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#### Dear Bengalurigas

The Karnataka Assembly Election has been announced and Wednesday, May

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franchise. "Please ensure that you cast your vote" is an oft-repeated message that I wish to reinforce with my own story. I must confess that up until a few years ago, I myself had not voted in any election! From a firm belief that my vote did not matter at all, to founding a political party and actively seeking your vote, I have truly come a long way. Why and how did this personal transformation happen? I founded the Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) a few years back in response to a spate of harassments inflicted on apartment residents by a civic agency. To

tackle this, I met dozens of Ministers, MLAs, politicians and civic officials.

Government-declared holiday to help all residents of Karnataka exercise their

10th 2023, is an important day to be marked on your calendar. It is a

Everyone said the same thing: "Apartment residents do not vote and hence, do not matter to us. Please stop asking questions and quietly comply with whatever we impose on you, no matter how unfair the rule"! That was an enlightening moment for me. I realized that we were only inflicting misery upon ourselves by not voting. After all, politicians listen only to the language of votes! They go all out to woo vote banks and then extract all the money

possible from non-voters who do not affect their electoral prospects. With BAF currently counting 1,200 plus apartment complexes as members, and representing a few lakh Bengaluru residents, many of whom are new voters, not only has the harassment stopped, but the Government is now actively seeking out apartment residents to understand their issues and solve them. This is a very important lesson for all of us: "Every vote truly counts, makes a difference, and goes a long way towards bringing good governance." I hope that every Bengaluriga comes out on May 10th, to exercise his/her constitutional franchise and help ensure good governance. BNP Leaders & Volunteers continue to work tirelessly on the ground on various

Srikanth Narasimhan, Founder Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) In Focus @ BNP This Month **AUDIENCE WITH THE CHIEF MINISTER** 

issues, many of which are covered in the newsletter. If you would like to be part

of this wonderful citizens' movement, do reach out to me at

srikanth.narasimhan1975@gmail.com

The Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) continued its two-year long battle against unfair property tax notices served to Bengaluru residents, based on a faulty Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)

Lalithamba, Poongothai, Sadashiv, Biju and Kurien took up this issue at the highest level, with Hon.

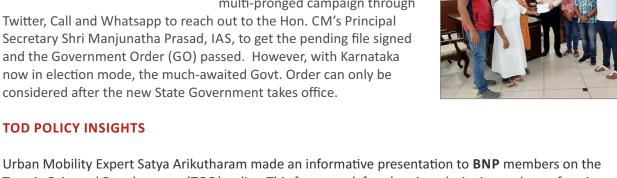
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The BNP Team comprising BV

#### Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai on March 14th 2023.

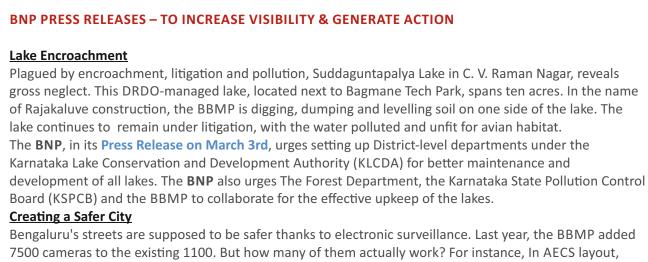
In a follow-up meeting on March 18th, a BNP delegation including Lalithamba, Vishnu Reddy,

Twitter, Call and Whatsapp to reach out to the Hon. CM's Principal and the Government Order (GO) passed. However, with Karnataka now in election mode, the much-awaited Govt. Order can only be considered after the new State Government takes office. **TOD POLICY INSIGHTS** 



On March 19th, a BNP publicity blitz took place at Prestige Ferns Residency (PFR) on Haralur Main Road, as 1,400 BNP brochure kits were distributed. Residents awoke to vital information about the BNP with their newspaper and their morning cuppa. The team had to deal with initial resistance from rival party supporters. However, the self-funded campaign got an enthusiastic response, BENGALURU NAVANIRMANA PARTY

ನನ್ನ ನಗರ | ನನ್ನ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ | ನನ್ನ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ | My City | My Pride | My Resp appeals. They convinced many disillusioned residents that the **BNP** offered a better local governance alternative that could transform Bengaluru. Their persuasive efforts should



and provide a reliable campaign model for other BNP teams.

volunteers found that the CCTV camera at the CMRIT college junction was unconnected to any monitor!

thanks to the persistence of the PFR team led by Campaign Manager Varshini, and assisted by Vilas Deshmukh, Shoubik Dasgupta, Ravindra Tomar and Sanjay. The team followed up the QR-coded brochure kits with door-to-door visits and funding

ensure a solid PFR voter base for the BNP

## also caused short circuits and power failure in nearby houses.

agencies and holding them accountable for such mishaps.

