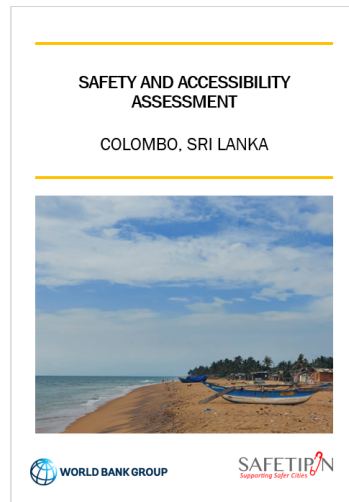# SAFETIPIN NEWSLETTER

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NEW REPORTS:

Safety and Accessibility Assessment in Colombo, Sri Lanka

As a part of the Safe and Inclusive Cities Initiative under The Metro Colombo Transformation Platform, the World Bank engaged Safetipin to evaluate the public spaces of Colombo city and suggest recommendations to make them safer. Three Safetipin tools were used for the study- My Safetipin App, Safetipin Nite and Safetipin Site. Click on the images to read the full report.

Image from Kharkiv Observer

NEW BLOG: Street Harassment: An epidemic of gender violence

Sexual harassment is not just a series of isolated or impulsive acts but backed by widespread sexism, body politics and inadequate resource allocation towards women's safety. Click on image to read more.

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2 new projects

1. Developing a customizable auditing tool to conduct assessments around public spaces with the University College of London (UCL).
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Update on the proposed 'Gender Chapter' in the Delhi Draft Masterplan 2041.

NEW PROJECT: Developing a customizable auditing tool with UCL

Safetipin has been engaged as a technical data partner by University College London (UCL) as part of the project: "Tell Me How You See It: Dialogues For Gender Inclusive Mobility". The project will create an International network of masters students (3 in each location of University College London, University of Cape Town and the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi) coming from different disciplines that are responsible for elements of public spaces and mobility.

Safetipin in consultation with the wider research team will develop a customizable auditing tool to conduct assessments around public spaces. The app will be designed and tested by the Safetipin team and then shared with the researchers to document public spaces in the three cities.

NEW PROJECT: Women Safety Audits in Chennai

To support Chennai 2030, the Government of Tamil Nadu and the World Bank have outlined the Chennai City Partnership that will bring both financing and technical knowledge to support the city's transformation. As part of the assessment of the current scenario, one of the projects is to collect data on the dimensions of safety concerns faced by women and girls in public places. The World Bank commissioned Safetipin to conduct Women Safety Audits using Safetipin applications.

WSA will be piloted in Tondiarpet, Chennai, using Safetipin digital tools to provide accurate data on the condition and usage of public spaces. This information can be used to guide policies and interventions by the Government of Tamil Nadu to address the safety concerns of women and girls in Chennai and to improve access, mobility and inclusion in the city. Safetipin is currently collecting data using its applications on the quality, usage and perceptions of public spaces in the day as well as in the night, particularly from a safety perspective of women and girls.

Safety Audits in Community Areas in Durban

In partnership with Womanity and Soul City Institute, Safetipin had mapped 2 different community areas named KwaMashu and KwaNdengezi in Durban, South Africa using Safetipin applications. Assessment of 6 taxi ranks was also done in the same areas using the Safetipin Site application. The data collection was done with the help of two local partners- The Masiphephe Network and the Gugu Dlamini Foundation. Safetipin analysed the collected data to understand the lacunas in the existing infrastructure. The key findings were presented at the INK Masiphephe Network GBV Forum Meeting on 23rd June 2021.

Safety Assessment in Goa

Safetipin in partnership with Tandem Research, Goa had collected data in Panaji using the Safetipin Nite application. After processing the data, 884 safety audit points were generated. To understand the existing infrastructure of the city the data was analysed by the Tandem Research and Safetipin team. The key findings were presented to the Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited.

Events

Proposing a 'Gender Chapter' in the Delhi Draft Masterplan 2041.

MainBhiDilli (MBD) is a people's campaign to make planning of Delhi more representative and inclusive by engaging citizens in the 2041 Master Plan formulation process through public discussion on Delhi's urban future and how it must be planned to make it more equitable, just and sustainable. Safetipin has been a part of the campaign right from its inception and through the campaign have engaged in discussions with NIUA and DDA on the issues of gender and other excluded groups in the city. Gender has been historically neglected in conventional planning exercises done in previous Master Plans for Delhi, as the plan imagines the citizen to be an able-bodied, cis-gender man.

