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MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER

In India, January is associated with Republic Day. A day we should truly celebrate because the Indian Constitution came into force on this day 73 years ago. Whenever I read the Constitution, particularly the articles on municipal governance (this being our focus), I am amazed at the foresight of Dr. BR Ambedkar and his team. The constitutional tenets on municipal governance hold good even today. It is poor implementation and abuse of power by successive Governments and elected representatives that have reduced us to our present state. It is imperative that we as citizens assume the responsibility of implementing the progressive vision of our founding fathers in letter and spirit on the ground. And that is what the BNP seeks to accomplish by boosting Citizen Participation, Accountability and Transparency.

Several issues covered in this Newsletter — a faulty Metro pillar crushing a mother & child, an embezzlement scam by BWSSB employees, sinkholes developing on roads, shoddy drain work in Gururaja Layout, the controversial Sankey Road widening & flyover project — all stem from non-adherence to the constitutional norms of governance. I eagerly await the day when the BNP can get into government to rectify such problems from the inside and deliver better outcomes.

However, all is not gloom and doom. With tendering in motion, the suburban rail project is gathering steam. The answer to Bengaluru's chronic traffic problems is to create a robust public transport infrastructure, integrating suburban rail and last mile connectivity. This is definitely a good step towards that goal.

On the BNP front, we keep building up our zonal teams across the city and I am proud of the way these teams continue to engage with local authorities on pertinent civic issues.

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

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In Focus @ BNP This Month

ENERGISING BNP TEAMS

Effective municipal governance requires greater awareness and grassroots involvement by citizens. Team meetings in various zones of Bengaluru are providing a platform for the Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP) leadership to invite more citizens to join the BNP mission.

On 20th January, 2023, BNP leaders Srikanth Narasimhan and BV Lalithamba met the Jayanagar and Srikpet Zonal teams. BNP NavaYuva member Darshan organised the meeting at Wilson Garden, where Srikanth spoke about the BNP, its vision and the importance of strong municipal governance. The enthusiasm of the 25 young attendees was encouraging.

On 21st January, Srikanth addressed the ten members of the Sarvagnanagar Zone team led by Vikram Mailar Vijay. The Mission Mahadevapura campaign was assessed and Zonal team members shared ideas on how it could be replicated in this zone. Leadership roles were discussed and potential leaders were urged to volunteer for future campaigns in the Zone.

BNP Leaders who want to arrange Zone meetings may email info@nammabnp.org

CALL TO END DRAIN NIGHTMARE

Residents in Gururaja Layout (Doddanekundi, Ward 85) have a litany of woes, from drains left open, dug-up footpaths, to the lack of water. The BBMP dug up roads in Gururaja Layout to retrench the existing drainage. The retrenchment work remains incomplete and the open trench and drains pose a public danger. While bulldozing the area, the workers damaged drinking water pipes, electric cables and stone slabs. The layout also faces low water pressure because approved booster pumps have not been installed. These problems were referred to Mr. Altaf Khuddus, the contractor, the MLA and the BBMP officer, but have remained unresolved.

The BNP has championed the cause of the hapless residents, issuing a [Press Release with pictures](#) and demanding immediate action to rectify the shoddy drain work and ensure adequate water supply.

BMLTA TO REVIEW FLYOVER PROJECT

The **BBMP's Sankey Tank road widening and flyover project** has encountered strong resistance from residents, citizen groups and urban transport experts. BBMP neither held any prior public consultation nor published the Detailed Project Report (DPR). The BNP raised concerns about multiple project irregularities and urged the newly-commissioned Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority (BMLTA) to intervene.

Under pressure from the BNP and other citizen groups, the BBMP has now decided to allow the BMLTA to scrutinise the DPR of the flyover project. However, it claims that the Sankey Road widening project was approved earlier by the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) and the High Court. The DULT, which acts as the secretariat for the BMLTA is tasked with framing rules for the formation and functioning of the BMLTA. So this controversial project will be on hold until reviewed by the yet-to-be-constituted BMLTA. A significant victory for the BNP, citizen activists and the residents of Sankey Tank Road.

Know more about the related Press Releases and follow up questions being raised from [BNP Tweets](#)

REPUBLIC DAY OUTREACH



Republic Day celebrations were hosted by the Social Amenities Association (SAA) at the 11th Main BDA Park, HAL 2nd stage. The BNP Team comprising Founder Srikanth Narasimhan, Milind Kulabkar, Vineeth Muthanna, Satish Kumar, Shraddha Prabhu, Kiran Williams, Nalini, Jayashree and others, participated with patriotic fervour in the flag-unfurling ceremony to mark the occasion. 30 to 40 residents attended the event.

