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YOUNG GAMECHANGERS build dream villages

Children Participate In Gram Panchayat Sabhas In Kundapur And Find Solutions. Will Meet Bangalore Kids Tomorrow

Aparajita Ray | TNN

They helped build bridges and roads, and get streetlights in their villages; on Thursday, they will share their ideas of change with their Bangalore counterparts. Children, who are members of Gram Panchayat Sabhas in Kundapur, Udupi, have changed perceptions and solved issues pertaining to their villages. They are decision-makers, and quite brilliant at it. A few of them will be here to share what school children, marginalized communities and migrant sections can do to be part of the development process of their city.

A Children Ward Committee will be formed for the first time in Bangalore in Vijnana Nagar ward (Ward number 81) to learn how they can become key players in changing the way things are. Piloted by the Concerned for Working Children (CWC), an NGO coordinating the Makkala Panchayats in Udupi, Thursday's event will aim to bring together children from the city's schools and those from marginalized groups. They will look at Bangalore's woes with fresh little eyes, and give solutions.

Ganapathi M M, assistant director of CWC, Karnataka, told TOI, "The first step is to create awareness about this platform, where they can be part of the development of their wards or neighbourhoods. If they know the burning issues in their ward, good, otherwise, we will help them understand how these issues need to be solved. We are coordinating with area corporator Geetha Vivekananda," he said.

The Children Ward Committee will be the first stage where children who are deprived of a better living will be part of the city-building process. BBMP's ward committees (for adults), though, is yet to take off!

The children's village committees are aimed at strengthening children's role in participative democracy, by using their rights. From civic issues to education to alcohol, chil-

dren in gram panchayats are known to resolve their area problems. "Their biggest achievement is resolving the alcohol abuse issue which affects them and their families. The deputy commissioner of Udupi and heads of all 56 panchayats have begun to look at solutions now. The children gave presentations before the gram panchayat and suggestions on how to resolve it" said Ganapathi.

He narrated how the children knots a red ribbon around a tree where the committee meets - one knot for every problem - and unknot it and tie a white ribbon when a matter is settled.

"The kids have even monitored local government bodies on how they attend to problems, which raises the accountability bar," he added.

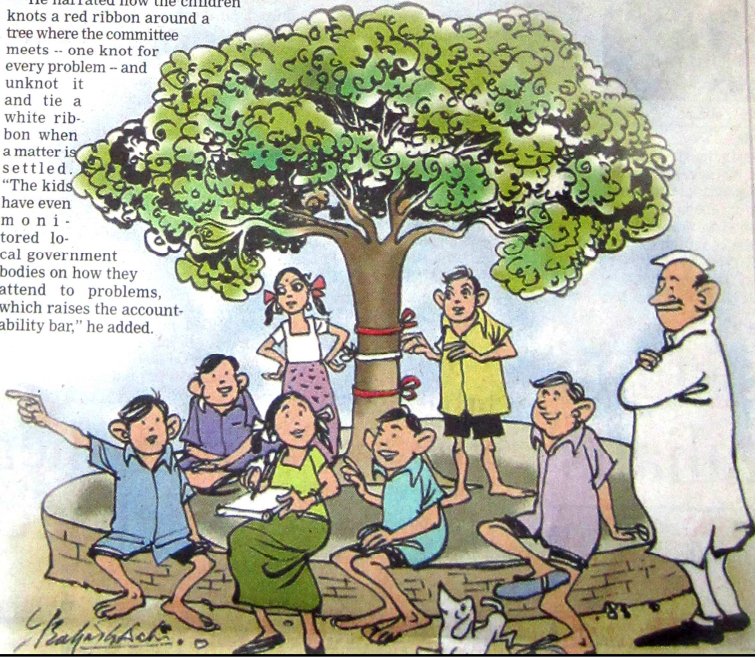
NO GIVING UP ON DREAM VILLAGE

When children of the village gram sabha insisted on a bridge between Ajri and Ballala villages in Kundapura taluk, the adult panchayat thought it impossible. But they pursued, and a bridge was raised worth Rs 4 crore. They may have faced scorn, but the children are highly motivated to see their dream village. It keeps them going, said Ganapathi.

BBMP WILL HEAR THEM TOO

The event is being hosted in Vibhuthipura Veerasimhasana Samastahana Mattha School in Vijnana Nagar on Thursday, where the mayor, deputy mayor, standing committing chairman of BBMP, local MLA and MP will hear them and welcome them to participatory democracy.

