# SAFETIPIN NEWSLETTER

Shaping cities where every woman has a voice.

## **Cover Story**

### Cities for Youth: Leadership for Urban Wellbeing National Conference, Jaipur

A national conference titled 'Cities for Youth: Leadership for Urban Wellbeing' was organized on May 9th - 10th in the vibrant city of Jaipur, Rajasthan. Over two days, more than 130 participants from various organizations across the country convened to delve into the crucial intersection of youth, gender, and urban wellbeing.

The highlight of the event was the unveiling of the 'Live. Move. Grow. Play: A Framework on Urban Wellbeing for Young People' report, a comprehensive guide for urban wellbeing of young people and shaping cities for a brighter future. The report launch, graced by dignitaries including IAS Mr. Abhishek Surana, CEO of Jaipur Smart City Limited, and Ms. Nidhi Singh, Additional Transport Commissioner for the State Road Safety Cell, marked a significant milestone in our journey towards building gender-inclusive and youth-responsive cities.



Over 50 youth participants from more than 15 states actively engaged in insightful discussions on the aspirations of young people for data-driven change, along with thoughtful questions and shared experiences. Organizations like Third Eye and We, the People Abhiyan led workshops, fostering rich discussions on tools for youth participation and urban wellbeing.

The event wasn't confined to the conference room; participants took to the streets for the 'Shaping our Cities: Janes walk'. Reclaiming the streets of Jaipur, the walk culminated in reflective discussions at Patrika Gate, Jawahar Circle, envisioning the future of our cities.

Safetipin, in collaboration with Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti, The YP Foundation, Pravah, Start Up!, and the School of Planning & Architecture, Delhi, is implementing the Cities for Youth program in Rajasthan, with the support of Fondation Botnar. Over the last three years, the program has engaged 8000+ young people and 30+ CSOs, along with city/state-level government in Rajasthan, to collect youth's voices, generate knowledge, and demonstrate community actions to create an eco-system for gender and youth-responsive cities.

As we reflect on the insightful discussions and shared experiences from the conference, we're reminded of our commitment to creating cities that prioritize the wellbeing of our youth, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future for all.













#### Assessing the Gendered Nature of Market Area in Bhuj

Sangathan The Kutch Mahila Vikas (KMVS) commissioned Safetipin to carry out a safety and assessibility study in the market area of Kutch. The study focuses on understanding the perception primarily involves examining the vendors' perception of safety of the vendors along with an assessment of the built environment around it. Apoorva Nandish from our team trained the volunteers from KMVS on carrying out the assessment using the Safetipin Site web app. The survey is currently underway and in the following months, our team will analyse the data collected and further assist KMVS in advocating for improvements on ground.



#### Women on the Move Asia: Jane's Walk 2024

In collaboration with the Women on the Move Asia network, Safetipin organized a Jane's Walk on May 9th, 2024, coinciding with the Cities for Youth Conference in Jaipur. The event, inspired by urbanist Jane Jacobs, brought together 45 participants from diverse organizations such as UN-Habitat, Pravah, and UNICEF to explore and reimagine their cities. Reflecting on key urban issues, discussions centered on enhancing public spaces, particularly addressing concerns like footpath accessibility and crossings. The walk concluded at Patrika Gate, Jawahar Circle, a key public space in Jaipur, emphasizing the significance of communal engagement in city shaping. Events like Jane's Walk serve as catalysts for dialogue, fostering awareness and advocacy for safer, more inclusive cities.







#### Asian Development Bank: Asia and the Pacific Transport Forum 2024

Dr. Kalpana Viswanath was invited as the panelist in the session Policy To Action - Inclusive Transport For All at the <u>Asia And The Pacific Transport Forum 2024</u>. She highlighted the critical role of technology in fostering inclusive public transport and urban planning. Addressing pressing questions on the integration of technology to enhance accessibility and gender responsiveness, Dr. Viswanath shed light on innovative approaches to overcoming barriers and advancing inclusive and sustainable development in transportation infrastructure. Her insights provided invaluable perspectives on leveraging technology to bridge gaps and ensure equitable access to transport systems for all.



#### Knowledge Sharing Session with the Students of Ambedkar University, Delhi

At Safetipin, we believe holding discourses with students fosters critical thinking and nurtures a generation of informed individuals who can drive positive change. We are glad to have been invited by Ambedkar University to engage with students on the intricate relationship between gender, mobility and public spaces. Apoorva Nandish from our team presented Safetipin's work and deliberated on how societal norms, cultural expectations and socio-economic factors intersect to shape one's experiences in public spaces. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Prof. Rukmini Sen for organizing this engaging interaction.



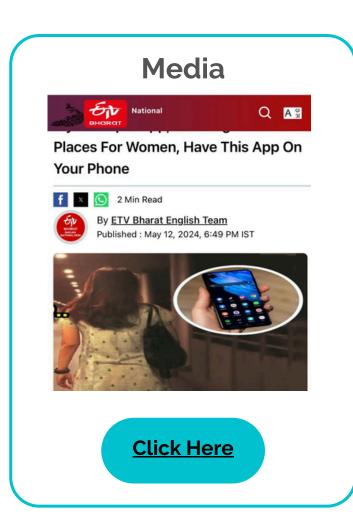


#### Partnering with Alcaldía de Madrid Cundinamarca on Conducting Safety Audits

Community engagement is an opportunity to engage and empower community members to use digital tools for on-ground impact. Safetipin was invited to engage with over 30 community volunteers to deliberate on women's safety in public places. These volunteers represented community action boards, neighbourhood security fronts, empowers residents, etc.

Apoorva Nandish from our team presented the works of Safetipin and trained the community volunteers on using the My Safetipin App for conducting safety audits in their areas. We are glad to partner with Ms. Danna Hernandez, Concejal de Madrid from Alcaldía de Madrid Cundinamarca and look forward to supporting the community in making Madrid safe.







Dive into the future of urban spaces with us at the Asia-Pacific Transport Forum 2024! Join our panel discussion on "Building Feminist Cities" this May 17th. Discover how inclusivity and gender equality shape the cities of tomorrow. Plus, immerse yourself in a Jane's Walk, where we'll collectively envision vibrant, feminist cityscapes. Don't miss this chance to be part of the movement!

## **My Safetipin App**



**787**App Active Users



2700 Web New Users

Over the past month, our community has seen remarkable growth. We saw 787 active users on our App. On the website, the number of active users stood at 2800, with 2700 new users joining this month alone.

Join the growing wave of safety-conscious individuals and explore how our app can empower you to navigate the world with confidence. Download now and take control of your safety journey!

Download the app now:



