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# FROM THE CEO'S DESK



Dear Reader,

The first quarter of 2025 began with a renewed sense of purpose and momentum at B.PAC; a fresh start rooted in action, impact, and community. As I pen down this note, I can't help but reflect on the growing spirit of civic participation and the energy with which Bengalureans continue to show up for their neighbourhoods, for their environment, and for the betterment of this city we all call home. From fresh leadership entering through our flagship programs, to on-ground transformations driven by data, collaboration, and empathy, this quarter has been a reminder that change doesn't always begin with massive shifts, but with people who care enough to take that first step.

One of the most energising highlights has been the launch of B.CLIP Batch 10. With over 270 applications, the selection of 67 passionate civic leaders, we are proud to see an increasing number of Bengalureans stepping up to learn, lead, and influence local governance.

Our B.ENGAGED vertical also saw significant action, with vital conversations around climate and public health, accessible elections, and citizen feedback mechanisms. We were proud to be a part of the State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections and to share our suggestions for making voter registration more inclusive, particularly for persons with disabilities and transgender citizens.

Under the B.GREEN initiative, we were thrilled to contribute to the citywide 10-day Massive Clean-Up Drive led by BBMP and BSWML. With support of B.CLIP leaders across wards, and enthusiastic participation from East and South BBMP teams, we witnessed over 50 blackspots cleared and 33 tons of garbage removed between Domlur flyover and Koramangala Water Tank. Our gratitude goes out to every Pourakarmika, marshal, official, and citizen volunteer who made this possible.

Our efforts around mobility and public space continued with initiatives like the WRI India Road Safety inspections, the IRR street transformation showcase at IISc WSSTL, and proposals submitted under BBMP's Revitalising Public Spaces initiative—all focused on creating safer, more inclusive urban environments.

We also strengthened our digital outreach with bold social media campaigns from our 9-part series on menstrual health awareness under #ItsOnlyNatural, to hard-hitting posts on plastic pollution inspired by Operation Sindoor, to demystifying the BBMP Sahaaya App 2.0; each campaign was aimed at empowering Bengalureans to speak up, act, and engage with civic systems.

A special thanks to Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, for her encouraging insights on Sahaaya 2.0 App, reminding us that “Technology alone won't transform cities- people will. But with the right tools, people become unstoppable.”

As we move into the next quarter, our work remains anchored in collaboration with citizens, with government, with academia, with global leaders and with community champions. We are grateful for the trust you place in us and invite each of you to continue walking with us as we build a Bengaluru that is equitable, sustainable, efficient, and resilient.

Let's keep showing up—for our city, and for each other.

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

Warm regards,

**Revathy Ashok**

Hon. Managing Trustee & CEO

Bangalore Political Action Committee

# B.ENGAGED

## Strengthening Ties for Local Impact: Dasarahalli MLA Meets Honorary Consul of Namibia



MLA of Dasarahalli, Mr. Muniraju S, met with the Honorary Consul of Namibia, Mr. Akkshye Tulsyan

A meaningful dialogue unfolded as Mr. Muniraju S, MLA of Dasarahalli, met with Mr. Akkshye Tulsyan, Honorary Consul of Namibia, in a meeting facilitated by B.PAC. The discussion centered around collaborative opportunities to support the constituency's development.

Mr. Tulsyan expressed keen interest in supporting the renovation of anganwadis in the area and explored multiple ways his Philanthropy Foundation could contribute to the MLA's efforts. The exchange marked the beginning of promising, community-driven initiatives aimed at uplifting public infrastructure and services in Dasarahalli.

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## Climate & Health in Focus:

# B.PAC and The Bengaluru Post Host Engaging Twitter Space Conversation

We collaborated with The Bengaluru Post, to host a thought-provoking Twitter Space on the theme "Climate & Health: Navigating the Impact of Environmental Change." The session featured Dr. Sandhya Ravi, Senior General & Breast Surgeon and MD & Founder of Prameya Health, who brought a medical lens to the rising health challenges linked to environmental shifts. The discussion was expertly moderated by Ms. Harshitha V, Program Lead, B.ENGAGED, and explored how climate change is increasingly influencing public health outcomes in urban India.