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Article about Ward Sabha - Times city – Times of India on 22-2-2012

ನಾಳೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ನಗರದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗುರುವಾರ (ಫೆ.23) ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10ರಿಂದ ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆಯ ವರೆಗೆ 'ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆ' ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ಸುಮಾರು ಏಳುನೂರು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಇದೆ.

'ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಬೇಕಾದದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳಲು ಸೂಕ್ತ ವೇದಿಕೆ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂಬುದು ಈ ಒಡಂಬಡಿಕೆಯ ಉದ್ದೇಶ. ಅದರಂತೆ ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿಯ ಇತಿಹಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದೇ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭೆ ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ' ಎಂದು ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಗೀತಾ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

'ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಂಘಟನೆಗಳ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಸಂಚರಿಸಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಎದುರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಏನು ಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

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Bangalore

No kidding: they mean business

K. Sumi Prasad

Little Ones From Vijnana Nagar Grill Those In Power

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

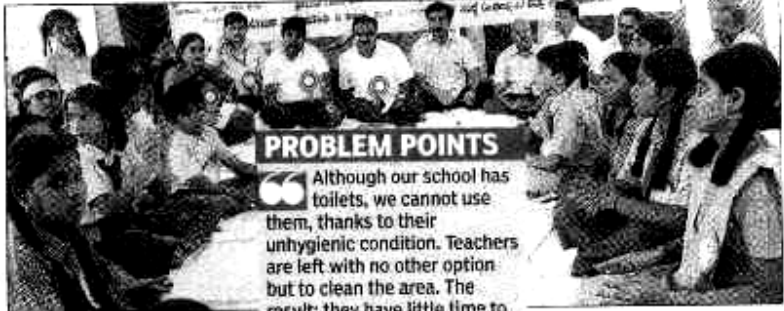
Bangalore: Our leaders may be seasoned to hard-hitting questions from opposition parties and the media, but facing a volley of queries from 10 and 12-year-olds was no child's play for them. The first-ever Children's Ward Sabha organized to make kids part of governance saw young'uns grilling elected representatives and seeking answers for their non-performance.

The Vibhuthipura Veerasimhasana Samsthana Matta School in Vijnana Nagar came alive on Thursday morning when a group of schoolchildren representing the ward bombarded duty-bearers with grave issues plaguing the area and sought action.

Unavailability of drinking water, dumped garbage, lack of electricity and toilets and the need for a better healthcare system — the issues were all encompassing.

It was not like they merely blurted out the problems. Children also came up with feasible solutions.

For 10-year-old Sita of Hasirusangha, unattended open drains is a nightmare. "These drains are an open invitation to danger, especially while we are playing. Another issue is dirty roads," said Sita. She was one of the 12 young innovative minds who spent weeks in identifying issues in their area and prioritizing them for action.



11-year-old Venkatesh had a polite message to be passed on to elders of neighbouring areas. "We have too much of garbage scattered in our ward. The only way this problem can be solved is if people from other areas stop dumping their waste here," said Venkatesh. The little one felt such children sabbas should be organized in every ward.

The kids also brought the deplorable condition of Vibhuthipura Lake to the notice of decision-makers. "The lake has solved drinking water problem to a large extent. But the water body is in bad shape, thanks to the muck," said Venkatesh. In one voice, kids de-

Although our school has toilets, we cannot use them, thanks to their unhygienic condition. Teachers are left with no other option but to clean the area. The result: they have little time to teach us.

Radhika | STUDENT OF TERT SCHOOL IN RAMASWAMY PALYA

As many as 476 families of the ward do not have proper toilets and another 350 do not have drinking water facility. We are unable to study due to frequent power cuts.

Suresh R | VIJNANA NAGAR GOVERNMENT SCHOOL

Neelapuram Government School has 100 children, but no playgrounds. Where do we play?

Vidya Raani | GTLPS SCHOOL

Around 1,000 families in the area are facing a drinking water problem. We end up getting late to school because we have to walk some distance to get water every day.

Vishwanath P | ANNASANDRAPALYA GOVERNMENT SCHOOL

manded that the water body be revived.

