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## Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,  
**The Bruhat Bengaluru Quiz (BBQ) by BNP**

One of the most fundamental traits of human beings is curiosity, the desire to know and learn more. Interestingly, the vast majority of matters we learn about have no practical relevance, except as good topics of conversation.

However, there are some matters that are extremely important to learn more about, and these play a very significant role in our daily lives. I will state with conviction that learning more about our beloved Bengaluru and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is one such topic for all Bengalurigas. This will have a profound impact on how our city shapes up in the future!

No doubt, that's a pretty strong statement to make! But this is my firm conviction, because one key reason why Bengaluru is in such bad shape, is the lack of awareness about our city and its civic governance, among Bengalurigas. Politicians in Bengaluru & Karnataka take advantage of the ignorance of citizens to indulge in misgovernance, specifically at the municipal level.

How much does BBMP spend every year? How much is allocated to wards? Who decides the mode of expenditure? What is the role of Corporators vis-a-vis MLAs & MPs? How can citizens be involved in municipal governance? What are their rights & powers? These are some basic questions for which most Bengalurigas will have no answers! And I firmly believe that heightened citizen awareness on these matters is a critical first step to bring in good governance to the city.

Imparting awareness is a very difficult objective to achieve. While people do want better governance & better facilities, they find it extremely difficult to develop a personal interest in such a dry topic.

The BBQ (Bruhat Bengaluru Quiz) by BNP is an interesting initiative to engage with Bengalurigas in an exciting way while building awareness about Bengaluru & BBMP, which will ultimately help to ensure good governance.

So, even if you are not an avid quizzer, the BBQ by BNP is a great way to learn more about Bengaluru, BBMP and municipal governance! This is a double dhamaka offer to have fun while helping to build good governance. How can you say NO?

**Come join the BBQ by BNP!**

To know more, click [HERE](#)

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



**SRIKANTH NARASIMHAN**  
BNP Founder & General Secretary

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## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

### MISSION 25 PICKS UP STEAM

BNP Mission 25, BNP's ambitious initiative to win 25 out of 225 wards in the upcoming Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Election, is an ongoing campaign. After the BNP Mithras event on 8th June 2024, many enthusiastic BNP supporters stepped forward to support **BNP Mission 25** and help mobilise funds ranging from ₹25,000 to ₹2.5 lakhs each. This concerted effort will help us towards winning 25 Wards!

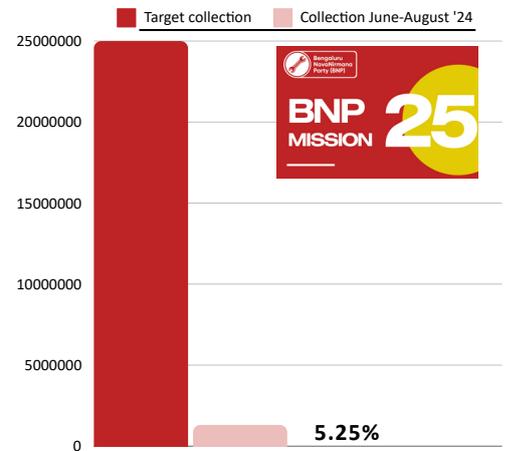
A heartfelt thanks to each and every BNP Mithra who donated during the past three months to boost **BNP Mission 25**. Collection up to end August had reached over ₹13 lakhs. Your constant support remains a great motivation. A special thank you to BNP Mithras Piyooosh Baldota and Jacob Kurian who have put in great personal effort to help mobilise more than ₹25,000 each.

It is to be noted however, that this amount collected over three months, is just over 5% of the target of raising ₹2.5 crores. Request all our BNP Mithras to redouble their fund-raising efforts to make **BNP Mission 25** a success.

Every rupee makes a difference! By contributing to our fundraising efforts, a donor is playing a vital role in bringing about positive change in Bengaluru. Donations directly support our campaign efforts, grassroots initiatives, and community outreach programs.

