



# Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP)

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

The Karnataka Government recently announced its plan to split the BBMP into 3 or even 5 different corporations. The purported reasoning is better administration & governance. Will a split BBMP be more efficient & effective than the single entity currently in existence? Speaking for myself, I firmly believe that rampant misgovernance in BBMP is not because the organisation is unwieldy and therefore unmanageable. And as a corollary, I also don't believe that BBMP governance will improve if it is split into smaller corporations.

Why do I say that? Whether BBMP is one large entity or broken down into smaller entities matters little, as the Corporation is divided into Wards for easier administration and governance. Each ward is a relatively smaller area with about 35,000 voters & 50,000 citizens each. A good chunk of the annual BBMP budget is decentralised and allocated to various wards. With this, governance & administration is anyway easily implementable, regardless of the size and structure of BBMP.

The case of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) proves my point effectively. In 2011, the DMC was split into 3 corporations, ostensibly for the same reason. However, 12 years later, the decision was reversed and these entities were merged back into a single corporation. It turned out that the 3 smaller corporations were even more ineffective than the larger one!

So, what really ails BBMP, if not its size? The answer lies in the lack of what I define as **CAT – C for Citizen participation, A for Accountability & T for Transparency**. As per the BBMP Act, citizens should be involved in the decision-making process of what projects need to be undertaken with the ward-level budget. In addition, elected representatives & officials should be held accountable for substandard work. And lastly, all the approved projects and their details need to be displayed to citizens properly in the public domain. None of these aspects have been implemented and that is the real reason behind the misgovernance in BBMP.

The problem with BBMP is not so much its size as the shortcomings and failings of the elected Corporators and the associated corruption, incompetence & inefficiency. This is precisely what BNP is trying to address by getting experienced and qualified citizens elected as Corporators, who can subsequently implement the fundamental principles of CAT!

The real reason why successive Governments keep undertaking delimitation, splitting & merging is not for better administration or governance, but to keep delaying the Municipal Elections. The advantage in stalling the polls is also obvious. Without elected Corporators, the BBMP's ₹10,000 Cr annual spend comes directly under the control of the State Government and the MLAs!

As alert and aware citizens, let us speak out against these illegal & unconstitutional actions and urge the State Government to enforce 3G (Good Grassroots Governance) in Bengaluru!

As always, I am happy to receive inputs and feedback from you at [srikanth.narasimhan1975@gmail.com](mailto:srikanth.narasimhan1975@gmail.com)

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## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

### SETTLEMENT FOR PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTERS

The BBMP has extended the One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme for Property Tax defaulters, allowing them to pay taxes with a “reduced penalty of 50% and a 100% concession on interest” until 31st July, 2024. BNP encourages all Bengalurigas to take full advantage of this opportunity. BNP has actively taken up Property Tax issues with the authorities (like wrong Zonal classification, proposed shift to Guideline-based Property Tax evaluation etc.). While we follow up with the BBMP authorities to ensure that issues with Property Taxes in Bengaluru are addressed, we also urge Bengalurigas to pay their Property Taxes on time to improve our city's infrastructure and services, and ensure a better living environment for all. Let us come together and fulfil our civic duty. If you haven't done so already, please pay your Property Taxes today! You can find the online payment link [HERE](#)

### OFFICIAL INTERACTIONS WITH BBMP

**BNP Governing Council Member and Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V** and her team interacted with several BBMP officials at the BBMP Head Office on 26th June 2024. The BNP representatives met BBMP IT Head Sri. Prabhakar regarding the updating of official contacts in the BBMP Website. He assured BNP that the official team is working on it and the relevant information would be updated shortly. Zone-wise contacts have already been updated on the BBMP website [HERE](#)

At the Admin Dept, the BNP team discussed matters with Sri. Manjunath, Deputy Commissioner Admin, who clarified that the BBMP organisation structure is designed for 225 wards. Details of the official contact list for different Wards has been shared with the IT Team. BNP repeated its request to get the Ward level official contacts updated on the BBMP Portal at the earliest.