PLIGHT IN SCHOOLS

Next on the list was problems faced by them in schools. From lack of clean toilets and playgrounds, to shortage of staff to harassment of school girls, kids brought it up all.

"We have no toilets in our school. Even if other schools have the facility, cleanliness is the major concern," said Radhika of Ramaswamy palya.

Children spoke about lack of footpaths in the area and eve-teasing. The Sabha was conducted by Concerned for Working Children (CWC), in association with Vijnana Nagar corporator Geetha Vivekanand



Students interacting with the corporators during the Ward Sabha on Thursday | Nagaraja Gadekal

Students Turn Members of Ward Sabha in City

Express News Service

Bangalore: Six children from Vignan Nagar Ward under K R Puram constituency participated in a Ward Sabha or a ward meeting along with representatives from the BBMP, corporators, MLAs and 500 students.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, an urban body listened to the grievances of school students.

The children grabbed the attention of the representatives and even convinced MLA Nandish Reddy to commit to a campaign to save the Vibhutipura Lake, which was facing out threat.

Radhika, a student of Ramaswamipalya Tent School raised concerns over the lack of toilets in her school.

"We have 130 students in our school but have no place to build toilets. The Annasandrapalya school does not have water facility for toilets. This needs action from au-

thorities concerned," she said, to which Mahdevapura Zone Joint Commissioner Devaraj assured action. "Soon, Cauvery water will be available in this area. Drainage pipes too will be laid in the next couple of months," Devaraj assured.

Other issues raised were poor condition of roads adjoining schools, open drains and the need for more anganawadi's and tent schools in the area.

The children's Ward Sabha was organised by the Concerned for Working Children (CWC), a child rights organisation, along with the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

Stressing the need to treat the city as their own, S Harish, Deputy Mayor said, "Things will not change until the citizens take ownership. We need to manage our resources effectively to be able to meet the needs of all people in the city."

Kids take the lead, tell Palike it's time to act

Water crisis and eve teasing menace top list of woes at children's ward sabha

BANGALORE: "Everyday, residents of Ramaswamy-palya walk one kilometre to fetch drinking water. We children are woken up early in the morning to bring water. Hence, most of us are unable to reach school on time," rued Vishwanath, a fifth standard student.

Vishwanath was one of the participants at the first-ever children's sabha organised at Vijnananagar (Ward No 81) on Thursday.

He demanded that the BBMP officials present at the sabha install a public tap at the earliest.

Representatives from children's organisations, migrant communities and students from 12 government and private schools in the ward voiced their grievances and sought immediate action.

The child participants, who had laboured for several weeks to identify issues plaguing them, listed out their woes before the Palike officials.

Lack of toilets, ayaths in most Palike-run schools, shrinking public playgrounds, bad roads, open drains, heaps of garbage and absence of drinking water facilities were some of the issues highlighted by the children at the ward sabha.

In addition to reading out their complaints from a prepared list, the participants also

suggested solutions to the problems.

If Vishwanath highlighted one of the pressing civic problems, Sangeetha, an eighth standard student, spoke about eve-teasing on her way back home from school.

Throwing light on the crippling effect of eve-teasing, she said returning home after school hours had become a torturous affair and sought police protection.

Vinutha from Hasiru Sangha stressed the importance of bringing the children of migrant workers to school as a large section of these children had been deprived of education.

Highlighting the depletion of water table in the ward, the children demanded that the Vibhuthipura Lake be rejuvenated.

Replying to their query, MLA Nandish Reddy promised that a drive would be launched to save the lake and that rejuvenation would follow the suit.

Deputy Mayor S Harish, who participated in the ward sabha, said he would release money from the Deputy Mayor's fund towards the construction of toilets in schools.

However, the maintenance cost will have to be borne by the school authorities, he added.

DH News Service



DAY OUT WITH KIDS: MLA Nandish Reddy and Deputy Mayor S Harish release balloons to mark the inauguration of the Children's Ward Sabha at Vijnananagar on Thursday. **DH PHOTO**

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Children speak, officials listen

DNA Correspondent

● BANGALORE

Elected representatives listened to children's woes with rapt attention on Thursday as children spoke about civic problems they were facing.

More than 500 children took part in the 'ward sabha' conducted by Vijnananagar corporator Geetha Vivekanand at Vibhuthipura Veerasimhasana Samsthana Mutt school.

