

## KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE

# Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Elections – 2015 Election Manifesto of Congress Party

It was just ten years back that Bengaluru was India's pride, and was known to the world as an 'Industrial City', 'Educational City', 'IT city,' and 'Garden City.' Indian National Congress was in power and **Sri S M Krishna** was the chief minister at that time. However, in just ten years successive governments of JDS and BJP have degraded Bengaluru to a wasteland, a Garbage City, Traffic Mess City and Crime City. Everyone is aware of the present deplorable state of the city. Bengaluru is a very good example for, how in just a decade's time a beautiful city can be totally disfigured.

After Congress was brought in to power in 2013 by the people of Karnataka through the untiring efforts of Pradesh Congress President **Dr. G Parameshwara** and the Congress Legislative Party Leader **Sri Siddaramaiah**, the Congress Government has initiated many developmental programmes. The Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah has given special attention to the development of Bengaluru; the deteriorating Waste Management System has been brought under control, roads are developed and now the citizens are heaving a sigh of relief.

The misrule of JDS and BJP for ten years had virtually broken down the civic administration. However, Congress will not sit hands folded. It is committed to bring back the lost glory and provide Bengalurians the best infrastructural facilities and amenities.

Congress Party is committed to make once again Bengaluru a city where all citizens can live with peace and contentment; all get equal opportunities. It is going to be economically strong; a home of various art forms and cultures; healthy; an ideal city to live in for all, particularly the youth; brimming with modernity and activities, green, a model of cleanliness, with a reputation for hospitality and all facilities where pure wind and water flow; ever secure. In a nutshell, Congress Party would strive to make Bengaluru a model city; develop Bengaluru into a great

educational, research oriented, technical and productive city. Your Bengaluru is bound to become world renowned.

Congress Party would plunge into action to make Bengaluru one of the world's greatest cities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and grab the attention of the entire world.

### **How should our Bengaluru be?**



#### **Multi-Culture city**

Bengaluru is a reputed cosmopolitan city; people of different languages and cultures live here. Congress has helped in maintaining this reputation. The IT/BT companies of the city are attracting international level technicians and investors. Bengaluru's uniqueness is 'Unity in diversity'. This land is loved by all, not just the people of Karnataka but from the entire Nation nay, the entire world. It is our duty to protect this unique quality of Bengaluru.

#### **Traditional City**



Bengaluru is a home for world famous Karaga, Kadalekayi Parishe (the annual groundnut fair), and many folk festivals. It is also a land of nationally acclaimed modern art centers and picture galleries. There is not only a need to preserve the art and culture of this land but to encourage them. Multi-talented artists are to be recognized through Government and Public forums.

## Garden City



Most beautiful gardens, rows of green trees on either sides of the roads, good weather, historical places that evoke fond remembrances of the erstwhile splendor, our traditions renowned for their hospitality – should we not encourage all these and improve the living conditions of the Bengalurians, and once again make Bengaluru a beautiful and prosperous city?

## Resourceful City



Bengaluru has always played a key role in the Industrial and economic development of the state and the nation. World IT hub Bengaluru is a leading city in contributing for the economic development of the Nation it was Congress which provided top priority to Bengaluru in the development of Information Technology, Bio-Technology, Space Research, and Health services. We have to surmount the obstacles that may come up and improve the economic capability of Bengaluru.

## Developing Bengaluru



In the changing scenario Palike (BBMP) has the topmost responsibility of providing quality infrastructure everywhere. Even impoverished people from various parts of India migrate to Bengaluru with a hope to re-build their lives. Palike has to provide them easily accessible sites, clean drinking water, good roads for pedestrians and vehicles, quality public schools and hospitals, etc. Even the last person of the society must be able to live a respectable life. While Bengaluru has reached the top of the world in electronics, is it not our duty to provide its citizens world class facilities? Congress alone can successfully deliver that.

The twin challenges before Congress are the rejuvenation and rebuilding of this city. We are confident that this can be achieved with the participation of all the thoughtful citizens of Bengaluru. In this direction we declare a few commitments from our side:

### **Greater Bangalore Authority**

- Implement Greater Bangalore Authority Act to bring various authorities which are managing the water supply, underground drainage, transport, housing, electricity & fuel, and developmental projects under one single system.
- Implement Bengaluru Administration System for the all-round development by coordinating with the administrations of Kolar, Tumakuru, Ramanagara and Kanakapura towns.