This lack of a gender lens in city making also invisibilises the intersections of class, caste, religious, sexual identities that intersect with gender to shape diverse needs and lived realities. Adopting a gender-mainstreaming approach in planning can mitigate these concerns and help envision a safer and more equitable city for all. Last month the Draft Master Plan for Delhi, 2041 was put out in the public domain for suggestions and comments by DDA. Though the draft plan is a forward looking document with firm strategies to make Delhi more liveable, yet it comes across as a gender neutral document with no or very little mention of women and other excluded groups. On 13 July 2021, Safetipin along with other members of the campaign met with Dr. Rashmi Singh (IAS)- Director, Women and Child Development , Govt of NCT of Delhi to discuss the lack of gender inclusivity in the masterplan. Additionally, Safetipin along with Jagori will be presenting at a press conference that has been planned for the MBD campaign on 15 of July. We will be commenting on the limitations of the Draft Master Plan of Delhi, 2041 from a gender perspective. from 12 to 2:30 PM at the Press Club of India.

To file your objections/suggestions for the Draft Master Plan of Delhi, 2041 before the 23 of July 2021, click here.

'The Gender aspects of Sustainable Urban Mobility in the MENA Region'

SINTEF in collaboration with the European Centre for Women and Technology (ECWT) organized a workshop on "The Gender aspects of Sustainable Urban Mobility in the MENA Region" on June 28th, 2021. Ankita from our team was a panellist in the session: "Challenges for Gender Inclusive Mobility. She presented the findings from some of our recent work on gender and urban mobility. The session focused on understanding and addressing safety and accessibility-related concerns of women in public spaces and public transport. The panellists shared possible solutions and mechanisms to foster gender inclusive mobility in urban areas.
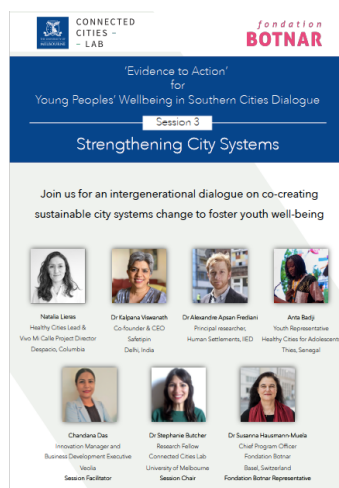
Inclusive Cities by National Institute of Urban Affairs

National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) hosted the webinar titled 'Inclusive Cities- Approaches for making Indian cities more accessible, safe and inclusive for ALL' organised by Inclusive Cities Centre (ICC) on 29th June, 2021. The webinar commemorated the launch of the Centre and initiated the dialogue on inclusion and city development.

"Women's access to cities is equivalent to their visibility in public spaces, one which is not controlled by patriarchal policing, fear of violence in public spaces or being singular entities in caregiving."

- Ms. Kalpana Vishwanath, Co-Founder & CEO, Safetipin

Commemorating 45 years of NIUA's Contribution towards India's Urban Transformation

It marked the engagement of sector experts, leaders, thinkers and practitioners in identifying and defining specific problems and strategic actions, pathways for creating an enabling system for inclusive development of cities. Kalpana Viswanath was invited as a speaker where she spoke about the way in which a city is used by different genders and the impact of violence on opportunities for women.
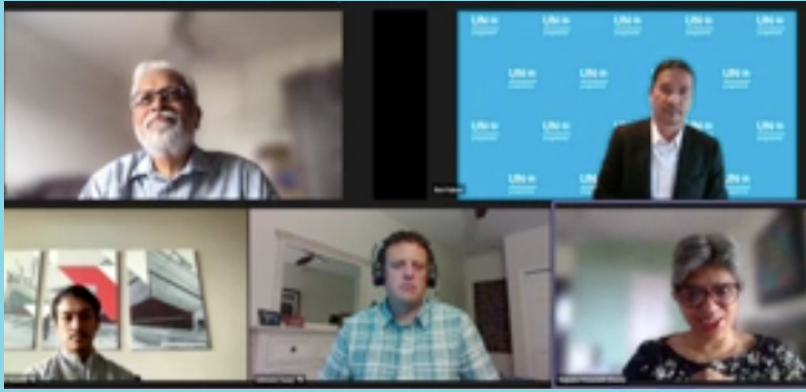
Strengthening City Systems by Fondation Botnar and Connected Cities-Lab

Evidence to Action' for Young Peoples' Wellbeing in Southern Cities Dialogue was the 3rd session in the Strengthening City Systems event organised by Fondation Botnar and Connected Cities-Lab on 1st July, 2021. The event was conducted to spark an intergenerational dialogue on co-creating sustainable city systems to change and foster youth well-being.

