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MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER

As our Newsletter's 5th edition goes into circulation, covering BNP activities of September 2022, BNP has used the occasion of Karnataka Rajyotsava, to take a new step (**Mission Mahadevapura**), as part of our campaign to Rebuild Bengaluru.

Mission Mahadevapura aims to resolve the myriad civic issues that the zone is infamous for. You can read all about this in the next edition.

In Focus @ BNP This Month

Save Our Only Remaining Grassland

The Hesaraghatta Grassland and its surrounding areas, form an ecologically invaluable green space which is crucial for Bengaluru and the villages surrounding it. Any encroachment or destruction of the Hesaraghatta grassland would take away Bengaluru city's crucial lung space, adversely impact its climate, and could even cause water scarcity and floods. A proposal made by eminent environmentalists to protect this 5010-acre Hesaraghatta grassland by declaring it a Conservation Reserve, has been summarily rejected by the Karnataka Wildlife board and other related authorities, on flimsy grounds.

Luckily, in a recent development, the High Court has asked the Wildlife Board to revoke its decision and reconsider the proposal. Recognising the need for urgent action, BNP has prepared a signed online petition addressed to the CM of Karnataka, asking for his support in protecting the grassland.

Come. Sign our petition in a few easy steps [HERE](#). Do your bit to save Hesaraghatta for Bengaluru NOW!

Framework For Mobility

Perennial parking problems have become the bane of a motorist's life in Bengaluru, a city already known for its congested roads and frequent traffic jams. This frustrating situation calls for a comprehensive parking solution based on a sound policy framework. During his popular Sunday interactive sessions (Join these SUNDAY SANJE SRIKANTH JOTHE webinars, every Sunday @5 p.m., by registering [HERE](#)), BNP Founder Srikanth Narasimhan engaged in two lively discussions on a Parking Policy for Bengaluru. Srikanth and the webinar participants are currently evolving a Mobility Framework to be ultimately submitted to the Government of Karnataka as BNP's recommendations, not just for a city-wide Parking Policy but also for a comprehensive Mobility Plan for Bengaluru.

It is noteworthy that, in regard to the BNP's ongoing battle for the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) mandate to be implemented without any further delay, the BMLTA Bill (that has been in the making for 16 years) was finally tabled in the Karnataka Assembly on September 23rd, 2022.

Making A Clean Sweep

BNP leaders and teams in different wards have been leading active clean up campaigns. Problem spots identified during ward walks or through individual scrutiny are discussed with BBMP officials and corrective action is carried out with the help of local pourakarmikas. Whether it is dumped garbage, a blocked drain, hanging electrical wires, a fallen tree or any sanitation issue, it is brought to the attention of the concerned department.

Persistence ensures that official action is taken to resolve the issue. For instance, waterlogging on a section of the road between Koramangala and Domlur was recently rectified during a cleanliness drive undertaken by the local BNP team. Congratulations to all our BNP area teams for making a clean sweep in your respective areas.

BNP's Regular On-the-Ground Work

Nadeyona. Nodona.



For BNP leaders, weekend walks have acquired a new purpose. On Saturday and Sunday mornings, BNP leaders set out on their ward walks, usually accompanied by Area Sabha members. They engage with local residents, listen to their concerns and identify problems that need rectification. Issues ranging from potholed roads, blocked drains, non-functional streetlights, inefficient garbage clearance and transport woes are tackled with the help of local officials and rectified promptly.

September saw ward walks taking place in Somasundarapalya and HSR layouts, which led to some very positive outcomes, including the replacement of a missing manhole cover within 5 hours. These mini-padayatras by BNP leaders have also heightened citizen awareness and encouraged greater participation in area committees and ward meetings. BNP ward leaders and area committee members also get a chance to interact meaningfully with the residents, understand their difficulties and deal with their pressing problems.

Namma Samiti

Ward meetings, where crucial planning and fund allocation takes place, are perceived as dull bureaucratic affairs. Not any longer. The **Namma Samithi** initiative in which BNP leaders and members participate actively in ward meetings is gaining traction. With timely reminders sent out regarding the ward meetings along with the contact details of the Nodal officers in each ward, more residents are urged to attend, raise matters and seek effective action.

