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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

Office of the Special Commissioner, Forests, Environment, Climate Change Management

Proceedings of meeting held on 30-01-2025 under the Chairpersonship of Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) regarding the Implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 30.01.2025

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Venue: BBMP head office

Participants:

1. Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS - Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management), BBMP
2. Mr. M.R. Chandrashekhar - Deputy Director of Horticulture
3. Mr. Chennegowda S - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
4. Mr. Vijaykumar K.R - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
5. Mr. Mohammad Ali P - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
6. Mr. Keshav - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
7. Mr. Hanumantha Naik - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
8. Mr. J.V. Subramanya - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
9. Ms. Vijayalakshmi Sanganal - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
10. Mr. D.M. Niranjan - Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture
11. Mr. Ravi G.B - Assistant Horticulture Officer
12. Mr. Govindgowda T.N - Assistant Horticulture Officer
13. Ms. Bhudevi - Horticulture Inspector
14. Ms. Manjula - Horticulture Inspector
15. Mr. Swamygowda K.A - Horticulture Inspector
16. Mr. Malayadri P.M - Horticulture Inspector
17. Mr. Raghunath J - Executive Engineer Projects
18. Ms. Suhani Gupta - Senior Associate, WRI India
19. Mr. Rajeev Mulagi - Program Manager, WRI India
20. Ms. Rakshitha - Intern, WRI India
21. Ms. Sharathpriya - Program Manager for B-CAC
22. B-CAC Fellows - Ms. Meghana, Ms. Bhuvana, Ms. Jeevitha, Mr. Sanjay and Mr. Suraj

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Agenda

- Welcome & Objectives – Overview of workshop goals and importance of child- and caregiver-centric parks.
- Inclusive & Resilient Park Design – Key strategies for accessibility, safety, and sustainability.
- Project Planning Process – Steps for holistic and comprehensive park development.
- Design Guidelines & Checklist – Presentation of tools to aid engineers in park improvements.
- Site Visit Insights – Discussion on key takeaways from visits on January 15th-17th.
- Hands-on, interactive activity on deriving strategies for improvement of public spaces using NN2.0 design checklist
- BBMP Park Prioritization – Identifying parks for improvement under NN2.0.
- Next Steps & Implementation – Roadmap for design, execution, and ongoing support.

Key discussions and next steps:

The meeting commenced with a presentation by Suhani - Senior Associate, WRI India, where she introduced the structure of the day's workshop and set the stage for discussions on nurturing neighbourhoods. She elaborated on the importance of public spaces for young children and caregivers and how they play a critical role in early childhood development.

Key Points from Suhani's Presentation

- Introduction to Nurturing Neighbourhoods
 - Explained the objectives and significance of creating public spaces that cater to young children and caregivers.
 - Highlighted the importance of safe, accessible, and engaging environments for early childhood development.
- Discussion on Public Open Spaces
 - Participants were shown two different images of parks, each with distinct equipment and layouts.
 - They were asked to share their opinions on the images, evaluating them based on their suitability for young children and caregivers.
- Design Guidelines for a Young Family-Friendly Neighbourhood
 - Detailed the structured approach to designing child-friendly public spaces based on five core objectives:
 1. Improving access – Ensuring parks and playgrounds are within a 500m radius for easy accessibility.
 2. Circulation within parks & playgrounds – Providing well-connected and safe pathways.
 3. Amenities & facilities – Ensuring seating, shaded areas, and basic amenities like child-height toilets.



4. Young children-friendly landscape – Designing green spaces that engage children.
 5. Play space characteristics – Creating play spaces suited for different age groups:
 - 0-1 years: Sensory play elements.
 - 1-3 years: Interactive play structures.
 - 3-5 years: More complex play elements encouraging physical activity.
- Case Study Examples of Well-Designed Parks
 - Presented images of parks from different cities as model examples:
 - Srinagar Colony Park
 - Kareemabad Park, Warangal
 - Putaani (Tiny) Park at Shanti Nagar, Jabalpur
 - Nature-based play spaces in city-level parks
 - A discussion followed on how these examples could be adapted in local contexts.
 - Integrated Public Spaces Approach
 - Emphasized the holistic approach to public spaces, integrating multiple elements such as play areas, green spaces, and community-friendly infrastructure.

Rajeev's Presentation on Ambedkar Park Cluster

Rajeev - Program Manager, WRI India shared insights from a recent field visit to Ambedkar Park, highlighting opportunities to create child-friendly public spaces while addressing environmental concerns.

Key Areas & Opportunities

- Anganwadi & Primary School
 - Challenges: Lack of play elements, shaded spaces, and unsafe access.
 - Opportunities: Develop safe play areas and resting spaces for caregivers.
- Amenities & Facilities
 - Challenges: Lack of child-height toilets and limited facilities.
 - Opportunities: Improve accessibility and create engaging, child-friendly spaces.
- Community Hall – Ambedkar Bhavan
 - Challenges: Limited outdoor space for community activities.
 - Opportunities: Use for training sessions and develop open play areas.

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- Green Open Space (2800 sqm / 0.6 acres)
 - Opportunities: Conduct training under the Nurturing Neighbourhoods program and create open spaces for children.
- Sri Marama Muneshwara Temple
 - Challenges: Dilapidated state, waste dumping, and weed growth.
 - Opportunities: Revitalize as a community-friendly space.

The presentation emphasized integrating public spaces to benefit young children and caregivers, making urban areas more inclusive and accessible.

Interactive Activity – Developing Young Children and Caregiver-Centric Public Spaces

To conclude the meeting, participants engaged in a hands-on interactive activity where they brainstormed ideas for creating public spaces that cater specifically to young children and caregivers.

- Participants analysed different intervention possibilities based on the presentations and case studies.
- They discussed how successful models from other cities could be adapted locally.
- The session encouraged collaborative discussions on the practical implementation of child-friendly public spaces.

General discussions:

Discussion on WRI's Support for Engineers in Park Planning & Design

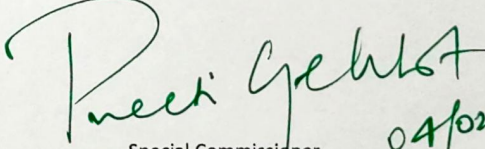
Participants discussed how WRI could assist engineers in effectively planning and designing parks. Key areas of support identified included:

- Quotation Requirements – Providing guidelines on cost estimation and vendor selection.
- Templates for Ideas – Offering design templates and reference models for park layouts.
- Dimensions & Rough Cost Estimates – Supplying standardized measurements and budget estimates for various park elements.
- Identifying Locations & Planning Implementation – Assisting in site selection and phased execution strategies.
- Support for Initial Park Designs – Providing expert guidance in designing the first few parks to set a quality benchmark.
- Standard Proposals – Developing proposal templates to streamline approvals and funding requests.

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- This is the third workshop, and an update on implementation progress is needed soon.
- Findings and confirmations on park implementations are expected within the next week or two.
- A sufficient budget will be provided to implement all ideas, with a focus on maximizing the budget and time for creative solutions and optimal outcomes.
- No specific timeline will be provided, but work must begin immediately.
- Contractors should be contacted, field visits made, and required equipment procured.
- A document and template for idea submission should be created and shared with all attending engineers.


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