Kalpana Viswanath was invited as a speaker and she highlighted the importance of policy, advocacy, planning and design when thinking of an inclusive city. It was an engaging event with esteemed panelists and insightful questions from the attendees.

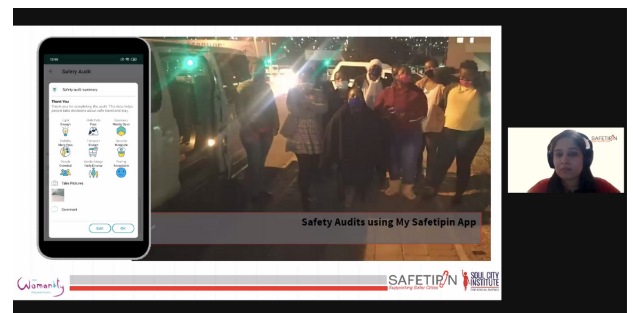## Transport and Mobility in 2050 by United Nations Environment Programme

On 8th July, 2021, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) hosted the event 'Transport and Mobility in 2050: Realising the SDGs and the Paris Agreement Objectives.' Through this event, experts outlined the way forward to achieve a 2050 with sustainable mobility and showcased opportunities for improved urban mobility systems. Kalpana Viswanath spoke at the event where she emphasised the need for inclusive planning from the initial stages and mentioned the critical link between women's lack of agency and equality to sustainability

Webinar series on Gender-based Violence by University of Johannesburg

University of Johannesburg invited Soul City Institute and Safetipin to be part of their three-part webinar series on Gender-based violence. The webinar titled 'Transforming fearscapes- The future of Safe environments' was held on 8th July 2021. The event saw participation from practitioners, academicians, and government stakeholders working on women's safety issues. Hlanga from Soul City Institute and

Sonali from Safetipin co-presented the Durban project (supported by Womanity Foundation). A brief overview of the project and Safetipin apps was followed by key findings of safety audits done in two communities - KwaMashu and KwaNdengezi in Durban.
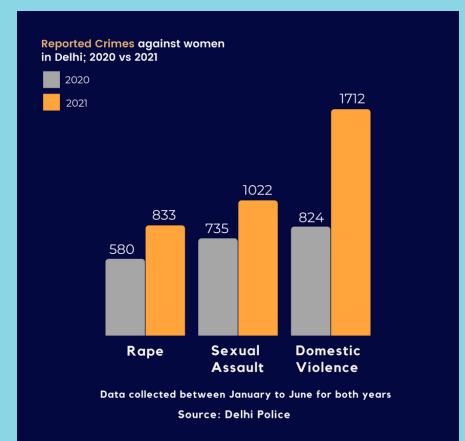
Product and Media

A statistical snapshot of growing violence against women in Delhi from 2020

Delhi witnessed a 63% surge in reported cases of violence against women from 2020, in the first six months of 2021. When asked, Delhi Police senior officers attributed the rise in cases to the lifting of lockdown and ease in restrictions (source: TOI).

Safetipin shared the statistics across their social media platform to increase awareness and hold relevant authorities responsible for the critical question- When will we take action, make our cities safer, and stop rationalizing away crimes against women?

My Safetipin app

Cities are designed for men, by men. How do we make them more inclusive for women and excluded groups? Creating an app for women's safety without asking women what they want/ need for their safety is not the solution. Adding infrastructure without the voices of excluded groups will not make it inclusive for everybody.

The My Safetipin app gives you a platform to share your concerns and have YOUR voice heard. How? It's simple- do safety audits on the app whenever you are out in a public space. Whenever we are working in your city, we will take your view to the local authorities with recommendations for actionable change on-ground.

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