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## BBMP COVID-19 War Room Bulletin

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BBMP COVID-19 War Room is built on the 4 Quadrants identified and defined by the Mission Director, Smart Cities Mission for the Command centers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic across the country. The 4 quadrants are – Information, Communication, Management, and Preparedness.

Bengaluru Smart City Limited has identified and demonstrated that leveraging technology and establishing systems that speak with each other seamlessly, coordination, and strategic planning can be achieved in crisis situations.

Built on the first quadrant of Information, the Communication quadrant is an essential one to keep all the stakeholders Informed.

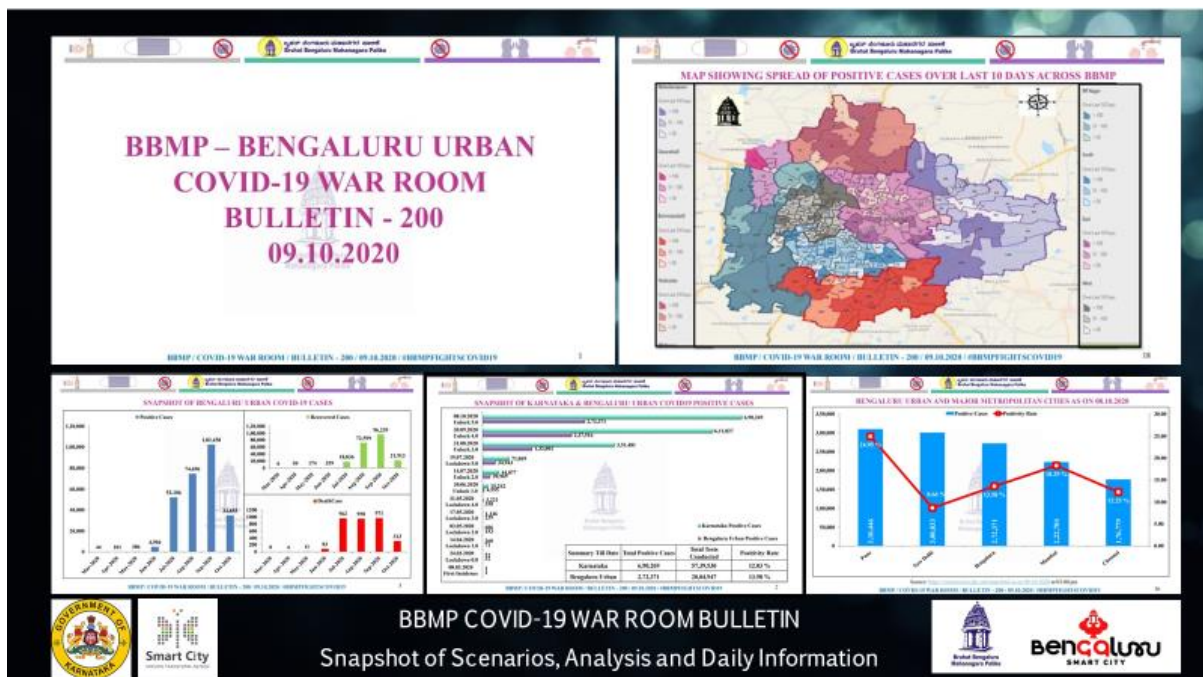
The quadrant of Communication has been viewed under 2 major areas: Internal and External. Internal Communication is to ensure the information available is communicated with field teams back and forth to achieve a seamless interface between field-level teams and decision-makers.

External Communication is communication to the citizens. Identifying the importance to keep citizens informed and to ensure data transparency, BBMP COVID-19 War Room has created an official platform to communicate valid authentic information with the citizens by way of Daily Bulletins.

The BBMP COVID-19 Daily Bulletin is a comprehensive information bulletin of the information about the pandemic in the BBMP and Bengaluru Urban district. It gives information about the daily progression of Positive, Active, Recovered, and Death Cases of the City, of the City vis-à-vis the State of Karnataka. The analysis also includes spatial spread over wards and zones of BBMP through maps (made daily and included in the bulletin), the cross-dimensional age-gender analysis, the number of contacts traced (primary and secondary), and information over different timelines – ranging from last 24 hours to last 10 days to scenarios over different months since March and the complete timeline of COVID-19.

The bulletin has improved consistently and the graphs depict the testing numbers, the progression of testing over time, positivity rate over time, the

screening at Fever Clinics, containment zones and the active ones, the recovery rates, and so on.



The graphs of city-to-city comparisons, the comparison of states across our country, and the world are also part of the bulletin. The links for the status of Bed Availability at Hospitals, FAQs, and other COVID related information is also provided for the public to access.

The bulletin is also distinct for the kind of inclusivity of ideas and processes of inputs and feedback received from Resident Welfare Associations, Social Media platforms, and the public at large. It also draws heavily from the suggestions of Public Health experts and Academia, mainly the Indian Institute of Science.

This activity for public dissemination of information was initiated in the 4<sup>th</sup> week of March 2020 and is being issued daily in English and Kannada, too. On 09.10.2020, the 200<sup>th</sup> Bulletin was issued by BBMP COVID-19 War Room.

The bulletin is an endeavor to build and demonstrate the 4 quadrants of the War Room and is issued by the Commissioner, BBMP, and Special Officer, BBMP COVID-19 War Room / Managing Director, Bengaluru Smart City to keep our citizens informed, ensure data transparency and integrate data seamlessly to save lives and fight this war against COVID-19 at Bengaluru.

It is rightly said, “data is not oil, but data is like water, essential for life and data integration has the potential to save lives, especially in a pandemic.”