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About Us

Safetipin is a social impact organisation that works toward building responsive, inclusive, safe and equitable urban systems. Since its inception in 2013, Safetipin has worked across 45 cities in Asia, Latin America and Africa. With a mission of shaping cities where every woman has a voice. Safetipin has collaborated with government and non-government stakeholders in using big data to improve infrastructure and services in cities.

Our Mission

Shaping cities where every woman has a voice.

Our Vision

Facilitate 100 cities to become gender-responsive by 2035.

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Message from the CEO

Kalpana Viswanath

Last year commemorated ten years of Safetipin. Reflecting on our journey towards gender transformation of our cities, it is a moment to celebrate as well as pause before the challenges that still lie ahead. In 2013, we started with a simple idea of crowdsourcing data about women's safety and putting it in the hands of women to help them make safer decisions about their mobility.

Our vision was to empower individuals and communities by providing actionable insights into urban safety through data. With data in over 80 cities in India and globally, our data-driven approach has enabled city planners, policymakers, and local organizations to make informed decisions and implement changes that enhance safety and well-being in urban environments through projects and interventions in nearly 50 cities.

Over the past decade, we have learnt a lot, designed new tools and adopted new approaches towards our mission of shaping cities where every woman has a voice. The journey towards full and equal rights of women and young people (as well as other excluded or marginalised groups) is still incomplete in any country. As we move towards 2030, most countries are lagging in the achievement of the targets of the Sustainable Development Goals.

While our work moved from Indian cities to others in Asia, Africa and Latin America within a year of launching Safetipin, last year we focused on Indian cities to develop and implement an assessment framework that can help them become more gender and youth responsive. A systemic approach towards this will require policies, programs, initiatives and resources. We cannot continue with a business-as -usual approach as the realisation of women 's rights, participation and equity are still inadequate.

The She RISES framework for responsive, inclusive, safe and equitable urban systems that we launched in 2022, continues to be a guiding document for our work with cities. This year, a partnership forged with Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs gave us the opportunity to pilot test the framework with indicators in 6 cities across the country and we were grateful to the Hon'ble Minister Hardeep Puri who launched the report in March 2024. We now look forward to taking this framework to cities across the country to help cities build a roadmap towards gender transformation. Our long-term supporters, The Asia Foundation also supported us in taking the framework to two cities in Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

The first phase of the Cities for Youth program in Rajasthan with Fondation Botnar which is to end in August 2024 saw a surge of activities and consultations during the year. The local partnership with a wide variety of youth and women's organisations such as Mahila Jan Adhikar Samiti (MJAS) and Pravah helped consolidate data collection and on ground interventions. The involvement of students of urban design from the School of Planning and Architecture in Delhi brought in not just youth perspective but also innovative design solutions. Further through the course of the year, strategic partnerships were forged with the Transport Department, Smart City Missions in Jaipur and Ajmer as well as municipal authorities and colleges across the state. In the years ahead, we see an opportunity to take forward our Cities for Youth model to other states and cities in India to engage young people, build their agency and support them towards active citizenship.

To celebrate the decade with our partners and supporters, we held a conference in November 2023 “Shaping our Cities: Towards Gender Responsive Policy and Practice”. The support of Fondation Botnar and Women Mobilize Women (GIZ) helped us to make this a memorable day. The keynote by Lakshmi Puri, Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations and Former Deputy Executive Director of UN Women set the tone for the day with a strong message of centrality of gender equity in the process of development and progress of any country. With over 160 participants from varied sectors, we were able to deliberate on some of the key issues of transforming our cities towards gender inclusion such as policies, urban governance, mobility and cities for youth. The conversations during the panels, lunch and the reception were a testament to the power of collaboration and collective processes.

Safetipin has been closely associated with the Women Mobilize Women Initiative of TUMI and this resulted in two events last year – a panel discussion at ITF in Leipzig in May 2023 and a Workshop of Building Feminist Transport Systems in November 2023 in Delhi. The workshop also witnessed the sealing of the partnership between Safetipin and key global networks on women and mobility – Women Mobilize Women, Women in Motion Latin America and Women on the Move Asia. This coming together of networks will propel forward the agenda of safe and equitable transport and mobility around the world.

As we move into our second decade, we know there is much work to do, many challenges on the road to gender transformation. We will need to work harder, collaborate more and place the experiences of women and young people at the centre of all our efforts.

But we can take a moment to reflect on the journey so far and thank all our friends and partners for helping us reach this far. This is a collective endeavour which can only be successful if we work together. The problems and issues we are trying to address are multiple, complex, deep and entrenched in many cases. It is a long road but hand-in hand, we can continue to chip away towards gender transformation. We are grateful for the community that we walk with.



Safetipin's 10th Anniversary

Celebrating a Decade of Impact

The past decade has been significant both for the impacts achieved in cities around the world and for the partnerships on our journey toward building gender-responsive cities. To commemorate ten years of Safetipin, we hosted a conference titled 'Shaping our Cities: Towards Gender Responsive Policy and Practice' at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi on November 2, 2023, in collaboration with Fondation Botnar, GIZ, and Women Mobilize Women. The event was attended by over 160 participants and speakers from diverse sectors, including government, NGOs, academia, media, and women's and youth groups.

> **Congratulations to Safetipin on their remarkable 10-year journey of making gender-responsive urban issues visible and actionable. The future of humanity is indeed urban, and cities have the potential to embrace gender equality as a norm. Urbanization presents an opportunity for advancing gender equality rather than a risk.**
>
> *Amb. Lakshmi Puri,*
> *Former Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations and Former Deputy Executive Director of UN Women*



Group photo of the speakers from the opening plenary session.

Amb. Lakshmi Puri, Former Assistant Secretary General at the United Nations and Former Deputy Executive Director of UN Women, delivered the keynote address. She emphasized that while more women today are accessing opportunities for education, employment, and well-being, their dreams, aspirations, and experiences of freedom are still impacted by fear and violence. The opening plenary featured distinguished panelists, including Ms. Laura Ballesteros (Former MobilityMinister and Deputy Mobility Minister, CDMX), Mr. Sudhendu Sinha (Advisor, Infrastructure Connectivity and Electric Mobility, NITI Aayog, Govt of India), and Mr. Kunal Kumar (Joint Secretary and Mission Director of Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs). They highlighted the importance of women-led development and the power of gender-responsive infrastructure to drive significant shifts in mobility.



Speakers from the Plenary on Gender and Urban Governance.

