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Greater Chennai Corporation launches 'Gender and Policy Lab'- Safetipin data to be used to make Chennai safer and more inclusive

On 1 April 2022, Chennai inaugurated the first of its kind- Gender and Policy Lab, which will work towards creating a 'safer and gender-inclusive city'. The inauguration was attended by the Mayor of Chennai Corporation, R Priya, Commissioner of Chennai Corporation, Gagandeep Singh Bedi, Commissioner of Police, Shankar Jiwal, and representatives from the World Bank. The Lab will work with departments of the civic body and transport agencies and members of various non-profit and civil society organizations.

Kalpana Viswanath from Safetipin presented findings from a Women's Safety Audit carried out in Tondiarpet, Chennai, supported by the World Bank. Recommendations based on the analysis of this data were shared with the Gender and Policy Lab to improve the safety and accessibility in the area for women.

Post the launch, an interactive brainstorming session was conducted with representatives from various government departments and civil society organizations, activists, academicians, and urban planners. Read more about the launch here:

[The Times of India](#), 2 April 2022

[The New Indian Express](#), 2 April 2022

[Citizen Matters](#), 7 April 2022



Public Transport Awareness Committee in Durban, South Africa

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 many areas of Durban city including 6 different Taxi Ranks. To share the findings from the safety audits conducted in the Durban city, Safetipin was invited by the Public Transport Awareness Committee of eThekweni Municipality on 23rd of March, 2022.

The committee constitutes of the Durban Solid Waste Management department, Road Safety Unit, Public transport Infrastructure department, Metro Police, Safer cities Unit, Business Support department and Environmental health department. Sonali Vyas and Shilpy Mehta from our team presented the findings in the session. The presentation was well received and each department showed their interest in taking up the findings ahead and implementing the suggested action points.

Brown Bag Session at eThekweni Municipality Durban

Safetipin was invited to an open to all virtual event called the Brown bag session organised by the eThekweni Municipality, Durban on 25th of March, 2022. For the Brown Bag Sessions, office of Strategic management at eThekweni Municipality invite speakers from different parts of the world to cover broad development topics.

Safetipin was invited to talk about women's safety in cities. Safetipin team presented three tools that are used while collecting the data for conducting safety assessments in different cities. Safetipin team also briefly shared the findings from the safety assessment done in the Durban city as part of the Womanity project.

Non-Motorised Transport Study started in the Kolkata Metropolitan Area

Safetipin in collaboration with The World Bank is conducting a Non-Motorised Transport (NMT) Study within the Kolkata Metropolitan Area (KMA) jurisdiction. The project aims to:

- Improve the efficiency and safety of passenger and freight movement across the Hooghly River and
- Establish a spatial planning framework to enhance accessibility within the KMA.

As a part of this project, Safetipin will be conducting user perception surveys, NMT traffic count study and spatial mapping using Safetipin Nite application. The Safetipin team visited Kolkata in early April for a visit to the project site locations. A few user perception surveys were conducted as part of the pilot study to understand NMT user's perceptions of safety and accessibility. The complete data collection will commence in April.

Gender Equality through the medium of Football: Lessons and Prospects

On 22 March 2022, our partners CEQUIN India organized a conference on 'Gender Equality through the medium of Football: Lessons and Prospects' at the India International Centre in Delhi. The event saw a spectrum of erudite speakers including representatives from UN Women and the All India Football Federation, who discussed the value of football in enriching girls' lives in India.

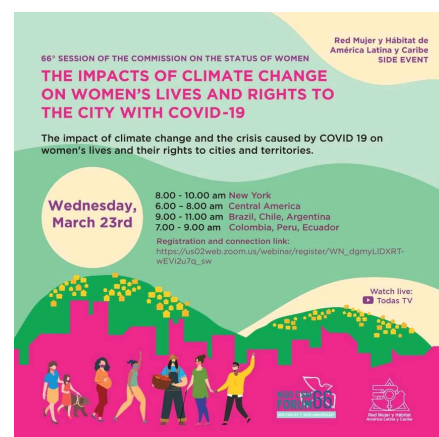


Kalpna Viswanath and Ankita Kapoor from Safetipin spoke at the conference, in panels titled "Engendering Public Spaces to Enhance Mobility & Access" and "Using Data for Audits and Impact Measurement: Innovative Practices" respectively.

