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Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

Is there a way to guarantee that the BBMP Election and all Municipal Elections across the country can be held on time and are never delayed again in future?

As we are all aware, the BBMP Election has been delayed by more than 4.5 years and is now likely to be held only by Nov/Dec 2025 at the very earliest. This means that by the time the election is actually held, the delay would have crossed 5 years!

Interestingly, Bengaluru is not the only city which suffers from this malaise of delayed Municipal/Urban Local Body (ULB) elections. A survey by Janaagraha has revealed that over 61% of Municipal/ULB elections across the country have been delayed. Alarming, in Karnataka alone, over 71% of the ULBs have faced poll delays!

State Governments across the country have demonstrated an obvious lack of interest in holding the Municipal elections, primarily because of the money and power control derived from these local bodies. The primary way governments can subvert the Constitutional mandate and delay elections is by Reservation or by continuously changing the Delimitation (redrawing Ward boundaries, splitting up or reuniting Corporations etc.)

Is there a way to prevent this from happening in the future, not just in Bengaluru but also across the country? The answer is an emphatic YES. So, what is the solution.

The solution lies in enacting a simple addition/amendment to Article 243 of the Indian Constitution, on the following lines: "On completion of the Municipal Council's term, if the State Government has not issued any formal notification for a new Delimitation and/or Reservation (including redrawing of boundaries, restructuring, splitting, reunification of Wards or local bodies etc.) the State Election Commission has the power to conduct the election to the ULB as per the Delimitation & Reservation applicable for the previous election."

Such an addition/amendment to Article 243 will completely nullify any nefarious action by any State Government, and avoid the citing of frivolous excuses to delay the ULB elections, including the BBMP Election.

A possible objection is that such an amendment curtails the ability of the State Government to redraw boundaries reflective of the latest demographic distribution & Reservation dynamics. Well, the truth is that the above clause does not curtail this ability at all, as the State Government has 5 years between 2 elections, which is ample time to complete the Delimitation process. In the worst case, if Delimitation is incomplete, it can always be completed subsequently and the process can be applied for the next election, without negatively impacting or delaying the current election.

I firmly believe that Municipal governance/City governance will take centre stage in the next 25 years to drive India's next level of growth. A simple amendment to Article 243 to prevent any delay in Municipal elections, would be a significant first step towards achieving this crucial objective.

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



SRIKANTH NARASIMHAN
BNP Founder & General Secretary

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CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

BNP'S BATTLE AGAINST SWM FEE

The **Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP)** has formally appealed to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to drop the Solid Waste Management (SWM) User Fee for all citizens this year, citing several compelling reasons: BBMP should not introduce new charges like SWM User Fees, Parking Charges or any other levies, without conducting a proper debate in an elected BBMP Council, holding meaningful public consultations, and implementing full transparency in BBMP accounts and projects. In the absence of all these conditions, BNP stresses that it is extremely unfair to impose new burdensome levies on citizens. Also, the exemption of bulk-waste generators was announced later. By then, many eligible residents had already paid the SWM User Fee along with their Property Tax. Since BBMP cannot provide a case-by-case refund, given that thousands of residents are involved and it is therefore impossible to identify each of them, BNP's demand is to halt fee collection this year and credit the amounts paid already towards next year's Tax.

Additionally, confusion prevails about apartment complexes with less than 100 flats that dispose off their waste through empaneled vendors. Such residents do not qualify for the bulk-waste generator option. However, if they pay the SWM User Fee, they end up paying double (to BBMP and also to the empaneled vendor). This issue needs to be resolved urgently.

BNP urges more concerned citizens of Bengaluru to sign the [BNP #IWontPay Campaign](#) petition and support its strong stance against unfair new levies.