Child labourers, children of migrants and students of 12 schools took part in the sabha. Local MLA Nandish Reddy, chairpersons of the BBMP's standing committees and Mahadevapura zone joint commissioner Devaraj attended the programme.

The children raised issues related to cleanliness in the ward, lack of footpaths, electricity and drinking water. They de-

manded that Vibhuthipura Lake be revived. Also, some children pointed out that their school do not have proper toilets and/or playgrounds.

They said more anganwadis must be employed to serve the area.

The office-bearers assured the children that anganwadi buildings would be constructed and schools would get toilets. They said funds would be released to complete these projects. Also, the officials said Vijnananagar would start getting Cauvery water within 10 months.

The BBMP official said all the roads that have been dug to lay pipes would be asphalted as soon as the work was over.

BBMP deputy mayor S Harish said ward sabhas should be held in all wards and government officials should attend to the grievances of children.

It was the day for minors to take on major issues

Children's Ward Sabha gets cracking on problems plaguing wards

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: In an unfamiliar contest between adult administrators and minor subjects, the children had the last word. The event was the 'Children's Ward Sabha' where young citizens registered their observations, problems and suggestions with élan. Sharing the stage with elected representatives and various stakeholders, the spirited children even got them to make a few commitments to act on issues plaguing the wards.

The Children's Ward Sabha was organised by the Concerned for Working Children (CWC), a child rights organisation, along with the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) at Vigyan Nagar ward here on Thursday.

Issues raised

The issues that were raised ranged from lack of furniture and toilets in their schools to larger issues such as lack of anganwadis in some areas. Seetha, a student of APSA Kanasina Shale single-handedly managed to awaken the corporation about the depleting Vibhutipura lake.

Mahesh from Bhima Sangha (an organisation of working children), who along with his peers had done a detailed mapping of issues in Vigyan Nagar ward, said safety was an issue for women belonging to families of migrant labourers. He also spoke about the lack of purpose in admitting children to *bala mandiras* as their families' financial status remains the same.

Suresh from Shastry Nagar Tent School pointed out that in the Mahadevpura area



TAKING CENTRE STAGE: Children from different schools in Vigyan Nagar ward taking part in the 'Children's Ward Sabha' in Bangalore on Thursday.

— PHOTO: SAMPATH KUMAR G.P.

there were no anganwadis or schools. He also complained that those who join tent schools have to start from the first standard irrespective of their age. "In slums around Abhaya Reddy Palya, Shivasandra and Basavanagar

where hundreds of families reside, there is no electricity or drinking water. We have to walk two miles to collect water from the public taps as our parents leave for work early in the morning and we end up getting late for school," he

added. Radhika from Brindavan Tent School spoke on how there are no helpers in her school and teachers were cleaning toilets.

Some answers

During the answer session, Devraj, Joint Commissioner of the Mahadevpura zone, said that the water scarcity would be solved when Cauvery water supply arrives in the newly added areas within a year. As for drainage, he said 75 per cent of the work was complete. "We can construct toilets for schools, but maintenance is the school's responsibility." Deputy Mayor S. Harish said construction of temporary toilets could be done, but people must treat BBMP property as their own.

'Save Vibhutipura lake'

Staff Reporter

BANGALORE: Children residing in and around Vibhutipura sounded the warning bell about the depleting Vibhutipura lake, and even got K.R. Puram MLA N.S. Nandish Reddy to promise to start a

campaign to save it.

Responding to the children's concern, he said that a "revolution" can be started by the children. However, he threw a googy saying the children would also have to help remove encroachments on the lake.

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ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ಕೃಷ್ಣವಾಹಪುರ: ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯು ಇದೇ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಅಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಯಿ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು ಸಕ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡು ಶಾಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮುಕ್ತವಾಗಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದರು.

'ವಿಧ್ವಂಸಕರ ತಾಣಗಳಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಮಟ್ಟ ಕುಸಿದಿದೆ. ಕೆರೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಕೆರೆ ದಡದಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಹುಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಚಾರ್ಜ್ ಆವರಿಗೆ ಬದಲಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು' ಎಂದು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಒತ್ತಾಯಿಸಿದರು.

