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## Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

The **Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill (GBGB)** was recently tabled by the Karnataka Government. As this edition is being published, it has already been passed by the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. The Bill is awaiting Governor's assent before becoming an Act. The GBGB has met with stiff & strong opposition not just from the BNP but from multiple quarters, including various citizen groups. I would like to place on record the crucial changes BNP is seeking in the GBGB.

**Our first demand is that Bengaluru needs an empowered Mayor & Council.**

Specifically, the Mayor must have a 5-year term; the power to appoint a Council of Ministers at city level; and the Chief Commissioner & the city's bureaucracy must report to the Mayor. These are the essential powers granted to the Prime Minister to run the country and for the Chief Minister to run a state. However, the Mayor has no such powers to run the city and that lack of authority is reflected in the deplorable state of Bengaluru today.

**Our second demand is that citizens need to be empowered to take responsibility for their own neighbourhoods & localities.** This means that Area Sabhas (constituted by citizens of each area), should list projects needed for their respective Areas; Ward Committees must be empowered to draw up a Ward Development Plan and also oversee implementation of all approved projects. Shockingly, the GBGB has completely abolished the concept of Area Sabhas!

**Our third demand is that BBMP should become the nodal body to administer all city functions.** This implies that all functions under Schedule 12 of the Indian Constitution (such as water supply, fire services, town planning, solid waste management, roads, drains) need to be consolidated under BBMP and parastatals (such as BWSSB, BDA, BSWML) should be disbanded. Also that the Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC) should be implemented as per the Indian Constitution and the concept of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) should be removed.

**Our fourth demand is that all the key provisions currently in the BBMP Act should be enforced strictly.** This entails that every BBMP Election should be held strictly on schedule; BBMP systems, processes & accounts must undergo internal audit with audited accounts being published regularly every year; and details of all BBMP projects must be transparently available in the public domain. Here, it is utterly shocking to note that with the BBMP election delayed under various pretexts, the city has had no elected Corporators for more than 4.5 years!

It is indeed deplorable that we citizens have to specifically demand such obvious and essential reforms, which simply urge adherence to the framework of the Indian Constitution, effective law enforcement and implementation of basic governance principles!

The next time you wonder why Bengaluru is in utter shambles, remember these points. More importantly, join BNP in our fight to secure these key reforms. Remember that the right governance framework is absolutely crucial to rebuild Bengaluru into the city of our dreams!

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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BNP Founder & General Secretary

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## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

### BNP PETITION SEEKS KEY GBGB AMENDMENTS

**PETITION TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF MINISTER OF KARNATAKA TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING KEY REFORMS IN THE GREATER BENGALURU**

The BNP launched a public petition and signature campaign to push for key demands pertaining to the **Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill (GBGB)**. These demands include:

- An Empowered Mayor
- Empowered Ward Committees
- Citizens Empowered through Area Sabhas
- No State or MLA interference in BBMP
- A Metropolitan Planning Committee instead of the Greater Bengaluru Authority
- All 18 Constitutional functions to be devolved to BBMP
- No further delay in BBMP Elections
- Mandatory Annual Auditing of BBMP Accounts
- Public Disclosure of all BBMP Projects, and
- Transparent Tendering for all BBMP Projects

Failure to implement these important reforms through the GBGB would defeat the purpose of decentralization of power and accountability of local authorities as envisaged in the Constitution. It would also deny citizens their right to full information, elected representation and right to participate in local governance.

Read and sign [BNP's online petition](#) to support citizen's just demands..

*(Though the GBGB has been passed as of the time this Edition is out for circulation, it is still imperative that we follow up and demand these amendments to the Act, as our Constitutional right!)*

### BNP'S GBGB AMENDMENTS PETITION HANDED OVER TO MLA



**Srikanth Narasimhan**, BNP Founder and General Secretary, along with BNP Governing Council (GC) Member and Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) **Lalithamba Vishwanathaiah**, BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) **Vishnu Reddy**, and BNP Leaders **Venkatachalam Subramaniam** and **HLN Prasad**, had a meeting with **Shri. Rizwan Arshad** (Shivaji Nagar MLA and Chairman of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill).

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## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

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The BNP team shared governance improvement recommendations and **BNP Founder Srikanth Narasimhan** suggested key enhancements to the GBGB. **Shri. Arshad** dedicated over 30 minutes and actively engaged in the discussion. He acknowledged the feedback, appreciated the input and committed to considering the suggestions. He also confirmed plans for a public consultation and invited BNP to participate.

Post this meet, the BNP decided to await formal communication on the public consultation and follow up with **Shri. Arshad's** office for continued engagement. BNP looks forward to contributing to Bengaluru's governance reforms.

