

# Namma Bengaluru Action Plan

*to transform Bengaluru in 3 years.*








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## Background

- Bengaluru has been the gateway for Investments into Karnataka, and these investments are creating a large number of new jobs in the region. The jobs in turn attract inward migration, and the population of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region is expected to reach 160 lakhs by 2020.
- This will create new pressures on public administration and governance, and we must build up strength in these areas. At present, however, there are noticeable challenges in key fronts:
  - **PLANNING:** Our growth has not been planned for over past several years. No structure that allows Integrated Planning. No single blueprint to manage the city's growth and its services.
  - **GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Governance structure is fragmented across many departments, with no accountability for specific outcomes.
  - **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Citizens are expecting greater municipal agency responsiveness and service, as well as wish to participate and be involved in planning and deciding the development of their neighbourhood.
  - **INFRASTRUCTURE:** There is an obvious shortage in Infrastructure capacities across the board in Transportation, Water, Sanitation, Security, Health and other areas. This is due to many years of underinvestment in this area by previous Governments.
  - **WELFARE OF URBAN POOR:** The Urban poor population that is estimated to be between 10-20% of the city will receive more focus from the Government.
  - **HERITAGE:** Due to rampant, unplanned growth and absence of citizen participation – the heritage, history and environment of Bengaluru slowly getting destroyed.
  - **FINANCES:** Sufficient investments and financial resources to be mobilized for critically needed improvements to services, especially to serve the urban poor.
- As a result of these challenges, and due to rising competition from other cities, the historical advantages that Bengaluru has enjoyed (tidy self-contained neighborhoods with strong local flavours, strong academic institutions, the green cover – all of which combined to provide a high quality of life) can no longer be counted upon to keep the city at the forefront of urban India.

*It is important, therefore, that we act now, to remake Bengaluru and transform it into a clear leader among Indian cities, and a shining example of what we can achieve together, through decentralized democracy and development. This document is a vision of how that aspiration can be turned into reality in the next 3 years.*





## Approach to solutions:Namma Bengaluru Action Plan -2012 (NBAP 2012)

The BJP has prepared a Namma Bengaluru Action Plan (NBAP 2012) to transform Bengaluru over the next 3 years. The NBAP2012 is prepared around the belief that our preparations for the future will be robust if we (a) develop our internal capacities for governance and public administration, and (b) facilitate the ideas and innovations of the citizens in continuing to develop the economy of the region. To this end, the challenges on various fronts will be addressed by the NBAP as follows:

- **PLANNING:** A unified planning structure for the entire region will be created, and will be responsible for creating the blueprint for growth for the region, in the form of statutory strategy documents in several areas. Plans and programs at local levels (wards) will conform to the overall thrust of the regional strategies, but with allowance for variability based on local needs and preferences. Planning envisages new Self contained townships outside the Bengaluru but within the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region.
- **CITIZEN CENTRIC GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** The various agencies will be restructured and reorganized to provide direct and clear accountability for administration in the city with new legislation.
- **NEW LEGISLATION:** A proposed legislation needed for this transformation towards planned, citizen-centric governance is being prepared – which is drawn from the Kasturirangan Report and the Abide governance report. After public consultation this legislation will be enacted expeditiously.
- **URBAN POOR:** The NBAP envisages a comprehensive and caring relook at the problems and challenges facing the Urban Poor population, and will create new policies, infrastructure and agencies to address them.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS:** The NBAP will have a 3 year rolling plan of Infrastructure projects for Bengaluru across Transportation and Roads, Water, Sanitation, Energy, Health, Security, Environment, Heritage, Urban Poor etc these will be financed through Public, PrivatePublic or Private financing models. There will be a strong monitoring program to make sure all projects are completed in cost and budget and the website [namma-bengaluru.in](http://namma-bengaluru.in) will be updated for citizens to track these projects.
- **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** The constitutional requirements pertaining to local participation in governance will be implemented in letter and spirit, ensuring a very high degree of local access to (and influence over) decision-making by communities.
- **FINANCES:** Tax collection procedures will be streamlined and improved. Policies on expenditure of taxes, levies, and fees will be refined to align them to specific goals and objectives of the city administration. Specific funds will be ear-marked for expenditure on entitlements, in particular to support the urban poor. Funding from the Government will be made available in addition to the resources within the agencies.

**These initiatives, in tandem, will form the bedrock of our new approach to the transformation of our city – of bringing back a Bengaluru of Kempe Gowdas dreams.**

We are confident that in 3 years as a result of the NBAP, Citizens of Bengaluru will live in the best metropolis in the country and enjoy a good standard of living for all. Citizens can look forward to:

- ✓ A permanent way of having your voice heard in the Governance and management of your city, your ward and your neighbourhood! – With new Citizen centric Governance law
- ✓ More affordable and higher quality Public transportation (Bus, Metro Services)
- ✓ More intelligent Traffic management systems with less traffic jams and waiting time, and a new Parking policy
- ✓ 24x7 water supply to all wards in the city
- ✓ Safe drinking water supply for all wards
- ✓ Improved Sanitation and waste management services for all wards
- ✓ Dedicated Power Plant to supply power to Bengaluru
- ✓ A caring approach to the problems of the poor including continuous housing capacity development in all wards for the Poor and providing credit and financing for their livelihood
- ✓ A well prepared Public security environment to give people a feeling of safety and civil defence & emergency services that respond professionally and rapidly in the event of a security threat
- ✓ Increase in access to higher quality healthcare and health insurance at all levels and to all strata of society, including mobile Hospitals
- ✓ A well protected and cherished proud heritage of our City, including creating a river front for the City
- ✓ A clean environment with better quality air, water and improved open spaces, Parks and Lakes, development without felling of trees
- ✓ A simple approach to property taxation and pre payment. Single window for all Building Permissions
- ✓ A technology enabled Bengaluru including complete Wi-Fi connectivity, e-governance interface for government agencies and complete Computerization of land records
- ✓ Food security for old people
- ✓ Schools for migrant labourers' children
- ✓ Skill development / Soft skill training facilities



## NBAP2012: Planning

A Metropolitan Planning Committee, as envisioned in the Constitution of India, will be established, and shall be responsible for developing a comprehensive, statutory plan for the development of the region. Headed by the Chief Minister, this MPC will have jurisdiction over the entire Bengaluru Metropolitan Region, and its membership will include elected local representatives, nominated members, and domain experts in specific fields.

