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Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

A series of incidents along with recent comments made by the Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar has thrown the spotlight on the ongoing civic infrastructure crisis in Bengaluru. A school bus almost toppling, a corporate(s) announcing they want to move out of ORR (or possibly even Bengaluru) along with comments from the Deputy CM, like "even God cannot fix Bengaluru", "corporates cannot blackmail the Govt, if they want to move out, let them", "even Delhi has potholes" etc. have brought about plenty of debates on whether there is any solution at all.

As far as I am concerned, we do not need God to come down to Bengaluru to save us. God has already sent his/her karyakartas down to Bengaluru, i.e., the active, passionate & committed citizens! If citizens are given the responsibility & power to manage their own areas, they are more than capable of doing a good job. I have already explained in the past how power can be decentralised and devolved to citizens through Area Sabhas.

But what gives me the confidence that citizens can indeed do a good job? Take the example of the various gated communities & apartment complexes that are there in Bengaluru. When you enter these gated communities, you can immediately witness the stark contrast of the quality of the amenities outside vs inside. Many apartment complexes are extremely well maintained with well paved roads, daily cleaning, scientific garbage segregation & disposal, beautiful landscaping, properly functioning fire safety systems, water treatment plants, sewage treatment plants, working CCTV cameras and robust security. On the contrary, the public amenities are in a completely pathetic shape.

What is the difference inside the community vs. outside the community? The gated community is managed by citizens in a decentralised manner whereas the public amenities are managed by the politicians without any delegation or decentralisation. The solution to the city's woes lies in constituting Area Sabhas, getting passionate citizens from each locality to be part of the Area Sabhas, devolving budgets to the Area Sabhas and getting local citizens to decide what they need and how they need to maintain the same.

The only way forward for the city is to decentralize power & authority to the citizens in a structured & sensible way. Conversely, if the Government & politicians want to keep power to themselves, the city is only heading towards disaster.

Hope the Deputy CM is listening!

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



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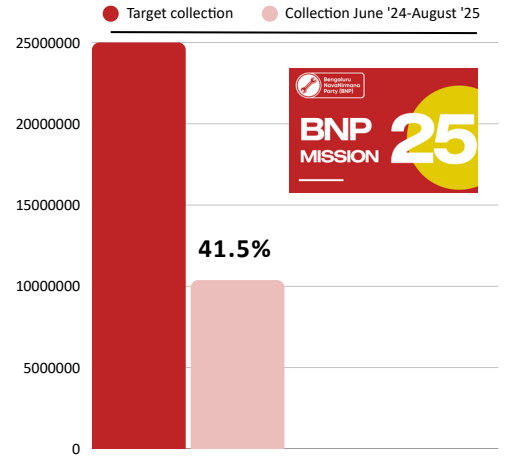
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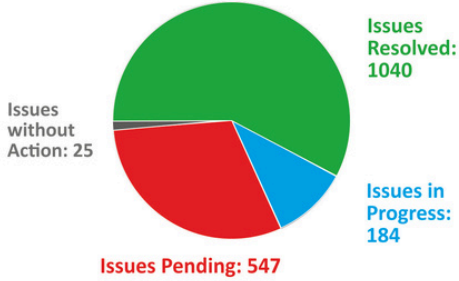
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CIVIC ISSUES RESOLVED

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

Civic Issues Raised October '23 – August '25: 1796



August's MOST-RAISED ISSUE CATEGORIES:

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Uncleared garbage | 31 |
| Other | 10 |
| Non-functional Streetlight | 8 |
| Road damage | 7 |
| Footpath damage | 5 |
| Blocked drain | 4 |
| Tree to be trimmed / cut | 3 |
| Uncleared debris | 2 |
| Traffic related | 2 |
| Water logging | 2 |
| TOTAL | 74 |

Civic Issues Resolved in August '25:- 70

In August 2025, **74** issues were brought to the BNP for resolution.

Nearly half of those complaints (31 Nos.) were about the lack of garbage clearance! Non-functioning streetlights and road damage were the other two civic issues that featured high among the civic issues raised to the BNP this month.

BNP resolved 70 civic issues in August 2025.

Pictures of a few of the resolved issues are given below:

Cox Town Uncleared Garbage Cleaned Up



HSR Layout Removal of Construction Debris



Subrahmanyapura Non-functional Streetlight Restored



Dodda Nekkundi Damaged Footpath Repaired



To view updates of other issues resolved by followup by the BNP, please visit the [‘Civic Issues Resolved’ page](#) under the ‘Work & Progress’ tab on the BNP Website.

BNP thanks the active citizens who turned Civic Warriors by reporting the issue, and the relevant BBMP officials and staff who worked to close these issues.