Following this, a session on 'Gender and Urban Governance' presented insights from Mrs. Shailaja Chandra, (Former Chief Secretary Delhi) Ms. Nandita Baruah (Country Representative-India, The Asia Foundation) Ms. Insa Illgen (Project Director Sector project Sustainable Mobility, GIZ), Ms. Meera Sundararajan (Team Lead and Gender & M&E Expert, Gender and Policy Lab, Greater Chennai Corporation) , and Mr. Anand Iyer (Chief of Policy & Insights, Janaagraha). The discussion underscored the need for evidence-backed data to engage policymakers and drive policy changes.

The session on 'Cities for Youth: Young People as Evidence Builders,' moderated by Ms. Joyati Das (Enterprise Principal Fellow, University of Melbourne), brought together a diverse range of perspectives. The panel featured Ms. Sohini Bhattacharya (CEO, Breakthrough India), Ms. Moitreyee Sinha (CEO, citiesRise), Mr. Anshul Tiwari (Founder, Youth Ki Awaaz), Ms. Kanak Tewari (Programme Director, National Institute of Urban Affairs), Ms. Prerna Vijaykumar (Associate Director, World Resources Institute), and Ms. Sonali Vyas (Associate Director, Safetipin).

This panel was a resounding call to empower and include youth as active agents of change. It emphasized the importance of reshaping power structures, reimagining storytelling, and leveraging technology to recognize the agency of young people in influencing policies, driving innovation, and transforming societal norms.



Panelists discussing diverse perspectives during the session 'Cities for Youth: Young People as Evidence Builders'.



Panelists sharing their insights in the session titled 'Women on the Move: Towards Equitable Transport Systems'.

The conference concluded with a session titled 'Women on the Move: Towards Equitable Transport Systems, 'moderated by Ms. Rehana Moosajee (former Councillor and member of Mayoral Committee, Johannesburg). The panel featured Ms. Naomi Mwaura (Founder, Flone Initiative), Ms. Alana Dave (Director of Urban Transport, International Transport Workers Federation), Dr. Anjlee Agarwal (Co-founder, Samarthyam, National Centre for Accessible Environment), Ms. Aishwarya Raman (Executive Director, OMI Foundation), and Mr. Sanjay Biswal (General Manager, Capital Region Urban Transport). This session explored strategies to increase women's participation in the mobility sector, highlighting the importance of implementing effective policies for inclusivity and equality. The panelists emphasized the need to recognize women as valuable contributors and stakeholders in the mobility sector, discussing ways to create a more inclusive and equitable environment for women workers.



A glimpse of the reception celebrating a decade of Safetipin's 10year journey.

The discussions flowed seamlessly into the reception, where a decade of Safetipin's impactful journey was commemorated. Our friends and partners, including Ms. Nandita Baruah (Country Representative, The Asia Foundation), Mr. Siddhartha Jha (AI and Digital Innovation Lead, Fondation Botnar), Ms. Suneeta Dhar (Co-Founder, South Asia Women's Foundation),. Meenakshi Gopinath (Founder-Director, Women in Security Conflict, Management and Peace), and Ms. Sarika Panda (Founder Trustee of Raahgiri Foundation), shared their experiences with Safetipin over the years. Ashish Basu (Co-founder Safetipin) shared some highlights of the ten year journey.

The second day of Safetipin's tenth anniversary celebration featured a workshop organized in partnership with Women Mobilize Women on “Building Feminist Cities: Towards Inclusive and Sustainable Transport Systems” at The Park Hotel, New Delhi. The workshop emphasized the critical need for planning mobility projects and policies with a feminist intersectional perspective.

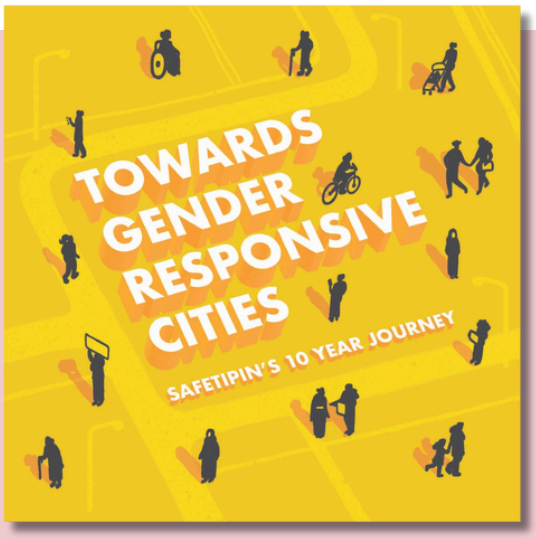
The panel on 'Women who Move the World: Voices of Transport Workers' comprising women from Indian Railways, Delhi Transport Corporation, and Lucknow Metro, discussed challenges faced by women in the transport sector, including occupational segregation, lack of facilities, and harassment. They advocated for collective action, urging the formation of women's unions, equal pay advocacy, and policy changes to improve working conditions.

Several insightful panel discussions covered important topics such as building feminist transport solutions, addressing concerns of gender-based violence, and considering intersectionality in mobility and public transport. The workshop concluded with an interactive exercise where participants collaborated to co-develop manifestos envisioning inclusive feminist cities.

Click here, to watch the sessions!



PC: Women Mobilize Women



On the occasion of our 10th year anniversary, a commemorative book, "Towards Gender Responsive Cities: Safetipin’s 10-Year Journey” was also released. This documents the Safetipin journey over the past ten years, our tools and technologies as well as the diverse uses of the data generated by different sets of stakeholders.

To learn more about Safetipin’s journey over the past ten years, check out our commemorative book by *clicking here*!



She RISES Framework

Towards Gender Transformation of Indian Cities



A glimpse of the report launch event of the She RISES – Towards Gender Transformation of Indian Cities.

Based on our interactions with various urban stakeholders and reflections over almost a decade, we recognized the imperative need for a comprehensive framework to guide cities towards becoming gender-responsive. Launched in November 2022, our She RISES (Responsive, Inclusive, Safe, and Equitable (Urban) Systems) framework emphasizes the importance of foregrounding care intthe vision and planning of our cities.

Under these principles, we developed a set of indicators acrossfive key pillars:

- **Gender Responsive Policy Initiatives**
- **Public Spaces and Infrastructure**
- **Mobility and Public Transport**
- **Services and Amenities**
- **Response to Gender-Based Violence**

These indicators measure the gender responsiveness of urban systems and services. Each indicator points towards policies, plans, physical and social infrastructure (including transport), services (including for GBV), institutional mechanisms, and budgets that could be improved to better address the lived experiences of girls and women.

