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Belaku Namma Hakku

Every year the BBMP spends 240 crores of rupees on operating and maintaining around 4.95 lakh street lights across the city. Yet several city areas remain in darkness as many street lights are not working. Stressing the right of citizens to have adequate street lighting, the BNP launched the Belaku Namma Hakku campaign in August 2022.

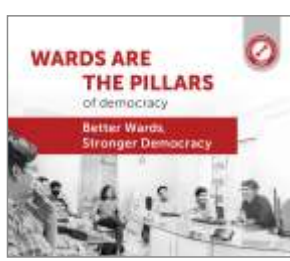


A survey tested the effectiveness of lighting in different wards and the level of awareness among citizens on this issue. This survey, in which 104 citizens across different wards participated, also assessed how far citizens' complaints about street lights were addressed. The survey results, reported in early September 2022, revealed many lapses and inefficiencies in the system. A substantial proportion (32.69%) of people surveyed had only sodium vapor lamps, not LED lights in their wards. Safety surveys were not observed as 47.12% reported that live wires were being used to switch on the lights in their wards. While 41.35% of those surveyed had raised complaints through BBMP's Sahaya app, as many as 45% of these could not get their issues resolved. For survey details, click [HERE](#)

Namma Samithi

The active participation of citizens is vital to good governance and the ward meeting is an important forum to highlight community needs, raise local issues and hold Corporators to account.

BNP's Namma Samithi campaign seeks to empower citizens by encouraging them to attend ward meetings regularly and get directly involved in the development of their wards. BNP members attended official meetings in about 25 wards, raised several pertinent issues and proposed practical solutions to community problems.



Vote For Bengaluru Camps

The vote is a citizen's most powerful tool to ensure performance and accountability from elected representatives. In a bid to empower more citizens to participate in the electoral process, BNP held voter registration camps at Bellandur, HSR Layout, CV Raman Nagar, Whitefield and Gottigere.



Over 3000 applications were filed to help citizens to get their voter IDs and exercise their franchise in the forthcoming elections. Those voters who needed to update or transfer their Voter IDs from other states or other wards were also guided through the process. A big salute to all the BNP volunteers who have dedicated themselves to this crucial task.



Freedom From Mis-Governance Movement



In a unique celebration of 75 years of India's Independence, BNP launched this two-part movement. The first part enabled Bengaluru citizens to create and upload an online "Freedom Pledge" on the BNP website in a few simple steps. Make your pledge video [HERE](#)

The second part was a symbolic Freedom March organised on August 13th 2022, from Woodlands Hotel to the BBMP Head Office. The march, featuring Kempe Gowda face masks, colourful banners and placards, each demanding freedom from various problems faced by Bengaluru, helped to raise curiosity levels and enhance awareness among Bengaluru citizens about the need for change.



Third Annual General Body Meeting

At a time when most Indian political parties are failing to uphold democratic norms in conducting party elections, the BNP has led by example. Over 125 members gathered at the Krishna Hall of the Woodlands Hotel for the Third Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the BNP on Saturday, August 13th, 2022. Detailed reports were presented on various party activities and campaigns conducted during the course of the year. The audited accounts were tabled and also posted in the BNP website to ensure complete public disclosure and full transparency in the management of party funds. As the Governing Council had completed its three year tenure, prior nominations were invited and at the GBM, the general body constituted a new Governing Council with Srikanth Narasimhan, Lalithamba, Poongothai Mahesh, Rishvanjas Raghavan, Indira Belde, Milind Kulabkar, Sidhartha Shetty, Siddharth Raja, R. Balasubramanian, Sridhar Ramanujam, Subbu Hegde, Chitra Lancelot, and Dr. Benazeer Baig.

That's it for now! Look out for more such newsletters every month!

Thank you once again for your unwavering support which is helping BNP to go from strength to strength!

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IN THE NEWS

Bengaluru Flood Disaster: Natural or Man-made?

India's IT capital has recently been in the national and international news for all the wrong reasons. Some unusually heavy rainfall in the months of August and September 2022, caused serious flooding in low lying areas, including the city's prestigious IT corridor and multiple tech parks. This inundation resulted in tragic loss of life, damage to property, stoppage of business, and destruction of infrastructure, costing several crores of rupees. It highlighted how vulnerable the city is. Although the amount of rainfall received in these 2 months was unprecedented, the fact remains that some good urban planning and effective municipal governance ensuring transparency and accountability, could have easily prevented this catastrophe.

[HERE](#) is what BNP founder, Srikanth Narasimhan, commented about the disastrous Bengaluru floods.

Deadly Pothole Menace

Potholes are a common sight on Bengaluru's ill-maintained roads but after the heavy monsoon rains, these have turned into a deadly menace. Potholes reportedly claimed the life of yet another unsuspecting Bengaluru resident on August 22nd 2022. On August 18th, Supreeth J, a corporate employee, riding a two-wheeler in the Herohalli area skidded and fell on the potholed road, suffering grievous head injuries despite wearing a helmet. He was shifted to a private hospital where he suffered for 4 days before losing his life. Predictably, the BBMP and BWSSB are indulging in a blame game with neither side willing to accept responsibility for Supreeth's untimely and highly preventable death. In mid-May this year, BBMP had identified 9500 potholes on city roads in mid-May this year and had promised to rectify them. The city administration has been hauled up by the Karnataka High Court for failing to repair the potholes.