Webinar on 'Impact of climate change on women's lives and rights to the city with Covid-19' - NGO CSW Forum 66

On 23 March 2020, our partners La Red Mujer y Hábitat organized the 66th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women. "Impact of climate change on women's lives and rights to the city with Covid-19" as a side event at the NGO CSW Forum 66.

On behalf of Safetipin and the Global Coalition for Safer Cities and Spaces for women, Kalpna Viswanath was invited for comments and debate on the impact of climate change on women globally.



Book discussion and panel on 'Framing Delhi Through its Metro System'

The Initiative on Cities, Economy & Society at the Centre for Policy Research organized a book discussion and panel on 'Framing Delhi Through Its Metro System.' The discussion revolved around experiencing the Delhi Metro, as described by Rashmi Sadana in her new book "Metronama: Scenes from the Delhi Metro." Kalpna Viswanath attended the event as a panelist.



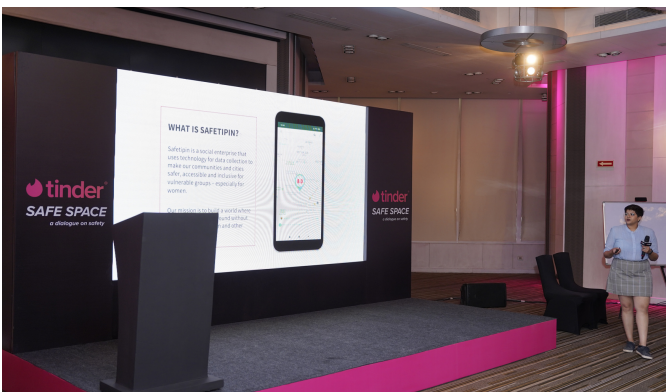
National Symposium on 'Women in Architectural Practice.'



The Feminist Collective in Architecture organized a National Symposium on 'Women in Architectural Practice: Everyday Experiences and Exercising Agency,' on 26 & 27 March 2022. Hosted at the Mill Owner's Association Building in Ahmedabad, the symposium included panel discussions, paper presentations, and an exhibition on the topic.

Rwitee Mandal was invited as an expert on Research in/and Architecture, where she presented Safetipin's work in using data and technology to build more inclusive cities. Safetipin's work in Safety Assessment in Surat was also exhibited at the event. Read more about the Collective's work [here](#).

Tinder X Yuva Safety Roundtable



Yuva and Tinder have been working together on safety initiatives for young adults online. On 29 March 2022, they collaboratively conducted a roundtable to bring together experts from the field of safety, to present their insights towards the common cause. Participants included representatives from Red Dot Safe City, CSR India, Purpose, Breakthrough, Dasra, Save the Children and The Queer Muslim Project. Mallika Gupta from Safetipin presented our work at the round table, as part of the 'Online Safety and Sensibilities' showcase.

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Anti- Street Harassment Week 2022

The 12th annual International Anti-Street Harassment Week took place from 3 April to 9 April 2022. The week of advocacy and action is organized annually by the Stop Street Harassment organization to increase awareness, imbue empathy and spur people, entities, and governments to take action to stop street harassment.

Safetipin #tweetchat on 'Preventing Street Harassment through Design'

On 5 April 2022, Safetipin organized a #tweetchat on 'Preventing Street Harassment through Design' with the Stop Street Harassment organization and Reddot Safe City. Safetipin asked the participants 5 critical questions about preventing street harassment through sensitive, inclusive street design.

The 60-minute event brought out many perspectives as various people and organizations shared their intimate experiences with street sexual harassment, while others shared design solutions to counter the same.



Safetipin X Adidas Runners: #RighttoRun Campaign

On 10 April 2022, Safetipin and Adidas Runners launched the #RighttoRun Campaign for making streets safer for women runners. The campaign began with a pilot conducted at the Adidas store in Connaught Place, New Delhi. Sonali Vyas and Mallika Gupta from Safetipin interacted with runners from the Adidas and Women's Brigade Community to discuss how women feel unsafe while running alone in the city.

The Safetipin team trained the runners to conduct safety audits using the MySafetipin App to help make their city safer for women to run in..



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