## Transport System/ Road Maintenance



- To pressurise the Railway Department to plan for a Circular Railway project and completion of doubling up of tracks in all sections up to a distance of 60 kms; take measures for modernization of all the railway stations in Bengaluru.
- Provide more transport facilities to citizens; Introduce **MONORAIL** to reduce vehicular traffic; utilize Artillery and Sub-Artillery drains for connecting **Monorail**.
- Concreting the Artillery and Sub-artillery roads in a phased manner and constructing roadside rainwater drains.
- Take immediate action for filling the pot holes in the roads.
- Modify the Tender Sure Project as per the needs and implement the same on more number of roads
- Construction of flyovers in at least 40 Circles where vehicular traffic is heavy.
- Complete the Metro-2 project and extend it upto Bidadi, Hosakote, Devanahalli, Nelamangala, and Somanahalli.
- Construction of elevated flyovers which will be connecting of Bangalore East-West and North-South
- Construction of multistoried parking complex with private participation for vehicle parking, and encourage private players to construct multistoried vehicle parkings ( Mini & Major).
- Fixing definite places for the citizens, who at nighttimes park their vehicles on the road and manage the same in a scientific manner.

- Widening of roads at High Density Corridors.
- Improvement of transport system, roads and road-curves.
- Safe pedestrian crossing systems where a number of roads meet.
- Construction of footpaths for the benefit of citizens, especially senior citizens.
- Development of all roads.
- As of now the police force given to traffic management is not sufficient; taking the help of volunteers and home-guards.
- At all bus-stands, displaying the bus schedule and route map with full details. This would be linked to a Ground Processing System (GPS).

## **Housing: Slum-free Bengaluru**



- Construction of multistoried residential complexes with all infrastructure facilities at the declared slum areas of Bengaluru and make it a slum-free city in 5 years.
- Reserving 25% of developed land in Bengaluru for economically & socially weak people.
- Promotion of complexes which would benefit owners of small sized sites.
- Providing temporary sites with basic amenities in the outskirts of the city for the poor labourers and construction workers; providing transportation facilities from these places to their workplaces.
- If declared slums are in the lands of Government/local bodies, giving conditional residential certificates for such houses.

- Identify the temporary shelters (kaccha houses) of the poor and form a plan to reconstruct them; with private partnership 1 lakh houses would be built under Deferred Payment plan.

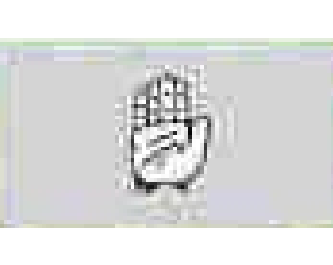
## Cleanliness – Waste Management



- Completely curb the Garbage Mafia and bring in total transparency in waste management
- Form a policy to include a condition in the Garbage Contract that, the waste management contractor shall segregate the waste into dry and wet wastes in the originating wards itself and then only transport.
- Using segregated plastic materials for road construction works and gradually ban the use of plastic carry bags.
- Promotion of setting up of Bio-Methane units from the segregated wet waste.
- Encouraging individuals / organizations to convert wet waste in to organic manure.
- Take measures for setting up of **Waste to Energy** units.
- Take measures to designate a place in each of the zones, definite dumping for construction wastes. stringent action against those who dump construction waste on the road sides.
- Setting up of **Waste Management Centers** at all the Assembly Wards.
- Law to enforce segregation of wastes at the origin itself.
- Strengthen the waste management centers in each ward; **Waste-to-Resources** programme.

- Encouraging in every possible way Private partnerships for the construction of at least 5000 toilets - 100 toilets per Assembly constituency and in crowded places.

### **Proper Usage of Water – Underground Drainage Management:**



- Water is being lifted to Bengaluru from 110 kms distance and 600 ft height, with the help of machines. For this every month about Rs. 40 crores is being spent for electric bill.

