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MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER

We are launching campaigns in different wards under our **Let's Rebuild Bengaluru** initiative. As part of this, we will be addressing civic issues by fixing potholes, demanding transparency, attending Ward Committee Meetings, generating awareness through walkathons and much more. We are starting with Mission Mahadevapura, but will extend the campaign to other parts of Bengaluru soon.

I invite all passionate Bengalurigas to join us in this mission. Come, let's rebuild Bengaluru together!

Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder
Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP)

In Focus @ BNP This Month

MISSION MAHADEVAPURA

When heavy flooding hit Bengaluru in September 2022, Mahadevapura was one of the zones most noticeably affected. The world was shocked by scenes of submerged roads and vehicles, flooded tech parks, and marooned people rescued by boats. Many lives and livelihoods were lost in the swirling flood waters.

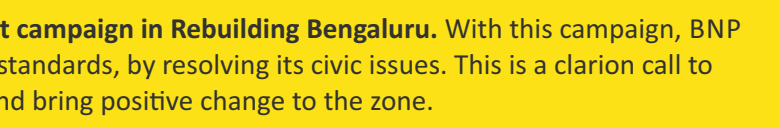
Despite being the highest tax-paying zone in the city, Mahadevapura has been in the news for a long time for its poor infrastructure, lack of storm water drains, traffic snarls, pothole-ridden roads, air and water pollution, frothing lakes and ineffective governance. The floods exposed some additional problems for all to see – illegal constructions, encroachment and poor maintenance of the storm water drains within the zone.

As a core IT zone and innovation hub that gives Bengaluru international recognition as India's Silicon Valley, Mahadevapura certainly deserves much better.

Let's demand

Transparency and Accountability in

Mahadevapura's governance!



Mission Mahadevapura is the BNP's pilot campaign in Rebuilding Bengaluru. With this campaign, BNP aims to lift Mahadevapura to world class standards, by resolving its civic issues. This is a clarion call to citizens to work together with the BNP, and bring positive change to the zone.

As part of this mission, the BNP has initiated a flurry of activities at various levels. Interested citizens can choose to get involved in any of the following 'Mission Mahadevapura' initiatives: the *Know Your Tree* campaign; rallies and Walkathons for Change; online pledges and petitions on various issues; lake surveys; Pothole Fixing campaign; Vote for Bengaluru camps and awareness drives about Mission Mahadevapura. Similar campaigns will be launched in other zones shortly.

You can start by signing the BNP Mission Mahadevapura Petition demanding transparency, accountability and citizen participation in all projects in the Zone. After all, it's our money! Sign [HERE!](#)

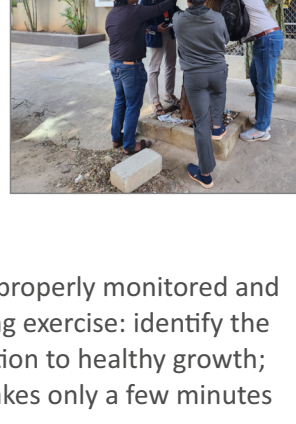
Know Your Tree

BNP, in collaboration with the Project Vruksha Foundation, launched its very first *Know Your Tree* campaign in Doddanekkundi ward on Saturday, November 19th 2022.

The objective of this campaign is to involve citizens in cataloguing and monitoring every tree in Mahadevapura Zone. This will ensure strict accountability and transparency in the BBMP's annual budget allocation process for maintenance of existing trees, protect biodiversity, encourage tree-planting, identify and remove dead trees, and pinpoint possible spaces for new saplings. The campaign also aims to ensure full accountability.

The Vruksha Foundation believes that through scientific cataloguing, trees can be properly monitored and maintained. Their Vruksha app guides users step-by-step through this tree-mapping exercise: identify the ward; pinpoint the species; measure the tree girth and height; record any obstruction to healthy growth; rate its condition; click tree pictures and upload them on the app. This tree data takes only a few minutes to upload and is then readily available for future reference.

Tracking the condition of each tree on a regular basis will help in alerting the concerned officials if trees are not being maintained properly or are being cut without official permission or need pruning.



Preventing Pothole Deaths

Bengaluru has seen no less than seven pothole-linked deaths during this year alone. This is not surprising, given that roads are riddled with potholes and consequent road accidents are a common occurrence over the last two years. BBMP officials dodge responsibility and turn a blind eye to the problem despite decisive judicial intervention.

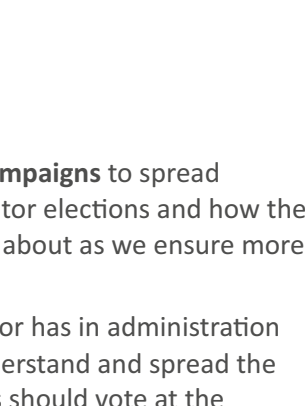
Alarmed at the situation, BNP has now stepped in to save precious lives by identifying major potholes that are potential death traps and facilitating their repair through crowdfunding. It takes ₹ 3,000 - ₹4,000 to fix a pothole and BNP has already fixed three of them to prevent further fatalities. More deadly potholes will be identified and repaired in the coming days. The pothole menace has also been brought to the attention of the concerned local officials through the *Namma Samithi* (Ward Committee) meetings.



Profiling The BNP

Citizens associated with the Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP) are proud to declare their connection with an enlightened and progressive party committed to restoring Bengaluru to its former glory. More and more BNP leaders, members, supporters and volunteers are now customising their profile pictures with the BNP logo, publicly acknowledging their support and loyalty.