YOU too can become a Civic Warrior by reporting the civic issues in your area.

The best way to become part of the solution to our civic woes is to join the BNP Area Sabha in your neighbourhood. These Area Sabhas meet regularly to take up, discuss and address civic issues in the local area.

To join, Whatsapp +91 83106 89931 today!



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

SAVE UTTARAHALLI LAKE



The Uttarahalli Lake is a good example of collaborative effort. A few years ago, the BBMP, the United Way Bengaluru (UWBe) and local residents, joined forces to revitalise the Uttarahalli Lake that faced severe issues, including choking with weeds and water hyacinth, solid waste dumping, and sewage inflow. Despite the success of that campaign, the lake requires continued effort to address issues like encroachment, sewage management and maintenance of the lake's eco system.

On 3rd August 2025, BNP Leaders and Members organised and participated in a Signature Campaign at the Uttarahalli Lake to 'Save the Lake' by raising awareness and garnering support among the morning walkers. The focus was on sharing information about the need to maintain the lake's infrastructure, ensure clean water inflow, and promote a thriving ecosystem.

BNP Area Sabha Leader Nischith Ashok Kumar led the campaign, ably supported by **BNP Ward Leader Srinivasan Kadaba**, **BNP Area Sabha Leaders Geetha Ramesh, Piyooosh Baldota, Guruprasad** and other dedicated team members.



BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

Area Sabha Meetings (Local Level Community Meetings)

Ward: SUBRAMANYAPURA (203), UTTARAHALLI (202) and VASANTHPURA (204)

Date: 22nd August 2025

Attendees: BNP Leader Mr. Narasimha Prasad, Ward Engagement Lead Varshini Shashi, BNP Ward Leaders Piyooash Baldota, Kesari Prasad and Guruprasad, BNP Area Sabha Leader Srinivasan K N, and other BNP Area Sabha members of Subramanyapura, Uttarahalli and Vasanthpura Wards

Key Points Discussed:

- Traffic regulation, road widening and one-way suggestions for Uttarahalli Main Road
- Traffic signal light commissioning in Uttarahalli Circle
- Garbage issue on Turahalli Main Road, Gubbalala, in JHBCS 2nd stage, opposite to Rohan Akriti Apartment
- Road cutting and pothole issues in Banashankari 6th Stage
- Garbage vehicles issue on Turahalli Main Road, near Elegant Embassy Apartment

Plan of Action:

1. To meet the AEE of Uttarahalli Ward regarding major issues
2. To hold a meeting with Area Sabha Leaders regarding Uttarahalli Main Road issue, and
3. To follow up with BBMP Marshal regarding the continuous garbage issue on Turahalli Main Road



Outreach Programs (Meetings & Activities to Engage with Local Communities)

BNP Door-to-Door (D2D) Campaign

Ward: UTTARAHALLI (184)

Date: 16th August 2025

BNP Zonal Leader (Uttarahalli) Nischith Ashok Kumar, BNP Area Sabha Leaders Srinivasan K N and Bhagyalakshmi along with BNP Members Muralidhara Balakrishnamurthy and ? went together Door-to-Door to raise awareness about the Civic Issues in the area and collect signatures from residents to strengthen the appeal for Civic Demands in Vinayaka Layout, Uttarahalli.

The BNP team actively engaged with residents and garnered support and appreciation for taking up key civic demands with the authorities. The key civic demands were:

1. Clear garbage daily
2. Install CCTV cameras
3. Deploy Marshals & penalize garbage dumpers

Thanks to the BNP Area Leaders for taking the lead and the BNP Members and the BNP Central Team who provided the support.



If other BNP Ward Leaders are interested in conducting similar BNP D2D campaigns in their Wards, please contact anyone from the BNP Central Team for guidance and support.

If you would like to conduct a 'How do I' session for your community on getting Sr. Ctn. Health Card or eKhata or BESCO Name Transfer, please give a missed call to 080-37330000

We invite other Leaders to share details of their Outreach programs so we can report the same here.



MEDIA CONNECT

(BNP's interactions with the media)

PRESS RELEASES

[BNP's Press Release \(PR\) dated 8th August 2025](#), drew public attention to the erroneous and arbitrary issuance of Property Tax Notices by the BBMP, that lacked any understanding of the ownership in apartment complexes and gated communities.

The PR explains that the Supreme Court of India has consistently ruled that open and stilt parking areas are part of the building's common areas and cannot be sold or treated as separate units, and that Section 2(n) of the RERA Act clearly defines stilt and open parking as part of common areas. As such, these spaces are not liable to be taxed separately as if they were independently owned or utilised.

Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder and General Secretary of BNP is quoted in the PR clarifying "In most of the apartment communities, the Sale Deeds clearly mention that the owners only have the 'exclusive right to use' their respective designated parking spaces, and does not confer ownership to the owners. Instead, these parking areas are included in common areas, which in turn, are included in the Super Built-Up Area (SBA), on which citizens are already paying full tax."

The PR also quotes **Vishnu Reddy, BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura)** urging action "We demand BBMP to immediately withdraw such notices and align its policies with constitutional and legal mandates."

You can access all the BNP Press Releases on our Namma BNP website [HERE](#)

BNP IN THE NEWS

You can click [HERE](#) to see how different Media organisations have supported BNP over the years by publishing articles on our endeavours to resolve civic issues in Bengaluru.



BBMP Ends Troubled Tenure

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), formed in 2007 by merging eight CMCs, one TMC, and 110 villages, has been dissolved after 18 turbulent years. In this period, it held only two council elections (2010 and 2015), with bureaucrats or administrators running the city for the remaining years. Experts argue this weakened accountability, deepening civic problems like potholes, flooding, garbage mismanagement, and corruption. Citizens bore the brunt while state MLAs retained influence over municipal affairs without responsibility. The dissolution marks the end of a troubled tenure and highlights the urgent need for stronger grassroots democracy and governance reforms.

Staff Crisis may Impact GBA Transition

As BBMP transitions into the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) from 2nd September 2025, staff shortages threaten a smooth shift. Currently, Bengaluru has one corporation with 198 wards but operates with about 17,000 employees (excluding pourakarmikas), though sanctioned strength exceeds 22,000. With the city being split into five Corporations (Central, North, East, South, West), the demand for personnel — engineers, clerks, assistants, etc. — will rise sharply. Employees' associations are calling for direct recruitment under GBA to ensure accountability; many current staff are on deputation or outsourced, which complicates responsibility. The administration is in the process of estimating personnel needs and budgets ahead of the formal notification of the new Corporations.

Parastatal Agencies unite to fix Potholes

BBMP has launched an in-house software to unify all parastatals on a single dashboard, for pothole monitoring and repair. These are 'organisations having some political authority and serving the State indirectly' agencies such as: Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL), Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), Public Works Department (PWD) and Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL). Triggered by a Bengaluru Traffic Police report flagging over 3,000 potholes, the system ensures agencies upload location-tagged 'Before' and 'After' photos of roadworks, which BBMP will centrally verify. As of 24th August 2025, 1,112 of 3,870 identified potholes (29%) have reportedly been fixed. The tool marks completed repairs in green and pending ones in yellow, allowing real-time tracking. Engineers have been directed to follow Indian Road Congress standards, aiming to increase accountability and speed up repairs, particularly in the city's IT corridors.

Chronic Tax Defaulters Identified

The BBMP has identified 2.75 lakh property owners in Bengaluru as 'chronic tax defaulters', owing a total of about ₹786 crore in unpaid Property Taxes. Mahadevapura Zone leads in defaulters while Dasarahalli has the fewest. Officials said that the defaulters were issued Notices electronically, with a deadline of two months for payment, only after exhausting all other measures, including calls and SMS alerts. Failure to clear dues may lead to property attachments or auctions of both movable and immovable assets. Owners can pay the dues via BBMP's tax portal online. Alternatively, appeals are possible through the BBMP eNyaya portal. The drive to collect long pending taxes is aimed at plugging revenue leaks and ensuring that funds are available for civic services like roads, sanitation and waste management.

BWSSB to Replace Old Pipelines

The BWSSB has launched a project to replace about 200 kms of cast-iron pipelines, many of which are over 40 years old, in core city areas like Shivajinagar, Byatarayanapura, CV Raman Nagar, and Chamarajpet. This undertaking is to reduce Unaccounted for Water (UfW) losses from the current figure of about 28% to under 10%. The project budget is around ₹200 crore, and it follows a previous successful replacement of 680 kms of pipelines which paid off financially in under three years. BWSSB says steps will be taken to minimise public inconvenience, but citizens may face road disruptions and traffic delays during the works, especially during the monsoon.

Graft Undermines Online Processes

What was meant to be a corruption-free digital interface for property and registry services is now reportedly being misused in the City. Citizens say Sub-Registrar offices regularly claim that the "Server is down" to delay services, forcing people to pay bribes (often ₹10,000-₹20,000, sometimes more) to intermediaries. Even eKhata services, designed to be fully online, are affected, with users reportedly being asked for payments for services meant to be automatic. With multiple offices misusing digitalisation systems meant to empower citizens, and oversight measures like surprise inspections, counselling etc. having had little effect, civic activists are demanding stronger auditing, anonymous whistleblower channels, and stricter accountability.

That's it for now. Thank you for reading. Next one, next month.

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