

My City My Budget: Residents Submit Their Budgetary Inputs



BBMP Commissioner G Kumar Naik addressing the audience during 'My City My Budget' programme organised at Rotary Hall on Friday. Special Commissioner (Finances) Kumar Pushkar is seen along | S MANJUNATH

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Bengaluru: Interactions between residents and ward corporators reflect development of the area and make every resident responsible, said BBMP commissioner G Kumar Naik. On Friday, Naik went around various parts of the city and interacted with residents.

Janaagraha, centre for citizenship and democracy, had organised an initiative called My City My Budget to give residents an opportunity to actively participate in the local

The MyCityMyBudget has inputs of civil works that are pending and budgetary inputs submitted by citizens from across 170 wards. The proposal was submitted to Kumar Naik and Kumar Pushkar. Citizens gave inputs on improvement of their wards and neighbourhoods.

municipal budgeting process.

Representatives from three resident welfare associations submitted the budgetary inputs to the BBMP commissioner and

finance commissioner, followed by questions on why the government is not allocating more than 1 per cent of the budget for public health.

"We have already written to the government to allot more funds to the BBMP this year and I have set a target to collect property tax from across the city. Certainly the BBMP will be better with residents coming forward. We are trying to make the BBMP more transparent. Whatever that is being done, should be up for cross-verification. Information is key and we

are trying to put it on our website," Naik said.

BBMP Special Commissioner (finance) Kumar Pushkar said this kind of initiative helps to focus on priority on budget process. The BBMP has transferred its payment process online to make it more transparent. Each and every payment done, gets registered online and the bills, after being uploaded by the Assistant Engineer, are then verified by the Executive Engineer, who then passes it on to the Technical and Vigilance Cell that scrutinises the bill again.