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### **BAF Conducts All Party Election Townhall**

The Townhall event saw senior representatives from BJP, Congress, JD(S) and AAP share their inputs on the various requirements and demands of the apartment resident community

**Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF)** is a federation representing the interests of residents of apartments and villa communities across Bengaluru. More than 1,180 apartment and villa resident welfare associations (RWAs) are members of BAF representing nearly 250,000 households with close to one and a half million citizens either residing or working within these communities. As part of the "Every Vote Matters" campaign in the run-up to the Karnataka Assembly Elections 2023, BAF had organized an all-party townhall event at **Century Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**. Senior representatives from the Bharatiya Janata Party, Indian National Congress, Janata Dal (Secular) and Aam Aadmi Party were present, to whom BAF presented an "Apartment Residents Charter" containing a list of issues and demands that they requested all parties to address. That charter document is attached to this press note.

**Dr.C.N.Ashwath Narayan,** senior minister in the current Government and representing the Bharatiya Janata Party said, "We need to make cities more affordable and civic processes more transparent. The BJP will continue to support apartment residents including necessary amendments to apartment ownership act and other policies which will help in streamlining the process of home buying and ownership of apartments."

**Sri.Ramalinga Reddy,** Working President KPCC, 7-time MLA and senior minister in multiple previous governments said, "We recognize the growth of apartments in the city and the key role they are playing in the development of the city. Hence, we have constituted a separate "Apartment Cell" under the Chairmanship of Prof.Rajeev Gowda to have exclusive focus and attention to look into the issues and requirements of apartment residents"

**Sri.Tanveer Ahmed,** National Spokesperson for the Janata Dal(Secular) said, "The participation of citizens in the governance of the city should be integrated at the ward level. The Ward Committees, in which local citizens and RWAs should be part of, should draft a comprehensive 5-year ward plan which should stay unchanged even if governments change."

**Sri Prithvi Reddy**, State Convenor for the Aam Aadmi Party said, "For a city like Bengaluru, group housing like apartments is not a matter of choice but a necessity for more efficient and manageable housing system. The Aam Aadmi Party will include a specific developmental budget for Bengaluru as part of AAPs manifesto."

**Sri H.A.Nagaraja Rao,** President BAF said, "We would like to facilitate an ongoing discussion and engagement with all political parties in a manner which should enable governance follow-up even after the elections, irrespective of which party comes to power. We would like our member residents to use the opportunity of this campaign to involve themselves and connect with representatives of all parties to build an ongoing dialogue"

**Sri.Vikram Rai**, General Secretary BAF said, "After completion of this city-level townhall event, we would conduct assembly constituency level events hosted by our members during the next 45 days. This is an opportunity for both our member residents and candidates from political parties to engage and discuss local issues and challenges".

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# ALL PARTY TOWNHALL

KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS 2023

10:00 am -1:00 pm Sunday, 12th March 2023

ERY VOTE

#### Location

Wadiyar Hall - Century Club 1, Seshadri Road Ambedkar Veedhi Bengaluru - 560001

## Register https://tinyurl.com/BAF-EVM

#### Note

1. Limited parking available 2. Nearest metro station -

Vidhana Soudha (10 min walk) 3. Post event lunch starts 1pm

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# **Speakers**



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SRI TANVEER AHMED National Spokesperson - Janata Dal(Secular)



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