BNP #IWontPay CAMPAIGN



The Property Tax currently levied by BBMP includes an SWM User Fee ranging from ₹1,000 – ₹2,000 for collection of waste. This raises some serious questions. Why are citizens being charged more and more fees without any additional services? Has there been an official discussion or debate on this issue? A meaningful discussion is obviously not possible in the absence of an elected BBMP Council. So it appears that the State Government is unilaterally and unconstitutionally imposing new charges on citizens without any logical basis, with no elected representation and without giving serious consideration to its overall impact.

Given this distressing situation, the BNP has launched the 'I Wont Pay' campaign. BNP Leaders have decided not to pay this year's Property Tax that includes these additional charges, until the BBMP Elections are held, these matters are discussed in the elected BBMP Council and a convincing reason is provided on why BBMP needs to collect more funds from citizens, when its existing budget of ~₹20,000 Crores is being spent without the required transparency or accountability.

[Click HERE to know more about this campaign and to Sign the Petition!](#)

BNP is looking to enlist more volunteers to support its 'I Wont Pay' campaign. BNP supporters and concerned citizens are invited to join the core team helping to coordinate the ongoing collective protest against the Karnataka State Government's unilateral moves to impose new charges on citizens, such as Parking Fees, SWM User Fees etc., without any public discussion, debate or consultation.

Those interested in joining and boosting the reach and impact of this Campaign Team may fill up this [Form](#)



CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

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OFFICIAL INTERACTIONS WITH BBMP (APRIL '25)

On 9th April 2025, **BNP Governing Council (GC) Member and BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam** and BNP Member Swarupa met BBMP Administrator Sri. Umashankar, and submitted a letter sharing BNP's Views on the recent increase in Solid Waste Management (SWM) User Fee and BNP's Request for Democratic Accountability in BBMP Governance.

BNP is the first to represent and oppose the new Garbage User Fee levied by the BBMP. The BBMP Administrator said he would move the letter to the BBMP Chief commissioner. He appreciated BNP's vision and action, and expressed the view that more citizens should come forward to participate in Governance.

BNP requests more Bengalurigas to sign the ['I Won't Pay' Petition](#), raise their voices to create awareness, bring clarity and help resolve this issue.



On 11th April 2025, at Independence Park in HSR Layout, **BNP Leader Tony Jayakumar** met with BBMP Civil Works Officer Sri. Rajagopal to inspect the recently completed construction of a Toilet and a Community Hall within the Park. The project was commissioned by the local Residents' Welfare Association (RWA). Both facilities are scheduled to be inaugurated in the coming days.

On 17th April 2025, **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** and **BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam** met BBMP Chief Commissioner Sri. Tushar Girinath and Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) Managing Director (MD) Dr. Harish Kumar, and handed over an Official Letter from the BNP regarding the Parking Fees and Solid Waste Management (SWM) User Fees newly announced by the BBMP.

With regard to the SWM Fee, the BBMP Chief Commissioner mentioned that it was the SWM Fee that was approved in the previous council (in 2020) that was being implemented now. Regarding the Parking Fees, he said that it has been reduced but the official notification is not yet out. When asked about the elections, he said that elections could be held if delimitation is complete.

The BSWML MD explained that individual taxpayers can declare if they fall within the category of bulk generators and mentioned that the feature to do so will soon be added to the Property Tax system. Regarding Bulk Generators, he also said that the system of refunds or adjustments is yet to be worked out for those individuals who have already paid SWM Fee though they do self-composting.



