



THE BANGALORE CHANGE MAP  
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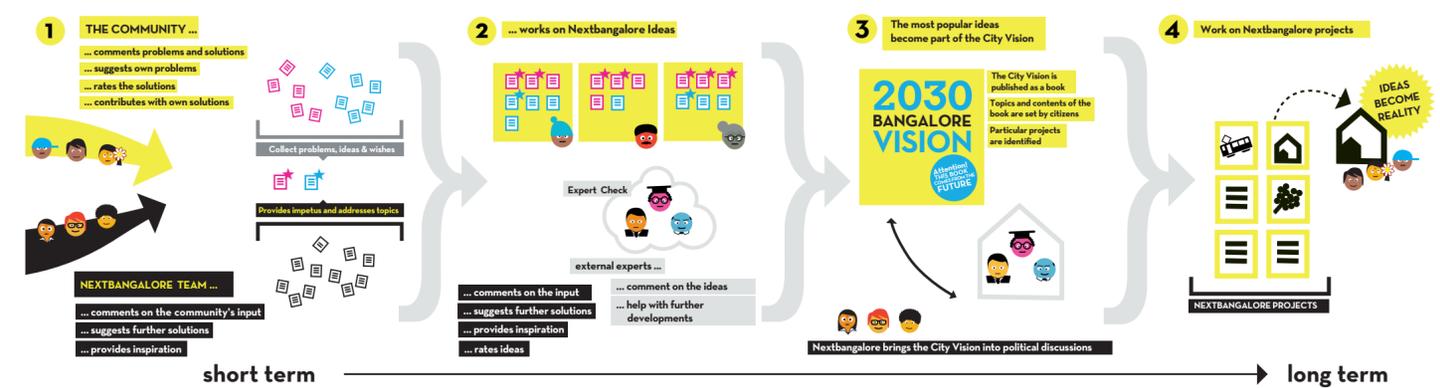
RETHINK THE CITY  
NEXTBANGALORE

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**ABOUT NEXTBANGALORE**  
Imagine you have the power to change one place in Bangalore. What places should be developed or preserved? What are your ideas and wishes? What are the hidden visions of Bangalore's future? Together we will build a Bangalore Change Map, create a knowledge resource and provide impetus for urban development. Nextbangalore brings the concept of crowdsourcing our urban future to India's innovative city. Started and curated by Bangalore-based MOD Institute and Nextbangalore from Germany, the goal of Nextbangalore is to create a future urban citizens vision for Bangalore by giving the opportunity to everyone to be involved. Nextbangalore is an experiment. The city's challenges are enormous, so are the opportunities. Let's build together a change map of the possible future of this vibrant metropolis.

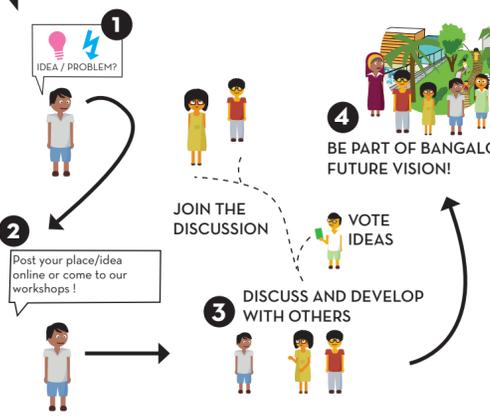
# THE NEXTBANGALORE PROCESS

Envisioning a city in a collaborative way is a long term process - moving forward step by step.



- NEXTBANGALORE**  
... IS A PLACE TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF BANGALORE ONLINE & OFFLINE
- NEXTBANGALORE**  
... IS A PLACE TO EXPRESS YOUR WISHES AND IDEAS
- NEXTBANGALORE**  
... IS A PLACE TO CREATE A JOINT VISION FOR FUTURE BANGALORE

## HOW DOES NEXTBANGALORE WORK?



- WHY SHOULD I BE PART OF IT?**  
Because it's you who is living and working in Bangalore, and because a city should be designed for the people. Nextbangalore aims to create a future citizens' vision for Bangalore and stimulate current urban development.
- ISN'T URBAN PLANNING TOO COMPLEX?**  
Very often urban issues seem to be highly complicated and difficult to understand. Nextbangalore provides a set of tools and methods to understand and design urban development processes and helps to identify possibilities to enable everyone to participate.
- IS THERE A CHANCE THAT MY IDEA WILL BECOME REALITY?**  
On basis of the future vision a growing number of projects will emerge. In the long term Nextbangalore helps the community to promote projects and to make them politically and technically feasible.
- IS MY IDEA IMPORTANT ENOUGH?**  
Nextbangalore is a place for all ideas, wishes and visions for the future of the city. We believe that every idea is valuable. What seems impossible today can be a success tomorrow.

