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Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

For any political movement, or for that matter, any citizens' movement to sustain and scale, a strong base of supporters is extremely crucial. The larger the base of supporters, the greater the multiplier effect to amplify the voice and build greater visibility. Ultimately, the way we BNP Founder & General Secretary build the base and amplify the voice, can be the



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difference between winning and losing, between creating an impact and being an also-ran.

The supporters, as opposed to leaders or even volunteers, are those who cannot contribute time on a consistent basis for the Party but are willing to help in whatever way they can. This could be in the form of financial support / donations to BNP, which can help build the BNP activities / campaigns or, in the form of spreading the message, where they can share the story & message of BNP in their personal groups.

At BNP, we understand the importance of building a large support base and we call them BNP Mithras (Friends of BNP). Over the last few years, we have built a strong base of a few thousand BNP Mithras, who have contributed financially as well as helped spread the message of BNP in their own circles.

With a view to expanding the base of BNP Mithras, we have now launched a campaign comprising events, town halls, online meets and one-on-one meetings. We are starting with the base of BNP Mithras we already have and are actively engaging with them to encourage them to contribute financially. We are also working hard towards getting BNP Mitras to influence a few friends from their network to support BNP too.

BNP will be launching an advertising campaign soon to augment the Party's visibility, which hopefully will also encourage our Mithras to connect with more people in their network. The power of the multiplier effect can be very significant.

Imagine if 1,000 BNP Mithras can connect with 10 people each and if they, in turn, can connect with 10 people each, we would straight away have reached 1 lakh people. Even more amazingly, if each of these people contribute even Rs. 1,000 each, we would have raised Rs. 10 crores! This would place us wonderfully well in our endeavour to achieve BNP Mission 25 (our mission to win 25 out of the 225 wards in the BBMP election).

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What do you think of this initiative? If you have any ideas on how to make it more effective and impactful, please feel free to write to me at srikanth.narasimhan1975@gmail.com

BNP'S #IWontPay CAMPAIGN UPDATES

BNP started the 'I Won't Pay' online petition, in protest against the new charges unconstitutionally imposed by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Even as the petition is slowly but steadily gathering signatures (over 2,700 signatures as of 31st May 2025), a Core BNP Team went to meet with Deputy Chief Minister Sri. D.K. Shivakumar, BBMP Chief Commissioner Sri. Maheshwar Rao, and BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Sri. Munish Moudgil, to submit a letter calling for a halt to the collection of Solid Waste Management (SWM) User

Fee for this year.

At these meetings on 13th and 14th May 2025, BNP Founder and General Secretary, Srikanth Narasimhan, BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy, BNP Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V, BNP Head of Research and Media Team Sowmya Raghavan and BNP Leaders Jayant Nair and Swarupa, submitted a letter to halt the collection of SWM user fee for this year, highlighting 3 key issues:

- 1. The 'Bulk Waste Generator' option was introduced only around 20th April 2025. Many apartment residents had already paid the SWM User Fee along with their Property Tax and also paid the empanelled vendors double payment for a service BBMP doesn't provide. This amount should be refunded to the payers.
- 2.Smaller apartments (under 100 units) use empanelled vendors but are not classified as 'Bulk Waste Generators'. They cannot opt out and risk double payment. They need to be exempted from the SWM User Fee too.
- 3. Vacant plots are charged SWM Fee despite no waste generation or BBMP service. Why? Many owners of vacant plots have already paid the Fee too, along with their Property Tax.







In a follow-up meeting on 31st May 2025, BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan and BNP Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V met Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) CEO Dr. Harish Kumar. The following were the discussions and results from this meeting:

- 1. BNP Leaders updated that many citizens who fall under the 'Bulk Waste Generator' category had already paid the SWM User Fee even before the 'Bulk Waste Generator Category' option was implemented on the Property Tax portal. To this, Sri Harish mentioned that whoever has already paid can make a requisition and he will look at refunding or adjusting the same.
- 2. He mentioned that all Apartment Complexes with less than 100 units don't fall under the 'Bulk Waste Generator' category. Such apartments need to dispose off their waste through the BBMP.
- 3. **BNP's DEMAND is to REVERSE SWM USER FEE** for now, and implement it after due consultation with the citizens and elected Council. BNP requested to take up this matter with the higher ups.
- 4. Regarding the open site garbage issue, he said that it should be taken up with the SWM Assistant Executive Engineers (SWM AEEs) deputed from BSWML to monitor Solid Waste Management in each assembly constituency.