In the meeting with the BBMP revenue team, it was revealed that BNP's request to amend the Property Tax to the correct Zone has been accepted and implementation is underway. For example, there are many owners of properties currently paying their tax as per a higher zone classification of their property. It is expected that the implementation of all Zonal corrections will be completed soon.

The BNP team highlighted the fact that the BBMP Sahaaya tickets related to Forest Department are getting closed by the team by updating a standard poster rather than the picture of the actual implementation at the site. The Forest Department has noted the issue and indicated that citizens can share any particular concerns to them by **email to [dcfbbmp12@gmail.com](mailto:dcfbbmp12@gmail.com)**

At the Mental Health & Tobacco section, the BNP representatives met Dr. Kumar and his team. BNP had earlier submitted a letter urging strict enforcement of rules and regulations, restricting usage of tobacco products and undertaking adequate measures against indiscriminate sale of cigarettes near school premises and hotels, and against smoking in public places. Too many shops selling cigarettes are getting licences to open in sensitive areas. The official team has promised stringent action in areas where such issues are witnessed.

Finally, the BNP team met Sri. Chandra Shekar, Deputy Director of Horticulture. Hasiru Mitra meetings were held at the respective zones a few weeks ago. The team requested the concerned officials to update the details of funds available for the maintenance of each park.



26Jun24: Visit to BBMP office



## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

Continued...

On 27th June 2024, **Lalithamba B V** and **BNP Leader Manoj Kumar Sahoo** met BBMP Joint Commissioner (JC) Bommanahalli, Sri. Ajith M, at the BBMP Office and submitted a letter on behalf of the Area Sabha, regarding a road in Somasundarapalya, which is in a non-usable condition. In the letter, they have requested BBMP's intervention to make the road motorable to ensure safer and more convenient travel for the community. In response, the JC stated that he would visit the area in the following week. The BNP team will follow up to ensure that the JC's visit takes place and the issue is addressed.

The BNP team will continue to engage with the BBMP officials regularly.







## AREA SABHA ACTIVITIES

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

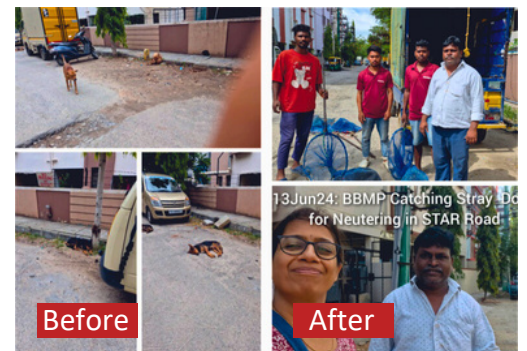
### Animal Husbandry

Civic Warrior Chandresh Pandey, a resident from RBD Stillwaters, Bellanduru, reported the issue of cows regularly creating hindrance to traffic in front of Prestige Ferns, causing a long pile up near Ozone Residenza.

**BNP Zonal President (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy** swiftly coordinated with BBMP officials to address the issue. The cows were safely removed and taken to a BBMP shelter.

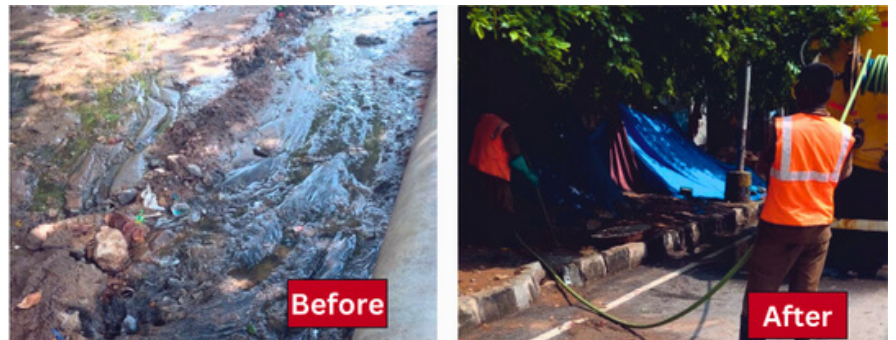


BNP Team observed a few stray dogs that needed neutering in Silver Heights Road, Somasundarapalya. When contacted, BBMP Animal Husbandry Team responded quickly, took the dogs for neutering and released them in the same spot.