[DONATE by clicking HERE](#) or by scanning the QR Code 

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



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### CORRECTION FROM HIGHER TO LOWER ZONE

Residents of Saipoorna Paradise along with **BNP Governing Council Member (GC Member) and Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V**, met the Assistant Revenue Officer (ARO) HSR Sub Division, BBMP, on 3rd August 2024. They submitted the request to get the Zone corrected from higher Zone (C or D) to lower Zone (E) for many flats in their society. The ARO confirmed that she would get it corrected in a few days. This will ensure that these residents don't pay higher Property Tax going forward.



### SHEDDING LIGHT IN DARK PLACES

It is known that BNP acts on civic issue complaints (including non-operational street lights) raised by citizens from all over Bengaluru. However, on 23rd August 2024, a BNP team comprising **Lalithamba B V** and **Iblur Area Sabha Leader Roohi Akther** did a proactive, quick street light survey on the stretch of road from Somasundarapalya lake till Hosapalya T-Junction. During their surprise 8:00 p.m. round, the team observed that while a few street lights were functioning on this stretch, others were not working. One street light was covered with tree branches while another was completely obscured and not visible at all. Moreover, after business hours, by 10:00 p.m. at night, the entire area was plunged into darkness. As this was not an acceptable situation, the matter was brought to the notice of the BBMP Street lights Team. With follow up, the BNP team resolved the issue within a week, by 29th August. The entire stretch now has properly functioning street lights and, motorists, pedestrians and residents are grateful to the BNP and to the BBMP Street lights Team for resolving this issue.



## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

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### OFFICIAL INTERACTIONS WITH BBMP (AUGUST)

BNP continues to engage with BBMP officials regularly to follow up on ongoing civic issues. This month, on 14th August 2024, **BNP Zonal President (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy** and **BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam** visited the BBMP Varthur office to meet the Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE). Since he was unavailable at that time, they visited the BBMP Mahadevapura Zonal office, where they met with the Executive Engineer (EE) of the Ward Road Division.

During the meeting, they highlighted several issues related to internal roads. The EE assured them that action would be advised on these concerns. When the Team brought up issues regarding Varthur and Balagare Roads, they were told that these matters were being managed by a different senior officer. The team then decided to take up those issues with that officer directly.

On 30th August 2024, Lalithamba B V met with several officials and staff at the BBMP Head Office.

At the Elections Department, Sri. Varun updated BNP on the current status of voter applications. Those voters who have applied till the end of September 2024 will appear in the October 2024 draft rolls and will also receive their Voter ID Cards.

While meeting the team in the BBMP Advertisements Department, the discussion centred on the small hoardings put up illegally in public places, on electric poles, lake fences, in parks and other areas. **BNP was informed that complaints regarding such unauthorised advertisements can be conveyed along with the location link, via Whatsapp no. 9480683939.**

Sri. Manjunath from the BBMP IT team spoke to the BNP representative regarding the updating of official contacts in the BBMP website. A discussion was also held about the challenges that the public faced with the BBMP Sahaaya app, which the BBMP IT team assured would be fixed. The BBMP Organisation Chart and contact list have since been updated and may be accessed on the [BBMP website](#). A request was made to the BBMP Forest team for official contacts to be updated in the BBMP portal. Forest Department officials have assured that this list will be shared with the IT team shortly. BNP had earlier lodged a complaint that many BBMP Sahaaya tickets related to the Forest Department were getting closed by updating a standard poster rather than the picture showing the actual implementation at the concerned site. It was suggested that dissatisfied citizens could e-mail their concerns to the Forest Department at [dcfbbmp12@gmail.com](mailto:dcfbbmp12@gmail.com)



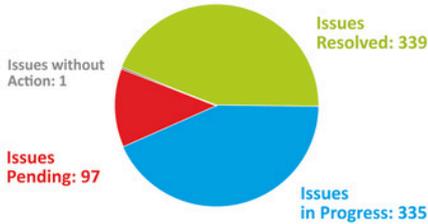
The BNP team is committed to engage regularly with BBMP officials to draw attention to pressing urban problems and seek resolution of all kinds of civic issues.