Presently 1400 MLD water is being supplied. Along with this 150-200 MLD water is being supplied from tube wells, thus totally 1550-1600 MLD. Out of this only 15% is being used for drinking. Remaining 85% is running in to drains.

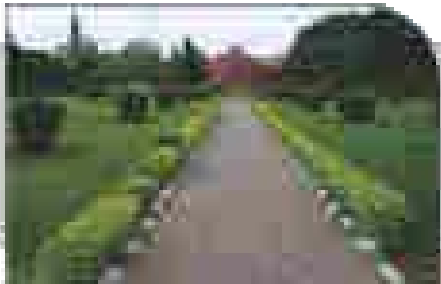
To set right this situation top priority would be given for a proper Water Supply Management.

- Systematically and scientifically manage the water supply; form special teams for stopping leakage/wastage of water.
- At present 85% of total water i.e. about 1000 MLD per day, is running into underground drains; instead of wasting this water purify it and hold them in to the tanks and ponds in and around Bengaluru.
- Complete the Mokedatu Project and implement projects under additional water supply plan for supply of Cauvery water to entire Bengaluru.
- Make Rain Water Harvesting compulsory for houses and public buildings; encourage and support Rain Water Harvesting.
- Usage of modern machineries in cleaning the underground drainages.



- Increasing of the number of sewage treatment plants (STPs) from 16 at present in Bengaluru, to at least 40.
- Laying of new pipes wherever necessary so that there is no scope for mixing of drinking water and sewage.
- Providing Cauvery water on priority basis to the new areas added under BBMP.
- Existing rain water drains shall be linked to 4 channels – Vrushabhavati, Koramangala, Challaghatta and Hebbal, and reorganized.
- Providing drinking water and underground drainage for all houses in the newly added areas; extension of these facilities to the deprived houses in the old city areas.

## **Gardens, Historical Places and Sports Stadiums**



Bengaluru must once again become a 'Garden City'. We would form programmes involving the local residents and private players so that every house in a 30X40 or bigger site shall plant Honge/Bevu (Avenue/Neem) trees suited to the size of the site; plant trees on the roadsides; development of parks and tanks to be taken up.

- Create large Gardens in 4 different zones of the city.
- Construction of safe playing grounds and children-friendly parks in each of the wards.
- Facilities in big gardens for Art, Drama and Music programmes.
- Palike Auditoriums shall be thrown open to the Public; allowing locals to conduct meetings.
- Setting up of computerized libraries in all the gardens.

- Planting of trees on either sides of the major drains to create a green atmosphere.
- Construction of a tall, unique, artistic watch tower and Freedom museums in the Freedom Park to attract tourists and as a symbol of Bangalore.
- Build playgrounds and Indoor Stadiums for the promotion of the following sports:-  
Olympic games – Football, Basketball, Volleyball and Indian traditional sports like Kho-Kho, Kabaddi etc. Badminton and Tennis which the students (both sexes) play more.
- Setting up of Physical Development Centers and Sports Centers in all wards and appoint well trained instructors.
- Upgrade all the swimming pools to Olympic standards and construct new pools where necessary.
- Opening of Residential Sports Schools at four places in the City.
- Construction of well equipped auditoriums on the Ravindra Kalakshetra Model in 5 zones– **Yalahanka, K R Puram, Peenya, Kanakapura Road and Kengeri**. Also, construction of ultra modern sports complexes covering various sports in these zones.
- Bengaluru Karaga, Kadalekai Parishe, and traditional village festivals have attained world fame; providing support and adding luster to them.
- Supporting festivals like Chitra Santhe and People's Festival organized by any private organisations and take measures to make Bengaluru a cultural city. Encourage art forms by organizing public functions in public places like Cubbon Park.
- As suggested by the **Bengaluru Kala Ayoga**, priority would be given for preserving the City's artistic and traditional/historical/heritage places like:
  - (a) Magadi Kempegowda Fort
  - (b) Tippu Sultan Summer Palace
  - © Gavi Gangadhareshwara and other historical temples.
  - (d) Historical churches and mosques – these would be renewed and developed.