### Drainage/Sewage

**Lalithamba B V** noticed sewage flowing on the road in Ibluru. The manhole near HSR Layout KEB Junction was blocked and the sewage water was flowing on the road. She followed up with the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) team and the problem was subsequently solved. BNP thanks the BWSSB team for their timely support in fixing the issue.



Civic Warrior Sampath raised the issue of a drain overflowing opposite Narayana Olympiad school, Reliable Road and Haralur Road. **Vishnu Reddy** followed up with the BWSSB team and it was subsequently resolved. BNP thanks the BWSSB team for their timely support in dealing with the issue.





## AREA SABHA ACTIVITIES

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

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In Ibluru Ward, Civic Warrior Nishan raised an issue of sewage water that overflows once every two months on 21st Cross, 27th Main, HSR Layout. Typically the BWSSB team that responds to the complaint, cleans it up but dumps the cleared muck right next to the manhole without removing it from the area. **Lalithamba B V** called the authorities and the leak was fixed. The recurring issue was described as a major problem to be taken up separately.

### BBMP Lift

The lift near Corporation Circle, Halsurpete, Nagarathpete, was not working. **Poongothai Paramasivam, BNP Governing Council Member and Zonal Leader (Bangalore South)** raised the issue. BNP Team Member Shruthi followed up with the BBMP Traffic Engineering Cell and the issue was resolved.



### Lake Related issue

Civic Warrior Shachi Pathak reported the issue of sewage water entering and filling up a part of Kaggadasapura Lake. She had already reported it to the BBMP Commissioner, East Zone, and was trying to contact the BBMP Lake department regarding the sewage issue and the Health Inspector regarding mosquitoes breeding there. When the BNP Team reached out to the authorities, the BBMP Lakes Department installed two pumps in the water body and started pumping the sewage back into the sewerage line. Personnel from the BBMP Health Department sprayed the surface of the sewage pool to address the mosquito issue.



### Uncleared Garbage

In Doddanekundi, Civic Warrior Sumitra highlighted the issue of garbage dumping across the footpath outside Knightsbridge Apartments and along the road. She said that the footpath on the approach towards Ryan school junction was strewn with all kinds of garbage, causing a stink in some areas. **Srikanth Narasimhan** took up the issue with the concerned officials and the area was cleared.





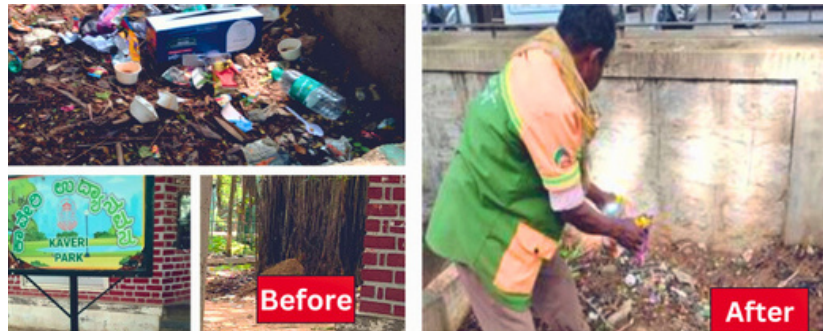


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The Bangalore One Office in Kaveri Park, HSR Layout was dirty, full of mosquitos and house flies, with no dustbin for the waste. **Lalithamba B V** raised the issue with the BBMP SWM person in charge. An SWM team cleared the waste from the area.



In Bellanduru, Civic Warrior Sanjay Lavakare raised the issue of garbage piling up on the pavement of Sarjapur Road, near Mantri Glades. This place had been an eyesore for quite some time. **Vishnu Reddy** followed up with the BBMP team to clear the garbage. Through combined efforts, the area was cleaned up.



Sanjay also raised the issue of multiple garbage spots on Junnasandra Road. Here too, with follow up by **Vishnu Reddy**, there was a massive cleanup in areas where unkempt garbage had been a persistent issue.



