

FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Dear Reader,

When speaks safety someone of women's empowerment, I want Bengaluru to emerge as the city that leads by example—a place where every woman, regardless of where she lives or works, feels secure, valued, and free to thrive. This is not just an aspiration—it is the collective vision we carry at B.PAC. We believe that a truly empowered society begins with safety in its streets, dignity in its public spaces, and equity in its opportunities. That's why our Constituency initiative B.SAFE has alwavs aimed higher-with each phase building on the last, pushing boundaries, and challenging norms.

Translating this vision into action, we recently concluded the launch of the B.SAFE Constituency Phase III Public Place Safety Audit Reports for Vijayanagar and Govindrajanagar. The audits conducted across 265 public spaces were part of this belief in action, offering deep insights into the current state of our public infrastructure through the lens of those who use it most. From Anganwadis and parks to bus stops and health centres, we evaluated the environment not just for infrastructure, but for inclusivity and security. The key findings gathered after these audits are now available and will be worked upon to make these spaces safer for all. This is part of our ongoing commitment—following similar on-ground audits conducted in Phase I - Mahadevapura and Malleshwaram and Phase II - Hebbal and Dasarahalli.

The B.SAFE Constituency Phase III reports release event brought together government officials, civic leaders, safety ambassadors, media and community stakeholders, all of whom shared thoughtful perspectives on what needs to change—and how we can collectively make it happen.

As we move forward, these reports serve not just as documents, but as tools for advocacy, planning, and change. This phase of the initiative would not have been possible without the support of CGI, our long-standing partner, and the incredible contributions of RNS School of Architecture, whose students and faculty lent their time, energy, and expertise to our on-ground assessments. Your collaboration is a testament to the fact that when we come together—with intent and integrity—we can create lasting impact. I hope they inspire more conversations, more collaborations, and most importantly, more action.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Let's keep the momentum going for Better Bengaluru.

Warm regards,

Revathy Ashok

Hon'ble Managing Trustee & CEO
Bangalore Political Action Committee

About the B.SAFE Constituency Initiative

Rooted in the belief that safety is a fundamental right and the first step toward true empowerment, B.PAC's B.SAFE initiative was launched as a comprehensive effort to champion the safety and dignity of women and children. It goes beyond reactive measures—advocating for rights, driving community awareness, and engaging key stakeholders to foster safer schools, workplaces, and public spaces. At its core, B.SAFE envisions a city where every woman and child can thrive without fear. Expanding on this vision, the B.SAFE Constituency initiative brings safety into sharp focus.

The students and faculty from RNS College extended their support for on-ground data collection and site assessments using the B.SAFE Mobile Application, specially designed and developed by CGI India as their pro bono work.

We believe that women's safety is fundamental to achieving true empowerment. That's why we are proud to lead the B.SAFE Constituency initiative — a unique platform that unites stakeholders, communities, and experts to make our assembly constituencies safer for women. Through structured programs like public space audits, community awareness sessions, actionable safety recommendations, and ongoing advocacy, we're working ward by ward to create meaningful change.

This initiative is powered on the ground by a dedicated group of student volunteers, and supported by CGI, Canadian IT and business consulting firms, as part of their CSR efforts to build safer communities.

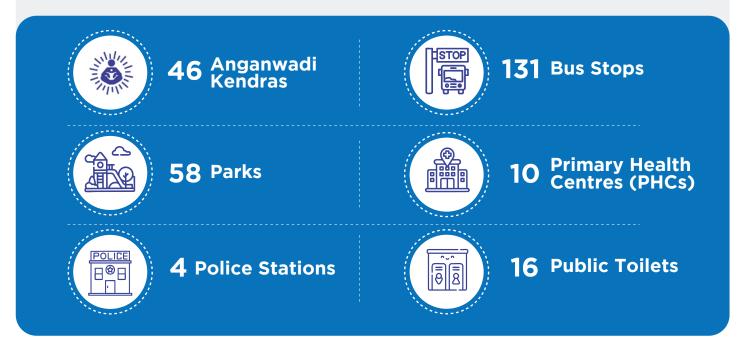
So far, we've successfully implemented the program across 15 municipal wards in Mahadevapura and Malleshwaram, and 20 wards in Dasarahalli and Hebbal. Together, we're shaping a city where every woman can live, work, and move freely — with confidence and dignity. To know more about the executive summaries of, visit the website.

B.SAFE Constituency Phase III Public Place Safety Audits

The B.SAFE Constituency Phase III Public Place Safety Audits, conducted during 2024–25 across Vijayanagar and Govindrajanagar Assembly Constituencies, culminated in the release of detailed safety audit reports. The reports present a comprehensive assessment of 265 public spaces—sites regularly accessed by women—and offer critical insights into safety infrastructure and areas needing improvement. This data-driven approach reinforces our commitment to advocating for safer public environments and informed, actionable change at the constituency level.