In partnership with the Smart Cities Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, these indicators were pilot-tested in six smart cities: Bengaluru, Jabalpur, Kakinada, Kochi, Kohima, and Warangal. We are thankful to Bernard Van Leer Foundation (BVLF) for the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Challenge (NNC) initiative and the respective NNC city-coordinators from WRI India team for their support in data collection. The data collected from these cities were analyzed, and a roadmap was formulated for each city to support their gender transformation journey.

This pilot-testing was documented in a knowledge product called ‘She RISES – Towards Gender Transformation of Indian

Cities,' launched on March 4, 2024, by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs.

In collaboration with the Smart Cities Mission, we are delighted to share our new publication, "SheRISES – Towards Gender Transformation of Indian Cities." This report presents a comprehensive gender assessment framework for city administrators to measure a city's responsiveness to the needs of girls and women, aligning with the vision of women-led development as a central pillar of a Viksit Bharat.

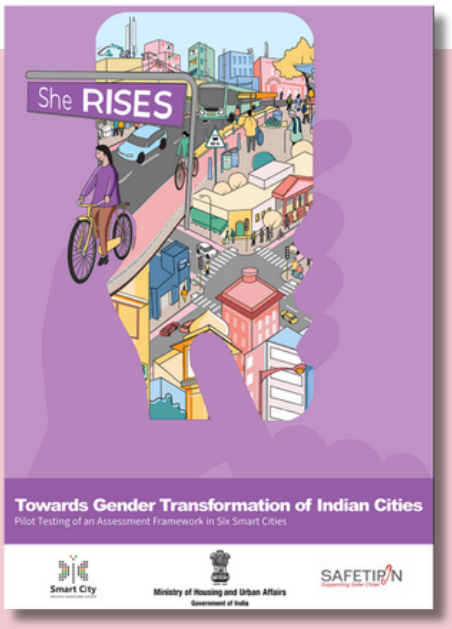
Further, we tested the framework in two other cities along with user perception surveys, FGD's in low income areas and on-ground infrastructure and mapping of selected public paces and services, such as public toilets and bus stops. Based on the findings, we proposed a series of short, mid, and long-term interventions to support these cities in their journey towards gender transformation.

The datasets were analysed and presented to the city stakeholders in a data dissemination cum capacity development workshop attended by representatives from several city departments. Following the presentation on the best practices on urban governance, mobility and infrastructure improvements, women empowerment and gender budgeting, the participants were engaged in a hands-on exercise to collaborate and brainstorm solutions for the identified problems in the city. Based on the data findings and inputs from the stakeholders, an action plan with a series of short, mid, and long support to these cities in their journey towards gender transformation was formulated.





Capacity building workshop Aurangabad (top) & Jaipur (bottom)



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Click here **to access the report!**

Cities for Youth

Meaningful Inclusion of Young People's Voices and Experiences

The Cities for Youth (CFY) program,launched in 2020 across Jaipur,Udaipur, Ajmer, and Jodhpur in Rajasthan, aims to advocate for young people's increased access, ownership, and well-being in urban spaces. The program is designed to create cities that are responsive to the needs and aspirations of young people as well as built the capacity of young people to exercise agency and active citizenship. The Program used a wide variety of strategies and activities in each of the cities.

The CFY program employs a comprehensive strategy to develop gender-inclusive and youth- responsive cities:

- **Empowering Youth:** Young people, especially women, are equipped with technology and other tools to generate ground-up data and indicators on youth inclusion and well-being.
- **Policy Engagement**: The program actively engages with policymakers and administrators to ensure that government policies, schemes, and programs incorporate gender-inclusive and youth-responsive indicators.
- **Ecosystem Involvement:** The CFY program encourages city ecosystems, including civil society organizations (CSOs), academia, and media, to play a catalytic role in making cities gender-inclusive and youth-responsive.

Digital Tools for Data Generation

Youth participants in the Cities for Youth (CFY) program utilized digital tools to collect critical data on urban safety and accessibility across Jaipur, Udaipur, Ajmer, and Jodhpur.

Using the My Safetipin app, these young advocates conducted over 4,800 safety audits, providing comprehensive insights intothe safety of urban environments for young people.

They also carried out more than 1,380 user perception surveys, with significant contributions from students at the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi. This effort ensured a robust understanding of the community's views on urban accessibility and safety.



A young fellow from the Cities For Youth program conducting a safety audit on the streets of Rajasthan.

The Swachhata app facilitated the registration of 100 complaints related to sanitation and cleanliness, which were promptly addressed by city authorities, demonstrating the program's impact on improving urban living conditions.

Through the Safetipin Nite app, participants generated over 35,200 geotagged points, contributing to a detailed spatial analysis of safety and accessibility in these cities. This data collection effort underscores the program's commitment to leveraging technology for creating safer, more inclusive urban spaces for young people.

Youth Leadership Building

Over the past three years, the Cities for Youth (CFY) program has actively engaged over 8,000 young people in Rajasthan through fellowship programs, public engagement events, youth-led data collection, campaigns, and on-ground actions.

In Ajmer, a fellowship curriculum was developed for over 30 young women, spanning seven months and led by experienced trainers. This curriculum included exposure visits, safety audits, and on-ground campaigns, identifying 30 youth leaders from resource-limited backgrounds. The focus was on enhancing their leadership capabilities for rights-based advocacy and training them to use digital tools for participatory data collection.



A public event at Bajrang Garh Chowk showcasing safety data collected by young women fellows in Ajmer, focusing on infrastructure concerns after dark.



The visit to the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) gave fellows firsthand experience in a courtroom and introduced them to pro bono legal assistance resources.

Workshops on gender and women's safety, self-defense training, and urban governance were integral to the project. Public events and campaigns, such as "Empower Her" and "I Will Go Out," facilitated dialogues among stakeholders from civil society organizations, media, and government departments, addressing young women's access to education, mobility, and safety.

In Jodhpur, a fellowship program was initiated to engage young people in open dialogues about their city, followed by training on safety audits and the My Safetipin app. This ongoing effort aims to empower youth to contribute to safer, more inclusive urban environments.

> I used to think that the right to the city was only relevant in big cities. But with CFY, we were able to take forward our own understanding of how to make cities accessible; build our mindset that girls can step out; and take action for making cities safe for all . I understand the right to the city as accessing a safe city. I now know that small changes such as light etc; making a demand for it can create big change.
>
> *21 Year, Women, Ajmer*

> I wanted to experience leadership and after CFY, I am thinking of even going into political leadership. My confidence has surged. I am finding how youth can be connected with the current and real issues of development.
>
> *20 Year, Woman, Jaipur*

Campaigns and On-the-Ground Actions

CFY youth leaders, in partnership with local stakeholders, launched campaigns to create safer, more inclusive cities. The "Mein Bhi Baahar Jaoongi" campaign in Ajmer promoted women's freedom of movement through night rallies and public space reclamation. Youth addas in colleges sparked discussions on urban needs, while safety audits ensured secure environments. Communication included local media collaborations, social media engagement, and updates on a dedicated CFY website.