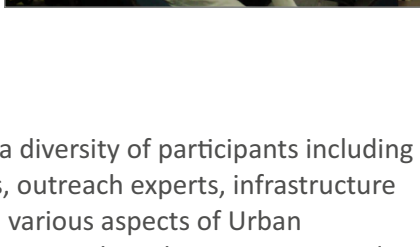


The BNP team later interacted with the HAL 2nd Stage RWA residents, spread awareness about the party and its mission, and distributed BNP brochure kits. The positive response evoked by the meeting and the warm support extended by all the SAA office bearers and members was very encouraging. The BNP is now looking forward to forging a fruitful partnership with the SAA in the future

YOUTH AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Rishvanjas Raghavan, Head of BNP's Youth Wing and the youngest Governing Council Member of the BNP, was invited by the Ramaiah College of Law (RCL)'s Electoral Literacy Club to deliver a lecture as a part of their urban governance series. On January 27th, 2023, Rishi addressed over 200 students. He spoke about the importance of BBMP, its roles and responsibilities, and the reasons for Bengaluru's current state of governance.

He introduced the concept and work of the BNP to the students. Several students enthusiastically participated and asked questions about the BNP's principles and goals. Many expressed interest to support youngsters who contest from the BNP.



CREATING A CLIMATE FOR CHANGE

The Bengaluru Sustainability Forum conducts retreats to bring together a diversity of participants including climate researchers, policy makers, outreach experts, infrastructure experts and more to deliberate on various aspects of Urban Sustainability. The weekend of January 28th-29th, 2023, BNP Leader Lalithamba BV attended the Climate Resilience Retreat organised by the Forum and participated in the panel discussion on the politics of climate action and change. We look forward to interacting with experts and professionals to spark meaningful collaboration that will guide us in our future efforts to shape a sustainable future and strengthen Bengaluru's climate resilience.

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...

Hari Subramanyam (BNP Leader, JP Nagar, Ward No. 198)



A mechanical engineer with management skills, Hari Subramanyan's goal is to be available 24/7 to solve residents' issues. He intends to use available infrastructure funds transparently to bring about visible, progressive change. His priority list includes better traffic management, fixing potholes and improving last mile connectivity to boost public transportation use. He would focus on clean public toilets, better civic facilities for children, senior citizens and differently-abled persons. His record of distributing free insurance plans for rickshaw drivers and free medicines to the needy during the pandemic, in collaboration with the Lions Club, demonstrates his fierce advocacy of an honest, people-centric development plan for Bengaluru.

Vivek M (BNP Leader, Mattikere, Ward No. 59)



As a responsible Indian citizen, engineer, and honest taxpayer, Vivek seeks to implement people-friendly practices at the ward level for the betterment of kids and senior citizens. His main goals are a corruption-free ward, good governance and adoption of technology at all levels. Moreover, he aims to create a people-friendly Ward with zero paperwork; automated processes to implement and repair roads and sanitation; and a safer ward-level work environment. As a Corporator, Vivek plans to ensure professional management of BBMP works by competent personnel without interference from unauthorised or unskilled persons.

Dr. Prabhakar Rao (BNP Leader, Kalena Agrahara, Ward No. 226)



With a background in media work and social service, Dr. Prabhakar Rao is committed to resolving civic issues for the betterment of his ward. Apart from taking up pressing issues, he promotes children's education. He engages with the public to understand their problems and formulate schemes to meet their requirements. As a corporator, he intends to develop educational facilities and opportunities for children, fulfill the basic needs of the residents and enforce accountability in the use of public funds. Dr. Rao's overall objective would be to implement the BNP manifesto and provide honest service to the party and the public.

Darshan S. Jain (BNP Leader, Hombegowda Nagara Ward 177)



A business management graduate and a BNP Nava Yuva member, Darshan believes that as a city-centric party, the BNP will usher in transparency and accountability in politics and optimise outcomes within the allocated budget. He urges citizens to unite, rebuild Bengaluru and promote the welfare of society.

Darshan has resolved civic issues through public engagement and pushed for better job opportunities, animal welfare programmes and safety, and health schemes for BBMP workers. As a Corporator, he would rebuild amenities in Government schools and ensure that schools provide comprehensive education. He would also improve living standards in poor neighbourhoods by installing good drainage, better lighting and public toilets.

BNP's Regular On-the-Ground Work

NAMMA SAMITI

This month the BNP and its supporters attended Ward Committee meetings in Hennur (94) & Kacharakanahalli (98), Begur (227), New Tippasandra (121), HSR Layout (232) and Horamavu (81).