The BNP made its presence felt in at least 16 meetings across various wards during the month of September. These included Gottigere (September 3rd) and Whitefield (September 21st). On a single day (September 17th), BNP members attended Ward Committee meetings in 14 wards.

At these meetings, residents were urged to present their written complaints and pursue their petitions until satisfactorily solved. The ward meetings facilitate discussions with officials from BBMP, BWSSB, BESCOM as well as the legal and traffic police departments. Such direct interaction with officials creates mutual trust and often leads to remedial action.

Voting For Change

The ballot is a powerful instrument of change and online voter registration is so simple that any aspiring voter can get registered within minutes. BNP has been spearheading the voter registration campaign in several areas of the city. On September 11th, Residents of Isha Lake Front and SVR Plaza successfully registered for their Voter ID cards. Many

On September 17th 2022, BNP members attended 14 Ward Committee Meetings -
- HSR Layout
Jayachamarajendra Nagar
Chokkasandra
Bilekahalli
Konenkunte
HBR Layout
Mangammanapalya
Basavanagudi
Doddakhanelli
Jaraganahalli
Begur
Konena Agrahara
Sarvagnagar
BTM Layout
- BNP looks forward to days where citizens come forth to join us in these forums in ALL wards, to resolve civic issues with the respective authorities



WARD 174



WARD 150



WARD 190



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WARD 174

Remember, for your progress, for your welfare, for your happiness, never fail to cast your vote in elections
- Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

HSR Layout residents availed of BNP services to get their all-important Voter IDs. Residents of Green Vista Layout, Adarsh Palm Retreat and Embassy Pristine also queued up for this crucial doorstep service. The BNP's voter registration movement is thus gaining momentum with around 100 new voters being registered every week.

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 call BNP on **080-47190000** or send an email to voters@nammabnp.org.

Important Civic News in Bengaluru

Deadline For Polls

The long-awaited BBMP polls may be finally conducted by the end of December, thanks to the firm deadline pronounced by the Karnataka High Court. In its latest ruling on September 30th, 2022, the court also struck down the Ward Reservation list of August 16th and instructed the State government to prepare the revised list by the end of November. The reservation list had randomly allocated 120 wards for Women and 81 wards for Backward Classes. Several parties had filed petitions against the new list, claiming arbitrariness in the reservations and unfair advantage to the ruling party.

It remains to be seen whether the Karnataka Government will honour the High Court's deadline to revise the ward reservation list by November 30th and hold the much-awaited BBMP polls by December 31st. Or, whether it will leave Bengaluru adrift once again without a proper municipal administration for a third consecutive year.

Post-Dussehra Demolitions

Following a stern warning from the Karnataka High Court to the BBMP, the demolition drive against encroachments is all set to resume after the Dussehra festival. Demolitions will primarily target encroachments on the rajakaluves and will be undertaken after conducting a survey of illegal encroachments in the presence of owners. Karnataka Revenue Minister, R. Ashoka, stated that all illegal encroachments on rajakaluves will be demolished by the next monsoon season and action would be taken against officials and builders. Notices have already been served for clearance of such structures.

Meanwhile, funds to the tune of ₹350 crores were released by the Karnataka government for undertaking flood-control measures, much of which will be spent to restore the rajakaluves and strengthen the lake system. The funds were sanctioned on September 28th, 2022 by the Urban Development Department in response to a request by the BBMP.

Cleanliness Concerns

Bengaluru fared dismally in the Swachh Survekshan 2022, the clean city ranking released early this month. Out of 45 cities with a population of 10 lakh plus, Bengaluru slid by no less than 15 spots, sinking to the 43rd rank. Cities were assessed on three criteria: 3000 for service-level progress, 2250 for certification and 2250 for citizens' voice, with a total score of 7500. Bengaluru scored just 2,892.98 points.

Entrepreneur and former Infosys Director Mohandas Pai called this low ranking a big disgrace: "India's only global city, the richest city has become a garbage city! We are ashamed." BBMP sources explained that owing to a disagreement, the private consulting agency mandated to regularly upload details in the service-level category, had failed to do so. "We will improve next time" stated Harish Kumar, Special Commissioner, Solid Waste Management, BBMP.

Bengaluru is now in the Bottom 3 of the 45 cities listed in the Swachh Survekshan 2022 list

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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