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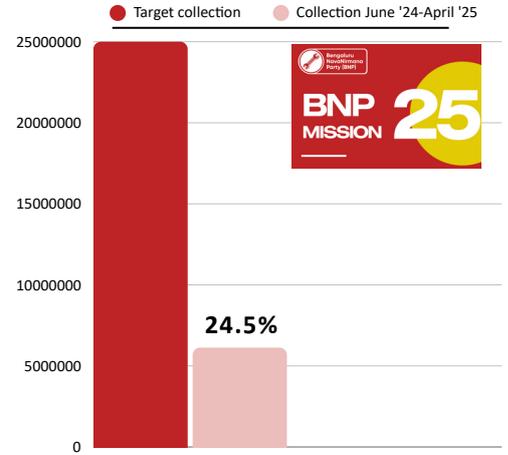
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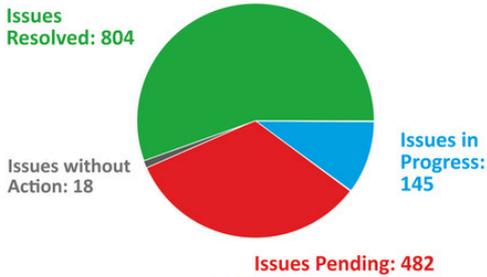
If you want to learn about the **BNP Mithra** Initiative and get involved, please message us at **+91 83106 89931**



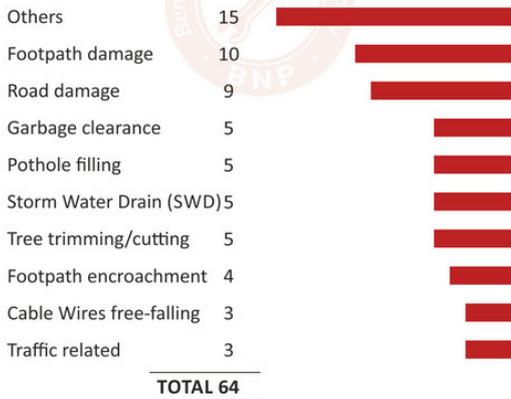
CIVIC ISSUES RESOLVED

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

Civic Issues Raised October '23 – APRIL '25: 1449



April's MOST-RAISED ISSUE CATEGORIES:



Civic Issues Resolved in April '25:- 61

In April 2025, **64** issues were brought to the BNP for resolution.

Footpath and Road Damage were the main Civic Issues raised in the month of April 2025. Other most raised issues included Garbage Clearance, Potholes, Storm Water Drains related issues and Tree Trimming/Cutting Requests.

BNP resolved 61 civic issues in April 2025.

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

GOTTIGERE

Road Damage



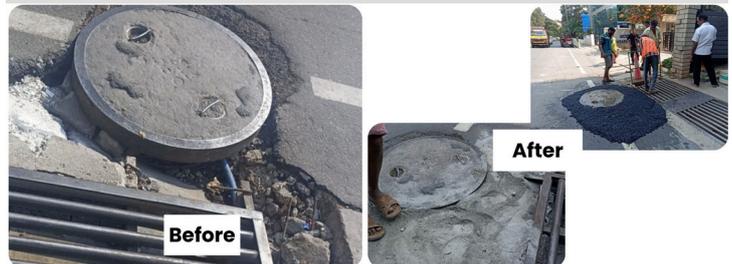
HULIMAVU

Garbage Clearance



JOGUPALYA

Road Sinking around Manhole



IBLURU

Water Logging



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)

BNP VARTHUR: 1,000 NOW 10,000 SOON

BNP Varthur Team got together on 12th April 2025 to celebrate a big Milestone — Crossing the 1,000 BNP Members Mark! **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** joined **BNP Leaders Venkatachalam Subramaniam** and **Madhusudhan Reddy**, and BNP Area Sabha Members — Karthik from Saroj Harmony Apartments, Sarath from BM Greenwoods, Sanjay Lavakare from Mantri Glades, Priyanka and Arvind from Prestige Lakeside Habitat, and Abheesta Abhee from Silicon Shine, to celebrate this huge number!