# AREA SABHA ACTIVITIES

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

## Civic Issues Raised October '23 – August '24: 772



### August's MOST-RAISED ISSUE CATEGORIES:

Garbage clearance	23
Others	22
Pothole filling	12
Tree trimming/cutting	10
Footpath damage	8
Sewage Overflow	6
Street Light repair	6
Storm Water Drain (SWD)	6
Drinking Water supply	5
Cable Wires free-falling	4
Debris Removal	4
Footpath encroachment	4
Road damage	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>

## Civic Issues Resolved in August '24: 51

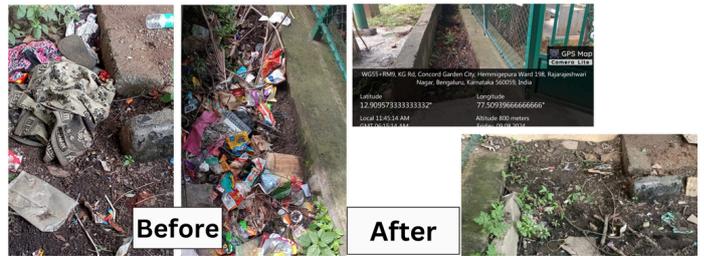
The month of August saw BNP continue to take up civic issues raised by Civic Warriors from different areas in Bengaluru. The BNP Team worked to resolve them, referring the issues to the relevant authorities, following up with them, and in cases where escalation was required for action, creating and sharing Press Releases.

In August 2024, 114 civic issues were brought to the attention of the BNP for resolution.

Of these, the most raised issue was again Garbage Clearance. Pothole filling, Tree trimming/cutting, Footpath damage, Streetlight repair and BWSSB-related issues like Sewage Overflow and Storm Water Drain (SWD) issues were the other major civic issues reported.

BNP resolved 51 civic issues in August 2024. See pictures of a few of the resolved issues below:

### HEMMIGEPURA Garbage Clearance



### IBLURU Stray dogs issue



### BELLANDURU Sewage Overflow



### IBLURU Street Lights fixing



BNP thanks the active citizens who turned Civic Warriors by reporting the issue, and the relevant BBMP officials and staff who worked to close these issues.

**YOU too can become a Civic Warrior by reporting the civic issues in your area.**

The best way to become part of the solution to our civic woes 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)

### BBQ — A TEASER

A unique city like Bengaluru deserves a unique event to highlight its complexities, composition and characteristics. BNP has announced the Bruhat Bengaluru Quiz (The BBQ)! This biggest-ever mind-bending quiz on Namma Bengaluru is to be conducted on Sunday, 22nd September 2024 by professional Quizmaster Venky Srinivasan. Research partner is Nexus Consulting.

As part of the run up to the Quiz, the BNP released a teaser question on 27th August 2024. It got everybody thinking and researching about Bengaluru. The First Teaser Question with the correct Answer:-

**Question:** The Bangalore City Corporation, the forerunner of the BBMP, was formed in 1949. Who became the first mayor of Bengaluru, elected that same year?  
**Answer:** c) R. Subanna

It may be noted that R. Subanna was nominated as the first Mayor of Bengaluru in 1949. His tenure lasted only for one year, as the first municipal election was conducted the very next year, in 1950.

If you want to delve deeper into Bengaluru's rich history and vibrant culture, then The BBQ by BNP is perfect for you. You can participate either in the Student or Open category. Prove your knowledge and win cash prizes up to ₹25,000/-

Excited? Want to participate? Take Practice Tests to check your Bengaluru Quotient [HERE](#)  
And for a chance to win cash prizes and exciting goodies, Register for the BBQ [HERE](#)

**NOTE:** The Quarter finals will be conducted online from 14th to 16th September 2024. The Semi Finals & Finals will take place between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., on Sunday, 22nd September 2024, at the [Institution of Agricultural Technologists, Queens Road, Bengaluru.](#)

# Bengaluru NavaNirmanana Party Presents The Bruhat Bengaluru Quiz

Bengaluru's Biggest - Ever City Quiz

Discover &  
Celebrate Bengaluru

Register & take  
the practice quiz

Stand a chance to win a grand ₹25,000 cash prize!