'ಮೊದಲಿಗೆ 43 ವರ್ಷ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ವಿಧ್ವಂಸಕರ ಕೆರೆಯು ಒತ್ತುವರಿ ಯಿಂದಾಗಿ 23 ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಗಿಳಿದಿದೆ. ಒತ್ತುವರಿಯನ್ನು ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಕೆರೆಯನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮನರಂಜನೆಯ ತಾಣವಾಗಿ ಪರಿವರ್ತಿಸಬೇಕು' ಎಂದು ಭೀಮ ಸಂಘಟನೆಯ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಮಹೇಶ್ ಮನವಿ ಮಾಡಿದ.

'ನಾವು ಓದುವ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಕೊರತೆ ಇದೆ. ಶೌಚಾಲಯವೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಸಮರ್ಪಕ ರಸ್ತೆಯೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ನಮಗೆ ಬಹಳ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ' ಎಂದು ಹಸಿರು ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಪ್ರಕಾಶ್ ದೂರಿದ.



ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಕೃಷ್ಣವಾಹಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುರುವಾರ ಅಯೋಜಿಸಿದ್ದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಮಟ್ಟದ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಭೆಯ ಉದ್ಘಾಟನಾ ಸಮಾರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಶಾಸಕ ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ನಂದೀಶ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ

'ಅನ್ನಸಂಪ್ರದಾಳದ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಬಳಿ ನಿತ್ಯ ಟ್ರಾಫಿಕ್ ಜಾಮ್‌ನಿಂದ ರಸ್ತೆ ದಾಟಲು ಪರದಾಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಲವು ವೇಳೆ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ತಡವಾಗಿ ಹೋಗಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಪರ್ಯಾಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕು' ಎಂದು ವಲಸೆ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ ನಿರಂಜನ ಕೋರಿದ.

ಶೌಚಾಲಯ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಿದ ಮೈದಾನದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಕೆ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಇರುವ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕೊರತೆ, ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಹೋಗುವಾಗ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಮೇಲಾಗುವ ಕಿರುಕುಳ, ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಅಗಾಸವಾಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಟ್ ಶಾಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟುವ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸಭೆಯ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆದರು. ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳು

ಮೂತ್ರವಲ್ಲವೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಕೆ, ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತ ಪಾದಚಾರಿ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಇಲ್ಲದಿರುವುದು, ಮಿಡ್ವೆತ್, ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ವಿಚಾರಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆಯೂ ಬೆಳಕು ಚೆಲ್ಲಿದರು. ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಎಲ್ಲ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಭೆ ನಡೆಸುವಂತೆ ಅಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದರು.

ಶಾಸಕ ಎನ್.ಎಸ್.ನಂದೀಶ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, 'ವಾರ್ಡ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಎಲ್ಲ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಶೌಚಾಲಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಓದಗಿಸಲು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ರಸ್ತೆ ಗುಂಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಚ್ಚಿ ದಾಂಡು ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು. ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ನಗರಕ್ಕೆ ಹತ್ತು ತಿಂಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾವೇರಿ ನೀರು ಪೂರೈಕೆ ಆಗಲಿದೆ.

ವಲಸೆ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಟೆಂಟ್ ಶಾಲೆಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಅಗಾಸವಾಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿಕೊಡಲಾಗುವುದು' ಎಂದರು.

'ವಿಧ್ವಂಸಕರ ಕೆರೆ ಒತ್ತುವರಿ ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು. ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರ್ಣಯ ಆಂಗೀಕರಿಸಿದವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಒತ್ತುವರಿದಾರರ ಗಮನ ಸೆಳೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಬಡ ಒತ್ತುವರಿ ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಪರ್ಯಾಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಿ ಸಂತರ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು' ಎಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ನೀಡಿದರು.

ಉಪ ಮೇಯರ್ ಎಸ್.ಪರಿಶತ್, ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸದಸ್ಯೆ ಗಿಣಾ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ ಬಾಬು, ಜಂಟಿ ಅಯುಕ್ತ ಕೆ.ಎನ್.ದೇವರಾಜ್ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಉತ್ತರಿಸಿದರು. ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಅಯೋಗದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ನೀನಾ ಪಿ. ನಾಯಕ್, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಕೆ.ಎಂ.ಮುನಿ ಎಲ್ಲಪ್ಪ, ಕಾಂತ್ ರಾಜ್, ವರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಟೆಲ್ ನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಜಿ.ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದರು. ಶಿಕ್ಷಕ ಆರ್.ಎಚ್.ನಟರಾಜ್ ನಿರೂಪಿಸಿದರು. ಭೀಮೇಶ್ ವಂದಿಸಿದರು.