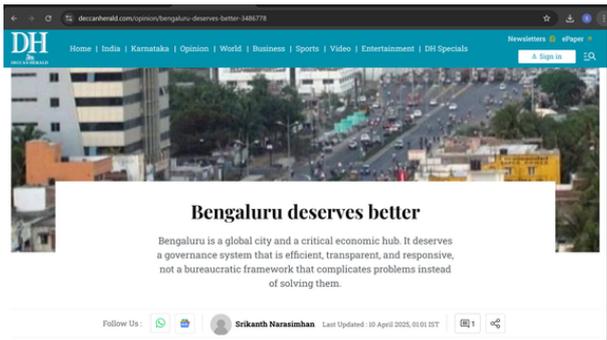
Having started, they decided to also mark the occasion as the foundation for achieving 10,000 BNP Members in Varthur! The happy event happened at Vasundhara Palace on Sarjapur Road.

Together, the BNP Leaders and ASMs committed that they were looking forward to working with the vibrant Varthur community to make a Better Bengaluru with more involved citizens.



WHY BENGALURU DESERVES BETTER

— Deccan Herald Opinion Piece by Srikanth Narasimhan



[BNP Founder Srikanth Narasimhan's thought-provoking Opinion Piece in the Deccan Herald on 10th April 2025,](#)

pinpointed exactly what Bengaluru needs: Citizen Participation, Accountability & Transparency (CAT). Given its high global profile and its crucial IT hub status, Bengaluru deserves efficient and pro-active governance not merely a reactive bureaucratic system hampered by red tape. The real issue is not the level of funding but how that funding is spent and how project allocations are made. The key lies in empowering Area Sabhas and Ward Committees to identify local needs and allocate funds accordingly.

Bengaluru needs a Mayor vested with executive authority for a fixed five-year term, power to appoint a Council of Ministers at the City level, and direct control over the Chief Commissioner and City bureaucracy. Governance must be decentralised, and the Mayor and Corporators held directly accountable to citizens. BBMP accounts must be internally audited, published regularly and project information, budgets, timelines and outcomes must be made accessible to the public.

Srikanth Narasimhan closed by stating “In its current form, the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024, is a missed opportunity and a failure. If the government is serious about fixing Bengaluru, it must go back to the drawing board and deliver real, meaningful reform—before it’s too late.”

BNP BRANDING STRATEGY TAKES SHAPE

BNP has been working with Ashutosh Wakankar, a Brand Strategy Consultant to help craft a messaging strategy that captures the essence of BNP’s vision for Bengaluru. As part of this exercise, Ashutosh and his Team had conducted a Workshop for BNP Leaders and supporters, held one-on-one conversations with them, and done field research with Citizen Groups from different Wards of Bengaluru. On 5th April 2025, they presented eager BNPIans with a comprehensive BNP Branding Research Presentation that detailed their findings and analysis thereof. This in turn was followed by another 1-hr session in which Srikanth Narasimhan further clarified what BNP has done so far and what it stands for. A 4-hour strategic workshop on 26th April 2025 for a select group of 14 BNP Leaders came next. All these efforts are towards honing the message that will best convey to Bengalurigas what BNP stands for and what we can do together towards a better Bengaluru.



BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

Area Sabha Meetings (Local Level Community Meetings)

Ward: KONENA AGRAHARA (IN-PERSON MEET)

Date: 13th April 2025

BNP Leader (Konena Agrahara) Milind Kulabkar organised a Community Area Sabha Meet on 13th April 2025, to get-together, strategise and strengthen ties. The meet that happened in-person, over coffee, was held at Hotel Treebo 12 West in Domlur (Ward 171). **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** participated in the Meet, along with local BNP Members Shivakumar, Padmini, Dr. Sunil Gowda, Col. Arun Malhotra, Anil Kumar, Manju Datta and Yamini.

Discussion Points and Decisions: The group discussed forming a Core Team of 10 members to lead Ward-level initiatives, by linking three communities each. With the focus on driving collective effort to ensure effective community outreach, the Team decided to start off by conducting eKhata camps in 10 different localities within the Ward.



