

SAFETIPIN NEWSLETTER

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Safetipin meets the new Police Commissioner of Gurugram

On 12 March 2022, the Safetipin team met IPS Kala Ramchandran, the first woman Commissioner of Police Gurgaon, at the Police Headquarters. The meeting was also attended by various Police officials including SHOs and the head of 4 'Mahila' (Woman) Police Stations in the city.

Safetipin presented findings from their recent safety audits in Gurugram which were conducted in March 2021. The report has identified over 4000 dark spots with poor or no illumination, over 2500 spots with poor visibility and approximately 12,000 spots where walking infrastructure may be improved to aid pedestrians. The session was interactive and police officials also shared their experiences around crimes against women in the city. Safetipin looks forward to sharing this information with the

officials and working with them to build a safer and more inclusive Gurugram, especially for women.



2nd Steering Committee meeting with the eThekweni Municipality in Durban.

Since 2019, Safetipin has been working with Soul City Institute and eThekweni municipality in Durban, South Africa supported by Womanity Foundation. Using Safetipin technology tools, safety audits were conducted in 4 neighbourhoods, and 6 taxi ranks in the city. A steering committee has been formed with all the stakeholders including representatives from the local government and local communities. The second meeting for the Steering Committee held on 2nd March in Durban. At this meeting, the audit findings and recommendations were presented to the participants.

Participants of the workshop indicated that the report is a true reflection of what is happening in communities. They also indicated that the report covered issues that they have been battling with for some time. This meeting was followed by a workshop with the different departments on eThekweni Municipality on 3rd March to discuss the way forward. Recommendations made in the report were well received and they sparked excellent discussions.

Capacity Building Workshop with local authorities in Sihanoukville, Cambodia

Safetipin in collaboration with The Asia Foundation, has conducted a safety mapping study in Sihanoukville. The mapping was done over the course of two years (2020-2021) with over 4200+ geo-located audits backed by image evidence. The audits were conducted to assess the physical infrastructure and social environment in the city. A day-long workshop was organised on 18th February 2022 in Sihanoukville.



The workshop was facilitated by Safetipin team virtually and attended by representatives from local municipal bodies, local police, and local NGOs/CSO. This workshop shared the key findings and recommendations of the audits. The sessions initiated a dialogue on creating safe public spaces in Sihanoukville and also focused on building the capacity of local government officials to use and integrate Safetipin data to create inclusive public spaces.

Human- Centred Design Workshop in Rajasthan for #Cities4Youth project

The lives of young people, especially young women, in cities are restricted by socio-cultural norms as well as poor provision of infrastructure and services. 'Cities for Youth' under the 'Fit for Future' initiative by the BOTNAR Foundation, is aimed at developing leadership and change-making skills of young people, especially young women.

As part of the first phase, Human-Centered Design (HCD) workshops were conducted across four cities in Rajasthan- Udaipur, Jaipur, Kota, and Jodhpur. The YP Foundation and TinkerLabs along with the on-ground mobilizing team from SAARTH organisation facilitated 12 workshops with more than 400 participants.



The workshops commenced on 21/03/22 in Udaipur followed by Jaipur on 25/02/22. The next set of workshops started on 07/03/22 in Kota followed by Jodhpur on 13/03/22. There were at least three workshops conducted in each city engaging communities across the city. The observations from the HCD workshops will eventually lead to generate youth and gender-responsive city indicators.

Panel on 'Towards Gender Equality and Sustainability in Public Transport'

To mark International Women's Day, Azad Foundation hosted a panel on 7th March to discuss the future of inclusive transport in collaboration with EESL (Energy Efficiency Services Limited). The foundation also shared findings from their Exploratory policy and evidence review towards advocating for women's equal employment in public bus transport (Delhi Transport Corporation). Azad's long-standing advocacy work has successfully led to easing of some barriers to facilitate entry of women as bus drivers.

Kalpana Viswanath from Safetipin attended the event as a panelist, along with many other eminent speakers, including Ms. V Saritha, the first and only woman DTC driver to qualify the existing height restrictions for bus drivers.



'Tarangini'- Delhi Police's event for International Women's Day

On the occasion of International Women's Day, Rakesh Asthana, Delhi Police Commissioner, interacted with around 50,000 women from 1,784 police beats across the city through a hybrid platform 'Tarangini'.

The Delhi Police Chief lauded the role of women police officers in safeguarding the interests of the citizens and felicitated women from other civil-society organizations, who have relentlessly worked for the empowerment of women. He also emphasized the importance of women's active collaboration with the Police, for bringing wholesome progress within the city and preventing crimes against women. The CP also talked out various schemes and initiatives such as SPUWAC and pink booths launched by the Delhi police to strengthen the safety and security of women in the national capital.

Kalpana Viswanath was invited by the Police as an eminent guest at the event and was felicitated by the Commissioner for her dedicated work in building safer cities for women.



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Abhivyakti: National panel on gender inclusion by Chhattisgarh Police and UNICEF

On women's day, Chhattisgarh Police and UNICEF (in collaboration with Counsel to Secure Justice), jointly organised 'Abhivyakti'- A national level consultation on gender inclusion and the empowerment of women and girls. Sonali Vyas from Safetipin was invited as a speaker in the panel discussion on 'Unsafe Neighborhood, Unsafe Woman/girlhood – Are Gender Friendly Spaces possible?'



Her presentation on 'Technological Innovations for women safety' demonstrated how the Safetipin apps are innovative technical solutions for auditing the safety of urban spaces. She also highlighted how the Safetipin data may be used by urban local authorities for making Indian cities safer and more accessible for all.

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#BreaktheBias campaign for International Women's Day 2022

On women's day, Safetipin launched the #Breakthebias campaign, where we took the initiative of celebrating our partners who work towards empowering women across the country.

Women chauffeurs trained by Azad Foundation and their livelihood partner Sakha, have over the years provided 1.5 million safe rides to women alone. Now, they aspire to drive DTC buses just like their male counterparts do. Watch their impactful stories [here](#).

CEQUIN follows a graded inclusive football programme for all age groups which has led to positive outcomes for girls such as retention in school, more girls opting for careers/livelihoods, enhanced confidence, decision-making and leadership qualities, increased outdoor activity and mobility, better social networks/awareness, health and well-being focus, delayed marriage, improved gender norms, reduction of gender discrimination, parent buy-in and support and access to community. Watch the female footballers [#breakthebias here](#).

Rekha Marathi is a woman from Udaipur, Rajasthan who picked up a job as a parcel delivery person with Bluebird company in 2019. She shares her unique experience [here](#).



Empowering Women through Connectivity | Broadband Transforming Lives Campaign

On International Women's Day, the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development released a video highlighting the power of broadband in transforming the lives of women. This was part of the latest edition of the #BroadbandTransformingLives campaign which focuses on the positive impact of broadband access in the lives of women.

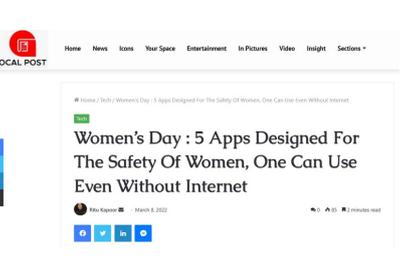


Safetipin has been featured in this video, along with Lespwar and AppLaudelina as champions from the International Telecommunication Union #WSIS and EQUALS - The Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age. This series is developed in partnership with the Broadband Commissioner from Huawei. [Watch now.](#)

Safetipin Data to be used in Delhi to illuminate over 1400 points: Delhi Government seeks funding from Nirbhaya Fund



Safetipin ranks in India's top 5 apps for women and their safety



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