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## Advancing Inclusive Democracy:

# B.PAC Joins State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections



Ms. Revathy Ashok, Hon. Managing Trustee & CEO, B.PAC was part of the State Steering Committee on Accessible Election

We are proud to be a member of the State Steering Committee on Accessible Elections, constituted by the Election Commission of India to promote inclusive electoral practices. In the committee's inaugural meeting, chaired by Shri Manoj Kumar Meena, IAS, Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka, Team B.PAC joined senior officials to discuss ways to strengthen voter inclusion. We shared key recommendations to improve the mapping and registration processes for voters with disabilities and transgender individuals, reaffirming our commitment to ensuring that every citizen can participate in the democratic process with dignity and ease.

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## B.CLIP

### B.CLIP Batch 10:

## Welcoming the Next Cohort of Civic Leaders

We are excited to announce the selection of 67 passionate individuals for the 10th batch of the B.CLIP (B.PAC Civic Leadership Incubator Program), with 13 candidates on the waiting list. This year, the program received an overwhelming response with 270 applications. Of these, 147 candidates participated in in-person interviews and 123 attended telephonic rounds. The team is now focused on curating expert speaker sessions, and managing logistics to ensure a dynamic and impactful learning experience for the upcoming civic changemakers.

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# B.SAFE

## Strengthening Advocacy for Safer Bengaluru:

### B.SAFE Constituency Report Presented at Vidhana Soudha

As part of the B.SAFE Constituency initiative, we presented the B.SAFE Constituency Safety Audit Reports for Vijayanagar and Govindarajanagar constituencies at the Vidhana Soudha. The team met with Shri L.K. Atheeq, IAS, Secretary to the Chief Minister; Dr. Parameshwar, PA to the OSD to the Chief Minister; and Dr. Poovitha, IAS, OSD to the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka. These meetings marked an important step in advocating for improved infrastructure and safety measures for women and children at the constituency level.

## Safer Anganwadi Spaces:

### B.SAFE and TTIBI Collaborates to Transform Anganwadis



Mr. Muniraju, MLA Dasarahalli, felicitated the TTIBI team that worked on transforming the Anganwadi in the constituency





TTIBI volunteers assemble the furniture at the Anganwadi kendra of Dasarahalli

Under the B.SAFE initiative in collaboration with TTIBI, two Anganwadi centres at the Chinnara Goodu TTIBI Anganwadi Kendra were upgraded with brand-new furniture. This intervention is part of our ongoing efforts to create safe, nurturing, and well-equipped environments for young children, ensuring that early learning spaces are both functional and welcoming.

## Empowering Women Auto-Drivers of Bengaluru: B.SAFE Auto Driver Training Program



May day celebration at B.PAC with the Women of B.SAFE's Women Auto drivers training program



B.PAC celebrated May Day with the inspiring women of the B.SAFE Auto Drivers Training Program. In the Malleshwaram batch, 20 out of 22 participants successfully passed their Driving License (DL) test, with two women proudly receiving their own auto-rickshaws.

The program included two months of hands-on driving lessons paired with classroom theory. In the Rajajinagar batch, 17 out of 21 women cleared their DL test, and all 17 have applied for free autos under a BBMP scheme. B.PAC is actively following up and exploring partnerships with the SC/ST Development Corporation to expand support for women drivers across the city.

## B.MOBILE

### B.PAC Participates in Key Mobility and EV Dialogues

We recently took part in two significant events that contribute to Bengaluru's sustainable urban future.

- Virtually attended the launch of the study 'Assessing the Impact of the Yellow Line of Namma Metro on Public Health and Quality of Life', led by IISc Bengaluru and supported by Biocon Foundation. The discussion offered valuable insights into the role of sustainable transit in shaping healthier urban living.



B.PAC in the Focus Group Discussion on 'EV Infrastructure and Need of Skilling' organised by TERI & Mercedes Benz Research & Development India

- Participated in a focused group discussion on 'EV Infrastructure and the Need for Skilling' organised by TERI and Mercedes Benz Research & Development India at TERI, Domlur. The team shared perspectives on policy frameworks, accessibility, and workforce readiness for the evolving electric mobility ecosystem.

## **Saving Lives through Safer Streets: B.PAC & WRI India Road Safety Initiative**

As part of a joint effort to reduce road crash fatalities in Bengaluru, we collaborated with WRI India, to conduct a site inspection of six critical blackspots along Command Hospital Road, HAL Old Airport Road, and Old Madras Road.