Quizmaster: Mr. Venky Srinivasan



Register Here



Quarter-Final: Online  
14 - 16 Sept

Research Partner



Semi-Final & Finale:

22 Sept, Sunday  
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Venue  
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## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

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### INDEPENDENCE DAY PLEDGE

India's 78th Independence Day was a day of solemn reflection on the value of freedom and the ultimate price that the country's freedom fighters paid to secure this precious gift. BNP members were invited to recall the country's glorious past and honour its independence heroes by renewing their pledge to build a promising future marked by innovation, unity and progress. Together, citizens can surely empower local communities, transform Bengaluru from the grassroots and ultimately build a strong India as an emerging superpower in the community of nations. In connection with this historic anniversary, **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** led a flag-hoisting ceremony at Shobha Jasmine Apartments and conducted a quiz on Municipal Governance. This interesting quiz aimed to raise awareness about the importance of having alert and active citizens involved in local governance. It was indeed heartening to see so much enthusiastic participation from the gathering.

### AADHAAR CAMP

On 25th August 2024, **Venkatachalam Subramaniam** successfully completed the 6th Aadhar Camp at Salarpuria Sanctity on Sarjapur Road. During the camp, 25 new Aadhar registrations and updates were processed for residents of Salarpuria Sanctity, Sattva Seniorita, Mantri Glades, Astro Greenwood Regency and Uber Verdant apartments.



## BNP GROUND REPORT

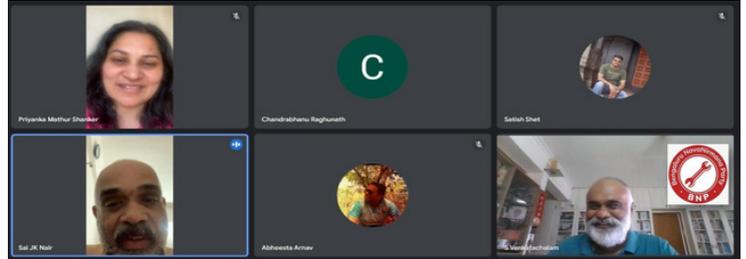
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### Area Sabha Meetings (Local Level Community Meetings)

Since its inception, BNP has steadily been involved in rebuilding Bengaluru through honest and active participation in grassroots governance. BNP conducts both in-person and online Area Sabha Meetings (ASMs), to discuss civic issues of that particular Area and derive action plans for resolving the same.

#### VARTHURU WARD (ONLINE MEET)

An Online ASM of the Varthuru Ward was held on 4th August 2024, with **Venkatachalam Subramaniam** and BNP Area Sabha Members Priyanka Mathur Shanker, Chandrabhanu, Satish Shet, Sai JK Nair, and Abheesta Arnav attending. During the meeting, the Area Sabha members discussed several key issues, including the poor conditions of Gunjur Varthur Road and Belagare Road. The meeting focused on finding resolutions to improve these road conditions and enhance local infrastructure.



#### SUBRAMANYAPURA WARD (IN-PERSON MEET)

A face-to-face ASM led by BNP founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan was organised by BNP Zonal Leader Narashima Prasad for the Subramanyapura, Uttarahalli and Vasanthapura Wards, on 10th August 2024.

The meeting had 28 Area Sabha Member attendees, from DS Max Swastik, Amity Temple Bay, Akshaya Regalia, Vara Vasundhara, Hills View Meadows, Balaji's Lakeside Marvel, Kalyani Nagar and JHBCS 2nd Stage, Bendre Nagar.