Ward: HSR LAYOUT (IN-PERSON MEET)

Date: 26th April 2025

BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan and BNP Team Members from Iblur and HSR Layout convened at Purva Fairmont Clubhouse primarily to outline the importance of Area Sabhas and share how citizens can play an active role at the local level by being Area Sabha Members (ASMs). Understanding that they would need to devote just 1 hour per week to BNP — reporting civic issues, creating awareness about BNP, conducting various Outreach Drives within their community/area etc., participants explored how they could contribute weekly to these initiatives and support the organization's broader objectives.

The Meet that started with a sharing of BNP's background, followed by an Introduction of the Core Team Members of HSR Layout, and a review of the past activities taken up by the local BNP Team, ended with all the attendees unanimously agreeing that Area Sabhas are a way forward and agreeing to be part of it.

BNP thanks each Bengaluriga who joined the event and looks forward to active participation from each BNP ASM.



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BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

Ward: KALENA AGRAHARA

Date: 27th April 2025

BNP Leader Purushottam Deshpande organised a Core Leaders coffee meet with **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** in Yelenahalli (Begur). Attendees at this Area Sabha Meeting for Kalena Agrahara, Gottigere and Begur Wards, included **BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam**, BNP ASMs Bhagyashree, Sandeep, Hareesh, and two new ASMs from DLF Westend Heights — Suma and Rajan VT. The BNP Leaders emphasised the importance of ASMs building connections within their neighbourhoods through initiatives like eKhata camps, Voter ID drives, and addressal of civic issues. The Team discussed the challenges in organising Ward-level events and chalked out a way for effective planning of events.



Outreach Programs (Meetings & Activities to Engage with Local Communities)

ONLINE eKHATA OVERVIEW SESSIONS

Seeing the growing need among Bengalurigas for more information on how to procure an eKhata, BNP has started a series of online preliminary 'eKhata Procurement Overview Sessions'. These sessions typically start with an introduction to the BNP and the reason BNP is conducting the camp. This is followed by an explanation of what the eKhata is, its features, the mandatory requirements for the same, list of documents required and directions on how to find the Electronic Property Identification Number (ePID). The session is then concluded with attendees being urged to try and apply on their own for their eKhatas or, to coordinate with the BNP, form groups and get started together.

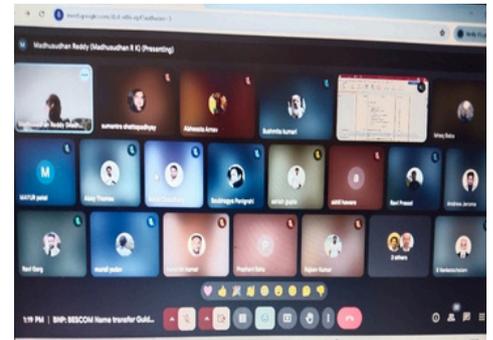
To date, over 900+ citizens have applied for an eKhata after attending a BNP eKhata camp/session.

BESCOM NAME TRANSFER PROCEDURE SESSION

Ward: Varthur

Date: 20th April 2025

BNP Area Sabha Member (ASM) Abheesta organised an Online BESCOM Name Transfer Session for the residents of Abhi Silicon Shine. **BNP Leader Madhusudhan Reddy** led the participants through a detailed informative session covering the procedures required for Name transfer in the BESCOM records. 25 participants benefited from the information shared about key steps, documentation required and timelines. BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam also participated in the session.



If you would like to conduct a 'How do I' session for your community on eKhata or BESCOM Name Transfer, please **give a missed call to 080-37330000**

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



MEDIA CONNECT

(BNP's interactions with the media)

PRESS RELEASES

In its April [Press Release \(PR\) dated 4th April 2025](#), BNP shared information about its Online Petition Against Garbage Tax, and asked pertinent questions on why citizens should pay further Garbage User Fee when it is not clear where the current taxes paid by the citizens are going, and whether citizens practicing self-composting and own waste management should pay this new User Fee.

