What is MyCityMyBudget?

Mangaluru City Corporation in collaboration with Janaagraha launched the city’s first chapter of 'MyCityMyBudget', a participatory budgeting initiative aimed at making citizen voices an integral part of the municipal budget making process.

My City My Budget was first launched as a pilot in a few wards of Bengaluru in 2015-16. It evolved into a city-wide annual participatory budgeting drive, under the able leadership of the BBMP Mayors and Commissioner. The campaign entails on-ground mobilisation of citizen community groups, Resident Welfare Associations, Non-governmental organisations working across social and economic lines towards collating budget inputs from citizens.

Over the years, 93411 budget inputs have been submitted in the campaigns run in Bengaluru with nearly 12500 works, to the tune of 600 Crores has been included in the city budget.

Participatory Budgeting is a democratic tool that allows citizens to decide how public money is spent. It is based on the principle that citizens best understand which civic issues affect them most and their decision helps prioritise allocation of public money. The first experiment with Participatory Budgeting was carried out in Porto Alegre in 1989. Since then, the tool has been adopted by governments and citizens across the world.

ABOUT JANAAGRAHA

Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy is a non-profit trust in the Jana group co-founded by Swati Ramanathan and Ramesh Ramanathan in 2001. Janaagraha’s mission is to transform the quality of life in India’s cities and towns. It works with citizens to catalyse active citizenship in city neighbourhoods and with governments to institute reforms to city governance (what we call "City-Systems").

The "City-Systems" framework is a whole-of-systems approach to solving for India’s cities. It comprises four distinct yet interdependent components: Urban Planning and Design (master plans, design standards for public utilities), Urban Capacities and Resources (municipal finance, municipal staffing and technology), Political Leadership (empowerment, legitimacy) and Transparency and Citizen Participation (public disclosures, citizen participation, service level guarantees and grievance redressal).
MyCityMyBudget was formally launched in Mangaluru City by MCC Commissioner Mr Akshy Shridhar IAS on January 19, 2021. The campaign was aimed at eliciting citizen inputs in time for the city municipal budget, slated to be announced in the last week of January 2021, and enable councilors to consider citizen priorities for ward developmental plans.

With the Commissioner’s enthusiastic call-to-action, citizen inputs were collected online through a dedicated microsite on Janaagraha, WhatsApp, Facebook, and on-ground, through extensive public engagement with the help of community leaders, NGOs, and other citizen stakeholders across all 60 wards of Mangaluru.

Active co-operation from the Mangaluru’s Apartment Association, Educational institutions, MCC Civic Group, Street Vendor Association, Canara Organisation for Development and Peace (CODP), Dakshina Kannada Bus Operators Association, Animal Care Trust, elected Corporators of Mangaluru City Corporation, Doctors, Teachers, Graduate student groups, Mangaluru City Police, radio jockeys, media and eminent citizens like Researcher and Social worker - Dr. Rita Noronha, Dr. Juliet C J, Principal - School of Social Work Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore Amateur Radio Club and many others facilitated on ground efforts to reach as many as citizens as possible and comprehensively understand the citizens’ priorities and expectations from the upcoming budget.

The MCMB campaign was executed through a bilingual survey questionnaire, in Kannada and English, for citizens to list out the immediate infrastructural priorities in their ward. Citizens were asked to prioritize seven key infrastructural needs in their wards. Owing to the limited timeframe, the list of priorities for MCMB 2021-22 was intentionally kept brief for quick tabulation and evaluation purposes, with the assurance that in future the MCMB Mangaluru will be bigger and better!
We asked the citizens of Mangaluru - where should the city spend its municipal budget?

- Roads
- Solid Waste Management
- Footpaths
- Underground Drainage
- Street Lights
- Drinking Water Supply
- Public Toilets

What do the citizens think should be the 3 key priorities for budget expenditure?

#1
Citizens want Mangaluru Budget to be prioritised for Road Infrastructure

#2
Citizens want Mangaluru Budget to be prioritised for Solid Waste Management

#3
Citizens want Mangaluru Budget to be prioritised for Underground Drainage

TOP PARTICIPATING WARDS

The MCMB Campaign reached out to 1060 citizens for inputs, spread across all 60 Wards of Mangaluru!
Please mobilize necessary funds to de-silt the raja canal [minimum 3 feet depth] running from near Nagakannika Temple up to Kottara Chowki – it is causing artificial floods and also leading to casualties of pedestrians and motorists.

U SURESH UDUPA

We would like the City Corporation to execute road widening work between Shaktinagar Cross road to Crematorium at the earliest

REMEDIUS FERNANDES

Footpaths in the city are not completed fully. There are gaping holes which have to be immediately covered with slabs to prevent people from falling/stepping into them. Immediate check in this regard is called for. Quality of concreting work by the smart city project is clearly of poor quality. Let us be honest and make our dear city a truly smart one. Every Mangalorean should be proud of it.