The E-Rickshaw Night Rally, the inaugural event of the "Mein Bhi Baahar Jaoongi" campaign, promoted safer cities for women to move freely at any time.

Partnerships with Urban Stakeholders

We conducted capacity development workshops in partnership with Jaipur Smart City Limited (JSCL), Nagar Nigam Jaipur Heritage (NNJH), and the Road Safety Cell of the Transportation Department. These workshops were designed to equip government officials with the tools and knowledge needed to prioritize safety and accessibility for young people, with a particular focus on young women.

In Jaipur, over 20 officials engaged in interactive activities and hands-on exercises using the My Safetipin app. This provided them with practical experience in conducting safety audits and integrating data into the Integrated City Operations Centre (ICOC) for informed decision-making. In Ajmer, a consultation workshop involving more than 40 officials from Nagar Nigam, analyzed safety audit data collected by youth through the My Safetipin and Safetipin Nite apps. This analysis offered critical insights into safety gaps within the city.

> I was hesitant to go out alone before. I was confident only about going to the railway station alone which is a 10-15 mins from home. I would not use public transport before- only walk or be accompanied by my brother. If I stepped out, it would be only for housework or studies. Now I suggest to others to go out without any purpose.
>
> *19 Year, Woman, Ajmer*

> I will advocate for well-lit and well-maintained public spaces such as parks, playgrounds, and recreational areas to create safe environments for youth to socialize and engage in physical activities.
>
> *24 Year, Man, Jaipur*



8,000+
young people
engaged in leadership campaigns, events, and data initiatives

35,200+
geotagged points
assessed with the Safetipin Nite app

4,800+
safety audits
conducted by youth using the My Safetipin App

1,380+
user perception surveys
conducted by youth, including students from the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi

100+
government officials
engaged through consultations, capacity-building training, and support for youth initiatives

30+
CSOs involved,
strengthening the ecosystem network for youth development.

Supported by Fondation Botnar, the CFY program continues to leverage data and technology to develop cities that are responsive to the needs of young people, particularly young women, in Rajasthan. For more information and updates, please visit the project website.

Urban Safety Masterclass

with Think City Institute for CityNet

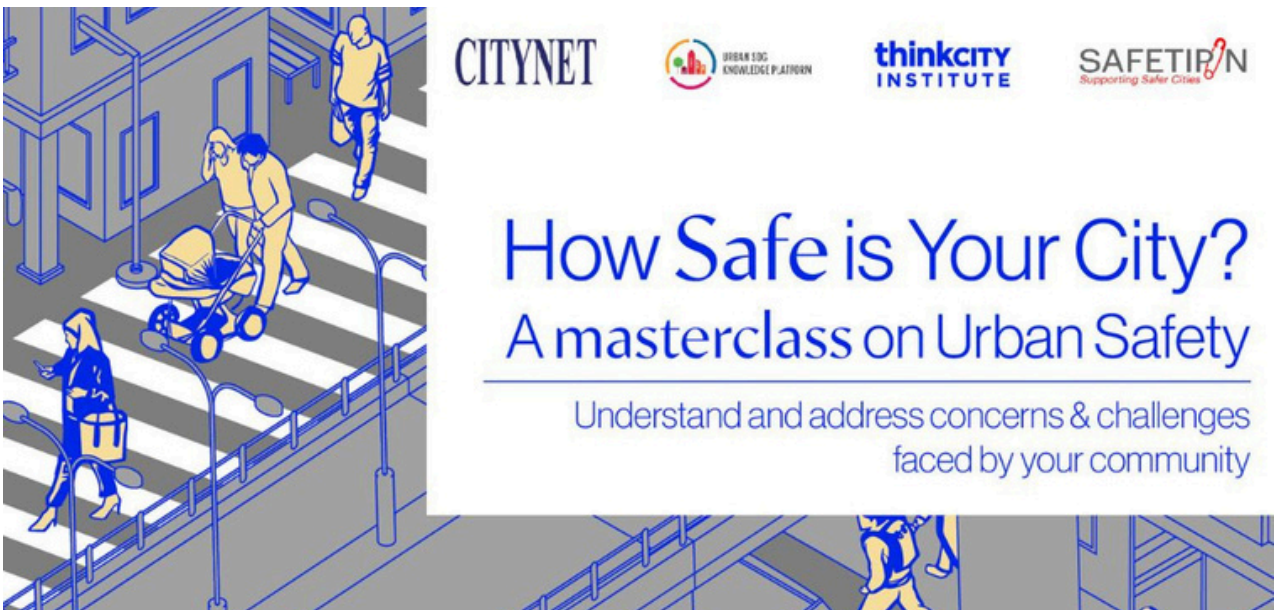
In collaboration with the Think City Institute, Safetipin launched the Urban Safety Masterclass on 7th June 2023 on the CityNet Urban SDG Knowledge Platform. CityNet is the largest association of urban stakeholders committed to sustainable development in the Asia Pacific region. The network of cities has grown to include over 150 municipalities, NGOs, private companies and research centres.

This online four-week self-paced course focused on key principles of urban safety and explored participatory tools and methods for collecting evidence-based data for government stakeholders to build safer and inclusive cities. The key objectives of the course was to understand the adverse impact unsafe, inaccessible, and inequitable spaces have on the lives of women and other vulnerable groups. The course aims to help the participants in not only identifying key issues around urban safety but also how these could be addressed using effective tools and participatory methods.

The course contains bite-sized video lectures, case study examples and activities to help participants gain a deeper understanding of the built and social environment of our cities. Safetipin as the knowledge partner delivered lectures for all modules of the course. The masterclass included hands on exercises and an interactive live session in the fourth week with participants and facilitators on challenges of urban safety and solutions for building safer and inclusive cities.

Over 100 government stakeholders from multiple South Asian countries enrolled for the course and 42 participants successfully completed the course.

Click here to watch the promotional trailer of the course!



PC: Think City Institute

Improving Safety and Accessibility

in Public Transport in Delhi

To support Delhi Transport Corporation's (DTC) initiatives to increase bus ridership and women's employment in the transport sector, Safetipin, in partnership with the Sustainability Mobility Network, conducted a study at Nehru Place and Mehrauli bus terminals to assess physical infrastructure in and around the terminals. The study highlighted key challenges and concerns of women commuters and DTC's women staff. User surveys with commuters at both terminals pointed to a lack of supporting infrastructure, such as unavailability of clean drinking water and clean, operational public toilets with childcare facilities. DTC's women staff also reported the absence of separate resting areas at bus terminals and depots. In May 2023, Safetipin presented the study findings with key recommendations to the Managing Director of DTC.

