



# Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP)

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the Founder

Dear Bengalurigas,

The Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB) announced earlier this year that the Water Tariff was being hiked, since the hike had not been done for many years. On the face of it, you might wonder why this is so important, particularly given that the hike was only to the tune of about 10-20%.

Believe it or not, my public life started with this same issue of Water Tariff hike, about 10 years back! The key reason for starting Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) was the discriminatory tariff imposed on apartment complexes classifying them as bulk consumers.

So, what is the issue here?

Till the year 2014, all residential users whether living in individual houses or apartment complexes, were paying water tariff with a slab rate starting at ₹6 per KL (Kilo Litre). For people living in apartment complexes with a single meter, the slab rate was determined based on average consumption per household, which is very fair.

However, all this changed in 2014 when the Government classified apartment residents as "bulk consumers"! This is quite absurd as a family consumes the same amount of water irrespective of whether they live in an individual house or in a flat in an apartment complex.

Interestingly, apartment complexes make it very efficient for BWSSB to offer the service as hundreds of households are covered with a single pipe, single connection, a single meter and a single billing. Even more interestingly, BWSSB's own data showed that residents living in apartment complexes were consuming less water per household on an average than people living in individual houses, primarily due to Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs), Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) and other water conservation measures.

Shockingly though, rather than incentivising residents living in flats for their efficiency, the BWSSB overnight, in a fell swoop, announced that people living in apartments were bulk consumers and the rate was increased by over 300% to ₹22 per KL. Worse still, there was no slab rate to incentivise less consumption and penalise over-consumption.

While this battle has been going on for the last 10 years without a resolution, the BWSSB did something even more shocking this April (2025). They started charging very high slab rates starting from ₹24 per KL all the way up to ₹55 per KL and that too, based on total consumption in an apartment rather than average consumption per flat.

This has resulted in a truly absurd situation – for a family consuming 15,000 litres per month (15 KL / month or 500 litres per day), this is what they pay

Living in an individual house – ₹11 per KL

Living in a flat in a 100-flat apartment complex – ₹32 per KL

Living in a flat in a 500-flat apartment complex – ₹53 per KL



**SRIKANTH NARASIMHAN**

BNP Founder & General Secretary

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## MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

(Srikanth Narasimhan's Perspective on Topics of Current Relevance to Bengaluru & BNP)

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*A person living in a small apartment pays ~3x and a person living in a large apartment pays ~5x tariff as compared to when the person lives in an individual house, for consuming less amount of water!*

*The above kind of illogical & discriminatory policies have no place in a civilised society and is the primary reason why Bengaluru & its residents are suffering! BNP has started the fight again to drive some sense into BWSSB to consider all residents on an equal footing whether they live in an individual house or in an apartment complex and to implement sensible policies.*

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



## CAMPAIGN UPDATES

(Developments on BNP's Ongoing Central Campaigns)

### BNP'S #IWontPay CAMPAIGN — LATEST UPDATE

BNP relentlessly fights for the rights of Bengalurigas. Last month, the campaign against the additional Solid Waste Management (SWM) levies added by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to the Property Tax, saw the BNP starting an online '[I Won't Pay](#)' petition, visits to the Deputy Chief Minister Sri. D.K. Shivakumar, BBMP Chief Commissioner Sri. Maheshwar Rao and BBMP Special Commissioner (Revenue) Sri. Munish Moudgil to submit letters calling for a halt to the collection of SWM User Fee for this year, and a discussion with Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) CEO Dr. Harish Kumar.



This month, on 3rd June 2025, **BNP Founder and General Secretary Srikanth Narasimhan**, **BNP Governing Council Member and Zonal Leader (Bommanahalli) Lalithamba B V** and **BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam** met the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Deputy Chief Minister, Sri. Rajendra Prasad. The team updated the OSD on all the drawbacks regarding the SWM User Fee and BNP's demands. He directed BNP to have a discussion with BBMP Administrator Sri. Tushar Girinath.

BNP will take it up and continue to fight the SWM User Fee until the unfair charges are removed and a transparent process is put in place.

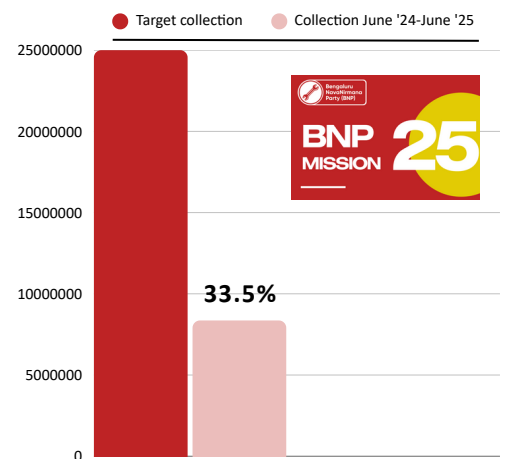
If you too are appalled by the new Parking Fees and Garbage User Fees implemented by the BBMP, that is being run in an unconstitutional manner by the State Government instead of by elected BBMP Council / Corporators / Mayor, for the last 4.5 years,

