SAFETIPIN NEWSLETTER

Building a world where everyone can move around without fear, specially women

LIGHTING UP DELHI FOR SAFETY

As a part of our project with the Delhi government, a meeting was convened under the chairship of Director WCD, GNCTD on 16th December, 2019 in his chamber at Sewa Kutir Complex Kingsway Camp, Delhi. There were officials from PWD, Home Department, BSES, NDMC, SDMC and EDMC present in the meeting. The team from Safetipin explained in depth the process of exporting the data collected to google maps and various other ways in which data can be used to make on-ground changes.

The Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal kicked off the process for installation of 2.1 lakh street lights across the city under the 'Mukhyamantri Street Light Yojana'. The installation of these lights is based on the data provided to them by Safetipin. Check out the media coverage for the same.

THE HINDU   ET Realty.com From The Economic Times   The Indian EXPRESS JOURNALISM OF COURAGE

PUNE SMART CITY DATING SHARING PLATFORM

Kalpana Viswanath was invited to a datathon organised by Pune Smart City Development Corporation Limited (PSCDL) and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Pune. The new features of My Safetipin app and Safetipin data integration on IISc's Indian Urban Data Exchange (IUDX) were presented to the participants. IUDX has been developed as an open-source software platform to share, discover and access data from IT systems across departments and organizations. 1600 audit points have been integrated for Pune City. The findings of the audits have been shared with the city officials and to local responsiveness on the issue of women's safety.

DISCONNECTED INFRASTRUCTURES AND VAW

As a part of our partnership with the British Academy, the DIVAW installation presented VAW as a form of 'infrastructural violence', which emerged from a disconnection between physical infrastructures, digital infrastructures and social infrastructures of a city. This exhibition was launched and displayed at Khoj studios in Delhi from 16-29th December, 2019. At the launch, we had Anja Kovacs and Suneeta Dhar as speakers. Check out the installations by clicking on the titles.

Intimate Infrastructures

(Im)mobile Infrastructures

Guidelines for gender inclusivity

Gender inclusive apps

(dis)Connected Policies: Gender and urban development across scales

MAPPING COLOMBO CITY

We recently started a project in Colombo and Sonali from our team went there for the initiation. During the trip, she conducted a focus group discussion with young girls and working women in Colombo to hear their experiences of navigating the city. It was an interesting insight into the challenges these women face in dealing with sexual harassment in public transport. We are going begin mapping the city of Colombo through our apps.

WOMEN AND TRANSPORT AFRICA CONFERENCE

Ankita presented at the Women and Transport Africa Conference. She presented on how technology can be used to make cities inclusive and shared the findings from our recent work in Bhopal, Gwalior and Jodhpur (a project with the Asia Foundation) highlighting the rampant nature of sexual harassment in public spaces and public transport. She also spoke about how our data can be used by local govts, ngos and citizen groups to drive change: upgradation of existing city infrastructure to ensure that more women feel safe and comfortable while accessing and using public places and public transport.

URBAN MOBILITY FORUM

At the UNDP's Urban Mobility Forum at Phnom Penh, Rwitee from Safetipin was invited to speak at a Session on 'Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Mobility for All'. The panel discussed tackling the challenges and opportunities in urban mobility while looking through the lenses of social and environmental aspects. The panel brought together inspiring practitioners, policy makers and the private sector to discuss how technologies and innovations have created new development opportunities for transforming urban mobility in Cambodia and the world over. Safetipin had a display at the public showcase and exhibition at the Factory Phnom Penh on the second day of the forum.

STEP OUT AT NIGHT, KAROL BAGH

On 5th and 6th December, 2019, there was a night festival #StepOutAtNight in the recently pedestrianized Karol Bagh to promote more women on the streets at night. Many organisations came together to put up the event. Safetipin organized a mapping exercise and got inputs from the crowd on which areas in and around there make them feel safe and unsafe. It was an interactive session and a very engaging and successful event!

GRIHA SUMMIT

Safetipin presented and attended at the UNSW Built Environment Event Engaging Women in the Built Environment GRIHA 2019 on 17th December. The session was opened by Professor Helen Lockheed, Dean UNSW. She spoke about the need and opportunities for increasing women's participation in all roles of the built environment. Kalpana Viswanath spoke about her unconventional journey from sociology to the built environment sector and her experiences. She added the importance of making public spaces safer for women in order for them to be able to access opportunities for growth.

WORKSHOP WITH CMGGA, HARYANA

Sonali and Shreya presented Safetipin to the Chief Ministers Good Governance Associates (CMGGA), Haryana at Ashoka University on 8th January, 2020. The Associates are all posted in various district offices in Haryana and they work on prevalent issues with their respective offices on the field. During a recent discussion between the Associates, the need for more measures for women's safety emerged and so Safetipin was reached out to for guidance on the matter. We trained them on how to use our Safetipin Nite app so that they can take the work forward in their respective districts.

SAFETIPIN MEDIA FEATURES

Women feel unsafe in Bhopal, Gwalior, Jodhpur: Study
Hyderabad Police Releases Advisory For Women After Rape, Twitter Asks What About The Men
How Can We Make Urban Spaces Safer For Women?
Safetipin empowers women to create safe public spaces
Women's safety: 1,500 dark spots to get LED lights in Delhi
Women seek to reclaim Delhi's streets - but more men show up
Index shows what makes a city safe for women
Here are some apps and an emergency number, 112, that you can reach out to for safety