The points discussed during the meeting included:

1. Introduction about BNP - Vision, Mission & Achievements to date
2. Importance and roles of ASMs in each ward
3. Responsibilities of BBMP and its officials
4. BBMP budget allocation to Wards
5. Importance of regular Ward Committee Meetings (WCMs)
6. Citizens participation & involvement in BBMP's developmental works
7. BNP's plan for upcoming BBMP elections, and
8. Importance of Citizens participation in BBMP elections.



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# BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

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## SUBRAMANYAPURA WARD (ONLINE MEET)

BNP Leader **Narasimha Prasad** also convened an online ASM for the Subramanyapura, Uttarahalli, and Vasanthapura Wards on 22nd August 2024. At the meet, BNP Area Sabha members put forth civic issues that needed immediate resolution and decided on a plan of action to tackle them.

Issues discussed included:

- Traffic regulation, road widening and suggestion for one-ways on Uttarahalli Main Road
- Traffic Signal commissioning in Uttarahalli circle
- Garbage on Turahalli Main road, Gubbalala in JHBCS 2nd stage, opp Rohan Akriti apartment
- Garbage vehicles problem on Turahalli main road, near Elegant Embassy apartment
- Road cuttings and potholes in Banashankari 6th stage.
- Plan of action decided:
  - Meet the AEE of Uttarahalli Ward regarding major issues
  - Meet Area Sabha leaders regarding Uttarahalli Main Road issue
  - Follow up with BBMP Marshall regarding the continuous garbage issue on Turahalli Main Road.

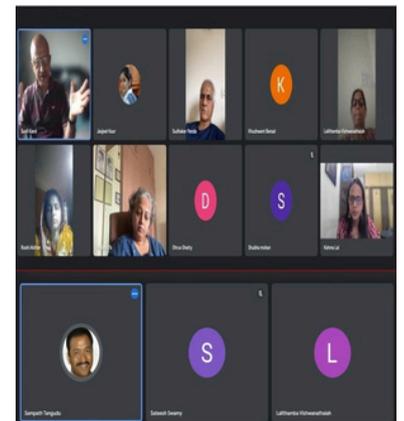


## IBLURU WARD (ONLINE MEETS 1 & 2)

**Lalithamba B V** organised 2 Online ASMs on 11th August 2024. The first one was for Iblur and the second was for the Vibgyor Area, HSR Layout.

Discussions covered included:

1. Introduction and engagement with the ASMs to encourage greater participation
2. Review of the status of previously raised issues and addressal of other significant concerns
3. Expansion of Area Sabha membership to include representatives from various communities
4. Enhancement of BNP's support base through BNP Community WhatsApp Groups, and
5. Other relevant topics.

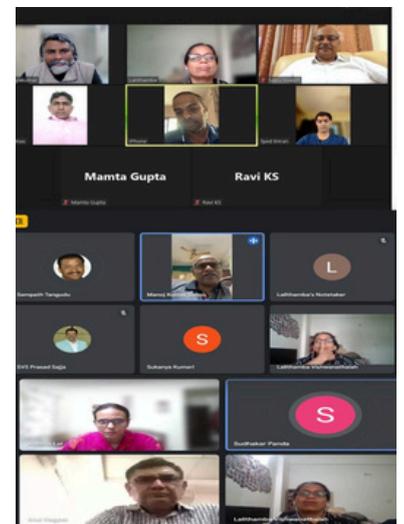


## IBLURU WARD (ONLINE MEETS 3, 4 & 5)

On 24th August 2024, **Lalithamba B V** convened 3 online ASMs for the HSR Zone.

Discussion points at these meets included:

1. Local Civic Issues and their status
2. Discussion on strategies to increase the number of ASMs
3. Strategies to reach out to more communities in the area and to enhance their support for the Sabha's initiatives.





## BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

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### Reach Out Programs (Meetings & Activities to Engage with Local Communities)

BNP Leader **Narasimha Prasad** has been actively meeting with resident representatives in many communities in his area to spread the BNP message and enthruse citizen participation in grassroots governance.