Civic Warrior Karun Thekepat reached out to the BNP to permanently stop the dumping of garbage on the pavement opposite HVS Home Apartments, 15th Cross, Malleswaram. He said that BBMP clears garbage from each house and apartment each morning, but by the next morning there is a mess again. BNP Team Member Shruthi contacted the BBMP SWM Team and the garbage was cleared.





## AREA SABHA ACTIVITIES

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

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### Non-functional Street Light

In Uttarahalli, BNP Leader **Dr. Narasimha Prasad V** noticed that a street light was not working in Paduka Mandira Road, Thurahalli. He took it up with the BESCOM and they promptly fixed the street light within 24 hours.



### Road Damage

Civic Warrior KK raised the issue of a pothole on Hosa Road, Kasavanahalli. He had tweeted about this earlier to the BBMP and reached out to BNP after a two-wheeler accident occurred because of that pothole. **Vishnu Reddy** got the relevant authorities to patch up the road, thus fixing the issue.



### Pothole

Civic Warrior **Vaijayanthi Sureshram** reported the issue of potholes on Haralur Road near Sobha Classic. After several follow-ups by **Vishnu Reddy**, this long-standing issue was finally resolved and road safety improved considerably.



Including these and other civic issues, a total of 26 issues were resolved in June 2024.

BNP thanks the Bengaluru Traffic Police, the Animal Husbandry team and the BWSSB, for their quick response.

BNP is proud to share its success stories in addressing often neglected civic issues.

**Do you want to be a Civic Warrior in your area?**

**The best way to become part of the solution 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 8095130000 today!**



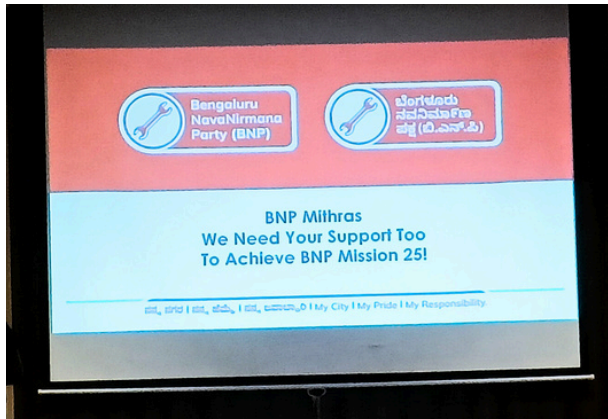


## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

### BNP FORMULATES MISSION 25

With an eye on the local polls, the Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) initiated discussions on BNP Mission 25, the party's initiative to win at least 25 Wards in the hopefully-to-be-held-soon, long overdue Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Election. More than 150 committed BNP Mithras (Friends of BNP) gathered on 8th June 2024 to formulate plans for BNP Mission 25. The event witnessed lively discussion as views were sought to formulate a winning strategy. The need to raise funds and mobilise resources to meet the expenses of civic activities was underscored. All the participants were highly enthused and dispersed with a positive outlook and a commitment to spread BNP's message, mobilise resources, and contribute to BNP's ultimate victory! Sincere thanks to all the BNP Leaders who organised this event and all the BNP Mithras who shared their ideas. We look forward to many more such campaign strategy events to convey BNP's message effectively to more and more Bengalurigas!



If you want to learn more about our BNP Mithra Initiative and get involved, please message us at 8095130000.





## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS


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### INSPIRING SESSION ON YOUTH IN GOVERNANCE

In a special outreach to the young generation, BNP Leaders conducted a Zoom webinar on Youth in Governance & BNP on 9th June 2024, interacting with a virtual gathering of college students from all over the city. The lively session was coordinated by **Srikanth Narasimhan**, BNP Founder and General Secretary, and **Rishvanjas Raghavan (Rishi)**, Governing Council Member and President of Navayuva (BNP's Youth Wing). The majority of participants were from BMS College of Engineering, known for their keen awareness of civic matters.

