

# halts critical infra projects

**Item needs major**  
ing, say experts

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past year, work on the nda Circle stumbled to while the Kundalahalli stalled and is finally among a series of projects authorities failed to ac- es needed for their com- g endless traffic snarls moving the bottlenecks.

“If we had acquired the properties beforehand, we could have completed the project at least two years earlier,” said a BBMP engineer who worked at the Kundalahalli underpass project site.

Asked why the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) runs into such hurdles in almost every project, a senior BBMP official said the civic body had no Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

“Announcement on big projects are made in a rush, mostly because of political pressure. But what the engineers forget is to make sure it is feasible and workable, before going ahead with the project.

“There are instances when projects have been taken up without fund allo-

cations,” a senior BBMP official said.

One more BBMP official pointed to the virtual impossibility of acquiring sufficient land before starting a project. “It might take years to start if we wait until we have all the required prop-

erties,” a senior BBMP official from the Project Department said. “At least now, we get the project going when we negotiate to acquire properties.”

## TDRs the bigger problem

Senior BBMP officials admitted to DH that lack of funds is the bigger problem in property acquisition. “People reject Transferable Development Rights (TDR) and demand cash compensation,” explained a senior official.

“Many times, the land acquisition cost would be much higher than the

cost of the entire project. When pro-

jects are launched under government schemes, the government approves only the project cost while the BBMP bankrolls the land acquisition cost, which is financially burdensome,” a senior BBMP official explained.

Experts faulted the government for crippling the TDR scheme by its failure to create a robust market for it.

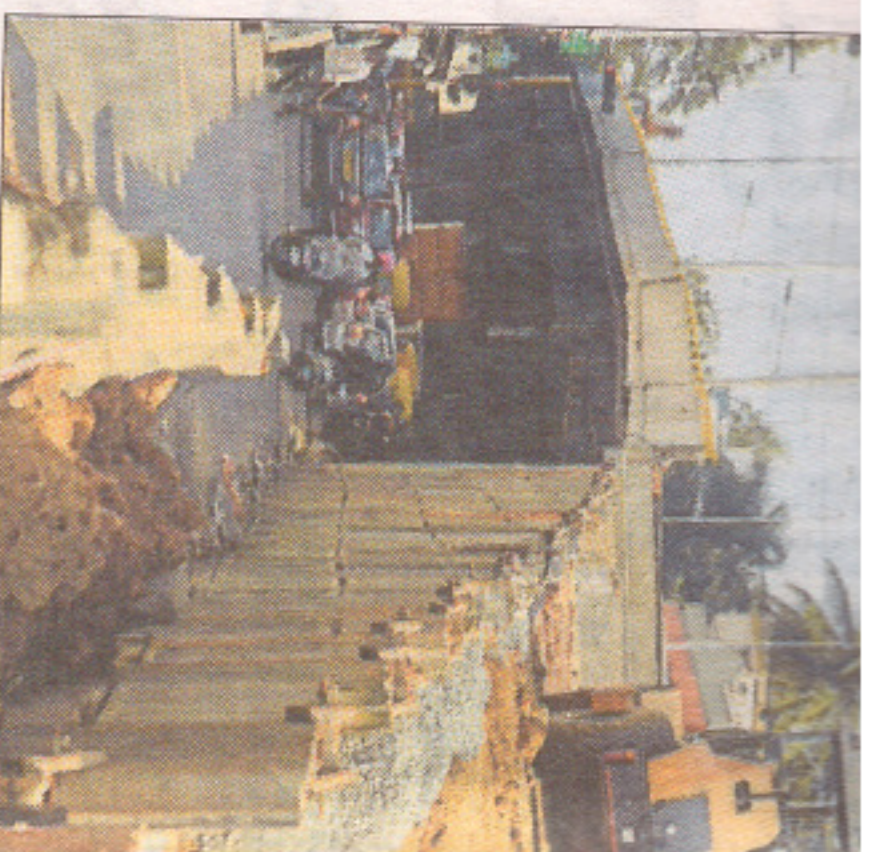
“TDRs are not attractive. At present, there is no official TDR exchange setup for the sellers to buy TDR or the other way. There is a need to make them easily monetisable,” said urban planner V Ravichandrar, insisting that the process to issue and use TDR must be simple.

A BBMP official from the Land Acquisition Department said they stopped issuing TDR certificates due to techni-

cal difficulties. “Old TDR rules are being changed and there is still confusion on implementing them. In fact, the BDA rejected some of our proposals,” he said. Sources said the BBMP has recommended issuing of TDR to only eight properties since 2017.

Officials also said better enforcement could help build demand for TDR. “TDR allows builders to construct over and above the permitted Floor Area Ratio (FAR). If there’s no strict enforcement and check on those violating FAR violation, builders won’t buy TDR,” a senior BBMP official said.

“The government will soon notify new rules for issuing TDRs. We are confident that this will help us avoid such problems in the future,” BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said.



**Construction work at the steel flyover at Sivananda Circle.** DH FILE PHOTO

**Major projects stalled or halted due to delay in land acquisition**

- Kundalahalli underpass
- Sivananda Circle flyover
- Wind Tunnel Road underpass
- Bannerghatta Road widening
- Sarjapur Road widening

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## A month after schools reopened, first vaccination of children below 100%

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A month after schools and colleges reopened in the city, the BBMP is yet to inject 100% of the children aged between 12 and 14 with the Covid vaccine.

State health department data puts Bengaluru the lowest in vaccination coverage for the 12-14 age group children. All other districts have achieved 100% coverage, but Bengaluru's coverage stands at 97%, while the second dose coverage is even more appalling with just 54%.

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, however, were bullish about vaccinating the target population. “The composition of population in Bengaluru is different compared to other districts,” BBMP

now we have reached 97%, confident of covering the remaining population,” Dr Chandrasaid Senior BBMP officials told, tracking the last few children difficult.

“Some parents refused their children vaccinated. The number of such parents are less affects the coverage,” a senior department official said, with an official adding that locating a cinema out-of-school children even bigger challenge.

With schools reopening and cases spiking, experts insist need to ramp up vaccination. “Pediatricians should recon vaccination since many parents doubtful (about jabbing their children). Many students have cold and flu symptoms due to ac-