WARD 94 & 98



WARD 121



WARD 232



WARD 227 (7/1/23)



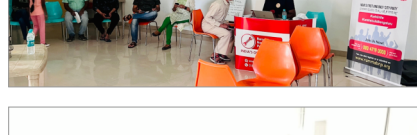
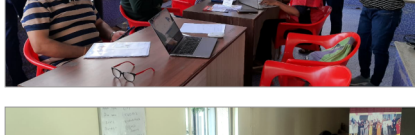
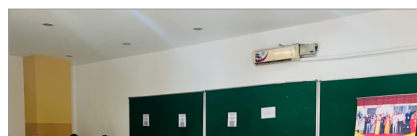
WARD 227 (21/1/23)

The BNP **Namma Samiti** regularly encourages citizens to participate regularly and actively at these forums.

Do your bit today. Speak to your ward office, check on the meeting time in your ward, attend and actively participate in the discussion. Use the List of Nodal Officers [HERE](#)

VOTE4BENGALURU

The BNP's **VOTE4BENGALURU** on-request Voter ID Registration Camps are getting increasingly popular. We see that as the elections approach, there are more requests coming for conducting voter registration camps in various communities. The process of Registration is very simple and we hope that each voter we help to register as a voter is in turn empowered to help other eligible citizens register and become voters.



This month, the BNP conducted Voter ID Camps in Doddakanahalli (2 apartment complexes), Koramangala, Iblur, Gottigere and Bellandur.

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

PILLAR OF DEATH

Accidents have claimed many lives. But, the tragedy that befell a young mother and child in HBR Layout on January 10th, 2023 was particularly horrendous. Tejaswini Sulakhe and her son Vihan were crushed to death when an under-construction Metro pillar collapsed on their two-wheeler. FIRs were promptly filed against three suspended Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) engineers and the contractor, while an internal BMRCL probe is underway. The Karnataka High Court, in a suo motu Public Interest Litigation (PIL) taken up on January 13th, gave the State Government and the BMRCL two weeks to respond. The court also issued notices to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and the BMRCL contractor Nagarjuna Construction Company. Justice must definitely be served but nothing will bring back the two young lives lost through negligence. Will this be a wake-up call for official agencies to put public safety first and prevent such tragedies?

CITY OF SINKHOLES

When Bengaluru roads develop new potholes daily, can gaping sinkholes be far behind? The city set a new record in January 2023 by developing its third major sinkhole in 15 days! A portion of Ittamaadu Main Road in South Bengaluru, caved in on Friday, January 20th, 2023, leading to traffic chaos. A leaking Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) pipe has been identified as the cause for the soil loosening that in turn caused the cave in.

Earlier, sinkholes had developed at Brigade Road near Shoolay Circle and also at Mahalakshmi Layout. BWSSB officials revealed that they have notified around 650 potholes and caved-in roads in South Bengaluru alone, to the civic authorities. Many were allegedly caused by the laying of new optical fibre cables (OFC). If this trend continues, our Tech City could well be renamed the Sinkhole City.

EMBEZZLEMENT SCAM

Early in the New Year, Bengaluru residents awoke to news of 13 employees at the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) being suspended for their prima facie involvement in a huge embezzlement scam. The scam involved the embezzlement of ₹7 crore paid by citizens towards their water bills. Thirteen employees have been suspended, including the Revenue Manager, Executive Engineers and Assistant Executive Engineers. The BWSSB had unearthed the scam after setting up three special audit committees to verify utility records dating from the year 2017. While full credit must be given to the BWSSB for thoroughly investigating the embezzlement, this is no consolation for Bengaluru residents who remitted their hard-earned money to the BWSSB to pay their water bills. There must be accountability for public funds and large-scale embezzlement deserves harsh deterrent punishment.

SUBURBAN RAIL PROJECT GATHERS STEAM

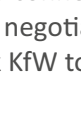
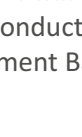
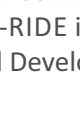
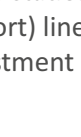
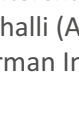
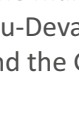
The much-anticipated Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP) is gathering steam. The Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE) has floated Civil Works Tenders for Corridor 4 or the Kanaka Line (Rajanukunte to Heelalige). This involves the design and construction of 8.96 kms of elevated tracks and 37.92 kms of ground level tracks. A separate tender will be floated for the 19 stations planned under Corridor 4. When completed in 2025, the Kanaka Line is expected to benefit over 3.5 lakh daily commuters. Yelahanka, the main interchange station for Corridor 4 will also connect the strategic Sampige corridor — KSR Bengaluru-Devanahalli (Airport) line. K-RIDE is conducting negotiations with the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the German Investment and Development Bank KfW to secure a ₹7,140 crore soft loan for the BSRP.

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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