He met with Mr. Jaishankar of Venkatadri Layout, Hemmigeepura on 2nd August 2024; the residents of Balaji Lakeside Marvel Apartments, Uttarahalli and Management Committee (MC) Members of Hills View Meadows Apartments, Banashankari on 3rd August; Mr. Kumaraswamy of Komarla Brigade Residency, Uttarahalli and, Mr. Suresh Adiga, BNP Area Sabha member and resident of Brigade Omega, Uttarahalli on 4th August; and Mr. Madhvesh from Kalyani Nagar, Vasanthapura on 7th August. At these meets, he queried about civic issues faced, introduced BNP and invited them to become active ASMs.



### Door2Door Campaign

On 10th August 2024, **BNP Leaders Jeewan Kumar Jyoti** and **Madhusudan** initiated a Door2Door campaign in Hosapalya area in Ibluru ward to create awareness about BNP and its initiatives. They followed it up with another Door2Door campaign on 24th August. Such committed individual efforts serve to convey the BNP message to more and more people. BNP is grateful to them both for such active support.



We invite other Leaders to share details of their Reach out programs so we can report the same here.



## MEDIA CONNECT

(BNP's interactions with the media)

### PRESS RELEASES

[BNP's first Press Release \(PR\) for the month of August](#), was released on 8th August 2024. It highlighted BBMP's lack of action against Pro Legacy Sports Academy, which has been operating illegally for the past two years. Despite repeated complaints by residents and the BBMP itself confirming its illegal status and serving a notice to vacate, the Academy continues to operate. Speaking on the lack of accountability and apathy of the authorities in dealing with the rule violators, Srikanth Narasimhan said "This situation is a blatant example of how corruption and lack of accountability have compromised the duties of the BBMP. The citizens' trust in this governing body has been severely undermined by their failure to act..." BNP called on the BBMP to uphold its responsibilities, take immediate effective action and shut down the illegal operations of Pro Legacy Sports Academy.

[BNP's PR released on 16th August](#) drew attention to the successfully facilitated corrections from Higher to Lower Zone of Property Tax, for residents of Sai Poorna Paradise. It also advised the public on how to request Zonal Classification correction. This is especially relevant for properties that were originally classified in lower zones, such as Zone E, that were unexpectedly shifted to higher zones like Zone C or D, when Zonal notices were released in 2021. After extensive follow-up by the BNP Team, wrongly classified properties were eventually reclassified back to their correct lower zones. However, there were still discrepancies in actual vs classified Zones of properties. These properties are now being manually reclassified with the assistance of the Assistant Revenue Officer (ARO). The PR advises citizens to contact their local ARO to address such issues.

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.



### INNOVATIVE WATER SECURITY PROJECTS BY BWSSB

In a welcome move, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) launched the 'Innovations Projects for Water Security in Bengaluru' initiative on 22nd August 2024. BWSSB has undertaken this in collaboration with the Climate Change Wing of the United Nations that has approved these sustainability projects. This water security initiative will consider a range of diverse projects, such as boosting rainwater harvesting efforts in the city, reviving local lakes with treated water, using new technology for groundwater management and promoting greater usage of treated water in various sectors. BWSSB has also decided to train 1,000 youngsters as 'Varunamitras' to promote rainwater harvesting. These youngsters will be given skill training to install rainwater harvesting systems and pits to trap rainwater. According to BWSSB, nearly one lakh litres of water can be harvested by implementing rainwater harvesting techniques in a 1,200 sq ft property and this harvested water can meet the needs of a family for nearly seven months.

### LOKAYUKTA MONITORS LAKE MANAGEMENT

Faced with several public complaints over encroachment of lake land and alleged mismanagement of lakes, the Karnataka Lokayukta Justice Sri. B S Patil, inspected Vibhutipura and Doddanekundi Lakes on 20th August 2024. He instructed concerned officials to remove existing encroachments and submit a report within a month. Highlighting poor management at these lakes, Patil said that despite heavy rains, the Vibhutipura lake was only 20% full, and that the inspection had revealed that encroachments were an underlying cause. At Doddanekundi Lake, a similar situation prevailed, where almost two acres of lake property had been encroached upon. The Lokayukta also directed officials to prevent sewage entering the lakes, undertake plantation to create more green cover, and also carry out desilting operations to increase the holding capacity of the lakes. Heeding complaints from local residents, the officials were advised to improve security at these lakes. The Lokayukta has called for a detailed report from all related departments about the progress at these two lakes.