# THE NEXTBANGALORE SPACE

Making the city observable! A review of the first Space in September 2013

The first Nextbangalore:Space was opened in September 2013. For a month a former office space on Langford Road in Shanti Nagar was transformed into an urban design studio and an interactive meeting and discussion room. A series of workshops, lectures, discussions and exhibitions attracted many citizens to share their ideas and stories for a future Bangalore.

assists in our aim of making the city observable. Nextbangalore has also been active in the urban sphere by interviewing residents. Particular highlights were the very personal and insightful conversations that resulted from many invitations to visit people in their homes. Other methods such as playing city-building simulation games or mapping neighbourhoods have been part of Nextbangalore's efforts to understand and identify city making processes.

urban development on the basis of participation. Nextbangalore provides online and offline spaces, creativity, knowledge and resources that provide access to urban planning processes. To enable this, however, it is essential to understand the highly complex processes of present urbanization in India by analysing historical, political and socio-cultural conditions. These reference systems harbour substantial strength that could go a long way towards enabling an alternative urban development shift from the perspective of the city's inhabitants.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Mantri Square in Malleswaram covers the size of 1,700,000 sq ft.  
**5666** households could fit into the shopping mall.

Through these tools and methods, Nextbangalore aims to identify and implement future

Nextbangalore:Space plans to return frequently - please check nextbangalore.com or facebook.com/nextbangalore for details.

Participants of Nextbangalore:Space #1 and their ideas for future Bangalore...

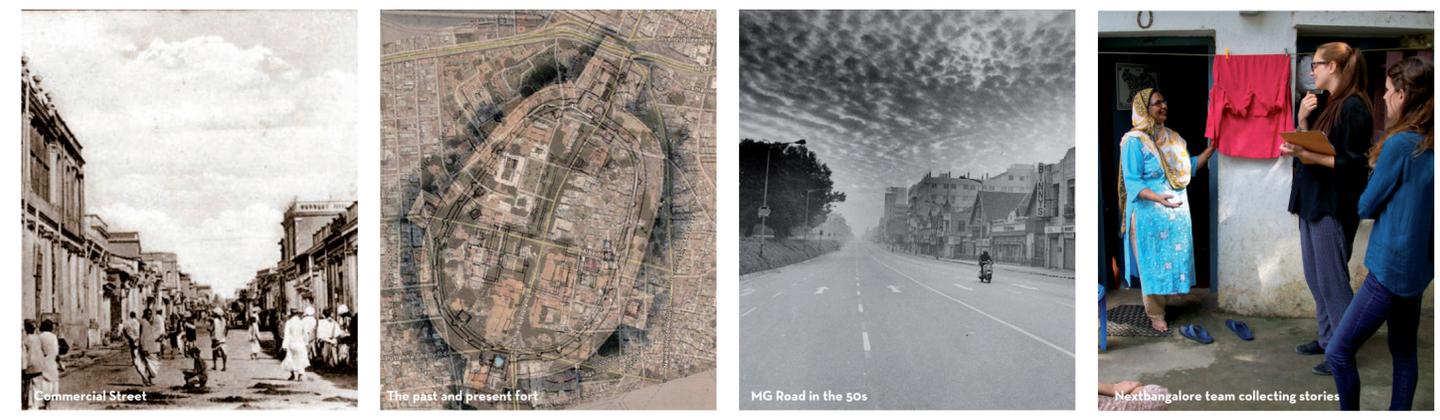


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# WHY LOSTBANGALORE COULD BE NEXTBANGALORE

The key to developing Bangalore's futures may be found in histories of the past.



