



MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER

Dear Bengalurigas

February was a hectic month for the BNP but it was not the BBMP polls that kept us busy. We are still waiting for this elusive election, already delayed by over 2.5 years, to take place. The BNP team has vowed to keep working for grassroots change, with or without an elected BBMP Council.

The issue of unfair tax notices to over 78,000 Bengalurigas remains unresolved and the BNP Leadership met with BBMP Administrator Sri Rakesh Singh, who conveyed that the BBMP has recommended a complete waiver of interest and penalties, but is awaiting an official response from the Chief Minister. He promised to take up the matter again. We sincerely thank Sri Rakesh Singh for sparing the time and giving the BNP Leadership Team a patient hearing. We hope that suitable action will be taken to address citizen's concerns.

With the Karnataka Assembly Election looming in May, flex banners and wall paintings are mushrooming all over the city. The BNP has restarted its campaign #FacePollutionNilisi to force the BBMP to act against political parties and politicians who are defacing public places. The BNP promises solemnly never to indulge in such illegal modes of promotion that cause tremendous inconvenience to citizens.

In business as usual, our teams continue to attend Ward Committee Meetings, raising civic issues with officials and highlighting these in the media. Our Vote4Bengaluru Team led by Vishnu Reddy, ably supported by other BNP Leaders, along with core team members & volunteers, continues to organise many Voter ID camps. This month alone, they have helped 275+ voters register for their Voter IDs. We are truly proud of the entire team for working tirelessly to enable citizens to exercise their franchise.

We have also stepped up our efforts to raise awareness about the Civic issues of Bengaluru through timely Press Releases in English and Kannada. Do read through the newsletter for more details.

As always, I am happy to receive inputs and feedback from you at srikanth.narasimhan1975@gmail.com

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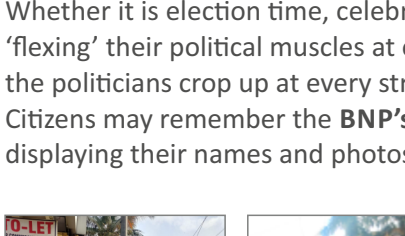
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In Focus @ BNP This Month

FRUITFUL HIGH-LEVEL MEETING

The Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP) Leadership team, meeting Srikanth, Lalithamba, Vishnu and Arjun, held a fruitful meeting on February 2nd, 2023, with Sri Rakesh Singh, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Administrator, Head of Urban Development Department and Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka.



The BNP urged the BBMP not to charge citizens interest or penalties in the 'dues' that suddenly arose years past the reclassification of Property Tax Zones, and requested an immediate clarification. Sri Rakesh Singh conveyed that the BBMP had suggested a complete waiver of interest and penalties, but this proposal was awaiting approval from the Chief Minister. He promised to take up the issue once again. However, with no resolution so far, citizens faced with the apathy of the BBMP and the Govt., are increasingly anxious about their fate.

The BNP also raised their objections to illegal flex boards/banners and the irregular conduct of Ward meetings. The BNP urged the BBMP Administrator to ensure that regular meetings were held in all the wards to facilitate citizens' participation. He promised positive action on all these fronts.

TECH CITY OR FLEX CITY?

Whether it is election time, celebrity birthday bashes or an impending political rally, our bigwigs believe in 'flexing' their political muscles at every opportunity. Larger-than-life flex boards with the smiling faces of the politicians crop up at every street corner or major junction. Citizens may remember the BNP's 'Face Pollution Nilisi' campaign a year ago, against politicians illegally displaying their names and photos in public-funded projects.



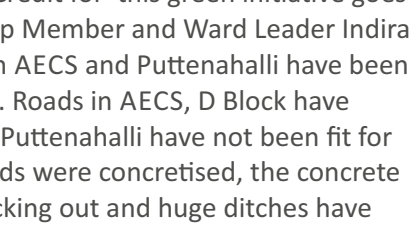
BNP's Tweet on February 6th, 2023 gives a clearer picture of some of the flex banners blatantly put up around the city by various political parties.