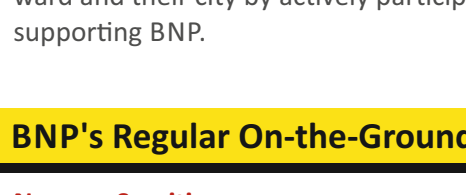
Come, take pride in being a pillar of the BNP. Let your profile picture speak for itself! Get your own customised BNP profile picture like this one —> Click [HERE](#) and fill out your form now!



Spreading the Message

With the BBMP polls being imminent, BNP Leaders have started **Door to Door** campaigns to spread awareness about the role of the BBMP, how important it is to vote in the Corporator elections and how the Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP) is different and what change we could bring about as we ensure more transparency and accountability in the BBMP.

Click below to read the BNP pamphlet that details the vital role the Corporator has in administration of civic amenities at the ward level. Understand and spread the word to others on why all eligible voters should vote at the upcoming BBMP Bengaluru Corporator Elections.



On November 8th 2022, BNP Leaders Lalithamba and Indira Belde, along with other Leaders and volunteers started the **Door to Door** campaign to meet the citizens of the Doddanekkundi Ward as part of the **Mission Mahadevapura** campaign.

Indira followed it up with another round on November 30th. The Leaders spoke about the BNP, answering questions about what was different about India's one and only city political party. They also raised relevant points on the conditions of the civic amenities in the ward, and shared with people how they, as citizens could effect positive change in their ward and their city by actively participating in Ward Committee meetings and supporting BNP.



BNP's Regular On-the-Ground Work

Namma Samithi

The **Namma Samithi** initiative, where the BNP leaders and members participate actively in ward meetings is gaining more participation. These ward meetings are where civil workers' grassroot level fund and resource allocation takes place. Thanks to timely reminders from the BNP, and multiple instances of raised matters receiving solutions, there is increased, active participation by ward residents.

November saw BNP participating in Ward Meetings in 3 wards – Ward 174 HSR Layout, Ward 197 (formerly ward 179) Shakambari Nagar and Ward 194 Kottigere.



WARD 174

WARD 197 (Old 179)

WARD 194

Voting For Change

BNP continues to conduct voter registration camps in several areas of the city. On November 20th 2022, the residents of Trinity Acres and Woods in Bellandur had the opportunity to register for their Voter Ids. Many used the guidance of BNP volunteers to register as first time voters / get details on their Voter Ids corrected / shift their constituency from elsewhere to Bengaluru.

On November 28th, BNP volunteers gave the residents of Knightsbridge Apartment in Brookefield the same opportunity to become eligible voters.

If you stay in a layout or apartment complex and want to arrange a voter registra on 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

Votegate Scandal

In November, Bengaluru was shocked by news reports of sensitive voter data being collected by an NGO – the Chilume Education, Cultural and Rural Development Trust (Chilume Trust), allegedly in violation of electoral norms.

Since the scandal broke, the BBMP's role in this controversy has come under close scrutiny. The Karnataka government has suspended the Special Commissioner, BBMP Administration, and the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner. Several other BBMP officials have been either suspended, arrested or served notice. Staffers of the Chilume Trust have also been arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has instructed election officials to ensure that the illegally collected voter data will not be used and that all deletions and additions to the electoral rolls from January 2022 will be checked 100% in Shivaji Nagar, Chickpet and Mahadevapura assembly constituencies. Three officers from outside BBMP will be deputed to supervise the updating of electoral rolls in these three affected constituencies. Also, the deadline for objections under the Special Summary Revision has been extended from December 9th to December 24th, 2022.

Action against the suspected perpetrators has been swift and the Regional Commissioner's Office has been entrusted with investigating this case. But the case raises troubling questions: Is there a larger conspiracy? If so, who was the real mastermind? And who were the intended beneficiaries of the collected voter data? We hope that the probe will provide the answers to these crucial questions.

BBMP Election Delay Tactics

First it was the pandemic, then it was the ward delimitation exercise and now it is the review of ward reservations. There appears to have been no dearth of reasons to postpone the BBMP polls, although the Karnataka State capital has been without an elected Corporation council for two years now.

The State government has apparently been employing various poll delaying tactics to extend the current status quo. It made yet another attempt to postpone the elections by seeking three additional months to comply with the High Court's prior directions. In September 2022, Justice Hemant Chandangoudar had rejected the government's ward-wise reservation notification for OBCs and Women, on the ground that it failed the triple test formula laid down by the Supreme Court in 2010. According to this formula, the state must appoint a commission, collect quantifiable data on the particular community and then make reservations in such a way that the total reservations for SC, ST and OBC communities does not exceed 50%.

The court had directed that a fresh notification be issued by November 30th, 2022 after rectifying all the anomalies in the ward reservation scheme. The court had also mandated December 31st as the deadline for the BBMP polls. But, as this newsletter goes out, there is still no announcement about the BBMP poll dates.

New BBMP Action Plan

The newly announced BBMP action plan covers 2,543 works intended to be implemented at the ward level. Funds amounting to ₹ 867 crores are being allocated across all 243 wards in the city. This annual allocation is earmarked for essential works such as replacing streetlights, repairing roads, clearing and building drains in the wards.

A glance at the action plan reveals only smaller works costing between ₹ 10 lakhs to ₹ 1 crore. The BBMP may be partial to this practice as projects less than ₹ 1 crore can be tendered, approved and cleared by the Zonal Chief Engineer, without approval by higher authorities.

Activists have lamented that no input was sought from the ward committees before finalising this action plan. The BBMP Chief Commissioner has revealed that Programme of Works (PoW) details have been put in the public domain (On the BBMP Home Page, go to subhead 'BBMP Information' and click on the 'POW 2022' tab) this year to ensure efficient spending. He has invited active participation from the ward committees during the implementation phase.

Now is the time for all the BNP Ward Committees to take up the Chief Commissioner's invitation to closely monitor these works and ensure that public money is spent well.

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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