**[SIGN THE PETITION NOW!](#)**

### CONTRIBUTORS TO MISSION 25 (JUNE 2025)

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

**Let's achieve BNP Mission 25 together!**



Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party



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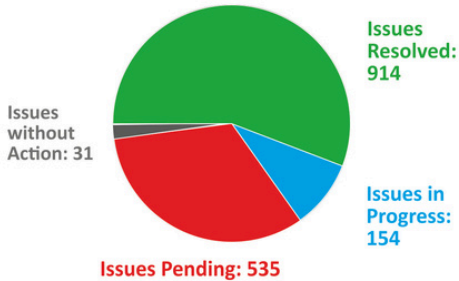
If you want to learn about the **BNP Mithra** Initiative and get involved, please message us at **+91 83106 89931**



## CIVIC ISSUES RESOLVED

(Local civic issues addressed by BNP)

### Civic Issues Raised October '23 – June '25: 1634



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

Other	20
Pothole	19
Garbage clearance	14
Road damage	13
Footpath damage	8
Tree trimming	7
Borewell / BWSSB	6
Sewage overflow	6
Streetlight repair	5
Drain cleaning	4
Speed breaker	3
Footpath encroachment	3
Storm Water Drain (SWD)	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>111</b>

**Civic Issues Resolved in June '25:- 50**

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

Complaints with regard to Potholes topped this month's list of reported issues. While lack of Garbage Clearance and Road Damage were once again highly reported, there were many requests for resolution of Footpath damage and Tree trimming/cutting too.

**BNP resolved 50 civic issues in June 2025.**

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

#### Munekollal Potholes



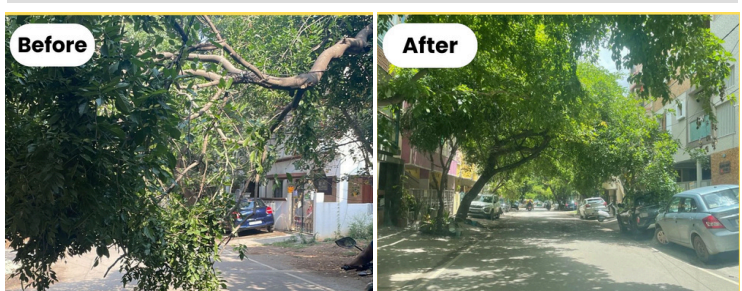
#### Kaggadasanapura Non-functional Streetlights



#### A Narayanapura Sewage Overflow



#### HSR Layout Broken Branches



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!**





## BNP GROUND REPORT

(Round-up of BNP's Regular Work)

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

**Ward:** VARTHUR

**Date:** 8th June 2025 (Online)

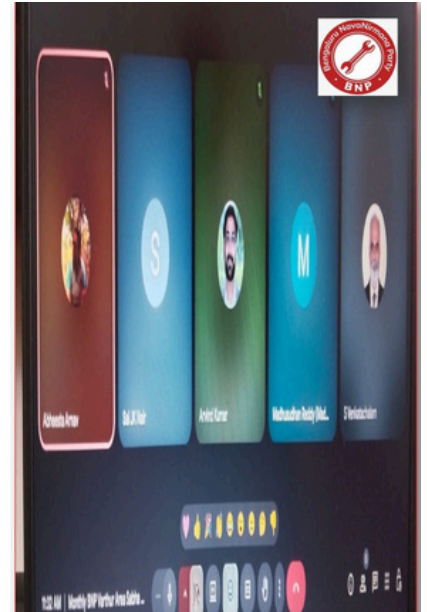
**BNP Representatives:** BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam and BNP Area Sabha Members (ASMs) Jayant Nair (JK), Abheesta, Arvind Kumar Chiraniya and Madhu Reddy.

#### Discussion Points and Decisions:

- Continued success of E-Khata camps – efforts will continue to encourage more residents to participate
- Sai Jayanth K Nair acknowledged for facilitating key appointments with the Deputy Chief Minister and senior government officials regarding SWM User fee petitions

#### Key Points Discussed:

- Plan to initiate community-specific meetings for better local engagement
- Outstanding civic issues identified:
  - Gunjur Road
  - Belagere Road
- Madhu to share updates on the ongoing work at Belagere Road
- Arvind shared the minutes from the last Varthur Ward meeting
- Venkatachalam Subramaniam and Sai Jayanth K Nair to gather details on the upcoming ward meetings





## MEDIA CONNECT

(BNP's interactions with the media)

### PRESS RELEASES

The [BNP Press Release \(PR\) released on 23rd June 2025](#) slams BBMP's digital governance failure with the eKhata system and blames the absence of elected representatives for the growing public distrust!