BNP demands a #FlexMuktaBengaluru

This February, seeing a new spurt in flex banners, hoardings, and wall paintings by politicians, despite being prohibited by the Karnataka High Court since 2018, BNP has issued a **Press Release on February 7th, 2023** with the demand that stringent action is taken against the violators. The BBMP Administrator has been urged to instruct the Joint Commissioners and Chief Engineers in each Zone to remove all illegal banners and flex boards. The BNP will be watching intently to see whether the promise of a flex-free Bengaluru will become a reality.

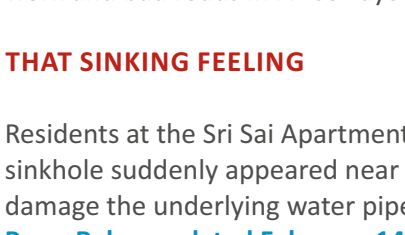
WALL OF RESISTANCE

When a prominent Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP recently painted his Party symbol on a city wall and posted the same on social media, his mural campaign hit the BNP's wall of resistance. The BNP immediately sent out a **Press Release** that pointed out that he had clearly violated the BBMP's Advertisement Bye-laws (2006) and the Karnataka High Court's strict prohibition on wall painting. Officials claimed ignorance about the defacement and the BBMP promised action after due investigation but nothing has materialised.



You can read the BNP Tweet thread to raise awareness on this issue [HERE](#)

OF FLOWERS & FOOTPATHS



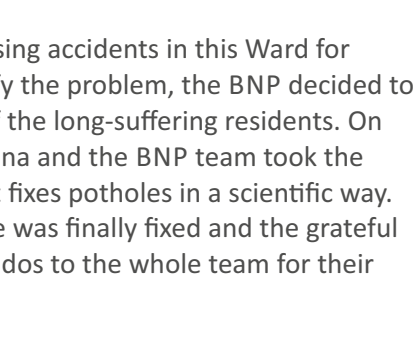
The AECS Layout Ward entrance underwent a beautiful transformation when unsightly banners and garbage were replaced by an array of flowering plants. Credit for this green initiative goes to the BNP's Core Working Group Member and Ward Leader Indira Belde and her team. Residents in AECS and Puttenahalli have been suffering for the last 6-8 months. Roads in AECS, D Block have been dug up, while footpaths in Puttenahalli have not been fit for walking. Although asphalted roads were concretised, the concrete has peeled off, steel rods are sticking out and huge ditches have developed.

The **BNP Press Release shared on February 8th** demanded the immediate repair of all damaged footpaths and roads in these areas. "Most of the city footpaths are least pedestrian-friendly," observed Indira Belde. "The BBMP needs to rethink its approach to planning the city's infrastructure to make it more citizen-friendly and sustainable."

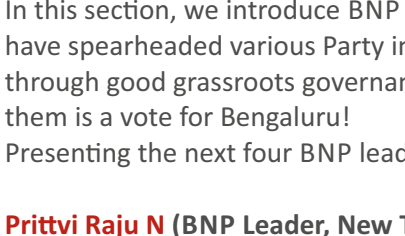
You can read another Press Release issued 20 days later, on February 28th, regarding the shoddy drain work and bad roads in AECS Layout [HERE](#)

THAT SINKING FEELING

Residents at the Sri Sai Apartments in Gottigere Ward were shocked when a sinkhole suddenly appeared near their complex. The sinkhole was deep enough to damage the underlying water pipes in the vicinity. The BNP's strongly worded **Press Release, dated February 14th**, drew the BBMP's attention to this serious problem. The BWSSB finally fixed the leak in the pipeline but despite seven complaints registered through the Sahaya App, the BBMP failed to cover the sinkhole. Ultimately, the residents were forced to be self-reliant and fill up the 2 feet deep sinkhole themselves. As sinkholes are generally caused by shoddy work and lack of effective supervision, BNP activist Poongothai reiterated the Party's demand that BBMP should not only fix these sinkholes immediately but also take serious action against contractors who execute such sub-standard works.