5. Regarding Waste Transfer Stations (from where the collected waste is shifted to processing/disposal sites), on Main Roads, BNP was told that the Commissioner has ordered that the Transfer Stations be shifted to inner sites, rather than on Main Roads. There is to be one Transfer Station per Assembly Constituency Ward.

NP hopes for a positive response from the officials. BNP will continue its fight until the unfair charges are removed and a transparent process is put in place.

If you too are appalled by the new Parking Fees and Garbage User Fees implemented by the BBMP, that is being run in an unconstitutional manner by the State Government instead of by elected BBMP Council / Corporators / Mayor, for the last 4.5 years,

SIGN THE PETITION NOW!



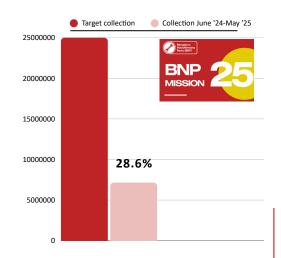
OFFICIAL INTERACTIONS WITH BBMP (MAY '25)

Updates about the official meetings appear in the above Article — 'BNP'S #IWontPay CAMPAIGN UPDATES'.

CONTRIBUTORS TO MISSION 25

BNP is grateful to all the BNP Mithras who donated in May 2025.

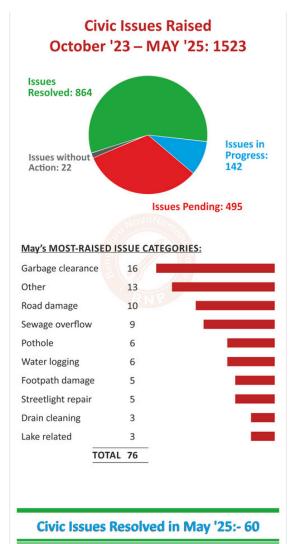
Let's achieve BNP Mission 25 together!



Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party

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



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.

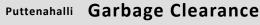
To join, Whatsapp +91 83106 89931 today!

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

Road Damage again featured high on Civic Issues reported. Other highly reported issues were lack of garbage clearance, sewage overflow, potholes, water logging, damaged footpaths and nonfunctional street lights.

BNP resolved 60 civic issues in May 2025.

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







Kudlu Pothole/Sinkhole





Gottigere Clogged Drains





Bellanduru Sewage Overflow





BELLANDUR WARD HITS A MILESTONE



BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevpura) Vishnu Reddy reported that the BNP Bellandur Community crossed a small milestone with over 2,550 people across all its WhatsApp Groups on 15th May 2025!

This is a significant number, almost equal to the voters for one full Area Sabha, who now connect to the BNP cause! **Vishnu Reddy** expressed his appreciation for the many BNP e-Khata camps that helped Bellandur to reach this milestone. A big 'Thank You' to guiding light **BNP Leader H L N Prasad** for always showing

Bellandur the way and to the incredible BNP Leadership team behind the success of this extensive membership drive — Aparna Chander, Venkatachalam Subramaniam, Roomi Daruwala and other BNP Leaders, Members and supporters. Kudos and gratitude also to BNP Campaign Manager Samaara Firdaus and the entire BNP backend Team for their consistent hard work that helped Bellandur reach this target.

Vishnu Reddy also wanted to express his special thanks to **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan** for the daily motivation and ever-present guidance.

The next aim for the BNP Bellandur Team is to reach 3,000 at the earliest. And with the numbers touching 2,700 by the end of May, this will happen very soon!

BNP MITHRAS CONNECT 2.0

BNP Mithras are friends and well-wishers of the Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP). They are the ones who contribute money, skills and time towards spreading the word about BNP and the work that the BNP Leaders and Area Sabha Members do on the ground.

