

Civil Society Forum’s Release of Manifesto for BBMP Elections 2015 and Citizen’s Interaction with Political Parties on BBMP Elections 2015 on 14th August 2015 at SCM House, Mission Road, Bangalore.



CIVIL Society Forum’s Logo Photo for BBMP Elections 2015. CIVIC along with 14 organisation has been working under the Network – CIVIL Society Forum, to prepare manifesto and presenting to all political parties. The forum has presented Manifesto on the eve of Lokasabha Elections, Karnataka Assembly Elections and forthcoming BBMP Elections



Press Conference organised on 10-8-2015, announcing the Release of Manifesto and Citizen's Interaction with Political parties on 14-8-2015. Shri. Manohar, CARE, Smt. Padmini, Child Rights Trust, Smt. Kathyayini Chamaraj, CIVIC, Shri. Lakshapathy, APSA, Shri. Suresh Kantha, APSA and Shri. Madhu Sudhan, CIVIC



CIVIL Society Forum, (CIVIC is part) Release of Manifesto for BBMP Elections 2015 and a Public Interaction with political parties was held on 14-8-2015 at SCM House, Bangalore
 Photo (Right to Left) Mr. Doddannaiah, State Vice President, Janatha Dal (U), Shri. K. Prakash, CPI(M) State Committee Member & CIVIC Front spokesperson, Shri. P.R. Ramesh, former Mayor and Congress Leader, Shri. H. Doreswamy, Gandhian and Freedom Fighter, Shri. N.V. Krishna Kumar, Janatha Dal (S), Shri. N.S. Mukunda, State President, Lok Satta Party, Shri. Ravi Krishna Reddy, State Working Committee Member, Aam Aadmi Party, Shri. Manohar, CARE, Madhu Sudhan, CIVIC and Kathyayini Chamaraj, CIVIC

Shri. Doreswamy, Gandhian and Freedom Fighter, released the Manifesto in the presence of leaders from political parties, member Organisations and delegates from various wards at the Civil Society Forum's Release of Manifesto and Citizen's Interaction with Political Parties on BBMP Elections 2015 on 14th August 2015 at SCM House, Mission Road, Bangalore.

Later, addressing the gathering , **Shri. Doreswamy** said that the political parties have fielded candidates with criminal background in the forthcoming elections,

and listed the names of the candidates and crimes committed by them. The political parties also field candidates from elite background who are millionaires and are interested in gobbling lands and increasing assets than developing than the wards in Bangalore. In many pockets in Bangalore city, there are large settlements of poor people and living without any basic amenities. They are used of vote banks to vote and elected representatives forgot them for the next five years. Large tracts of land are been gobbled up by the land mafia, as a result of our Protest Dharna, the government took action to recover the land.

The leaders in the party are not interested in checking the corrupt practices of elected representatives, on the other hand, they are interested in covering up the incidences of corruption from local level and upto the state level.

Shri. Doreswamy advised the civil society organisations to explore ways to strengthen themselves and convert the Civil Society Forum into a mass movement.

Shri. Manohar, Centre for Amenities, Rehabilitation and Education(CARE) and Member, Civil Society Forum, presented the contents of the Manifesto and explained all issues concerning the people, particularly the urban poor communities in Bangalore city.

Shri. P.R. Ramesh, Former Mayor and Leader, Congress Party, Shri. N.V. Krishna kumar, Janatha Dal(s), Shri.Doddannaiah, State Vice President, Janatha Dal (U), Shri. K. Prakash, Member, CPI(M) & spokesperson, CIVIC Front, Shri. N.S. Mukunda, State President, Lok Satta Party, Shri. Ravi Krishna Reddy, State Working Committee member, Aam Aadmi Party participated in the meeting.

All the above leaders appreciated the efforts of Civil Society Forum in preparing and presenting the manifesto for adoption by political parties. Most of the points mentioned in the Manifesto booklet is included in the manifestos of political parties. The Forum should also to interact the political parties after the elections and ensure that the manifesto is implemented.

The delegates also questioned the political parties for not allowing the functioning of ward committees, guarantee of good governance after BBMP is split in the year 2016.

Smt. Kathyayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee, CIVIC and Member, Civil Society Forum, responded to the comments of the leaders of political parties. She said

that the contents of manifesto focussed on BBMP. The corruption issue is mentioned under the heading of each issue in the booklet. She also said that civil society organisation are working with the state government on amendment of **Karnataka Municipal Act**. Even after presentations by the organisations, the government has notified the amendment for ward committees without the removing veto power vested with the Corporator. This indicates that government is not keen in promoting people's participation through ward committees.