REMOVING POTHOLE PERILS



A pothole in CV Raman Nagar had been causing accidents in this Ward for several months. As the BBMP failed to rectify the problem, the BNP decided to take up the cause and come to the rescue of the long-suffering residents. On February 19th, BNP activist Vineeth Muthanna and the BNP team took the lead to contact a reputed social venture that fixes potholes in a scientific way. In a collaborative effort, the perilous pothole was finally fixed and the grateful residents are now heaving a sigh of relief. Kudos to the whole team for their initiative.

Know Your Leaders

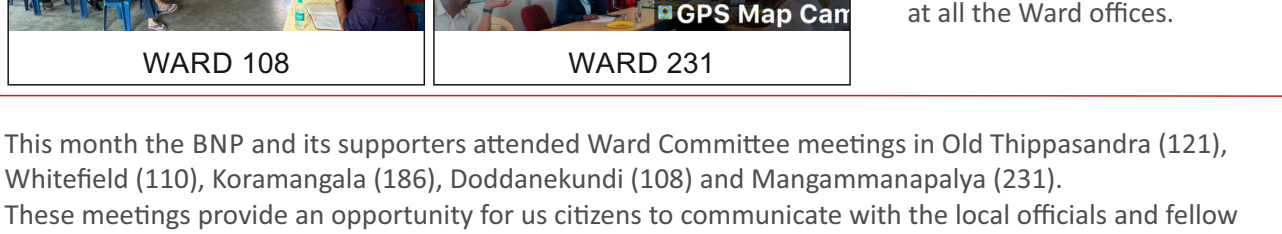
In this section, we introduce BNP leaders from various wards every month. These are our activists who have spearheaded various Party initiatives and campaigns. Wholly committed to rebuilding Bengaluru through good grassroots governance, they are worthy of your trust and deserve your support. A vote for them is a vote for Bengaluru!

Presenting the next four BNP leaders...

- Prittvi Raju N (BNP Leader, New Thippasandra, Ward 122)**
- Prittvi Raju N assures residents that he will work with them to ensure improved infrastructure in the ward. "Vote for me, vote for your betterment," urges Prittvi, an engineer by profession. In the past, he has campaigned for the orderly development of the city and for improving the quality of life by having more open public spaces, clean water bodies, well-maintained parks and lots of greenery. Given the opportunity to be a Corporator, Prittvi intends to provide good roads, proper footpaths and adequate street lights to make the city safe and convenient for motorists and pedestrians.
- Naliyanda V. Muthanna (BNP Leader, Jalakanteshwara Nagara, Ward 123)**
- An electric vehicle engineer, Muthanna runs a startup for advanced light electric vehicles. As a volunteer traffic officer, he gained experience of Bengaluru's traffic issues. Ward Meetings his main job to join active politics via the BNP and raise civic awareness. A long-term resident with an understanding of core problems and expertise in urban mobility, he will be an effective Corporator. Muthanna observes, "Bengaluru's rich culture treats every person/animal/tree respectfully, and with mass public transportation systems, transformed lake parks, open public spaces, and a sustainable development outlook, it can be a dream city." Muthanna seeks to promote composting; door-to-door waste management services; waste quality rating & feedback; and intensive monitoring & management of public parking spaces.
- Milind Kulabkar (BNP Leader, Konena Agrahara, Ward 125)**
- Law graduate Milind Kulabkar has been involved in every ward project since September 2020. "As your corporator, I will ensure that all budgeted projects are executed," he assures voters. He has held three medical camps for the less fortunate and several Zoom sessions on waste management, recycling & self-improvement. A fitness enthusiast, Milind's other focus areas are stress-relief and voter education. As Corporator, he would establish waste processing units, organise area sabhas & committees to meet action plan targets, and encourage sports by building indoor and outdoor centres.
- Nalini Pravin (BNP Leader, CV Raman Nagar, Ward 117)**
- "If you want transparency, responsibility, honesty and integrity, vote for me," is entrepreneur Nalini Pravin's earnest appeal. With her business education and expertise in holistic healing, she is well-equipped to be a confident and committed ward leader. Nalini ran a guesthouse successfully for 25 years, gaining business experience. She and her team travel around India, teaching farmers ways to boost their revenue. With two children who are sports professionals and promote surfing and skateboarding, she recognizes that health is wealth and plans holistic healing centres. As a Corporator, she will undertake road repair, lake revival, city beautification and set up a 24-hour emergency helpline.