Roadcrash blackspots correction with Ulsoor & JB Nagar Traffic Police along with WRI India

The inspection, carried out alongside Ulsoor and JB Nagar traffic police officials, focused on identifying design flaws and proposing safety improvements. This initiative is part of our continued commitment to making Bengaluru's roads safer for all.

## Revitalising Neighbourhoods: **B.PAC Proposes Public Space Improvements in HSR**

We submitted an application to improve two perpendicular streets in HSR Layout under the 'Revitalising Bengaluru's Public Spaces' initiative by BBMP and Sensing Local. The program aims to identify and transform underutilised neighbourhood-scale public spaces across the city. B.PAC's proposal focuses on pedestrian-friendly design, community engagement, and spatial equity to create more vibrant and inclusive public spaces. Learn more: <http://www.blrpublicspace-revival.in/>



## Showcasing Impact:

# B.PAC Presents IRR Project at IISc WSSTL 2025 Symposium



Poster presentation at IISc WSSTL 2025 Symposium

We were honoured to present the IRR (Intermediate Ring Road) project during the community engagement session of the World Symposium on Sustainable Transport & Livability (WSSTL), hosted by IISc on 24th June 2025.

The poster presentation highlighted the tangible on-ground improvements achieved through the project, and received appreciation from Prof. Gunter Emberger, Prof. Ashish Verma, citizens, and fellow researchers.

# B.GREEN

## B.PAC and B.CLIP Join Citywide Clean-Up Drive to Combat Waste Blackspots



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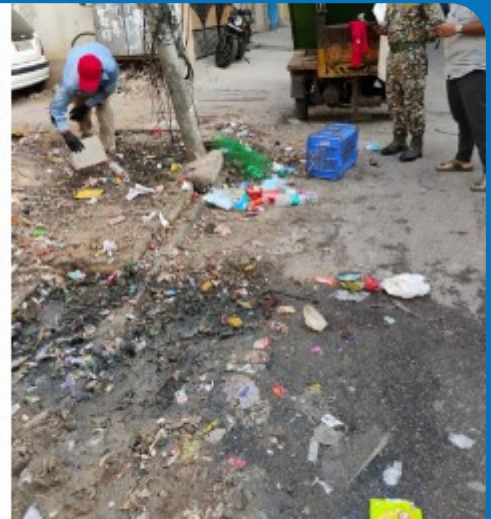


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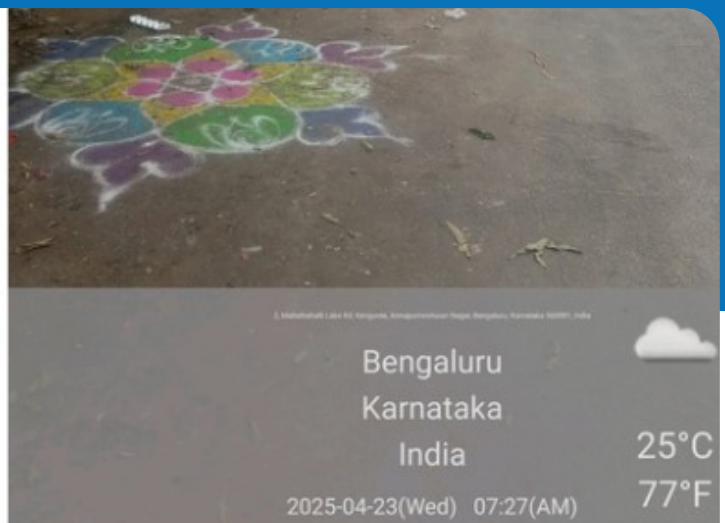


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Snapshots from the 10-day clean-up drive conducted at various locations across Bengaluru



B.PAC's B.CLIP civic leaders actively participated in the 10-day massive clean-up initiative launched by BSWML Chief Operations Officer Ms. Ramamani from April 21–30, 2025, across BBMP limits. In a coordination meeting held on April 20 with BBMP officials, over 20 B.CLIP leaders came together to strategize ward-level efforts. As a result of their joint action, more than 50 garbage blackspots were identified and cleared, significantly improving cleanliness and solid waste management across the city.

