
28 MAHALAKSHMI LAYOUT		14 MAHADEVPURA
10 RAJAJINAGAR		27 K R PURAM
4		21
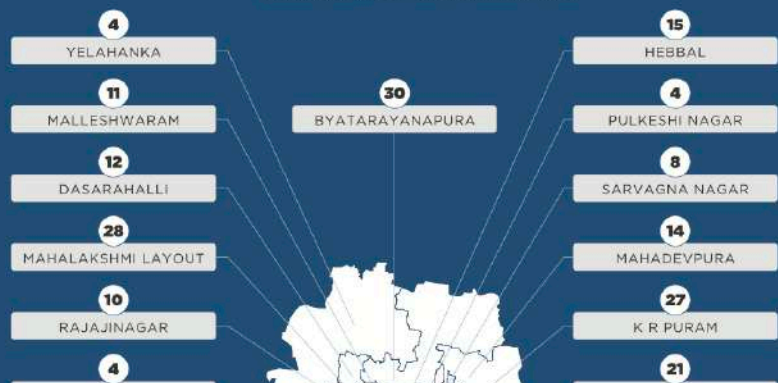
GANDHI NAGAR

14 R R NAGAR

16 GOVINDRAJ NAGAR

9 YESHWANTHPUR

13 VIJAYANAGAR

4 CHAMRAJPET

11 BASAVANAGUDI

16 PADMANABNAGAR

SHIVAJI NAGAR

6 C V RAMAN NAGAR

11 SHANTHI NAGAR

10 BTM LAYOUT

7 CHICKPET

16 BOMMANAHALLI

20 JAYANAGAR

- ANEKAL

11 BANGALORE SOUTH

Post-Program Support

B.PAC maintains a continued association with the B.CLIP leaders. Rather the engagement begins in a more rigorous manner post their training. We provide a platform for civic leaders to engage with their communities through various civic activities. They are also kept abreast of various initiatives and issues concerned to Bengaluru. They are also engaged and involved in all the initiatives of various verticals of B. PAC, thus working to build a better Bengaluru.

B.CLIP Alumni Association was set up to steam line the post program support and activities. Through the alumni association, B.CLIP leaders conduct various civic engagement activities, are engaged with the issues of importance to the wards and city and are also a vital part of B.PAC's initiatives for better Bengaluru. Thus, engaging in the public space for the purpose of improving the management of our city. The alumni association also provides a platform for them to interact, communicate and work with synergy, thereby developing their leadership capabilities and building political capital.

Eminent B.CLIP Leaders (Alumni)

Sowmya Reddy
Former MLA,
Jayanagara

Sampath Kumar
Former BBMP Corporator,
Vasanth Nagar Ward

Sampath Ramanujam
Gram Panchayat Member,
Seegehalli Panchayat

B.CLIP Graduates

B.CLIP GRADUATES

GRADUATION OF
B. CLIP BATCH **1**

GRADUATION OF
B. CLIP BATCH **2**

GRADUATION OF
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GRADUATION OF
B. CLIP BATCH **8**

Civic Engagement Events

Green Ganesha Campaign

Tree Plantation

Voter Registration Drive

Health Camps

Bengaluru 2.0

Cleanup Drives

Janasevaka Camps

Sweet distribution for BBMP Sanitation Workers

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CIVIC LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR PROGRAM

Let's Govern Better

A B.PAC Flagship Initiative

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