In his presentation, **Srikanth Narasimhan** highlighted different levels of governance, roles and responsibilities of different elected representatives, the importance of local governance, and the various agencies involved in the administration of Bengaluru. The interactive session kept the students interested and involved. **Srikanth** was pleasantly surprised by their depth of knowledge and information and conveyed his hope to meet them personally the next time.

**Rishi** shared his own interesting insights as a youth leader and civic warrior and many students present were inspired by his experience.




**BENGALURU!**  
**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

- How much money does BBMP spend?
- How much of that comes to your Ward?
- Which are the projects that have been approved?
- Who approves those? Are they executed? or not?

Join us for an informative online session to know answers to these questions and to find out how a professional political startup – **Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP)** is bringing about grassroots change

**SATURDAY, 22ND JUNE 2024**  
**6:00 P.M. IST**



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### ONLINE DEBATE ON SPLITTING BBMP

The State Government of Karnataka has recently mooted a proposal to split BBMP into 5 Corporations. **Srikanth Narasimhan** forcefully expressed his views in a discussion held by India Today So South on 'Why dividing BBMP won't benefit Bengaluru'. **Srikanth** pointed out that delaying the long overdue BBMP elections citing this new reason was just a political gimmick. Since 2020, BBMP elections have not been held. As such, instead of an elected municipal government managing the ₹10,000 crore budget of Bengaluru, the MLAs have been holding and controlling these funds.



He explained how, according to the Indian Constitution, every municipality should function as an institute of self-governance, but, currently, Ward Committees and Area Sabhas are not being constituted, citizens are not being involved and there is no transparency in the system. He stressed that this was the reason that the governance of Bengaluru was failing. Srikanth brought attention to the fact that it was unlawful for a Municipal Council to go for a tenure of more than six months without an elected body and emphasised that the BBMP Election should be held at the earliest.

You can listen to Srikanth's and Sandeep Anirudhan's perspectives and views on this crucial issue [HERE](#).



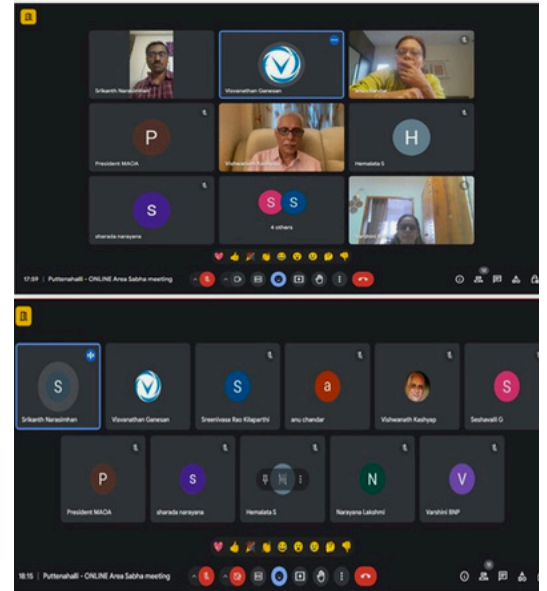
## BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

### Area Sabha Meetings (Local Level Community Meetings)

#### PUTTENAHALLI WARD (ONLINE MEET)

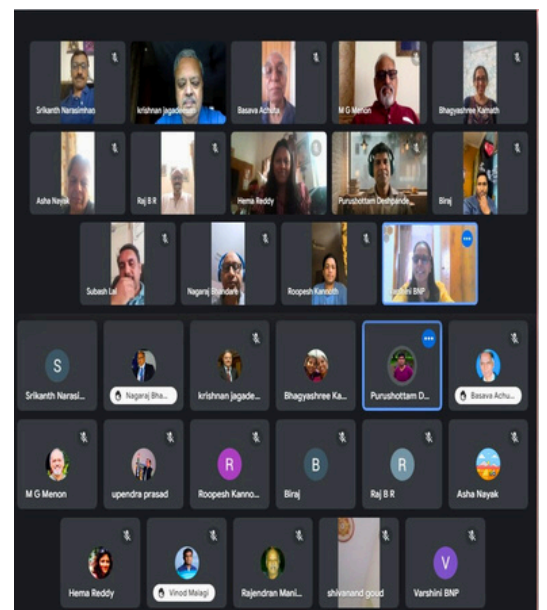
**Srikanth Narasimhan** had an Online Meet with Area Sabha Members of Puttenahalli Ward on 15th June 2024. Sharada Narayana, Anuradha, Hemalata Shetty, Viswanath Kashyap, Ramakrishnan K C, Seshavalli Gudipudi, Visvanathan Ganesan and Sreenivasa Rao attended the meeting. Topics discussed included the importance of Area Sabhas, the amount of money BBMP spends, how much of that comes to each/their ward, the projects approved for each Ward, who approves those, are they executed or not, and, how each of us citizens can participate to make things better for our area and our City.