Continuing its support for DTC's agenda to improve bus ridership, Safetipin undertook a focused study in November 2023 on enhancing youth mobility in the city.



Safetipin team presenting the recommendations to the Managing Director of DTC.

This study aimed to understand students' travel purposes, patterns, mode choices, and experiences during their commutes. An online survey designed by Safetipin, with inputs from DTC, gathered responses from over 400 students studying in Delhi. The key findings from the data were presented to the Principal Secretary cum Commissioner, Transport Department Delhi. The mobility concerns of students and their need for the feeder buses (Mohalla Bus service) were also highlighted.



A volunteer interacting with women to gather key findings for the youth mobility study.

Safety Audits

Generating Evidence for Gender Inclusive Cities

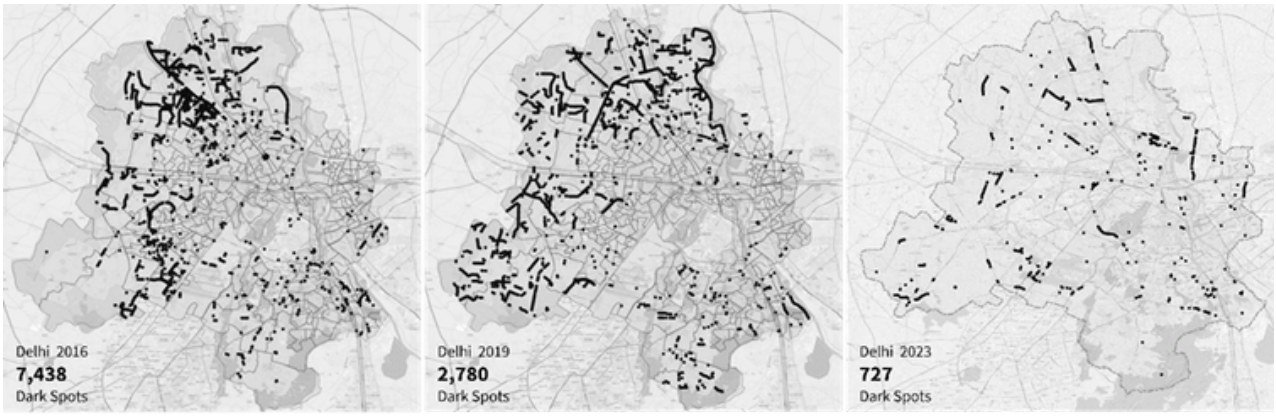
Mapping the Transformation of Lighting in Delhi

Safetipin has been a trusted data partner for the Delhi government since 2014. Our safety audit data has been instrumental in addressing lighting issues at over 7,500 locations throughout the city. This data has also helped the Delhi Police reformulate their patrolling routes.

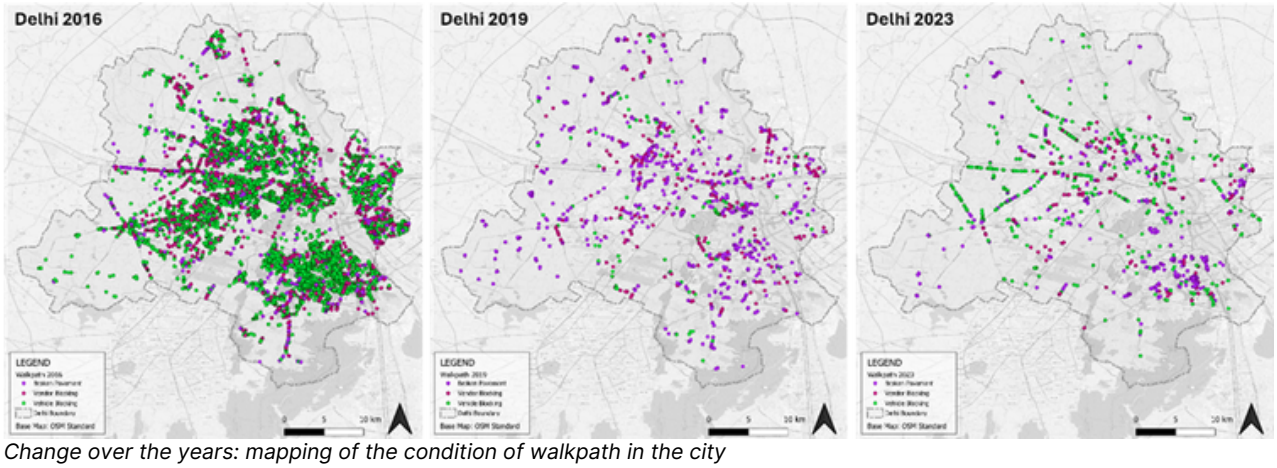
In 2019, Safetipin was commissioned by the Delhi government to conduct a city-wide audit of streets to assess changes in lighting infrastructure. The audit revealed a 60% reduction in dark spots (areas with no light) compared to 2016 data, significantly improving women's mobility in areas where changes were implemented. One key outcome of this effort was the launch of the 'Mukhya Mantri Street Light Yojana'.

Chief Minister's Street Lights Scheme, with an annual budget allocation to enhance street lighting.

In 2023, another extensive mapping exercise was conducted, covering 2,338 km of street length with 17,927 audit points, including 3,054 bus stops and 90 metro stations. The safety audits, conducted from February to May 2023, generated over 200,000 images, which were analyzed by our data analysts based on eight safety audit parameters: Lighting, Walkpath, Public Transport, Openness, Security, Visibility, People, and Gender Usage.



Change over the years: mapping of dark spots in the city



Change over the years: mapping of the condition of walkpath in the city

In terms of lighting specifically, there has been significant improvement from 2016 to 2023. The number of dark spots decreased from 7,438 in 2016 to 2,780 in 2019, and further down to 727 in 2023.



For more details on the reports, click here to access it!

Collaborative Safety Audits in Uttar Pradesh with Milaan Foundation

In March 2023, Safetipin partnered with the Milaan Foundation on the Unmukt Program, aiming to end violence against women and girls. As part of this collaboration, the Safetipin team trained over 40 adolescent and women changemakers on conducting safety audits using the My Safetipin app in peri-urban and rural areas of Uttar Pradesh. The team analyzed over 2,000 safety audits collected through the app and provided actionable recommendations to facilitate dialogues and interactions with decision-makers.