On 29th May 2025, the second BNP Mithras Connect event was conducted at the Chancery Pavilion on Residency Road. Put together by **Srikanth Narasimhan, BNP Founder and General Secretary**, a host of BNP Leaders and Volunteers, it was an evening that brought together high profile citizens keen on knowing more about BNP's ongoing and upcoming answers to tackling Bengaluru's woes.

The BNP Mithras Connect event had a tight, focused schedule. It started with a warm welcome and a succinct introduction to BNP's Mission and Milestones.

Governing Council Member and BNP Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V introduced 'BNP' as India's first and only city Political Party, with focus only on Bengaluru and its municipal governance. She went to outline how BNP is unique and what its Vision for Bengaluru is.





BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy stepped up next to answer possible 'But...' statements with a clear presentation of 'how BNP can win BBMP 2025'.

This was followed by an inspiring video on BNP's civic impact across the city — How BNP Is Transforming Bengaluru: Real **Civic Action Without Holding Power**.

This video is now up on the BNP Channel on YouTube.

Click **HERE** to watch the video.

Do 'Like' and 'Share' it too.



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Srikanth Narasimhan then introduced the different Ward Leaders and some of the attendees who are key contributors to BNP.

Lively table-wise discussions came next. Invitees heard on-ground BNP stories and were encouraged to put forth their thoughts and ideas for a better Bengaluru.





The closing call-to-action by **Srikanth Narasimhan** urged participants to donate generously to help BNP gear up for the upcoming elections.

The event helped garner a significant contribution to BNP.

Kudos to BNP and the BNP Team that came together to present BNP at the event. The team included:



Ladies (from Left to Right) — BNP Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V, BNP Leader Roohi Akhther, BNP Head of Research and Media Sowmya Raghavan, BNP Leader Aparna Chander, BNP Campaign Manager Samaara Firdaus, BNP Content Team Syama, BNP Chief of Staff Saranya Chandrasekaran, BNP Program Lead Nishitha Prashanth, BNP Campaign Coordinator Varshini Shashi, BNP Leaders Anna Davis, Bhagyalakshmi, Asha Nayak, BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam and BNP Civic Issues Warrior Shruthi Gowda.

Gentlemen (from Left to Right) — BNP Leaders Arvind Mohan, Pradeep Pai, BNP Zonal Leader (Mahadevapura) Vishnu Reddy, BNP Leaders V. Muthanna, Badri Narayanan, Aditya Yeluru, Srinivasan Kadaba, BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan, BNP Leaders Milind Kulabkar, Purushottam Deshpande, Ram Narasimhan, Venkatachalam Subramaniam, Arun Natarajan, H L N Prasad, Srinivasa Reddy, Sanjay Lavakere, Sandeep Reddy Elavarthy and Piyoosh Baldota.

BNPians who were present and active at the event, but missing from this picture are — BNP Leaders Jayashree Apoorva, Jeevan Jyoti and Prittvi Raju, and BNP Content Team Head Shraddha Prabhukumar.

BNP is looking to conduct more such Mithras Connect events to generate more donations.

Namma Samiti (Ward Committee Meetings)

Ward: GOTTIGERE (194) Date: 7th May 2025

BNP Representatives: BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam, and BNP Area Sabha Members Swarupa Kakumanu and Farheen Taj.

Discussion Points and Decisions: BNP team brought up the civic issues listed in the BNP tracker — potholes, road tar resurfacing requests, Storm Water Drain (SWD) issues, drain cleaning requests, Solid Waste Management (SWM) concerns, park maintenance issues, non-working street lights, public

These were all taken up for discussion. Officials responded that steps are being initiated to address these issues systematically.

health and safety issues, and traffic-related concerns.

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Ward: HSR LAYOUT Date: 14th May 2025

BNP Representatives: BNP Leader Roohi Akther

Discussion Points and Decisions: BNP Leader raised the following issues:

- Footpath on 24th Main, opposite the KEB Station requested to reclaim and restore it to make it walkable
- Broken footpath tiles in front of Aishwarya East Woods Apartments on 24th Main requested repair and alignment
- Debris inside the Sundaravana Lake drain requested slabs to be laid over the open drain, as it is currently attracting garbage dumping by locals

BBMP officials assured that the tender process would be initiated shortly and action will be taken on the issues raised.

