



We are happy to welcome our future MLA from those coming forward for public service of our Constituency.

Context: Mahadevapura is the crowning jewel of the tech sector today and has immense potential to contribute to the \$5T GDP goal of India. However, Mahadevapura, which should be a shining example of prosperity and growth of new India, is nowhere near its potential.

Envisioning a Mahadevapura which combines the charm of our incredible heritage, the ease of public transport worthy of a top city and the basics of daily life India can certainly ensure, is our dream.

For this, we must act NOW.

MANIFESTO commitments from political aspirants to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly:

We want a “SUNDARA MAHADEVAPURA”

To achieve this - Our Elected reps must commit to



Separate Municipality

Small and manageable Wards

Proper functioning ward committees

Zero tolerance for corruption



#1 Separate Mahadevapura Municipal Corporation

“One reason for poor governance in Bengaluru is that it is being overseen by a single central corporation, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). It is dysfunctional and neglects over half the population on the outskirts of the city” - BS Patil

- BBMP has been governing since 2008. Our 15 years of experience has clearly shown it is unable to manage services to ALL of its residents
- Centralisation of services is causing untold misery - HQ at 20 kms away from Mahadevapura has led to resident issues being invisible to the administration
- For Mahadevapura to rise and shine, it is imperative that a **New Mahadevapura Municipality** be created, with administration solely focused on the development and challenges faced by its own residents
- Panchayat areas to be properly integrated into the new Municipality for planned development.

#2 Small and Manageable Wards

- This means a **scientific demarcation into wards** and formulation of active and functioning ward committees to meet citizen objectives at the hyper local level.
 - Wards are set forth taking into consideration the population and area size in order to be able to provide optimal civic services to all its residents. Currently, Mahadevapura hosts some of the biggest Wards in Bengaluru at 22 sq km and 20 sq km with population above 75,000 in each.
 - Contrast it with Wards in the central areas of the city, which are sub 3 sq km in size and not more than 40,000 residents.
- Even though area sizes and population are different, budget allocation and service personnel numbers remain the same. This seriously impacts the quality of services residents receive.
- With Mahadevapura growing at 400% every year, the new Municipality will need to create Wards which are at the most 25,000 in population size, to account for the growth for the coming decade.

#3 PROPER functioning ward committees with full accountability to citizens

“Fixing a pothole in a suburban area needs approval from the central corporation as it is responsible to bid out all such work. The report says small local civic issues can be addressed by proposed tier III ward committees” - [BS Patil](#)



- Ward Committees need to function as intended - residents need to have equal representation and access to transparent accounting of budgets and its allocation
- Parallel systems and puppet governance have been the reality. Ward Committees are not allowed independence to function as per the Constitutional framework.
- Elected representatives of Mahadevapura need to commit and provide full support to ensure the proper functioning of the Ward Committee.

#4 Zero Tolerance for Corruption

- Unplanned growth and corruption has resulted in scarcity of housing, water, solid waste management, sewage disposal, schools and healthcare.
 - *We saw the result of this unplanned growth during the flooding of August 2022 when Mahadevapura was the only constituency in Bangalore overwhelmed due to the rain - encroachment and illegal construction submerged Mahadevapura*
- Our MLA must specifically target corruption as a priority so the public may benefit from all the money that is allocated to the area. 40% commission, payment for posts and contracts, illegal constructions, controlling vendor payments, commissions during transactions such as property registration are all examples frequently reported in the newspapers. MLA must prioritize elimination of all such practices in Mahadevapura.

A vibrant and Sundara Mahadevapura cannot be a reality without equitable and inclusive growth for all the residents. We ask our representative to be the champion of this during their tenure.

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT of Mahadevapura

Mahadevapura Zone in Bengaluru city is known both for its tech parks housing the offices of well-known MNCs as well as its thriving residential communities. Along with several adjoining areas, it forms the Mahadevapura Assembly Constituency. While it was known for the manufacturing sector for decades, it became the crowning jewel of the tech sector since the opening of the International Tech Park in the mid-nineties. The area's contribution to the exchequer surged with the setting up of KIADB's Export Promotion Industrial Park in Whitefield and the opening of the Outer Ring Road - especially the stretch from Mahadevapura to Bellandur.

When it comes to the IT/ITeS sector and contribution to the GDP, the zone is a crowning jewel for Karnataka in particular and India in general. Yet, its vast potential is impeded because of shortcomings related to infrastructure, mobility and facilities.

In 2008, this area was amalgamated with Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike along with other CMCs, one TMC, and 110 villages, to form BBMP. Until then, it was administered by the Combined Municipal Council of Mahadevapura.

Most parts of Mahadevapura Zone, including Kundalahalli, Doddanekundi, Hoodi, Belathur, Kadugodi, Whitefield and Varthur are 15 to 25 km away from the city-centre and the BBMP headquarters. This distance, along with other factors, have led to a lack of attention and focus that the area deserves. This in turn has drastically affected the quality of life of residents, with basic services such as water, streetlights, footpaths, roads and drainage yet to be provided in most areas of the Constituency.

Mahadevapura Assembly Constituency is the [largest](#) in terms of areas at 115.18 sq km in comparison to other AC's of Bengaluru Urban District. Even in population terms, Mahadevapura will be bigger than some of the Municipal Corporations such as Davangere. The second largest, Bangalore South, is 62.17 sq km and most others at less than 50 sq km. The disproportionate allocation of funds, civic amenities and governance infrastructure has further led to the extremely slow pace of development in Mahadevapura, with timelines for the delivery of basic civic amenities estimated to be completed only by 2030, if at all.

To achieve this, **Mahadevapura on the eastern side of Outer Ring Road needs to be carved out as a separate city governed by a separate municipal corporation.** It is up to the state government to take the necessary steps for the creation of a new corporation. And it is in the hands of the Karnataka Assembly to approve necessary



changes in the statute for a new city. And the MLA representing the area can play a key role in initiating this change.

Residents of Mahadevapura are tired. We are tired of asking for water and roads.

It is time to follow through on the recommendations of urban governance experts and carve out a new Mahadevapura municipality - the constituency will get a new MLA, and the state will get a new assembly and a new government in May.

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ENDORSEMENT

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