- (e) Improved transportation facility would be provided to tourists for visiting all the historical places, public memorials and museums, and Bengaluru's rich culture would be well presented.

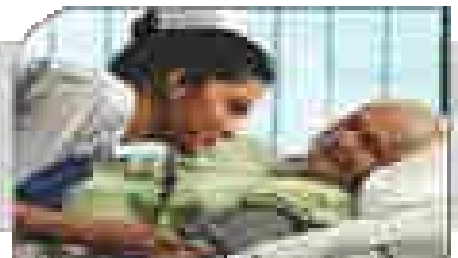
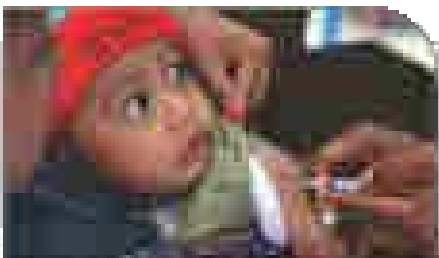
## Education



Congress has understood that education is the only way to mitigate poverty and empower people. It is committed to provide quality education to poor students. In this regard each year 25% of Palike schools would be developed and:

- (a) Palike schools would be developed with the cooperation of Civic Welfare Associations and other NGOs
- (b) Providing the students with morning breakfast along with the midday meals.
- © Providing a Computer Training Centre, Laboratories, Toilet facilities in all the schools; with the help of modern technology develop the competitiveness of these schools.
- (d) Organize Special Educational Programmes in all the schools of Bengaluru that provide Information about the city and awareness of civic responsibilities.

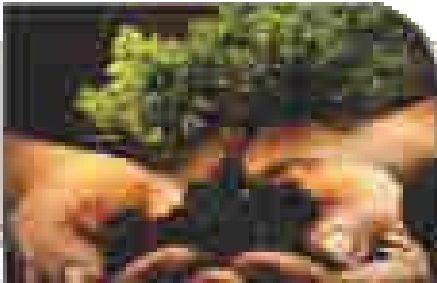
## Health



- Setting up of easily accessible quality health centers for the poor people; setting up of Disease Diagnosing Centers and providing low cost generic medicines at these centers.

- Providing free inoculations/vaccinations against contagious diseases to all the poor families in the city.
- With the cooperation of the State/Centre governments, extending Yashasvini Health Insurance Plan to all the poor families in the city.
- With the cooperation of leading dental care centers, providing quality dental care to all the school-going poor students
- Increasing the strength of the existing Dialysis Centers and opening up a dialysis centre in all the Vidhana Sabha wards.
- Opening of fully equipped Super Speciality Hospitals at 4 zones in the city.

## **Pollution and Fuel Management**



- Provide eco-friendly fuel to all the public vehicles; forming a plan for processing 100% waste water and using it for other purposes.
- Take measures to provide cooking gas through pipes as per the Central Government plans and provide subsidy on the expenses incurred for this by the residents of 30x40 or smaller sites.
- Fully utilize Solar Power; encourage usage of Solar Power for street lights and house lighting.
- Implement 'One house one Tree' and a special project with the participation of the private players to plant trees on the roadsides.
- Take possession of the encroached places and tanks and convert them as eco-friendly centers.
- Plant suitable trees on both side of the storm water drains.

## Management of Accidents



The following programmes would be taken up to alleviate the effects of accidents/terrorist strikes:

- Setting up of a Special Task Force With the cooperation of the State/Centre; ensuring coordination and cooperation between various departments of the State/Centre.
- Collating the maps and all the information about the important buildings and others which are the possible targets of terrorist attacks, and keep STF prepared to act immediately at emergencies.
- Emergency Medical Help Centers would be set up on the highways leading to the city and emergency medical help would be provided to the people involved in the accidents.

## Good Governance



- A 'Single Window' system would be provided for receiving complaints regarding water, drainage, transport, electricity housing, development etc. A team of Palike officers would be formed solely for addressing these complaints.
- Widening of property tax-net through Geographical Information Technology; strengthening the self-assessment tax system and increase the tax collection.
- Bring all the Khata holders under the Tax net.