Ward: PUTTENAHALLI (214) Date: 21st May 2025

BNP Representatives: BNP Leader Ram with the BNP Team and residents from the Mayflower Block of the Brigade Millennium Apartment

Discussion Points and Decisions:

- Garbage dumping and the need for cleanup in the Brigade Millennium area
- School bus parking and reports of alcohol consumption near Brigade School
- Open smoking in the area next to Mayflower Apartment Officials said that they will look into the matter.



BNP Leaders and BNP Area Sabha Members will continue to attend Ward Committee Meetings in different Wards, bringing up civic issues and following-up on them until visible improvements are made.



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

ONLINE eKHATA OVERVIEW SESSIONS

BNP continues to host online preliminary 'eKhata Procurement Overview Sessions'. These sessions typically start with an introduction to the BNP and the reason BNP is conducting the camp. Followed by an explanation of what the eKhata is, its features, the mandatory requirements for the same, BNP experts then share the list of documents required and directions on how to find the Electronic Property Identification Number (ePID), urging attendees to try and apply on their own for their eKhatas or, to coordinate with the BNP, form groups and get started together.

BNP eKhata experts have helped 3000+ citizens get their eKhatas over 128 online camps in the last 6 months.

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

WARD WALK

BNP Ward Walks are walks taken by BNP Leaders and BNP Area Sabha Members, along with interested local citizens, around different areas of their Ward, to identify Civic Issues for resolution.

Ward: Gottigere
Date: 4th May 2025

BNP Zonal Leader (Bengaluru South) Poongothai Paramasivam, BNP Area Leader Asha Nayak and BNP Area Sabha Members Ajay, Murtuza, Saroj and Seeboli together went to Jyothi Nagar, Bohra Layout, Gottigere, to identify and document the civic issues in the area. They spotted and noted down several issues related to roads, drains, garbage, streetlights and tree trimming, all of which were to be compiled and formally submitted to the BBMP for necessary follow-up and remedial action.

The BNP Team also engaged in meaningful discussions with local residents to better understand their concerns and raise awareness about ongoing efforts. The Team sincerely thanks the residents who supported this initiative and look forward to even greater participation in the future.



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



PRESS RELEASES

BNP's Press Release (PR) dated 1st May 2025 brought into focus Area Sabhas and how they have been completely left out in the recently implemented Greater Bengaluru Governance Act (GBGA). The PR titled — 'Area Sabhas: A Proven Model of Citizen-Led Governance That the New GBGB Law Has Ignored' quotes BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan "BNP made detailed submissions to the Rizwan Arshad Committee and repeatedly emphasized the need for legally recognized and strengthened Area Sabhas. The GBGB (now enacted as the Law - GBGA) has sidelined the concept. Instead of embracing decentralization and empowering citizens, the government has chosen to centralize power, stripping Bengaluru's residents of meaningful participation in their own governance". The PR presents how BNP has established Area Sabhas in multiple Wards and proven how Area Sabhas work effectively in the Urban context, resolving over 800 civic issues through structured community engagement, participatory planning, and consistent follow-ups with BBMP officials.

The second PR for May 2025, dated 23rd May 2025 shared information about the running BNP's #IWontPay Campaign that has been started to rebuke BBMP's unilateral decision to levy and collect a new 'Garbage Usage Fee' along with the Property Tax collection. Many owners who do not fall under the category of 'Bulk Waste Generators', owners in Complexes with less than 100 units who take care of their waste through private vendors and owners of vacant sites have already paid this fee when they did not have to. "This is not just carelessness—it's exploitation. How can BBMP collect a fee without even knowing who should pay and who shouldn't? Shouldn't a government agency have the basic sense to avoid double-charging citizens for a service it doesn't deliver?" asks Srikanth Narasimhan, BNP Founder and General Secretary. The fact that this User Fee has been enforced without a Governing Council in place for over 4½ years, and without any consultancy with citizens, only makes more and more people (over 2,800 now) sign up for the BNP's Online #IWontPay Campaign.

You can read more about BNP's action on this in the 'Campaign Updates' Section of this Newsletter.