Cities exist in many forms. From abstract googlemap images, planning department statistics and traffic flow diagrams to the tangible physical environment of potholes and flyovers, public transport systems, landmarks and historical sites. For Nextbangalore, with our focus on public participation and contribution, another form of the city is crucial: the city as a landscape of stories.

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Tall buildings in Bangalore:  
38 completed, 53 under construction, 8 approved/proposed. Bangalore Turf Tower will be the tallest of all with 156 floors, which is 5 times as tall as the Bangalore World Trade Center.

Oral history has a long tradition in India. As well as being a key to the past, Nextbangalore believes that it can also reveal much about the future. In order to get closer to a collective future vision for Bangalore, we are interested in hearing and recording inhabitants' narratives about their experiences and memories of the city. By understanding more about Banga-

loreans' feelings towards the urban environment we hope to discover more about the city's complex and changing identity, about its secrets and potentials, its achievements and disasters. Why is it, for example, that despite several name changes the neighbourhood now officially called Hampi Nagar is still known as Attiguppe - the name of the village that has long since been subsumed into Bangalore's urban fabric? In addition to collecting oral histories, Nextbangalore encourages the production of a textual history of Bangalore. Historical research projects, such as MOD Institute's work on the architect and planner Otto Koenigsberger, can unlock unknown or forgotten aspects of the city's past that could harbour potential for the city's future. Koenigsberger, who worked as Government Architect and Town Planner of Mysore State from 1939-1948, built many buildings in Bangalore, including the Hydrogen Plant at the Indian Institute of Science. Like many of Koenigsberger's buildings, the Hydrogen Plant demonstrates his commitment to using local building materials and integrating vernacular architectural features such as chajjas to produce a modern, economic, sustainable and locally-rooted architecture. This approach to building is perhaps Koenigsberger's greatest contribution to Bangalore, and one that deserves to be re-examined and reinterpreted by architects currently practicing in the city. However, unlike many of Koenigsberger's other buildings, we recently discovered that the Hydrogen Plant, which now houses a cafeteria, was built as part of the Allies' WWII infrastructure.

For Nextbangalore this raises questions about Bangalore's urban heritage. How can we approach and learn from the city's past and develop a consciousness of the urban environment that can inform Bangalore's future development?

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## CONTENT OF THE CHANGE MAP

The Change Map is a first visualisation of the many ideas, wishes and problems that have been posted on Nextbangalore.com or have been shared in other ways. Discuss them at Nextbangalore.com.

- NEXTBANGALORE POSTS**
- Culture
  - Housing
  - Traffic
  - Greenery
  - Other
- Over 200 ideas, wishes and problems have already been posted so far on Nextbangalore.com. Many of them address the traffic situation and the problems it creates. Other posts relate to housing or the lack of green spaces within the city.... discuss them at Nextbangalore.com

**WHAT IF... INSPIRATIONS**

On the basis of the ideas and wishes eight inspirations for a future Bangalore were created in a joint process... discuss them at Nextbangalore.com

**SCALE**

approx. 2000m

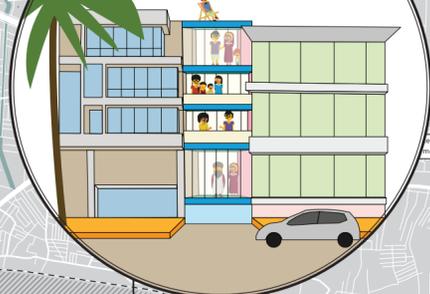
1. WHAT IF.... AN F.O.B. ON RICHMOND ROAD WAS A PARK?



2. WHAT IF... THE SIDEWALK ON M.G. ROAD WAS GREEN AND SAFE?



3. WHAT IF.... AFFORDABLE HOUSING WAS BUILT WITHIN THE CITY?



4. WHAT IF.... SAMPIGE ROAD WOULD BE CAR-FREE?



5. WHAT IF.... RESIDENCY ROAD HAD A BUS LANE?



7. WHAT IF.... GARUDA MALL WAS TURNED INTO HOUSING?



8. WHAT IF.... VATHUR LAKE WAS AN ORGANIC URBAN FARM?



6. WHAT IF.... YOU COULD MAKE TEMPORARY USE OF ABANDONED BUILDINGS?