The PR quotes **BNP Leader Tony Jayakumar**, a resident of HSR Layout, saying ““Without an elected council and without citizen participation in the decision-making process, the user fee announcement must be withdrawn immediately. We should know how existing funds are being utilized — where is the money being spent and what has been delivered?”. It also quotes **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** asking for clarity on spends first: “BBMP must provide a clear breakdown of how these funds have been utilized, including specific expenses on waste collection, disposal, and management. It must analyse why it cannot operate within the available funds and focus on optimizing existing resources and ensuring that funds are properly allocated to Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) for necessary operations.”

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

BNP IN THE NEWS

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



FURTHER DELAY IN BBMP POLLS ANTICIPATED

With the Governor's assent to the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, 2024 (GBGB) being secured, it is anticipated that elections to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will get delayed even further. The BBMP has already been functioning without an elected council for four and a half years. The passing of the Greater Bengaluru Governance Act (GBGA), 2024, is now offering "another perfect opportunity" to reschedule the polls once again. Under the GBGA, the government has been assigned the responsibility to redraw the boundaries of new Corporations, undertake Ward Delimitation exercises across multiple Corporations, and finalize Seat Reservations — all of these being long-drawn out processes, the entire restructuring process could drag on possibly for at least nine months.

EXTENDED SPAN FOR GREATER BENGALURU

Several peripheral villages are likely to be brought under the banner of the newly proposed Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), potentially expanding the civic area of the city up to 1000 sq. kms. This unprecedented expansion would constitute a major step in urban integration, extending the jurisdiction well beyond the current 709 sq. km governed by the BBMP. The Government plans to integrate at least 25 outlying villages under the GBA. Under the GBGA, the GBA will assume the role of the local planning authority. The proposed GBA area would fall between the current limits of the BBMP and that of the BDA. The Bengaluru Metropolitan Planning Committee (BMPC)'s jurisdiction will also be extended. Boundaries for the GBA and the new Corporations will be influenced by population density, existing infrastructure and revenue potential. Delimitation of Wards is intended to ensure balanced resource distribution and to mitigate fiscal disparities between the proposed Corporations.

WASTED EFFORT OVER ENERGY PLANT

The BBMP struggles to manage the colossal amount of waste generated in Bengaluru. Yet, ironically, the waste-to-energy (WtE) plant at Bidadi, a joint venture of Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) and the BBMP, is not getting sufficient dry waste to produce energy! The plant needs 600 metric tonnes of segregated dry waste daily to produce 11.5 MW of electricity. KPCL officials revealed that only around 400 metric tonnes of waste are being obtained daily from the BBMP. The plant requires combustible Refuse-Derived Fuel (RDF), obtained from the dry waste collection centres, after sorting. Ideally, RDF should be free of metals, but the RDF received does not fulfil this requirement. Although 5,000 tonnes of waste is generated every day within BBMP limits, only around 2,000 tonnes are segregated while the remaining is mixed waste. KPCL officials are urging the BBMP to provide more, better quality RDF so that the ₹310 crore plant can achieve maximum generation. There are also plans to install solar panels to enhance the overall generation capacity.

GBGB PROVISIONS COULD IMPACT BUILDING SAFETY

Certain provisions of the GBGA have the potential to negatively impact the urban landscape. Among the key changes causing concern are setback relaxations, determining the permissible size and height of buildings. Residential buildings will now be eligible for up to 50 per cent reduction and commercial buildings up to 25 per cent in setback requirements. The BBMP claims that this is only an enabling provision without immediate effect. But the Supreme Court has warned against enacting such provisions with insignificant gain but significant long-term risks. Critics view these setback relaxations as compromising the privacy and safety of neighbouring properties and adversely impacting the ventilation of nearby structures. As per Section 249 of the GBGA, the Municipal Commissioner has the discretion to regulate buildings that fail to meet setback rules, including all structures built up to one year before the Act. Furthermore, the new law also prescribes a Regularisation Fee (6-35 per cent of the market value), depending on the violation and the type of building. It remains to be seen how all these new regulations will impact the city's landscape in the long term.

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

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