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

Proceedings of meeting held on 09-01-2025 under the Chairpersonship of Chief Commissioner of BBMP regarding the Implementation of Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan (BCAP)

Date: 09-01-2025

Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Venue: Smart City Office

Participants:

1. Shri. Tushar Girinath, Chief Commissioner, BBMP
2. Smt. Preeti Gehlot, IAS, Special Commissioner (Forest, Environment, Climate Change Management) BBMP
3. Mr. Sharath, EE, Lakes Dept, BBMP
4. Ms. Shrimoyee Bhattacharya, Program Head, Urban Development, WRI India
5. Mr. Srinivas Alavalli, Fellow, Integrated Transport and Road Safety, WRI India
6. Ms Praseeda Mukundan, Senior Program Research Associate-Urban Development, WRI India
7. Mr. Zair Belgami, Program Research Associate, WRI India
8. Ms. Sharada, Program Manager for B-CAC
9. Ms. Meghana, CAC Fellow, BBMP
10. Mr. Sanjay, CAC Fellow, BBMP
11. Mr. Suraj, CAC Fellow, BBMP
12. Ms. Bhuvana, CAC Fellow, BBMP
13. Ms. Jeevitha, CAC Fellow, BBMP
14. Mr. Pruthvi, CAC Fellow, BBMP

Agenda

To discuss and get chief commissioner's inputs on

1. Climate action cell activities
2. Planned priority actions of the cell
3. Ward level action Plan, Blue Green Infrastructure Network, BluGreen Awards and CSR Convening

Key Discussions

a. Collaborations

The Special Commissioner briefed on the 35+ proposals received for collaboration with the Climate Action Cell (CAC) across various sectors aligned with the Bengaluru Climate Action and Resilience Plan. A document detailing the proposals and their respective focus areas was presented. The Chief Commissioner expressed interest in the collaborative proposals and emphasized to follow up on them.

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b. Climate budgeting - Special commissioner briefed about the budgeting activity and mentioned about the meetings being held with BBMP accounts team

c. BluGreen Infrastructure Network

The Special Commissioner provided an overview of the BGIN (Blue-Green Infrastructure Network) project, highlighting the 10 proposals received and the objectives envisioned.

Chief Commissioner's inputs:

1. Engineers should integrate BGIN principles into BBMP infrastructure projects, such as new road developments in Bengaluru, and issue Blue-Green Certification for projects adhering to the established SOP.
2. Incorporate BGIN into town and country planning as an advisory document to encourage public adoption.
3. Incentivize buildings that comply with BGIN standards by offering a star rating or other benefits during the issuance of occupancy certificate

d. BluGreen Awards

Special commissioner spoke about the intention of introducing BluGreen Awards, process of application and evaluation.

Special commissioner mentioned about releasing coffee table book consisting of the proposals received which highlights the work happening in Bengaluru with respect to the concept of BluGreen.

Chief Commissioner agreed to this and insisted on adding special mentions of unique projects

e. Fellowship program

The Special Commissioner briefed on the roles and responsibilities of the fellows and their contributions over the past two months. She also highlighted her active involvement in closely monitoring and guiding the fellows in their work.

f. CSR Convening

Special commissioner mentioned about the importance of aligning CSR funds to climate action. Chief commissioner agreed to this

g. Ward level climate action plan

Special commissioner mentioned about the plan for ward action, criteria to choose ward, budgeting for the ward to be done in discussion with the ward engineers

Chief Commissioner inputs:

1. To train the ward nodal officers/ engineers on the ward climate action plan



2. A percentage of the 1 crore budget allocated to each ward can be set aside specifically for implementing the Climate Action Plan at the ward level.
3. Choose the wards for action in every division – a total of 27 wards
4. Going forward, in the selected wards, the Climate Action Plan must be reviewed and approved by the Climate Action Cell.
5. Incentives can be provided to the wards for the work done towards climate action
6. Not to consider MLA's support as a criteria to select wards rather they can be called for a meeting and given explanation on the action plan
7. Name the wards selected as 'BluGreen' wards

h. Possible priority actions for 1 year

The Special Commissioner outlined the top priority actions planned for the year and highlighted the budget requirements for conducting the energy audit.

Chief Commissioner inputs:

1. Prepare a plan and take the budget under building utility for 'BlueGreen' which can be used for solar rooftop
2. 100 Crore has been given for solar rooftops in 15th finance
3. ECBC guidelines – if a guideline document can be prepared for the materials to be used in buildings, it can be given during the building plan approval. The respective building who has adopted the guidelines can be given a rebate as a credit. Chief commissioner insisted on passes it through town planning as part of the budget
4. Include solar rooftop initiative, ECBC guidelines, ward level action, for the next BBMP budget
5. Implement pilot projects by choosing diverse samples like school, hospital, Government building to adopt towards energy efficient appliances and building materials so that it can be replicated to other buildings
6. Request DULT for funding for NMT initiative and build upon what is already done
7. Sceptical about electric autos with respect to safety
8. Converting SWM vehicles into EV fleet is already tendered
9. Implement decentralised waste management in markets and zonal BBMP offices through BSWML

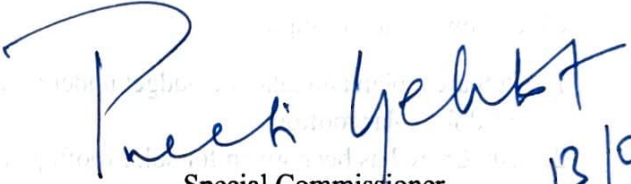
i. Iconic Nature based solutions

1. Chief commissioner mentioned about the world bank funding for the eco sponge project
2. The space for the eco-sponge can be identified based on the flooding areas and space available. For example – a pilot can be done at Kanteerava stadium
3. Implement the iconic project and keep it under the name of Brand Bengaluru

j. General Discussion

1. BGIN update meeting with all the participants on January 23rd, 2025 at 11:00 am
2. Streamlining and preparing points for the video byte for Chief commissioner and Deputy Chief Minister on BluGreen Awards

3. Special commissioner and Srinivas suggested on converting the BluGreen Awards application process to G-form and participants can upload the document in the form itself
4. Meeting with EMPRI to discuss on their state and city climate action plan to be fixed
5. Discussion on venue and date for CSR convening - on February 6th, 2025 at Kumarakrupa
6. Special commissioner mentioned about the proposal to get more fellows for ward action
7. Srinivas put across the idea of proposing to the friends of CAC group on which ward they would like to work on once its selected


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