### SAFETY CONCERNS OVER BBMP DEAL

Pedestrian safety in the city has been severely compromised as the BBMP has permitted a private advertiser to install 1,560 LED boards on footpaths near traffic signals. This "compromise deal" has been struck between the BBMP and the advertising agency instead of constructing nearly 400 police kiosks at traffic junctions. The LED boards have appeared at Indiranagar KFC junction, near 12th Main Road, Nrupathunga Road and Anil Kumble Circle. These boards are being installed under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) scheme in collaboration with the BBMP and Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP). The original contract was modified after the BTP objected to advertisement hoardings atop the kiosks. BTP had also urged BBMP not to permit any hoardings within a 50-metre radius of road junctions, bridges, or crossings, referring to guidelines from the Indian Road Congress. Citizens' groups have observed that the placement of LED boards in the middle of footpaths is illegal and raises obvious safety concerns.

### ELECTROCUTION CASE TRIGGERS PROSECUTION

BESCOM engineers face prosecution for the horrifying electrocution incident that took place in Whitefield last year. The complainant Santhosh Kumar, wife Soundarya and their daughter had returned from Tamil Nadu and taken a BMTC bus to Whitefield ITPL Main Road. While walking on the footpath near Hope Farm Circle, Soundarya, who was carrying her child, trampled upon a live wire and both mother and daughter died on the spot.



A criminal case was registered against five Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) Engineers. The High Court rejected the BESCOM engineers' plea to quash proceedings, citing the need for officials to remain responsible and accountable for their acts of commission and omission. "A citizen cannot bear the impact of repetition of such negligence, leading to death of lives," Justice Sri. M. Nagaprasanna said, while allowing the prosecution to proceed. The court noted that there were two prior complaints raised by local residents through the BESCOM helpline, seeking assistance to rectify the hanging wire that ultimately resulted in the tragic death of two residents.

### **METRO RAIL PROJECT TO BOOST CONNECTIVITY**

Overall connectivity in Bengaluru will get a much-needed boost with the approval of Phase 3 of the Bengaluru Metro Rail Project. This project comprises two elevated corridors spanning 44.65 km with 31 stations. Once completed, Phase 3 will provide better connectivity to the Southern areas of the city, Outer Ring Road West, Magadi Road and various neighbourhoods along the two proposed lines. The project will enhance connectivity in Bengaluru and improve last mile reach. Phase 3 will witness the development of two elevated corridors spanning 44.65 km at an estimated cost of ₹15,611 crore, expected to be opened by 2029. The first corridor will run from JP Nagar 4th Phase in South Bengaluru to Kempapura in the North, along the Outer Ring Road West. It will cover a stretch of 32.15 km and comprise 21 stations. The second corridor will be from Hosahalli to Kadabagere along Magadi Road in West Bengaluru with nine stations across the 12.5 km stretch.

### **NEW FOREST PARK FOR BENGALURU**

Those who mourn depleting green cover in the once-famed Garden City will rejoice over the news that Bengaluru will get a new forest park and aviary. This green reserve will be located on 17 acres of land in Kothanur which was recently reclaimed from encroachers. The new forest park will serve as a vital green space for Bengaluru while the aviary will be housed in a large tree-filled enclosure which will provide protection for a wide variety of bird species. This is a significant step towards restoring the area's ecological value and creating an expanded green lung for Bengaluru. Local residents have greeted this move with great enthusiasm as it will serve as both as a recreational and educational venue.