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**Know Your Leaders** 

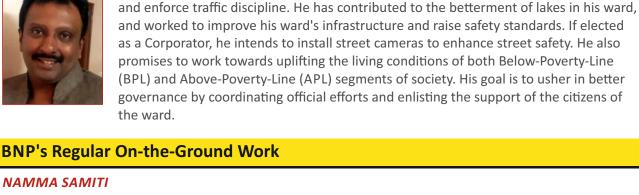
In this section, we introduce BNP leaders from various wards every month. These are our activists who have spearheaded various Party initiatives and campaigns. Wholly committed to rebuilding Bengaluru through good grassroots governance, they are worthy of your trust and deserve your support. A vote for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

#### Kalkere, he also maintains close links with the KR Puram Ward. In the past, he has pushed for better governance within his own ward, and across Bengaluru, by promoting Participation, Accountability, Responsibility and Transparency. As a Corporator, he plans to set up community parks, streamline the waste management

Arjun Adithiya (BNP Leader, Kalkere, Ward 83)

Kokila CK Jayakumar (BNP Leader, New Byappanahalli, Ward 119)

sessions to address real problems.



camps) and Shanthi Nagar.

as a Corporator, he intends to install street cameras to enhance street safety. He also promises to work towards uplifting the living conditions of both Below-Poverty-Line (BPL) and Above-Poverty-Line (APL) segments of society. His goal is to usher in better governance by coordinating official efforts and enlisting the support of the citizens of **BNP's Regular On-the-Ground Work** This month, the BNP and its supporters attended Ward Committee meetings in 2 Wards — 40- Jalahalli-Rajarajeshwari zone and Ward194 - Gottigere.

times for the inauguration of a flurry of projects. On March 25th, he inaugurated the Whitefield metro line along with Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. The Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield covers 15 kms, but only the 13 km stretch from Krishnarajapura to

### Agrahara (International Tech Park Bangalore) and Nallur Halli, both part of the stretch newly inaugurated by the PM. **BBMP BUDGET**

LATHER OF CORRUPTION Lokayukta raids on March 2nd, 2023, led to the shocking arrest of Prashanth MV, Chief Accountant, BWSSB and son of BJP MLA Madal Virupakshappa. He was caught red-handed accepting a bribe of ₹40 lakhs, out of a total bribe of over ₹80 lakhs. Lokayukta sleuths subsequently recovered ₹7.62 crores of unaccounted cash from the homes of Prashanth and his aides. **LOKAYUKTA NOTICES FOR BDA** The Karnataka Lokayukta issued notice to the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) over the alleged

scam by certain builders in allotting flats meant for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) to others, after

funds allotted for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Standing Committee. Public records remain vague on the

#### ₹577 crores, adversely impacting revenues and financial management. A massive ₹575 crores are allocated for 'discretionary use' by various civic authorities, considerably higher than BBMP's earlier allocation of ₹400 crores. If the BBMP elections get postponed, the BBMP administrator will control all discretionary

strength!

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exact utilization of these discretionary funds.

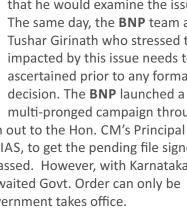
obtaining BDA occupancy certificates. Notice was issued to BDA Commissioner G Kumar Naik demanding the submission of a report. In its report to the Lokayukta, the BDA conceded that the EWS flats were not built in Mantri Serenity and Shobha Arena. However, no action would be taken as a High Court ruling on March 6th, 2023 had clarified that EWS reservation cannot be mandated for private builders. Meanwhile, media reports revealed that BDA floated ₹675 crores worth of tenders for electrical works at Shivaram Karanth Layout. The Karnataka Lokayukta took suo moto cognizance of failure by BDA to obtain the prior mandatory approval from the Govt-constituted committee. The Upa Lokayukta felt that this failure amounted to "maladministration" under Section 2(10) of the Karnataka Lokayukta Act. Notice was served to the BDA Engineer Officer and BDA Executive Engineer (Electrical), to submit a report.

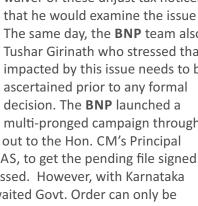
Thank you once again for your unwavering support which is helping BNP to go from strength to

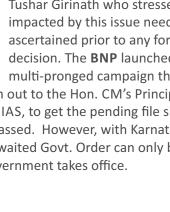


Kamesh Rastogi, Arjun, Kiran, Kokila and Sumangala met the Chief Minister again. They urged a speedy issue of the Govt. Order for