You can access all the BNP Press Releases on our Namma BNP website HERE

BNP IN THE NEWS

You can click <u>HERE</u> to see how different Media organisations have supported BNP over the years by publishing articles on our endeavours to resolve civic issues in Bengaluru.



Greater Bengaluru Authority Replaces BBMP

The State Government has officially notified the formation of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), which now becomes the primary civic body replacing BBMP for the city's core functions. The new agency will oversee urban planning, infrastructure, waste management and public service delivery across the metropolitan region. This move aims to streamline governance, and address the fragmentation and inefficiency seen under BBMP's watch. While some experts welcome the shift as long overdue, questions remain about how this authority will coordinate with existing agencies. It marks a major structural change in how Bengaluru will be managed going forward.

Legal Undertaking to Control Construction

Bengaluru's BBMP has introduced a mandatory legal undertaking for builders and property owners to curb rampant unauthorized constructions, signaling a tougher stance against violations. Under this new rule, applicants must affirm they will not exceed approved building plans before construction begins. This follows recent enforcement actions, including demolitions and BESCOM's support to identify power connections in illegal structures. By requiring upfront accountability, BBMP aims to deter rule-breaking before it happens, rather than reactively demolishing structures. Officials acknowledge that the undertaking will simplify enforcement and reduce the need for future legal actions. However, success will depend on strict monitoring, inter-agency coordination and transparent disclosure of enforcement metrics.

Cauvery Water Service via Tanker

The Karnataka government has introduced the 'Sanchari Cauvery' initiative to supply BIS-certified Cauvery water through GPS-tracked tankers. The scheme offers real-time booking through a digital platform and ensures secure delivery via OTP verification to the customer's doorstep. To support affordability, the water is provided at subsidised rates, making clean water accessible to a larger population. This initiative aims to bring transparency, prevent water theft or pilferage and enhance the overall reliability of tanker water supply in the region.

Bengaluru Apartments Struggle with Governance

Bengaluru's apartment complexes, which often function like mini-municipalities with annual budgets ranging from ₹5 to ₹20 crore, are facing increasing governance challenges. Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) struggle with leadership gaps, lack of expertise, internal conflicts, and poor financial oversight. As a result, critical functions like maintenance, dispute resolution, and infrastructure planning suffer. Organizations like IIM Bangalore and the Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) are stepping in to train residents and promote better models such as staggered leadership terms and decentralized block-level governance, but adoption remains limited. Experts warn that these governance issues could escalate into larger crises if ignored.

Exclusive Body for Major Projects

Bengaluru has formally established a new Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with an initial corpus of ₹7,000 crore to accelerate major infrastructure projects across the city. This dedicated body will oversee large-scale initiatives, including a proposed network of 40 kms of underground tunnel roads, multiple flyovers and other strategic urban developments. By centralizing project planning and execution, the city aims to overcome bureaucratic delays and deliver on promised improvements faster. Stakeholders say this marks a shift toward focused and efficient implementation, though experts caution that sustained political will and transparency will be essential to realize these ambitious plans.

Hebbal Land for Infrastructure Projects

Bengaluru is moving ahead to reclaim a strategically located 45-acre stretch in Hebbal for major infrastructure upgrades. The State Government, led by Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar, has approved land acquisition to build an integrated transport hub featuring a Metro depot, tunnel roads and multi-modal connectivity, overcoming delays and real estate hurdles. Compensation is to be provided via TDR, FAR or other norms. Stakeholders, including MPs and urban planners, believe that this move will streamline key projects. However, its success hinges on smooth coordination, legal clearances and transparent planning.

Bellandur Lake Revival Gets a Boost

The Karnataka Government has approved an additional ₹79 crore for the rejuvenation of Bellandur Lake, taking the total allocation to around ₹179 crore. This funding will support desilting, wetland creation and infrastructure to prevent sewage inflow. The move follows pressure from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) and experts from IISc, who highlighted the lake's toxic foam and ecological damage. The plan also includes restoring biodiversity and improving water quality. If implemented effectively, this could mark a turning point in addressing one of Bengaluru's most persistent environmental crises.

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

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