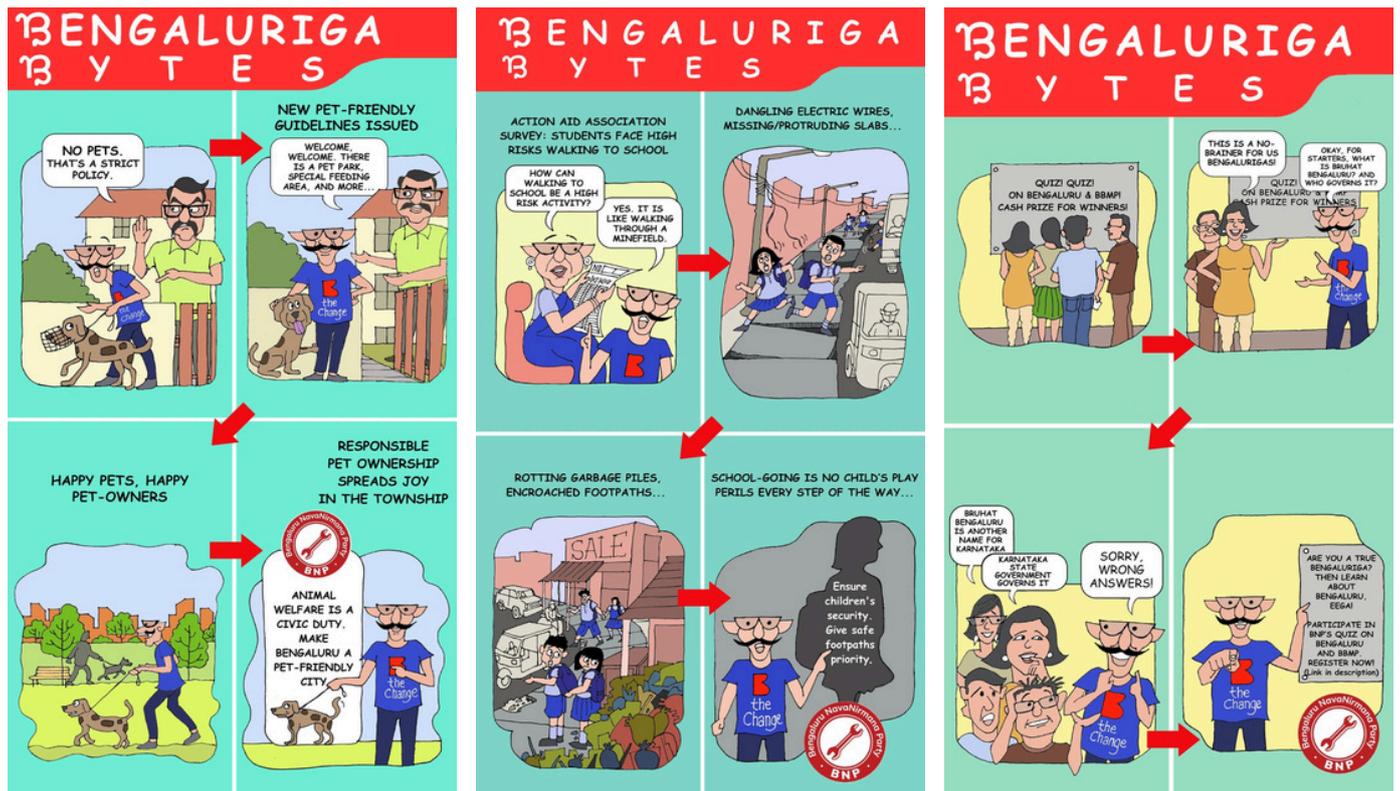
## BENGALURIGA BYTES — JULY

(BNP's own Cartoon Series)

**Bengaluriga Bytes (BB)**, the BNP's tongue-in-cheek look at life in Bengaluru, draws attention to pressing civic issues that need rectification if Bengaluru is to become a model city.

Enjoy the Instagram reels of August's cartoons by clicking on the images. (If you would like to see them as images, zoom in, or go [HERE](#) to see all the BB cartoons published so far).

Like, Share, Comment and Follow [namma.bnp on Instagram](#) for more.



That's it for now. Thank you for reading. Next one, next month.

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