Unmukt Program adolescents advocating for women's safety at Jan Chaupal, leading to streetlights, road repairs, and CCTV installations.

Following the safety audits, the Milaan Foundation organized a series of Jan Chaupal (public meetings) in 14-gram panchayats, with around 4,000 participants, including village heads, police officers, Anganwadi teachers, local NGO representatives, and residents. The adolescents of the Unmukt Program led discussions on women's safety in public spaces, sharing safety audit findings and personal experiences of navigating their villages. The safety audit tool and the program empowered these young changemakers to advocate for on-ground improvements, leading to significant changes such as the installation of streetlights, road repairs, and the placement of CCTV cameras at prominent public locations.



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My Safetipin: What's New

Your Safety Companion

The My Safetipin App offers women a platform to voice their safety concerns and ensures these voices reach local authorities with recommendations for actionable changes. Using crowdsourced data, the app enables users to:

- Select safe places to stay based on neighborhood safety scores.
- Choose the safest routes for driving or walking.
- Locate nearby places such as parks, public toilets and bus stops
- Have a friend track their journey and receive alerts if any issues arise.
- Receive notifications when entering an unsafe area.

Whether you're exploring a new city, taking an evening stroll, or heading home after a long day, My Safetipin is your reliable safety companion. The app helps you navigate and find support in unfamiliar neighborhoods and cities. You can discover safer routes, identify nearby safe public spaces, and allow friends and family to track your location when needed. My Safetipin also displays area safety scores based on user ratings. By contributing your own ratings, you can help improve safety and become a safety champion for your city.

Join the growing wave of safety-conscious individuals and explore how our app can empower you to navigate the world with confidence.

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New Update: Essential Contacts Directory for Tamil Nadu Now Available on My Safetipin App

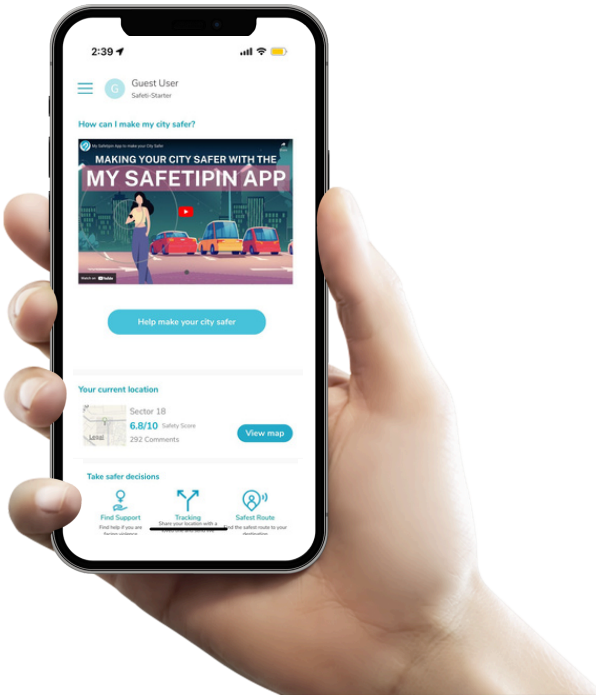
The Find Support feature on the app has information on key support services for GBV in select cities and states. In this update, information has been added on important numbers, including Women Police Stations, Tamil Nadu Protection Officer, One Stop Centres, and Shelter homes. Designed to enhance safety and well-being, the directory ensures you have vital information at your fingertips. Whether you need immediate assistance, Legal Help, or support from local resources, the directory makes it easy to connect with the right services quickly and efficiently.

MySafetipin App Usage 2023-24

7200 New Users

5401 Audits Conducted

128 Total Cities




#SheRISES
I want clean & accessible public toilets in my city
#SheRISES
I want safe & reliable public transport in my city
#SheRISES
I want well-lit & safe streets in my city

Safetipin at
International Forum

TUMI 2023 Conference: Feminist Voices in Transport

On the 5th anniversary of Women Mobilize Women, the TUMI2023 Conference gathered 150 feminist thinkers, activists, government officials, development bank representatives, academics, and civil society members to discuss a gender-transformative mobility transition. The first conference in May 2018, felicitated 100 women in transport where Kalpana Viswanath was featured. We were also awarded a project with the City of Bogota to conduct safety audits.

The 2023 conference continued this mission, highlighting feminist perspectives in transport.



PC: Women Mobilize Women

Safetipin was mentioned as a best practice by the German Minister for Cooperation and Development. Kalpana moderated a discussion with notable feminists and transport sector experts.
The event recording is available here.

ITF 2023: Transport Enabling Sustainable Economies

The International Transport Forum Summit 2023 in Leipzig convened a wide range of transport sector stakeholders, including government representatives, civil society organizations, donors, and international agencies. The summit emphasized the critical role of transport in driving economic growth, enhancing environmental sustainability, and improving social welfare.

Kalpana Viswanath contributed to a panel discussion on "Tackling Poverty: The Role of Transport," alongside officials from Senegal, Brazil, Uganda, and the New Mobility Foundation.


PC: ITF Summit 2023

The World Bank Fragility Forum

Safetipin presented its innovations at The World Bank Fragility Forum's Innovation Hub, where we highlighted our She RISES framework. This initiative underscores the importance of leveraging crowdsourced, quantitative, and qualitative data to advance gender-responsive urban planning. The forum's emphasis on the transformative power of data aligns with our ongoing commitment to developing strategies for safer and more inclusive cities.



PC: The World Bank Fragility Forum

Gender Inclusive and Tech by Oxfam South Africa

At the 'Gender Inclusive and Tech' event hosted by Oxfam South Africa, Kalpana Viswanath showcased Safetipin's initiatives aimed at creating a world where everyone can move freely. She shared impactful stories demonstrating how technology drives meaningful change. As a panelist in the session 'Solution: How Civil Society Organizations are Using Tech for Social Problems,' she discussed how data and technology can address structural challenges to build gender-inclusive cities.

Clinton Global Initiative Meet 2023

Kalpana Viswanath participated in the Clinton Global Initiative 2023, contributing to a session on the Pandemic of Gender-Based Violence, moderated by Chelsea Clinton. The two-day event, held from September 18 to 19, 2023, centered on the theme “Keep Going” and convened influential leaders from various sectors to tackle pressing global challenges. The keynote address for this session was delivered by Ashley Judd, a prominent Hollywood actor and dedicated advocate for addressing gender-based violence.



PC: Clinton Global Initiative Meet 2023

11th Asia-Pacific Forum: Sustainable Development

The ‘Urban Regeneration for Safe, Resilient, and Inclusive Cities in the Asia Pacific’ side event at the 11th Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development in Bangkok highlighted the importance of creating cities that prioritize safety and inclusivity.