- The Development of Bengaluru will be planned for the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region and BB Region (Bruhat Bengaluru Region).
- The MPC shall be responsible for the development of the Comprehensive Bengaluru Development Plan (a.k.a. Plan Bengaluru), that will focus on the following areas:
  - Roads, Transportation and Traffic Management
  - Waste, Water and Sanitation
  - Housing
  - Health, Education
  - Power
  - Law and Order, and Public Security
  - Civil Defence and Emergency Services
  - Urban Poor
  - Heritage and Environment
  - Economic Development and Skill Development

Each of the areas above will have significant investments in infrastructure and capacity creation, management and maintenance of existing infrastructure and development of plans/visions with public involvement and consultation.

## NBAP2012: Responsive and Citizen Centric Governance

BBMP will be strengthened, to enable more effective leadership in the implementation of various city plans, and also provide more accountable governance to the citizens of the city.

The Various civic agencies in Bengaluru will be restructured and/or reorganized to ensure accountability and transparency for delivering services and implementing Projects.

The Bruhat Bengaluru (BB) Area will be delimited into new wards as of 2009 and as notified from time to time by the Government of Karnataka. Each ward consists of about 40-50,000 citizens, and the elected representative from each ward shall serve as a councilor in the BBMP.

- Henceforth the ward will be smallest unit of planning and development BBMP will be responsible for developing a detailed development plan and budget for each ward annually.

- The jurisdictions of all municipal, development and security agencies/departments shall be revised to align with ward boundaries (or clusters of wards together), so that citizens have recourse to redress through their elected representatives in the event of grievances.
- Each ward will have at least one service center per 5000 persons. Every ward will also have a Ward office. Each ward will have a ward land register. Ward office will be the administrative center for all municipal services and be headed by a Ward-in-Charge Engineer.
- Each ward will be delineated into specific Neighborhood Areas each of which represents layouts, colonies etc. There will be a fixed number of Neighborhood Areas in each ward and an elected Neighborhood Area representative representing each Neighbourhood. The NA representatives shall be represented in the Ward committee.

## NBAP2012: Transparency and Disclosure

- NBAP will usher in a new era of transparency and disclosure in the works and operations of the Government Agencies in Bengaluru.
- All Data (including Payments, Budget, Contractors), will be available online – Ward wise, MLA/MP Constituency wise and Region wise.
- All Ward offices to have disclosure boards and website for all contracts in the ward with contract details, Land use conversion approvals, all new project and plan sanctions, Project Implementation status etc.
- All Ward committee meeting minutes to be Publically disclosed.
- All agencies to have websites, All contracts with contract details, Land use conversion approvals, all new project and plan sanctions to be mandatorily disclosed on websites and Ward offices.
- Report carding to be introduced once a year. Agencies will ensure publishing in public domain of report cards of all wards.. Annual ward wise meets to be held to present and discuss report cards.
- Bengaluru City Report card to be submitted to citizens once a year. Annual State of city summit to be held to discuss and present report card.

## NBAP2012: Capacity Building

- The Government will start an Institute of Urban Planning and governance, to be located within IIM/IISc/NIAS, in association with a leading International Urban Planning Institute. The institute will train urban civil servants in the best practices, technologies, and tools.
- Firm up alliance with cities like London and New York for knowledge transfer and learning best practices.





## NBAP2012: Infrastructure

The city's infrastructure has seen inadequate investments in the last many years and the city and people are suffering from this under-investment in Roads, Transportation, Water, Sanitation, Sewage, Health, Power and other areas.

The NBAP envisages a massive 3 year investment program into the Cities infrastructure.

Financing of this infrastructure initiative will be through a combination of additional resource mobilizing by agencies, Debt raising, Private Public Partnerships and Government Funding.

All infrastructure projects will be monitored for cost and timelines and namma-bengaluru.in website will make available information to citizens about each project.

## NBAP2012: Urban Poor: WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE, CHANGE IS POSSIBLE.

Currently there are many agencies involved in this area and the focus is primarily on the housing problems of the Urban Poor. There is a need for a completely fresh and complete approach to the challenges faced by the Urban Poor. The NBAP envisages.

1. There will be a new policy for Urban Poor – Comprehensive Urban Poor Policy. CUPP.
2. Single Nodal agency for Urban Poor, Slum development. This agency will be responsible for all urban poor related issues like Housing, Health, and Education etc.
3. The policy will explore the possibility of microfinance for Urban poor dwellers.

## NBAP2012: Heritage and Green Preservation.

- The focus on Heritage and Environment will be brought back. Rampant tree felling will be stopped and all alternatives explored before tree felling to be permitted.
- A Bengaluru Heritage register will be prepared of all monuments, buildings and traditional practices and festivals like Karaga, Dharmaraya Swamy Temple in Bengaluru.
- Bengaluru Urban Arts commission to be revived and made responsible for the overall preservation of the Cities heritage.
- A Heritage policy and law will be enacted and a roadmap created.
- Government will provide budgetary support for maintenance and preservation of our precious Bengaluru heritage.
- A clean environment with better quality air, water and improved open spaces, Parks and Lakes.



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