- BSWML and BBMP East & South teams conducted an intensive drive on April 26 and April 27, clearing 33 tons of garbage from Domlur flyover to Koramangala Water Tank.
- From the East Zone, 80 Pourakarmikas, 7 ward marshals, 7 JHIs, 10 supervisors, 40 auto tippers, and 2 compactors cleared 30 tons of waste from Domlur flyover to Ejipura signal.
- B.PAC and three B.CLIP leaders joined the efforts, encouraging teams and discussing sustainable solutions such as night patrolling and increased CCTV monitoring at blackspots.
- The South team conducted an intensive cleanup drive from Ejipura signal to Koramangala Water Tank clearing 3 tons of waste.
- 32 Pourakarmikas, 3 ward marshals, an auto supervisor, and 2 auto tippers cleared 1.5 tons of waste from footpaths and the median from Ejipura Signal to Sony Signal.
- 20 Pourakarmikas, 6 ward marshals, 2 JHIs, 2 auto supervisors and 4 Auto tippers cleared another 1.5 tons from Sony Signal to Koramangala Water Tank.

We sincerely thank BBMP, BSWML Joint Commissioner (East), Zonal Commissioners (South & East), AGM, AEE (H&S), Marshal Supervisors from BTM, East Zone, and Shanthinagar, as well as all Marshals, Pourakarmikas, ATS drivers, helpers, and the dedicated teams whose collective efforts made this clean-up drive a success.

# Yuva Hasiru Rakshaka Pilot Projects Successfully Completed in BBMP Schools



Yuva Hasiru Rakshaka Program 2025 - Pilot Project Completed

The curriculum for B.PAC's Yuva Hasiru Rakshaka environmental awareness program has been finalised following the successful completion of pilot projects.

The first round was conducted at BBMP Higher Primary School, Cottonpete, and BBMP Nursery & Primary School, Vijayanagar. A second pilot was conducted specifically for 9th standard students at BBMP Higher Primary School, Cottonpete. These sessions are designed to empower young minds with the knowledge and tools to become future champions of urban environmental responsibility.

## B.PAC Showcases Youth-Led Green Initiatives at BluGreen Awards



Student from the pilot project of YHR presenting about the program at the BluGreen Awards & Showcase

At the BluGreen Showcase on June 6th, held in celebration of World Environment Day at Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, we exhibited its flagship projects Yuva Hasiru Rakshaka and IRR Street: Standstill to Active.

Organised by the Bengaluru Climate Action Cell and Bangalore Apartment Federation (BAF), the event spotlighted community-led sustainability efforts. A student from the first Yuva Hasiru Rakshaka pilot session proudly presented his learnings, representing the impact of youth engagement in shaping a greener Bengaluru.



# Communication & Outreach

## Menstrual Hygiene Campaign

This Menstrual Hygiene Day, we launched an online awareness campaign under the theme #ItsOnlyNatural- a series of 9 powerful posts aimed at breaking taboos, promoting dignity, and normalising conversations around periods. The campaign highlighted key aspects of menstrual health, from education and access to hygiene products, to the importance of creating inclusive and stigma-free spaces for menstruators across all communities. Through this initiative, we reaffirmed our commitment to menstrual equity, because periods are natural—and so is talking about them.



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## World Environment Day- Operation Sindoor Way

We rolled out a bold 3 day social media campaign on World Environment Day, inspired by Operation Sindoor Way, tackling the persistent threat of plastic pollution. The series spotlighted the plastic menace in three forms: littered, uncollected, and even collected but mismanaged plastic waste, which are threats hiding in plain sight. By acknowledging plastic as environmental "terrorists", the campaign called for urgent, coordinated action to identify, isolate, and eradicate plastic pollution from our cityscapes.

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B.PAC launched a 9-part social media campaign to spotlight the BBMP Sahaaya App 2.0, empowering Bengalureans to take charge of civic issues at their fingertips. The posts highlighted how the app enables citizens to easily report problems like garbage blackspots, potholes, broken streetlights, and more—ensuring faster redressal through a tech-enabled, transparent system. The campaign also featured insights from Dr. Shalini Rajneesh, Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka, who emphasised the importance of citizen participation in strengthening urban governance.

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# Acknowledgement

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters, Funders, partner organisations, para-statal agencies, media, civic groups, Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), B.CLIP civic leaders, and volunteers who continue playing a vital role in our efforts to create a better future for Bengaluru.