Ankita Kapoor presented insights from our global initiatives, focusing on solutions tailored to meet the diverse needs of urban residents. The panel, which included Tipsukon Choungthong (Bangkok City), Masafumi Shinagawa (City of Yokohama), Tpr.Ts. Norliza Hashim (Urbanice Malaysia), and Chris Di Gennaro (CityNet), discussed how strategic urban renewal can strengthen inclusivity and resilience in cities.





PC: Asia-Pacific Forum

Safetipin at
National Forum

‘Transforming Urban Mobility in Mega Cities’ by WRI, India



PC: WRI India

WRI India convened a panel discussion on ‘Transforming Urban Mobility in Mega Cities,’ where experts explored how large Indian cities can become more inclusive through safer and more efficient transportation systems. Sonali Vyas, Program Head at Safetipin, participated in the panel alongside Felipe Ramírez Buitrago, Director of Urban Mobility at WRI, Laghu Parashar, PhD, Senior Transport Specialist at The World Bank, and Sudeept Maiti, Associate Program Director of Transport at WRI India. The discussion emphasized the urgent need for India to surpass its current target of 100,000 new buses to enhance the attractiveness and comfort of bus travel for commuters in cities with populations exceeding 10 million.

Urban Mobility Berlin India (UMBI)

The Urban Mobility Business Incubator (UMBI), a joint initiative of the Berlin Senate and GIZ Berlin, culminated in the Innovation Sprint held at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore. This week-long event, organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Urban Land Transport, Entoo, Startup Karnataka, and NSRCEL, showcased innovative solutions for urban mobility challenges. Sonali Vyas participated and received the 'Great Performance' award in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the 'Impact Created at Scale' challenge.

Creating a Women-Led U20 Framework

UN Women and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) jointly organized a two-day dialogue at the United Nations Office in Delhi, as part of the U-20 engagement—a parallel group within the G-20 that addresses urban issues and sustainable development. The event convened senior academics, policymakers, and entrepreneurs to explore pathways for women-led development and the creation of inclusive urban environments. Six discourse panels over the two days covered key topics such as urban governance, planning, and digital futures. Rwitee Mandal contributed to the roundtable on "Reinventing Frameworks for Urban Governance & Planning," while Sonali Vyas participated in the discussion on "Catalyzing Digital Urban Futures.




PC: UN Women India

U20 Mayoral Summit 2023

The Urban 20 (U20) Mayoral Summit, hosted in Gandhinagar, served as a critical platform for exchanging ideas on sustainable, resilient, and inclusive urban development. The summit aimed to forge a unified stance among mayors from G20 countries in addressing global urban challenges. Key sessions centered on themes such as integrating women, youth, and children in urban development, advancing digital urban futures, reimagining planning and governance frameworks, building climate-resilient cities, and leveraging data for public benefit. These discussions provided valuable insights into innovative urban practices from cities worldwide. Ankita Kapoor and Neeruja Gupta participated in the summit, engaging with national and international government representatives, sector experts, and institutional leaders. The event presented an opportunity to share our work and explore collaborations aimed at building safer, more inclusive, and gender-responsive cities.

Urban Dialogue on Policy Solutions for Affordable Housing

Habitat for Humanity India hosted the Urban Dialogue on Policy Solutions for Affordable Housing at the Indian Habitat Centre. Sonali Vyas addressed the session on “Promoting Inclusivity and Resilience in Urban Development,” highlighting the critical role of affordable housing solutions. Her remarks included advocating for multipurpose working women’s hostels and neighborhood care centers, as well as emphasizing the need for women’s inclusion at all levels of decision-making processes.



Sonali Vyas speaking at the Urban Dialouge

Enabling Safe Ecosystems

UN Women India, in collaboration with the Government of Goa and the Directorate of Women and Child Development, is working to advance gender equality and foster safe ecosystems. A recent stakeholder meeting was a pivotal step in crafting a tailored strategy for enhancing safety in Goa. Sonali Vyas participated in the panel discussion, focusing on envisioning SMART cities as Safe Cities through the lens of tourism.



PC: UN Women India

Quest 2 Learn

Sonali Vyas was invited as a speaker at Quest 2 Learn, organized by Quest Alliance. She participated in the panel discussion on "Crafting New Futures: Disrupting the Status Quo," focusing on strategies to navigate and create new opportunities for youth. The event served as a valuable platform for sharing innovative ideas and approaches to empower the next generation. The insights exchanged at Quest 2 Learn highlighted the importance of challenging traditional paradigms to build a more inclusive and dynamic future for young people.



Connecting the Dots: Youth, Urban Policy and Planning Interventions

Neeruja Gupta from Safetipin participated as a discussant in the roundtable on 'Connecting the Dots: Youth, Urban Policy, and Planning Interventions.' The discussion concentrated on enhancing and sustaining youth engagement in public policy and urban planning, while examining the existing legal, spatial, and institutional frameworks.

IUDX Symposium on Data For Public Good

The India Urban Data Exchange (IUDX) organized a symposium at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, centered on "Data For Public Good." The event facilitated dialogue and knowledge sharing on data-driven decision-making for societal well-being. Safetipin was invited to present its success stories, with Ankita Kapoor highlighting the Pune City case study. The symposium fostered valuable discussions among urban stakeholders on leveraging data for gender-inclusive decision-making.



PC: India Urban Data Exchange

Urban Mobility: Towards Seamless Integration

Kalpana Viswanath served as a panelist at the conference on Urban Mobility: Towards Seamless Integration, organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry and The Infravision Foundation. She discussed the role of technology in advancing urban mobility and shared her insights on the fundamental aspects of urban living.

National Conference on Consolidating Gains of G20 U20 Y20

On November 28th, Neeruja Gupta from Safetipin participated as a panelist in the National Conference on Consolidating Gains of G20 U20 Y20. In the "Youth Engagement in City Planning and Shared Futures" panel, she highlighted the importance of integrating young people's voices and experiences in urban planning to develop gender and youth-responsive cities, sharing insights from Safetipin's Cities for Youth project.



PC: National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)

CHAUPAL: Panel Discussion on Making Delhi Streets Fearless for Women

NASVI (National Association of Street Vendors of India) hosted a National Street Food Festival on 29th to 31st December 2023. CHAUPAL was a forum for Discussions, Dialogues and Interactions at the event. Sonali Vyas was one of the panelist in the panel - 'Making Delhi Streets Fearless for Women'. The panel discussion focused on reclaiming the streets, exploring strategies to create a safer environment for women in the city.