MR Malpe

Gas pipe line project needs systematic monitoring. Wet waste collection should be done on all days of the week including Fridays. Vehicle parking on footpaths should not be allowed. Give proper attention to cleanliness of the city corporation area including public toilets, bus stops, railway stations etc.

DP Alva

Hardly 8 hours water supply for the past 10 months. Have been complaining about this for the past 4 years. Electric poles on the roads and hanging electric cables around the poles. Too many internet and TV cables hanging all over. Some areas cannot even take vehicles. Roads which are dug one year left as it is with big ponds not good even to walk. Drainage pipes laid but not connected.

KS Souza

Night shelter in places like Surathkal is need of hour. Highway lighting from Hosabettu to Thadambail via Surathkal is urgently needed.

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We have only few options to choose from in MCMB this year. But such initiatives are encouraging. Hopefully Ward Committee starts and will take firm decisions.

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Special Zones are needed for Street Vendors

HARISH POOJARY

Please spend first on drainages and then move onto roads and footpaths or else you need to spend again repairing roads and footpaths.

S SHENOY

For all wards budget amount allocated & for what works it is allocated should be available in the website of the Mangalore City Corporation. Also the status of the work (completion) should be updated every month so that citizens are aware what development works are going on in the wards. Contact details & names of the corporation officials who are responsible for the work should also be available.

MADHAV SHENOY KONCHADY
 Honourable Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Standing Committee Members and Councillors encourage MyCityMyBudget Drive in Mangaluru
LEADING VOICES OF MANGALURU

RITA NORONHA
DIRECTOR OF CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND EDUCATION

Mangaluru City Corporation has to focus on managing solid, liquid and human waste more effectively. The waste is a resource and its effective management can result in many environmental, health & economic (enterprise & job generation) benefits to the people of Mangaluru. Community involvement is the key to effective waste management. MCC in collaboration with civil society groups inclusive of educational institutions can definitely evolve a unique sustainable, people centric model of turning solid waste into wealth. There are many willing to join hands with MCC to facilitate the process of inclusive, sustainable waste management.

GERARD TOWERS
CIVIC AND RTI ACTIVIST

Land-use by the government is not appropriate. Excess land under government property in prime areas must be allowed for public parking. Commercial buildings using parking spaces for buildings must be penalized. Every ward must have at-least have three public toilets. Market area must be there in every ward. All areas within the city corporation must be developed equally without any discrimination. Implement ward committees. The entire problem will be resolved.

SMITHA SHENOY
HOD, JOURNALISM, BESANT COLLEGE

Political will and people participation both are needed for Mangaluru’s development. There is a real estate boom in Mangaluru, however it’s not just about constructing high rise buildings. We need to ensure resources are sufficient and the city can handle the increase in population with the existing resources. Developmental attitude should be developed by citizens. There should be more focus on green drives.

FR OSWALD MONTERIO
DIRECTOR, CODP

Mangaluru has a strong tourism potential. Tourism spots need to be developed and also ensure the spots are kept litter free. By encouraging community participation we can strive for a Swachh Mangaluru.

NIGEL ALBUQUERQUE
CO-FOUNDER MCC CIVIC GROUP

Mangaluru City Corporation should form Ward Committees and Areas Sabhas immediately. There is water rationing during summer months. This should be looked into and steep water tariff should be withdrawn. UGD should be upgraded and put in place a dry waste recycling centre to save Pachanady. Garbage cess needs to be withdrawn. Dengue and Malaria should be eradicated at source. Roads should remain pothole free. Storm water drains should be desilted scientifically. Pedestrian friendly footpaths, transparent online payment gateways, tree authority should be set up. Entry of moffusil buses should be prevented by setting up service bus stands in Kottara, Mallikatta and Pumpwell circles.
MCMB MANGALURU MADE THE HEADLINES EVERYDAY & EVERYWHERE!

Extensive media coverage across digital, print and electronic media in Kannada and English
MyCityMyBudget-FAQs

How do ward committees relate to MyCityMyBudget?

Once the Ward Committees are formed in Mangaluru, all the MyCityMyBudget inputs will be presented at a ward level to the Ward Committees. The Ward Committee with citizens will monitor the implementation of these budget inputs.

How do I become part of MCMB Mangaluru going forward?

To stay updated about the next steps of the MCMB Managluru campaign, follow Janaagraha on

Website: https://www.janaagraha.org/mangaluru
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/janaagraha/
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Can I view or download the Citizens’ Inputs from the MCMB 2021-22 campaign?

Stay tuned! Link for download coming soon.

I want to know more about the MCMB campaign. Who can I get in touch with?

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