#### KALENA AGRAHARA & BEGUR WARDS (ONLINE MEET)

On 22nd June 2024, **Srikanth Narasimhan** had another online Area Sabha Meet, this time, with the Area Sabha members of Kalena Agrahara and Begur wards. Roopesh, Purushottam Deshpande, Hema Reddy, Asha Nayak, Upendra, M. Rajendran, M. G. Menon, Bhagyashree Biranthbail, J. Krishnan, Biraj Patnaik, Vinod N S, B Achuta Rao, Raj B R, Subhash Lal, Nagaraj Bhandare, Shivanand Nadagoud participated. Discussion revolved around the importance of Area Sabhas and how BNP could use its new system to go about resolving more civic issues and spread the message of BNP to more people.

Ms. Hema Reddy was announced as the Ward In-charge for Kalena Agrahara to enhance BNP visibility across communities and layouts in the area.



### Vote4Bengaluru (Voter ID Camps)

BNP Member Jeevan conducted a Voter ID drive at HSR Layout on 17th May 2024 and had few registrations. He also used the opportunity to share information about BNP, Area Sabhas, Ward Committee Meetings and how each of us citizens could get involved in resolving civic issues through Area Sabhas.







## SPOTLIGHT ON: ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNANCE

Srikanth Narasimhan (BNP Founder & General Secretary)  
elaborates

### 1. How can accountability in governance be defined?

Accountability in governance is the acceptance of responsibility by elected representatives and officials, and the obligation on their part to get good quality work done with ethics and transparency.

### 2. Why do we need accountability in governance?

Accountability in governance is the primary mode through which elected representatives and officials are forced to undertake good quality work for the city and its citizens.

### 3. What are the primary ways in which a Government can be held accountable to the people?

One of the primary ways by which the Government can be held accountable to the people is through the heightened awareness of citizens about governance and their active participation in the process.

### 4. At the local Government level, how can citizens hold their representatives accountable?

At the local Government level, citizens can hold the representatives accountable by being part of Area Sabhas, consistently engaging with them and asking questions on the various approved projects.

### 5. What are the risks involved if Governments are not accountable?

The primary risk of the Government not being held accountable is what we are seeing in the systematic destruction of a wonderful city like Bengaluru, where the elected representatives have run matters with a free hand without anyone raising questions.

### 6. Under BBMP rules, what are the specific provisions that promote accountability in municipal governance?

Elected representatives are mandated to follow proper process in governance. Examples include constituting the Ward Committee and Area Sabhas; involving citizens in deciding projects and works for the ward; ensuring that every project is granted after a proper tendering process; and, details of projects to be transparently made available to citizens. Unfortunately, Corporators are neither following due processes nor are citizens questioning them and holding them accountable for these important processes.

### 7. How important is disclosure and transparency in revenue collection, allocation and expenditure?

Transparency is the sunlight/disinfectant that can kill corruption and misgovernance. If information is publicly available, it becomes extremely difficult for either the elected representatives or officials to indulge in any nefarious activities since they fear that citizens are watching them.

### 8. How far does independent external audit help in ensuring Government accountability?

Internal and external audits are important mechanisms in the process of governance and accountability. Their own role is limited but along with the rest of the processes as defined earlier, they become an important and integral part of building up accountability and transparency in the system.