Execution of On-Ground Auditby RNS Students

As part of Phase III of the B.SAFE Constituency initiative, we collaborated with RNS College of Architecture to conduct comprehensive safety audits across 265 public spaces in Vijayanagar and Govindrajanagar Assembly Constituencies. The students and faculty from RNS College extended their support for on-ground data collection and site assessments. The audits focused on six key categories of locations frequently accessed by women:



The findings have been compiled into comprehensive reports that analyse existing conditions and recommend essential amenities to improve safety for women and children in Bengaluru's public spaces. These reports are a testament to what community collaboration and youth engagement can achieve in driving meaningful change.

- B.SAFE Constituency Public Place Safety Audit Executive Summary of Vijayanagar
- B.SAFE Constituency Public Place Safety Audit
 Executive Summary of Govindrajnagar

Key Analysis

The safety audits conducted across 9 BBMP wards in Vijayanagar and 10 BBMP wards in Govindrajanagar brought to light several pressing issues affecting the safety and usability of public spaces for women and children. Here are some key findings:

1. Vijayanagar Assembly Constituency

Bus Stops Improve seating, route maps, and safe footpaths

for better accessibility.

Anganwadis Convert to full-day centres to support working

mothers (47% serve 10+ such families).

Parks Improve safety with CCTV, security staff,

and better lighting.

Public Toilets Ensure 24/7 access and provide hygiene essentials

like sanitary napkins.

2. Govindrajanagar Assembly Constituency

Bus Stops Add seating, route info, and better footpaths

for easier access.

Anganwadis 62% need child-friendly seating; urgent

upgrades required.

Parks 39% lack play equipment despite having clean

walking tracks.

Police Stations Set up separate toilets and waiting areas

for women.

Report Release Event



On March 29, 2025, B.PAC in collaboration with CGI launched the B.SAFE Constituency Phase III Public Place Safety Audit Reports for Vijayanagar and Govindrajanagar Assembly Constituencies. The gathering was enriched by opening and closing performances by Taarang, the in-house music band of CGI, adding an inspiring and energetic note to the proceedings. The event was graced by notable guests including Ms. Asha Bhat, Actress and Co-founder of The High Table; Ms. Jyoti Goenka and Mr. Ashutosh Kumar, Vice Presidents - Consulting Delivery, CGI; Dr. Vaishnavi K., Officer on Special Duty to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka; and Mr. Sudhakar Pai, Head of CSR and ESG, CGI Asia Pacific.

Each of the speakers delivered thought-provoking insights on the importance of women's safety in public spaces, the role of community engagement, and the need for sustained institutional support. The launch reaffirmed the shared commitment of B.PAC and CGI to build safer, more inclusive public environments across Bengaluru through data-driven action and collaborative efforts.



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Sudhakar Pai
Head of ESG & Sustainability



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Lead CSR and ESG initiatives, CGI Global, said, "At CGI, we are committed to leveraging technology and collaboration to drive meaningful change in society. Our partnership with B.PAC on the B.SAFE Constituency Program reflects our dedication to building safer public spaces for women. By undertaking collective action, we can empower communities and create a lasting impact—gradually but with certainty and purpose."



Ms. Revathy Ashok, CEO & Managing Trustee of B.PAC, said,

"It is heartening to see that BPAC's BSAFE CONSTITUENCY program has successfully conducted safety audits in six assembly constituencies across Bengaluru, helping identify and address key urban safety challenges faced especially by women. This achievement would not have been possible without the invaluable support of CGI, whose commitment to community well-being has been instrumental. As we look ahead, our goal is to scale this initiative across the entire city, ensuring safer public spaces for all."



Dr.Vaishnavi K., Officer on Special Duty to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Karnataka, said,

"We appreciate the great selfless work by B.PAC and need more organisations like B.PAC who can support the government and simplify our work too. We would love to do more such developmental work with such organisations and create a safer city for all of us."



Ms. Asha Bhat, Actress and Co-founder, The High Table, said "We're all busy measuring IQ and EQ, but what about Adversity Quotient (AQ)? To truly thrive in life, we need AQ—our ability to navigate setbacks and rise stronger. Failure is inevitable, and that's what makes AQ even more important. The good news? We all have it within us."

B.SAFE in Media



Acknowledgement:

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Our thanks also go to the Department of Women and Child Development (WCD), BBMP, the Horticulture Department, and Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) for their valuable inputs, which helped shape the safety audit questionnaires with accuracy and relevance.

We are especially grateful to CGI for their generous financial support through their CSR programme, which made this initiative possible.

Finally, we deeply appreciate the contributions of all our supporters—partner organisations, para-statal agencies, media, civic groups, RWAs, B.CLIP civic leaders, B.SAFE Ambassadors, and our committed volunteers—whose collective efforts were instrumental in bringing this vision to life.