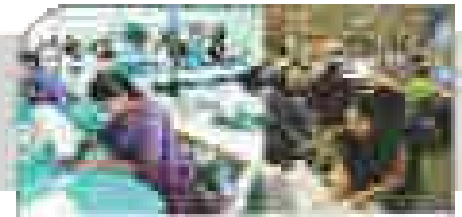
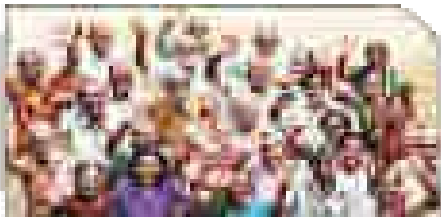
- Annual penalty of 24% being levied on the tax payers at present would be reduced to 5%..
  - Make the property and wealth tax formats very simple.
  - Set up a Property Tax Board as per the Karnataka Municipal Act.
  - Introduce Fund based Accounting System to bring discipline and transparency in finance management.
  - Ward Committees to be formed in all the wards and measures taken to address the local challenges; video recording of the minutes of the committee meetings.
  - The works of all the departments and officials of the Palike would be assessed.
  - Congress Party would set up information centres for the coordination of various plans and their implementation by the Palike; a system would be adopted to provide the Palike Geographical Information to the media also.
  - A non-political committee would be formed involving city planning experts and prominent citizens for the all-round development of Bengaluru; the committee would be given the power of giving recommendations on various projects.
  - Preparing a special plan for the development of areas newly added to BBMP.
  - Treat the street dogs and other animals humanly and at the same time implement programmes to eradicate their nuisance.
  - Setting up of Veterinary Hospitals according the needs.
  - Installing CC TVs at all strategic points, streets.
  - Collating the complete information and statistics about the poor families in the city and implementing scientific programmes for eradication of poverty.
- Obtain accurate and complete information, and statistics about the poor families including the slum dwellers, in the city through Geographical Information System (GIS).

- The Congress Government has already initiated measures to acquire the encroached lands in the city; about Rs. 50,000 crores worth lands have been

acquired. The work will continue and government /Palike properties would be acquired from the encroachers.

- To galvanize the Administrative Machinery all the activities would be computerized and conducted through 'Bengaluru One'; more of those centres would be opened.
- Here, arrangements would be made for obtaining the details about the civil works undertaken in the ward; especially the beginning and completion dates, postponement, bill particulars, etc.
- As and when the Bengaluru Turf Club is relocated to a distant place the existing place would be reserved as a Lung Space. No construction would be allowed there.

### **Senior Citizens', Women's Labour Welfare and Youth Welfare**



- Hostels would be constructed at various places in the city exclusively for employed women.
- In every department, training centers would be opened for women, especially unemployed women; they would be given training in computers and other useful skills.
- Encouraging construction of shelters with the participation of the private players for the benefit of the aged, children, and women.
- Construction of Ashraya residential complexes for the senior citizens and shelterless.
- Opening of help centers for senior citizens regarding payment of bills, taxes etc.
- Opening of daycare service in government and BBMP hospitals with private participation, and Residential Centers for senior citizens and children.

- Opening of special departments in government and BBMP hospitals for the health care of senior citizens.
- Congress would taken up programmes to uplift the economic conditions of working class.
- Providing all necessary help to working clam for forming Voluntary Organizations/Cooperative societies, and help in marketing the goods produced by them. Similarly form programmes for helping the traditionally employed like: Barbers, Potters, Cobblers, Dhobis, blacksmiths, Auto rickshaw drivers, house maids, Beedi workers, Construction workers, Park Workers, Street Vendors, etc.
- Private player's participation would be sought for the welfare and education of the children of unorganized sector workers.
- Forming and implementation of welfare programmes for the Paura Karmikas and their families.
- Forming a programme for providing good health/welfare facilities, constructing organized markets without disturbing the traffic for the benefit of the road side vendors in accordance with the policy formulated by the UPA Government .
- Providing mechanized carts to push cart vendors.
- Take up manive Skill Development Programmes to help youth to become employable and selfreliant and involve NGO's in this reject and earmark fixed budgetary allocation.





