

BP-53 · Bigger Picture · AI Move of the Day

Research One Local Issue

Something in your area bugging you? Traffic, garbage, waterlogging, noise, stray animals, unsafe crossings? Find out what is really going on — with structure, sources, and civic sense.

Start the quick move

Build the prompt

YOUR CURRENT LEVEL

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Level 1: Local Noticer

Choose area + issue

Ask structured prompt

Check real sources

Map causes + responsibility

Learn what others tried

Tell one person

The civic research move

A local issue is something that affects everyday life in your area: traffic jams, garbage collection, water shortage, broken footpaths, street lighting, flooding, noise, parks, or public transport.

This is **civic research**, not party politics. Focus on the problem, causes, responsible offices, real sources, and possible fixes.

1 Choose one issue near you

Start small. One area. One issue. One question.



Movement issue

Traffic, unsafe crossing, footpath blocked, poor bus access, cycling safety.



Environment issue

Waterlogging, garbage, air quality, noise, lake/park maintenance, tree cutting.



Public service issue

Streetlights, water supply, drainage, public toilets, waste pickup, local safety design.

My area

Example: Indiranagar, Bengaluru

Local issue I want to understand

Example: traffic near the metro station

THOUGHT BULB

A good local question is not “Why is everything bad?” It is “What causes this specific issue, who is responsible, and what has worked elsewhere?”

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I chose one area and one local issue to research.

2

Ask the local-issue prompt

Perplexity is useful here because you need sources. ChatGPT, Claude, or Gemini can help you organise the answer.

YOUR FILLED PROMPT

I live in [area]. Help me understand one local issue here — [issue]. What causes it, who's responsible, and what's been tried elsewhere? Give sources I can check. Keep it civic, not party-political. Separate: 1. What is known 2. What needs checking 3. Which local office or authority may be responsible 4. What other places have tried

COPY-PASTE PROMPT

I live in [area]. Help me understand one local issue here — [issue]. What causes it, who's responsible, and what's been tried elsewhere? Give sources I can check.

Keep it civic, not party-political. Separate:

1. What is known
2. What needs checking
3. Which local office or authority may be responsible
4. What other places have tried

Copy my filled prompt

CAUTION BOARD

Local AI answers can be outdated or wrong. Do not treat AI as the final source. Verify using official pages, news reports, maps, local notices, or a trusted adult.

☐ I used the structured local-issue prompt.

3 **Check real sources**

Good civic research needs receipts.

1

Official source

Municipal body, ward office, transport department, water board, pollution board, school circular.

2

Local reporting

Credible news article, local report, civic group update, public meeting note.

3

Observation

What you can safely observe: time, place, pattern, photo-free notes, not private details.

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Adult check

Ask a teacher, parent, resident welfare association member, or local official source.

SOURCE-CHECK PROMPT

Review this local-issue answer. Make a table with:

1. Claim
2. Source given
3. Is the source official, news, observation, or opinion?
4. What still needs checking?

Do not invent missing sources.

Copy source-check prompt

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I checked at least one real source instead of trusting AI blindly.

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Map the issue properly

Do not stop at “this is annoying.” Find the structure.

Research question	What you are looking for	Example
What is happening?	The visible problem.	Traffic piles up near the metro station after school hours.
What causes it?	Possible reasons, not one lazy blame.	Parking, narrow road, hawker zone, signal timing, school pickup, construction.
Who is responsible?	The office or authority linked to the issue.	Traffic police, municipal body, metro agency, school, residents, shop owners.
What has been tried elsewhere?	Real examples from other places.	Better signage, no-parking zone, staggered pickup, pedestrian crossing, bus bay.

My local issue notes

Issue: _____

Causes: _____

Responsible offices/people: _____

What has been tried elsewhere: _____

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I mapped causes, responsibility, and what still needs checking.



5 Learn from what other places tried

A local issue may already have solutions tested somewhere else.

Ask for examples, not miracles

Look for small practical fixes: timing changes, signs, bins, lighting, drainage cleaning, crossings, awareness drives.

Ask what worked and what failed

A good answer should mention trade-offs, not pretend one solution fixes everything.

ELSEWHERE PROMPT

Find 3 examples of other places dealing with a similar local issue: [issue].

For each example, tell me:

1. What they tried
2. What problem it solved
3. What limitation or trade-off remained
4. Whether this could work in [area]

Give sources I can check.

Copy elsewhere prompt

CIVIC THINKING MOVE

Avoid one-person blame. Local issues usually have systems: design, rules, budgets, habits, enforcement, and maintenance.

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I looked for what other places have tried and what the trade-offs were.

6 Tell one person one thing you learned

This is the closer. Make the research useful.

One thing I learned

Example: I learned that the traffic problem near our metro station may not just be about drivers. It may also involve parking, pickup timing, road design, and signal timing.

One person I can tell

Example: parent, teacher, friend, neighbour, classmate

SMALL ACTION

Tell one person one thing you learned. Not a rant. Not a political speech. Just one clearer explanation of what may be causing the issue.

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I chose one person and one thing I can tell them.

7 Optional: make your AI Move card

A small reminder of the local research move.

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Title: AI Move of the Day

Move: Research one local issue in your area.

Prompt: “I live in [area]. Help me understand one local issue here — [issue]. What causes it, who’s responsible, and what’s been tried elsewhere?”

Rule: Verify on real sources. Keep it civic, not party-political.

Closer: Tell one person one thing you learned.

☐ I made, sketched, or saved the AI Move card.

Final 5-minute move

Complete this sentence: “I used to think this issue was mainly about _____. Now I think it may also involve _____.”

My clearer local-issue sentence

I used to think this issue was mainly about _____. Now I think it may also involve _____.



☐ I focused on a civic issue, not party politics.

☐ I checked at least one real source.

☐ I can explain one thing I learned to one person.

NOTEBOOK LINE

Write this down: **“My area is researchable. One issue, one source, one clearer explanation.”**

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