### RALLYING FOR A BETTER BENGALURU

February 2025 was full of activity towards putting together a visible protest against the GBGB — **BNP Rally for a Better Bengaluru**. The Rally was aimed at drawing attention to the drawbacks of the GBGB in its proposed form and establishing the urgency of bringing in such reform.

**Program Coordinator Saranya Sekar** worked together with BNP Leads and Volunteers at pulling it all together — Pre-Event Planning Meetings (Online and In-person); Publicising the Drawbacks of the GBGB and BNP's Demands for a better Bill; Reaching out to Supporters to come in for the Rally in large numbers; Getting the Legal, Medical and Practical Groundwork in place; Venue Needs Planning Finalising the Rally Day Schedule and Volunteers' Responsibilities; Extending Information and Invites to Members of the Press and Outreach through BNP Members' personal connects, tele-calling and Social Media.

The BNP Rally for a Better Bengaluru was successfully completed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, 16th March 2025 at Freedom Park, Bengaluru.



While many citizens demonstrated their support by being present at the Freedom Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the day, an all-in group of BNP Leaders, Members and Supporters undertook a day long Fast demanding fundamental reforms in the GBGB/BBMP Act — Reforms as mandated by the Indian Constitution, recommended by the Brand Bengaluru Committee and promised by Shri. Rahul Gandhi.

**Look forward to a detailed report of the Rally in our March 2025 Edition.**

### OFFICIAL INTERACTIONS



**BNP GC Member and BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam** and **BNP Leader HLN Prasad** visited the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Revenue department at the BBMP Head Office on 21st February 2025. They met **Special Commissioner Revenue Shri. Munish Moudgil**. They submitted a letter seeking few clarifications and practical solutions for eKhata challenges faced by residents. The team also requested **Shri. Moudgil** to provide key information on these matters to the public via media, and he agreed to the same.

You can find the Information gathered by the BNP Team from BBMP Officials regarding eKhata Applications [HERE](#)

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### KNOWLEDGE-SHARING ON eKhata PROCESS

Further to the above-mentioned meeting with the BBMP Revenue Officials, the BNP eKhata Drive witnessed many qualitative and quantitative developments. **BNP Leader HLN Prasad** compiled a consolidated update on the process in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document. This vital information is being shared with property owners via Whatsapp groups. Such knowledge-sharing has enabled many to obtain their eKhatas by themselves. Of course, the BNP team continues to offer both online support and offline guidance. By the end of February, more than 15 offline and online eKhata camps have been completed, more than 500 people have applied for their eKhatas, and over 1200 people have joined the BNP Community WhatsApp Group.

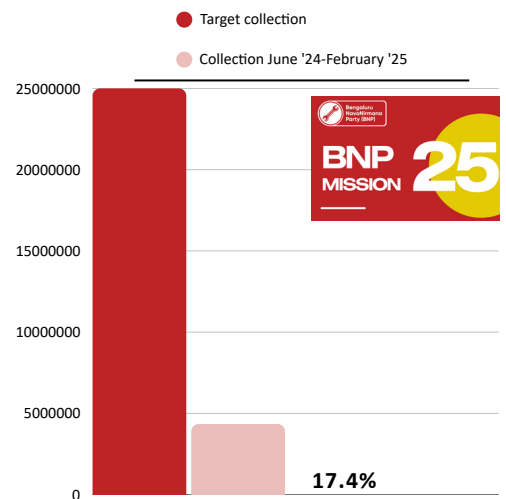
Kudos to our dynamic BNP eKhata team: **BNP Leader HLN Prasad**, **BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy**, **BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam** and **Campaign Manager Samaara Firdaus**.

If any BNP Area Sabhas are interested in organizing an eKhata awareness camp for your community or would like to work jointly with other communities, please **WhatsApp Samaara at +91 91640 00341**

### CONTRIBUTORS TO MISSION 25

In the build-up to the **BNP Rally for a Better Bengaluru** demanding reforms in the **GBGB**, the BNP reached out to many Donors to contribute to the cause of the BNP.

BNP is grateful to all the **BNP Mithras** for their donations. A special Thank You to **Ittira Davis**, **Anna Ittira Davis**, **Manoj Kumar Sahoo** and **Hema Ashok** for their generous contributions in February 2025.