### 9. What is the BNP's perspective on accountability in governance?

BNP believes that CAT is the 3-fold mantra for good governance at the municipal/city government level. C stands for Citizen Participation, A for Accountability and T for Transparency. Citizens must be involved in the process of municipal governance through Area Sabhas, hold elected representatives and officials accountable for work to be done and ensure that all relevant details are transparently made available to the public.

### 10. Please share some BNP success stories where the principle of accountability was upheld.

Various BNP teams have engaged with BBMP officials on hundreds of issues, both major and minor and resolved more than 50% of these. The issues include big projects like getting a skywalk project completed despite elected representatives stopping the same demanding bribes. Other issues include the rejuvenation of lakes, re-laying of roads and getting many projects and civic works completed. All of this has been made possible by citizens getting actively involved and BNP engaging with officials in a systematic way and holding them accountable to get work done.



## MEDIA CONNECT

(BNP's interactions with the media)

### PRESS RELEASES

[BNP's Press Release \(PR\) dated 7th June 2024](#) called attention to a significant issue affecting property owners due to misclassification in Zone mapping. At least 24 property owners in Sai Poorna Paradise, Haralakunte, within the HSR Zone, have been inaccurately charged higher Property Taxes. In view of the above, BNP submitted a letter to the Revenue department requesting them to review these properties' Zonal classifications and either issue a refund of the excess Property Tax or adjust the amount against the correct amount of future taxes to be paid. Two similar errors have also been identified in the Gottigere Ward.

Addressing the issue, **Poongothai Paramasivam, BNP Governing Council Member & Zonal Leader (Bangalore South)** said "The Zonal misclassification is not the fault of the property owners; it was an error from the BBMP. It is unfair to burden citizens with hefty taxes. It has been 3 to 4 years now, and the issue of fixing tax discrepancies has been moving at a snail's pace, leaving property owners in uncertainty."

In another [Press Release. dated 11th June 2024](#), BNP sought to bring attention to the shoddy, unscientific road work done by the BBMP on Lake View Road, Doddanekkundi, Ward, Vibhutipura Extension. Laid as recently as 3 months ago, in March 2024, the road is currently in a deplorable state due to the ongoing monsoon season. The absence of a footpath and an uncovered roadside drain add to the dangerous condition of the road.

"...Such substandard works are the result of hurried execution of projects which were carried out due to elections, demonstrating that our representatives do not prioritise the safety of commuters." said **Lalithamba B V**, while urging authorities to take the necessary steps to repair the road and make it safe for commuters.

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

### BNP IN THE NEWS

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





### **A SECOND AIRPORT FOR BENGALURU**

The Karnataka government has initiated moves to establish a second airport for Bengaluru. Top officials have been tasked with preparing a report on establishing a second airport for the state capital. Industries & Infrastructure Development Minister M B Patil explained that this is imperative, given the city's projected growth and anticipated future challenges. The Government's 25-year agreement with the Bengaluru International Airport Ltd that another airport will not come up in a 150-km radius will expire in nine years. We need to start work on the second airport right now," the minister said. The Kempegowda International Airport is India's third-busiest after Delhi and Mumbai and handled 37.5 million passengers and four lakh tonnes of goods last year.

### **GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL TO SPLIT BBMP**

The State Government has accepted a proposal to hold BBMP elections only after splitting it into five city corporations through legislation in the joint session of the legislature in July. The Chief Minister has agreed and the Government is preparing to convince the Karnataka High Court to further postpone the BBMP polls. In 2018, the then Congress-JDS alliance government had rejected the proposal to split the BBMP into five as recommended by the restructuring committee. The court has already set several deadlines to conduct elections to the BBMP, which has had no corporators since 2020. The government could possibly face contempt charges if it fails to conduct these elections soon.