The PR lists key Issues in the system across Wards. **(1) Partition Deed Property Issues** — When the first co-owner updates their details, the second person is unable to do so. **(2) EPI ID not sent-Khata Not Found** — Citizens told that they'll be notified of their EPI ID within 45 days, don't get notifications. **(3) Ward Number Mismatch Post Delimitation** — Ward numbers in tax records and eKhata forms don't match due to BBMP's failure to update changes after the delimitation process. **(4) Name Field Left Blank** — Software fails to read names filled in Kannada or English inconsistently, leaving critical name fields blank. **(5) Unexplained Application Rejections (6) Encumbrance Certificate (EC) Row Mismatch Glitch** — When the EC has multiple entries under the same name, the system is unable to process the application. **(6) No Provision for NRI Property Owners.**

**BNP Leader H L N Prasad**, a resident of Jaraganahalli Ward, spoke about the unresponsiveness of the concerned officials. He said "Despite these issues being reported for over three months now, the BBMP and Assistant Revenue Officers (AROs) have taken no concrete action. Phone calls and messages go unanswered. It is also shocking that the system doesn't allow applicants to delete failed applications, nor does BBMP do it on their end. As a result, nearly 65,000 e-applications are currently stuck for corrections in various Forms."

The system should be comprehensive and citizen friendly. As **BNP Leader Venkatachalam Subramaniam** said "The e-Khata system was supposed to empower citizens and make the process easier. Though there are cases where ekhata is issued within 1 or 2 days, many people are stuck, frustrated, and do not know how to proceed further. A digital platform should be more seamless and convenient".

Expressing concerns over the failure of the system, **Vishnu Reddy, BNP Zonal President (Mahadevapura)** said, "This is not a technical glitch, it's a governance failure. There is no proper system in place, and BBMP seems uninterested in fixing it. Instead, it is giving way for agents and touts to exploit helpless citizens... When corruption is allowed to flourish, no digital reform can succeed. People are being pushed from pillar to post, while BBMP washes its hands off the problem."

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 [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.

**Groundwater Depletion Rate Raises Concern**

Surveys by both Central and State authorities have confirmed that Bengaluru's groundwater is depleting at an alarming rate. In just a decade, average groundwater levels have dropped from 18 to 38 meters, with some outskirts reporting depths of over 45 meters. The main causes are overextraction due to rampant borewell drilling and unchecked urban expansion. Natural recharge systems are failing, and despite BBMP planning more borewells, experts warn this could worsen the crisis. Concerned experts stress the need for urgent interventions like: stricter borewell regulation, large-scale rainwater harvesting, and sourcing water from Central Bengaluru to reduce pressure on groundwater.

**Haralur Residents Demand Trash Clearance**

Residents of around 300 families in Haralur's Reliable Lakeview Residency and nearby areas are experiencing a severe waste collection failure, with wet and dry waste pickups reduced to once a week, even sometimes skipped for days at a stretch. Locals complain that the accumulated garbage has attracted stray dogs, rodents and snakes, creating unsanitary and hazardous living conditions. Locals have tried self-organizing by creating Block-level groups, but cite a shortage of auto tippers and poor service from BBMP as ongoing issues. According to residents, collection vehicles often only act when residents complain and focus on nearby VIP areas, while Haralur is neglected. Health Inspector Madhu Gowda has acknowledged delays, citing staff leave and has promised personnel reassignment to resume timely door-to-door collection and clear the accumulated waste.

**Delayed Upgrade for STPs**

The Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has begun upgrading 20 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) in accordance with National Green Tribunal (NGT) standards, six years after the deadlines were set. Many of these STPs were built according to older norms and have since fallen short of current environmental requirements. The delayed upgrades reflect prolonged inaction despite legal mandates. Experts warn that further delays could harm water quality in lakes and rivers. While the move is a step forward, BWSSB has yet to announce specific timelines or budgets for completing the work across all identified STPs.

**Senior Citizen Moves Court for More Footpaths**

An 80-year-old Bengaluru resident, Vijaykumar D V, has filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the Karnataka High Court demanding the construction of continuous, safe footpaths across the city after over a decade of fruitless efforts through RTIs, complaints and meetings with the BBMP, DULT and State officials. He describes navigating the city on narrow, unsafe pathways and open drains as perilous, particularly noting an incident in 2014 involving a visually impaired woman and a man on crutches. Despite official acknowledgment in 2019 that footpaths are a legal requirement, no action has been taken. His PIL seeks the formation of a dedicated committee or special purpose vehicle to enforce judicial orders around pedestrian safety. He emphasizes that safe footpaths are about accessibility, equality, and dignity, especially for senior citizens and those with disabilities.

**Encroached Forest Land Cleared**

The Karnataka Forest Department recently cleared 120 acres of illegally occupied forest land in the Kadugodi plantation, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East — a site valued at approximately ₹4,000 crore. The operation, carried out under directives from Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre, included the removal of encroachments, boundary demarcation and the planting of native saplings for ecological restoration. This action is part of a two-year campaign in which 248 acres have been reclaimed across Bengaluru, collectively worth over ₹8,000 crore. The reclaimed land has been fenced and replanted to prevent future encroachments and sustain biodiversity.

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

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