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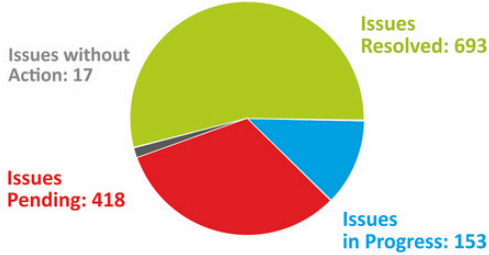
If you want to learn about the **BNP Mithra** Initiative and get involved, please message us at **+91 83106 89931**



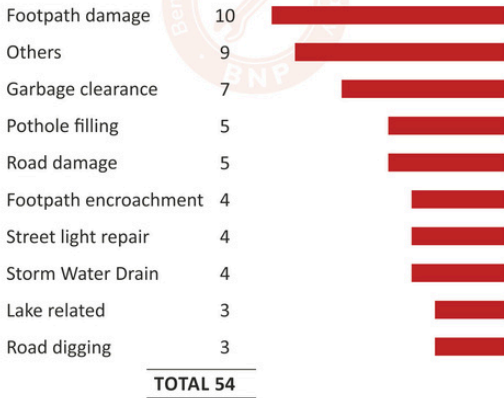
# AREA SABHA ACTIVITIES

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

## Civic Issues Raised October '23 – February '25: 1281



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



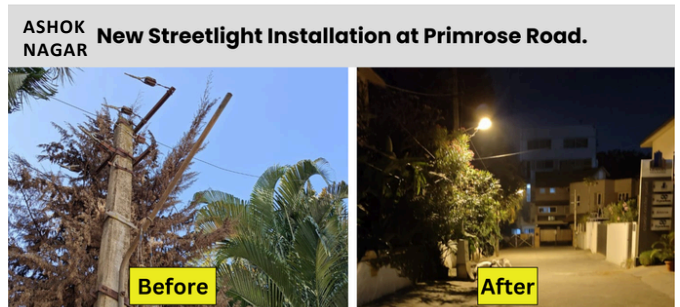
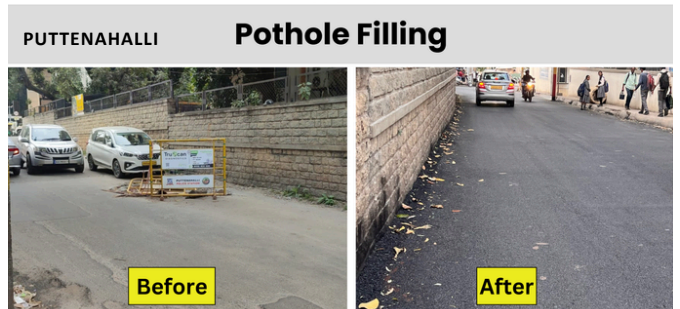
## Civic Issues Resolved in February '25:- 100

In February 2025, **54** issues were brought to the BNP for resolution.

These civic issues mainly related to Footpath Damage and Garbage Clearance. Potholes, Road Damage, Footpath Encroachment, Street Lights and problems with the Storm Water Drainage (SWD) were the other main civic issues reported in February.

**BNP resolved 100 civic issues in February 2025.**

Pictures of a few of the resolved issues are given below.



To view updates of other issues resolved by followup by the BNP, please visit the [‘Civic Issues Resolved’ page](#) under the ‘Work & Progress’ tab on the BNP Website.

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 83106 89931 today!**



## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

(Pick of Special BNP Activities)

### BBMP's PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE GBGB

BBMP put out a notice calling for the public, associations/organisations to give their suggestions, Zone-wise, to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Joint Scrutiny Committee that had been constituted to review the Greater Bangalore Governance Bill-2024. A schedule of places, dates (10th/11th/12th March 2025), and timings for each Zone was shared in this notice.

**BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** attended three of these programs — the East Zone one at Vasant Nagar with **BNP Leader Vineeth Muthanna**, the Mahadevapura Zone meeting at New Horizon College of Engineering, Kadubeesanahalli, and the South Zone and Bommanahalli Zone one at R.V Dental College, J P Nagar, with **BNP GC Member and Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba BV**, **BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam** and **BNP Leader Asha Nayak**.



At each of these programs, the BNP Leaders spoke up and pointed out the drawbacks of the GBGB in its proposed form and put forth the suggested changes to be incorporated in the Bill so that it ensures effective governance of Bengaluru. However, it seemed evident that the Government had very little intent to bring about positive change. This was one of the main factors that moved the BNP to go ahead and stage a protest as a Rally, to fight for a good Bill for Bengaluru.

### EXPLAINING THE GBGB

**The Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill (GBGB)** introduced in the Karnataka Assembly recently, sounds very complicated! In simple terms, what does this Bill mean?