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಾದ 'ದಿ ಕನ್ನನ್ ಫೌಂಡೇಷನ್ ವರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಟೆಲ್ ನ್' (ಸಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯುಸಿ) ಸಹಕಾರದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ವಿಧ್ವಂಸಕರ ವಿರ ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನ ಮಹದ ಕಾಲಾ ಅವರಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಭೆ ಅಯೋಜಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.



ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜಪುರ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಶಾಸಕ ನಂದೀಶ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು. ಈ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿವಿಧ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದರು.

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಭೆ ಅಗತ್ಯ

ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜಪುರ, ಫೆ. 23: ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಸಭೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸುವುದು ಅವಶ್ಯಕ ಎಂದು ಶಾಸಕ ನಂದೀಶ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನ ವಿಭೂತಿಪುರ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಚಾಲನೆ ನೀಡಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿದ ಅವರು, ಇಂತಹ ಸಭೆಗಳಿಂದ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಹಾಯಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಂತಹ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲೇ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಿರುವುದು ಸಂತಸದ ಸಂಗತಿ ಎಂದರು.

ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆಯು ಜನಸ್ಪಂದನಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅನುಕೂಲಕರವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರು.

ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯ ಅನಾವರಣ

ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿನ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಚರಿಸಿ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ

ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳ ಅನಾವರಣ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

ತಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಇದೆ. ಶೌಚಾಲಯಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಸರಿ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಶಾಲೆಯ ಸುತ್ತಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ವಾತಾವರಣ ಅನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯದಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದೆ. ಕೊಠಡಿಗಳ ಕೊರತೆ, ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕೊರತೆ ಇರುವುದೂ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಶಾಸಕರ ಎದುರು ಬಿಚ್ಚಿಟ್ಟು ಇದನ್ನು ಆದಷ್ಟು ಶೀಘ್ರ ಬಗೆಹರಿಸುವಂತೆ ತಾಕೀತು ಮಾಡಿದ ಪ್ರಸಂಗ ಜರುಗಿತು.

ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ತಮಗೆ ಸಿಗುವಂತಹ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸುವುದಲ್ಲದೆ, ಅದು ಸಮರ್ಪಕವಾಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೇ ತಲುಪುವಂತೆ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವಂತೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಒತ್ತಾಯಿಸಿದರು.

ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ ಉಪ ಮೇಯರ್ ಎಸ್.ಹರೀಶ್, ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಆಯೋಗದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ನೀನಾ.ಪಿ.ನಾಯಕ್, ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಗೀತಾವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ, ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್.ಪ್ರಸಾದ್, ವೀರಣ್ಣ, ಬಿಬಿಎಂಪಿ ಜಂಟಿ ಆಯುಕ್ತ ದೇವರಾಜ್ ಮತ್ತಿತರರು ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದರು.

■ ದೇಶದ ಮೊದಲ 'ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆ'

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನನಗರ ವಾರ್ಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದೇಶದ ಮೊದಲ 'ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆ' ಗುರುವಾರ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸದಸ್ಯ ಗೀತಾ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ ನೇತೃತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 5000ಕ್ಕೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ದುಡಿಯುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಸಂಘಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು, ಸುತ್ತಲಿನ 12 ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ-ಖಾಸಗಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ರಾಜ್ಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಆಯೋಗ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ನೀನಾ ನಾಯಕ್, ಕೆ.ಆರ್. ಪುರ ಶಾಸಕ ನಂದೀಶ್ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ, ಉಪ ಮೇಯರ್ ಹರೀಶ್ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದರು. ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ದಿ ಕನ್ಸರ್ನ್ ಫಾರ್ ವರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಚಿಲ್ಡ್ರನ್ ಸಂಘಟನೆಯು ದೇಶದ ಮೊದಲ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ವಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಭೆ ಆಯೋಜನೆಗೆ ಸಹಕಾರ ನೀಡಿತ್ತು.

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