BNP's Regular On-the-Ground Work

NAMMA SAMITI



WARD 121 WARD 110 WARD 186

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Ward Committee Meetings are ideally held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at all the Ward offices.

This month the BNP and its supporters attended Ward Committee meetings in Old Thippasandra (121), Whitefield (110), Koramangala (186), Doddanekundi (108) and Mangammanapalya (231). These meetings provide an opportunity for us citizens to communicate with the local officials and fellow residents in the area, about the projects going on, raise concerns, follow up on promised action and more. If you would like to attend Ward Committee Meetings in your area and take part as a citizen in good grassroots governance, **call 080-47190000** or **email info@nammabnp.org**

VOTE4BENGALURU

The BNP's **VOTE4BENGALURU** on-request Voter ID Registration Camps!

Over the four weekends of February, the BNP conducted Voter ID Camps in TEN locations — 5 different Apartment Complexes in Bellandur, and one each in K Narayanapura, Garudacharpalya and Doddakanahalli. There were also two open-for-all camps in BNP HSR Office in Agara (Ward No. 230).



If you stay in a layout or apartment complex and want to arrange a voter registration camp OR are a New Voter seeking to register, simply give a missed call to BNP on **080-47190000** or send an email to **voters@nammabnp.org**

Important Civic News in Bengaluru

BBMP Khata Andolana

There is good news for frustrated residents of Bengaluru who are going from pillar to post to obtain their elusive khata. Thanks to complicated documentation, multiple processes and bureaucratic delays, there were around 5,200 khata-related applications pending since the start of 2023. Following a flood of public complaints, the BBMP has initiated a Khata Andolana (Khata Campaign) running from February 27th, 2023 to March 27th. Special help desks have been set up in all zonal offices to offer khata-related services from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Residents can approach the helpdesk to file wrong flex applications for registering a khata, or for its transfer, bifurcation or amalgamation. The BNP hopes that the Khata Andolan will live up to public expectations by reducing the pendency of applications and bringing relief to desperate khata-seekers.

KRIDL: Yawning Performance Gap

The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) audit report presented in the Karnataka Assembly on February 23rd 2023, reveals shocking facts about the Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Ltd (KRIDL). This State-run company completed only 24,014 (28%) out of 84,574 projects allotted to it by the BBMP between 2016-2021. The report states, "The slow pace of work resulted in the agency sitting on ₹17,320 crore of unutilised funds. In some cases, the agency did not take up work even more than two years after funds were allocated." An amount of ₹303.8 crores was released without mandatory work orders. KRIDL looks to have used the exemption clause in the Karnataka Transparency in the Public Procurement Act to divide works worth over ₹2 crores into smaller segments to circumvent the tendering process. KRIDL also applied the exemption to some ineligible works. The yawning gap between public expectations and KRIDL's lacklustre performance indicates that BBMP needs to urgently reallocate these unfinished projects to other competent agencies with the requisite expertise. Know more from the [related BNP Press Release...](#)

Lake of Hope

Bengaluru Lakes are almost synonymous with the word 'pollution'. But of this month, the news about the Nayandahalli Lake was all about 'purification'. This 15-acre, BBMP-developed lake in the Vrishabhavathi Valley received a fresh infusion of life. On February 2nd, 2023, the BWSSB released 120 million litres of purified waste water into the lake. The purification process took 4 months and cost ₹2.52 crores. BWSSB claims that the Nayandahalli Lake is the first lake in Bengaluru to be filled with tertiary treated water. While this novel claim has been contested, the move to rejuvenate the lake has been widely welcomed. To ensure the quality of the treated water, experts have recommended that the BWSSB plant be equipped with Biological Nutrient Removal Technology to remove Nitrogen and Phosphorus from the waste water before filling the lake. Certainly, the move raises hope that more Bengaluru lakes will be revived with this special 'treatment.'

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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