### **REVISED BENGALURU MASTERPLAN IN THE WORKS**

The Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has revived the stalled process to prepare the revised Master Plan, which is crucial to regulate development activities in the city's outskirts. The nearly completed vision document could not get assent earlier due to the change of State Government. In June 2024, the BDA issued tenders to hire a private agency for conducting a drone survey (3D model). This survey, covering 440 square km within the BDA limits, will be used to create a base map for the development of a long-pending Master Plan for Bengaluru, with a horizon period extending to 2041. BDA's Town Planning Member L Shashikumar said the drone survey will be completed in about four months and subsequently, tenders would be floated for the preparation of the Master Plan.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA STORM OVER BBMP POLLS DELAY**

The absence of elected representatives in BBMP since 2020 has been hindering the city's local administration, which is failing to respond to the needs of citizens. The Citizens Movement of East Bengaluru has launched a 100-day social media campaign to pressurise the State Government to hold the long-delayed BBMP elections. This group is spreading the word on social media with a post every day, calling for local elections to be held urgently. Images and videos that highlight the infrastructure shortcomings of Bengaluru are being posted every day. This movement has found wide support from Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) and civic groups across the city. It is indeed a deplorable state of affairs if ordinary citizens have to put public pressure on an apathetic government to hold long-overdue local elections, which are not only clearly mandated by law but also reinforced by recently pronounced judicial deadlines.

### **BDA TO DEVELOP 6 LAYOUTS ALONG PRR**

The BDA has decided to develop six new layouts along the Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) which will have 50,000 sites of different dimensions. The BDA will require nearly 3,500 acres and will provide compensation for the land losers, based on the 40:60 scheme. According to this model, anyone who surrenders land for BDA will be given 40 per cent of the developed land in the same layout, while BDA will retain 60 per cent of the land. It is awaiting the Karnataka High Court's nod to go ahead with the notification. The 73 km-long PRR is a semicircular expressway around the city intended to decongest the city's traffic. It will be an eight-lane access-controlled roadway cutting through Bengaluru North, Bengaluru East and Anekal taluks.



### **WORK ORDERS FOR SHE TOILETS**

The civic body had announced plans to build 100 SHE toilets for women, at 18 locations under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Out of these, construction work on 75 SHE toilets are expected to commence, as work orders are due to be issued shortly. These modern toilet facilities will be available for use free of cost. The SHE toilets feature feeding rooms, changing rooms, washrooms, sanitation rooms with vending machines, mobile charging access and seating areas for women. These smart toilets will feature smart automatic toilet seat, dual flushing options, nozzle self-cleaning functions, and water temperature adjustments. This long overdue facility will undoubtedly be welcomed by all women across the city.

### **LONGER HOURS FOR CITY PARKS**

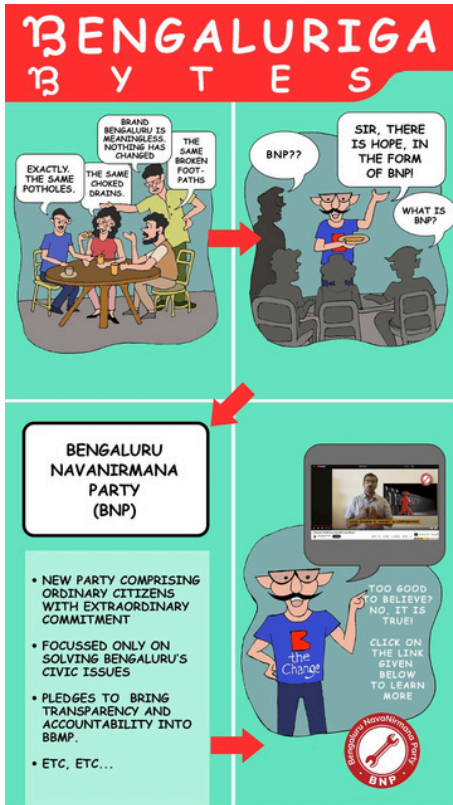
The State Government's recent decision to keep public parks open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. was generally welcomed by all sections of the public. But there have been suggestions to improve infrastructure and also monitor the possible adverse impact on ecology. Earlier, city parks were only open for limited hours between 5-10 a.m. and from 3:30-8 p.m.. Some parks would either open late or close earlier than the specified hours. Following earnest requests from citizens, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced that parks would be kept open for 17 hours daily. Those working long hours and ordinary workers who have no office spaces, have appreciated this new rule because it provides them a space to rest in the middle of a busy day.





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