BNP organised online sessions on 16th and 22nd February 2025 to simplify the GBGB, explain its challenges and reveal the changes that citizens in Bengaluru can demand as stakeholders. The city is currently going through a historic change as the GBGB is set to replace the current municipal system. However, this Bill is seriously flawed, unconstitutional and undermines any hope of good governance. These online sessions provided an excellent chance for citizens to understand the implications of this Bill, and share the same with family and friends, so they could understand and unite for a Better Bengaluru.



To understand BNP's demands for change, you can watch [BNP's video on Youtube — Let's Rebuild Bengaluru](#). In the video, **BNP Founder Srikanth Narasimhan** talks about why Bengaluru is in shambles and what needs to change to rebuild Bengaluru into a model city



## BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

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

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#### PUTTENAHALLI / RBI LAYOUT WARDS

Date: 2nd February 2025

Attendees: BNP Leaders **Ram Narasimhan** and **Kesari Prasad**, and BNP Members **Viswanathan Ganesan**, **Anu Chandar** and **Swati Pande**.

Key Discussion Topics and Takeaways:

1. Ward Committee Meetings (WCMs): Team will confirm the schedule for the next Puttenahalli WCM and inform other Area Sabha members so that they can attend. **Kesari Prasad** has consistently been attending the RBI Layout WCMs.
2. Garbage Clearance on BM Avenue: Team will continue to collaborate with garbage inspectors to ensure proper and regular waste management along BM Avenue.
3. Civic Issues on 24th Main: Team will raise concerns regarding the need for a median near Royal School, as well as the obstruction caused by transformers at the school junction, which hinder both pedestrians and traffic flow.
4. eKhata Initiative: Team decided that promoting the eKhata initiative needs to be accelerated within apartment communities and that additional training for residents is essential to drive greater participation and build momentum.



#### IBLURU, HSR LAYOUT, PUTTENAHALLI, RBI LAYOUT, KALENA AGRAHARA, MUNNEKOLAL and VARTHUR WARDS

Date: 9th February 2025

Attendees: BNP Leaders and Area Sabha Members

As per the decision to hold BNP Area Sabha (BNP-AS) Meetings on the 2nd Sunday of every month, the BNP Leaders and BNP Area Sabha Members (BNP ASMs) of all these Wards conducted Area Sabha Meetings in their respective Wards, on 9th February 2025. They discussed Civic Issues and, their attendance along with supporters at the **BNP Rally for a Better Bengaluru**.

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

#### WARD WALK

BNP Leaders do 'Ward Walks' in their areas along with BNP Members and interested local citizens, to identify Civic Issues for Resolution.



#### Belagare Ward

BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) **Vishnu Reddy**, along with BNP Leader **Venkatachalam Subramaniam** and BNP Members — **Subramaniam**, **Ganesh Rao**, **Madhu Reddy** and **Karthik**, went on BNP Ward Walk in Belagare, on 2nd February 2025. During the walk, several civic issues along Belagare Road were identified. The team's next steps will be to document, take up, track, and work towards resolution of these issues.

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## BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

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### eKHATA CAMPS

#### eKhata Online Drive at SNN Raj Serenity, Kalena Agrahara

Date: 8th February 2025

A successful eKhata Online drive for citizens at SNN Raj Serenity in Kalena Agrahara Ward was held on 8th February 2025 at 11.00 a.m., led by **BNP Leader Purushottam Deshpande**. It started with an introductory presentation about BNP and its Vision, and the objective of running the eKhata camp. There were 60 members who joined the online session. They were very well guided by **BNP Leader HLN Prasad** on the steps to follow to get their eKhata done.

Post the session, there has been an overwhelming positive response from all the participants, appreciating BNP and the team. More than 150 people have joined the Community WhatsApp Group in the 2 days after the session.

This is an example that other Wards can replicate in order to enhance the visibility of BNP. Kudos to the entire BNP team for all the efforts and success of this camp.

#### eKhata Online Drive for DSR Eden Greens & Jain heights, Varthur

Date: 21st February 2025

**BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy** and **BNP Leader HLN Prasad** provided valuable guidance to the 23 participants who attended the camp, on navigating the e-Aasthi portal, accessing the draft eKhata and entering the necessary information to apply for the final eKhata.

65 Members joined the Community WhatsApp Group post the session. Special thanks to the BNP Team: **BNP Leaders Venkatachalam Subramaniam** and **HLN Prasad**, **BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy** and **Campaign Manager Samaara Firdaus**, for their invaluable contributions. During the session, they addressed various queries from the participants, provided an overview of BNP, explained the GBGB campaign, and requested the attendees' active support and participation for the success of the campaign, including their presence at the **BNP Rally for a Better Bengaluru** on 16th March 2025.