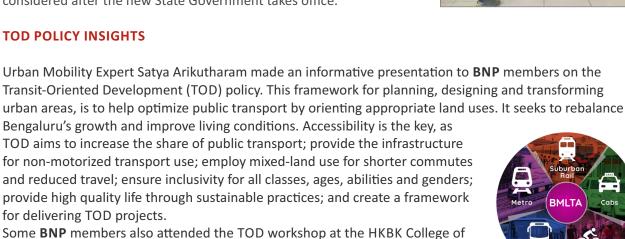


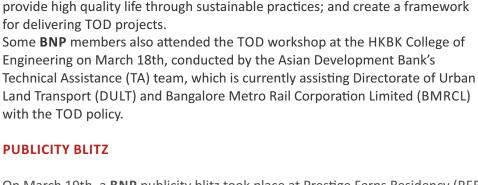




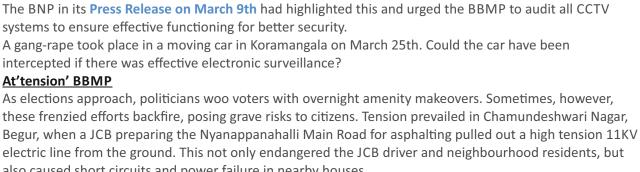


that he would examine the issue and resolve the matter at the earliest. The same day, the **BNP** team also met the BBMP Commissioner Shri Tushar Girinath who stressed that the data on property owners impacted by this issue needs to be multi-pronged campaign through





Plagued by encroachment, litigation and pollution, Suddaguntapalya Lake in C. V. Raman Nagar, reveals gross neglect. This DRDO-managed lake, located next to Bagmane Tech Park, spans ten acres. In the name of Rajakaluve construction, the BBMP is digging, dumping and levelling soil on one side of the lake. The



Predictably, BESCOM and BBMP are now playing the blame game. The BNP issued a strongly worded Press Release on March 21st condemning such negligence, highlighting lack of coordination between civic

Indira Belde (BNP Leader, Doddanakundi, Ward 108) A lawyer, political aspirant and BNP governing council member, Indira Belde founded The People's Corp, a non-profit organisation for sustainable community development and recruitment. She is inspired by the words of Nadaprabhu Kempa Gowda's mother: "keregalam kattu, marangalam nedu" (construct lakes, plant trees) to make Bengaluru a dream city. Indira wants to preserve the city's heritage, improve infrastructure and tap into its resources and geographical advantages. She seeks to create opportunities for youth by promoting knowledge and setting higher education and medical standards.

drainage and adopt new technologies for water management.

She intends to provide equal opportunities to all sectors, revive tourism, improve

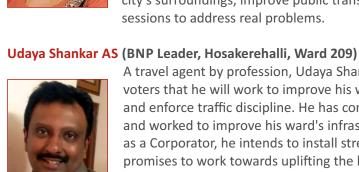
An MBA by qualification, Arjun Adithiya is an environmental enthusiast who advocates sustainable living. He urges residents to vote for him if they want "great ecological change and a balanced environment with focus on sustainable living". A resident of

system, and establish a senior citizens clinic for the convenience of elderly residents.

Kokila Jayakumar teaches Mathematics online to international students and is a wildlife

A travel agent by profession, Udaya Shankar believes in fostering teamwork. He assures voters that he will work to improve his ward's infrastructure, heighten public security,

mentor. She believes that your city should be a source of pride for you and, your responsibility. Although New Byappanahalli is her primary ward, she has a close connect with Kammanahalli ward as well. According to Kokila, Bengaluru desperately needs good governance that focuses on bettering its infrastructure. She seeks an opportunity to implement positive change in the ward, and ensure a clean and safe environment, especially for women. If elected Corporator, she intends to enhance the city's surroundings, improve public transport and conduct interactive governance



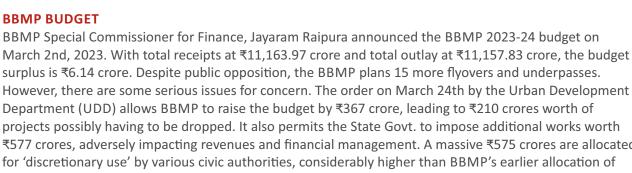
Ward Committee Meetings are ideally held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at all the Ward offices. JALAHALLI-RAJARAJESHWARI WARD **GOTTIGERE WARD** If you would like to attend Ward Committee Meetings in your area and take part as a citizen in good grassroots governance, call 080-47190000 or email info@nammabnp.org **VOTE4BENGALURU** BNP's on-request Voter ID Registration Camps

> If you stay in a layout or apartment complex and want to arrange a voter registration camp, simply give a missed call to BNP on 080-47190000 or

send an email to voters@nammabnp.org

Weekends in March saw the BNP conduct Voter ID Camps in apartments in Agara (3 camps), Iblur (3





Available at all metro stations, this card can currently be used in Namma Metro, the Mumbai & Delhi

It is disheartening to note that water leakage has been reported at Metro stations such as Pattandur

That's it for now! Look out for more such newsletters every month!

Not yet a member of the BNP? Click HERE to volunteer and join hands with the BNP - India's first and only city party!

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