#### eKhata Hybrid Camp for Trinity Meadows & Annex Apartment Complex, Bellandur

Date: 23rd February 2025

This BNP eKhata Camp gave people the option to join virtually or in person. Around 24 people, including **BNP leaders HLN Prasad** and **BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy** joined online, while about 15-16 owners were physically present. **Roomi Daroowala**, **BNP Leader** from Bellandur served as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for this camp and the total outreach was around 40 people.

BNP thanks all the hard-working volunteers who have been enthusiastically supporting the BNP eKhata team at various camp venues for their efforts and their reach.

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





## **City's Longest Flyover Proposed**

A Road-cum-Metro corridor has been proposed along the Western part of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) between J P Nagar and Hebbal. To extend to 32.15 kms, this will be the longest flyover in Bengaluru. Both lines of the third phase of Namma Metro, totaling over 40 kms will have double-deckers (elevated roads along the Metro line). To accommodate this double decker proposal, part of the Namma Metro III Phase will undergo a major revision at Goraguntepalya. The newly proposed interchange station will connect to both Peenya and Goraguntepalya stations by separate travelators. The design is intended to ease traffic congestion at Goraguntepalya, particularly for vehicles travelling between Dr Rajkumar Memorial and BEL Circle, and will also avoid detours as the double-decker project will create a signal-free corridor.

## **Focus on Obstruction-Free Footpaths**

Namma Raste, the road safety and mobility event (20-22 February 2025) underscored the importance of obstruction-free footpaths in Bengaluru and a woman-friendly mobility approach. Experts flagged poor infrastructure at bus stops, and high footboards, which make it difficult for women with infants and Low bus frequency during non-peak hours forcing domestic workers to take alternate transport. A Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) spokesperson at the event highlighted its gender sensitisation measures. The BMTC has also introduced panic buttons for women, that alert Pink Hoysala services. Arun Pai, founder of Bangalore Walks, urged clear and safe footpaths and recommended a rating system: footpaths with inanimate objects (4), those with major obstacles (3), minor obstacles (2) and completely obstruction-free footpaths (1). He urged people to use footpaths daily to pressure authorities into addressing the issue.

## **Improper Property Records Under Scrutiny**

Thousands of property owners in Bengaluru face scrutiny over improperly acquired property records. The BBMP is reviewing many dubious 'A' Khata certificates. BBMP officials will no longer issue 'A' khatas immediately but place them in a special category for verification. To merit an 'A' khata in the digital system, owners must submit several documents. The BBMP intends to cancel any 'A' khata issued previously either through irregular means or error. Such properties will not qualify for building plan approvals or occupancy certificates. The BBMP's crackdown is part of its larger initiative to digitize property records. The scanning of property registers is over but verification of eKhatas is ongoing, supported by a new quality-check module meant to reduce errors. Areas like Mahadevapura, RR Nagar, and Bommanahalli are among the most affected.

## **Water Shortage Looms in 80 Wards**

This summer, water shortage will reach critical levels in 80 Wards, mostly in the outer areas of the city, according to a recent study released by the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). In these wards, the groundwater levels might fall by 20-25 metres in April, compared to December. Maximum water scarcity will be felt in Southeast Bengaluru and Whitefield. In the City Municipal Council (CMC) areas, groundwater levels may drop by 10-15 metres, and in core city areas by 5 metres. This study is the outcome of collaboration between BWSSB and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and conclusions are based on geospatial mapping, data analysis and field surveys. BWSSB chairperson Dr Ram Prasath Manohar urged citizens to reduce dependency on groundwater and install Cauvery Stage V water connections. Experts say that the study lacks practical solutions. Giving Cauvery connections to apartments is not effective as there are complaints about low water supply from those with prior Cauvery connections.

## **Bengaluru Heat Surge Surpasses Delhi**

Gone are the days when Bengaluru was a cool city even in summer and air conditioners were never needed. Bengaluru is undergoing an unusual daytime temperature surge, surpassing Delhi. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the city will feel the heat in the coming weeks. 17th February 2025 was the hottest day this season, recording 35.9°C as opposed to Delhi's 27°C. Bengaluru's climate is now comparable with hotter regions such as Raichur and Kalaburagi and temperature mitigation measures should be considered. The IMD had predicted that Bengaluru's summer would arrive prematurely in mid-February this year, rather than early March for two main reasons: the absence of cooling Northern winds and the impact of the La Niña phenomenon. However, night-time temperatures remain cooler, hovering around 17°C. Bengaluru's daytime trend of overtaking Delhi temperatures has been observed for the past two years and premature summer appears to be the new normal.

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

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