PC: NASVI

CII Southern Region: Say Yes IWN Southern Region Annual Leadership Conclave

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Southern Region hosted the 5th Edition of the "Say Yes IWN Southern Region Annual Leadership Conclave," focusing on empowering women's leadership and promoting inclusive workforce policies. The conclave featured an esteemed panel, including Ms. Arundhati Katju, Dr. Kalpana Viswanath, Dr. T. Vasudha, Ms. Savitha Kesav Jagadeesan, Ms. Ramadevi Lagali, and Ms. Uma Sudhir. The event provided a platform for leaders, professionals, and policymakers to discuss strategies, share experiences, and build networks to advance women in leadership roles.



PC: Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Southern Region

Uddeshya: Towards Gender-Responsive Urban Mobility Systems' organized by WRI India

Safetipin participated in 'Uddeshya: Towards Gender-Responsive Urban Mobility Systems,' an annual event organized by WRI India. Dr. Kalpana Viswanath moderated the panel titled "Shaping Inclusive Mobility in Cities," which focused on strategies for creating safer and more accessible urban spaces through collective action. Neeruja Gupta and Apoorva Nandish led a masterclass on leveraging technology and data to develop inclusive and responsive urban environments for women. Safetipin also showcased its key projects at the exhibition booth, engaging with attendees to exchange innovative ideas.

Haryana Institute of Public Administration

At Safetipin, we value opportunities to engage with emerging urbanists and share our insights. We recently participated in an interactive session with students from the Urban School of Sciences Po, Paris, where the discussion centered on the social constructs of gender norms and their impact on city planning, rooted in patriarchal frameworks. Apoorva Nandish from our team presented Safetipin's initiatives aimed at creating inclusive, safe, and gender-responsive urban environments. The session highlighted our global impact stories and emphasized the importance of integrating a gender perspective into urban planning and design.

Round Table Discussion on Building Inclusive Urban Spaces

On March 6, 2024, Kalpana Viswanath participated in a roundtable discussion organized by TalentNomics India and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. The session focused on identifying barriers to women's access to education, work, and well-being. Kalpana shared insights from Safetipin's work, emphasizing the need to prioritize the ethics of care in urban planning and design.

Seminar on 'Public Space and Gender', Miranda House

The Urban Studies and Research Centre at Miranda House was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri. This new center is dedicated to advancing research, discussions, workshops, and training. During the inauguration, Kalpana Viswanath shared her expertise on developing gender-responsive and caring cities in a seminar titled "Public Space and Gender.

Girl Up Leadership Summit 2023

Safetipin participated in the Girl Up Leadership Summit, which brought together experts and champions in the gender justice space in India for a day of inspiring conversations and workshops. The summit featured sessions on leadership, storytelling, social media advocacy, and STEM. Apoorva Nandish and Innocentia Atchaya represented Safetipin at the event.

Brunch with Bumble

Safetipin took part in the soft launch of a new initiative by The Dialogue and Bumble India aimed at combating online gender-based violence. The event included a presentation by The Dialogue on the shared responsibilities in addressing tech-facilitated gender-based violence. Neeruja Gupta from Safetipin joined a select group of experts at the brunch, contributing valuable insights to the discussion on this critical issue.



Soft launch event on combating online gender-based violence

Women in Clean Air: A Gender Empowerment and Training Workshop

Safetipin participated in the Women in Clean Air: A Gender Empowerment and Training Workshop, hosted by Clean Air Catalyst and funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. Co-led by the World Resources Institute and the Environmental Defense Fund, the workshop focused on empowering women and girls as change agents, decision-makers, and leaders in air pollution solutions. Ankita from our team was invited to present on women's access to resources, where she emphasized the strong linkages between women, transportation, and air pollution. She shared key findings from our study in Madhya Pradesh, highlighting women's safety concerns in public transport and provided recommendations for building gender-inclusive sustainable transport solutions for clean air.

National Workshop: Streets and Public Spaces

Safetipin participated in a two-day National Workshop Series on Streets and Public Spaces, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City. The workshop provided valuable insights into street design, material selection, and construction techniques. Hands-on exercises involved designing and implementing intersection improvements in Pimpri, emphasizing the importance of a test, learn, and scale approach for creating safe and inclusive streets. We were inspired by Pimpri Chinchwad's focus on people and non-motorized transport while maintaining smooth vehicular flow, and we wish them continued success in their future projects.





PC: Pimpri Chinchwad Smart City


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Online

Events & Webinars

Joining the Dots by The Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit (CWASU)

Kalpana Viswanath was hosted by Purna Sen for a one-on-one conversation in the third series of "Joining the Dots," an international platform dedicated to addressing violence against women. The discussion explored gender-based violence, Safetipin's efforts in this area, and the challenges encountered by women activists both in India and globally. The recording of the conversation is available for viewing here.

ITDP Mexico: FORO Ideamos

ITDP Mexico hosted FORO Ideamos, a two-day event dedicated to sustainable transport trends and the Ideamos initiative, which promotes sustainable and inclusive mobility through innovative pilot projects involving Transport Network Companies, local officials, the private sector, and civil society. Kalpana Viswanath participated in the gender and mobility panel, joined by Deyanira Avila Moreno, Secretary of Mobility Bogotá, and Ana Villarreal, Director of Public Policy at ITDP Mexico.



NIUA ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIES FOR CREATING INCLUSIVE PUBLIC TOILETS

The Building Accessible Safe Inclusive Indian Cities Program (BASIIC) and the Sanitation Capacity Building Program (SCBP) at NIUA organized a roundtable on "Strategies for Creating Inclusive Public Toilets." The discussion centered on enhancing the inclusivity and accessibility of sanitation facilities for women, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. Ankita Kapoor participated virtually, offering insights on designing safe and clean sanitation facilities. The roundtable addressed challenges in service delivery and identified best practices for developing inclusive sanitation spaces.

Women on the Move: Rethinking Mobility

As part of this series, Safetipin conducted two impactful webinars in collaboration with INHAF - Habitat Forum. The first webinar, titled "Women on the Move: Rethinking Mobility," was moderated by Kalpana Viswanath and began with an opening statement from Kirtee Shah. The panel included distinguished experts such as Nausheen H. Anwar (Director, Karachi Urban Lab), Rutul Joshi (Senior Professor, CEPT University), Shreya Gadepalli (Lead, Urban Works Institute), Mitali Nikore (Consultant, World Bank), Sarika Panda (Founder Trustee, Raahgiri Foundation), and Aishwarya Agarwal (Lead, Centre for Inclusive Mobility, OMI Foundation). The second webinar, titled "Women in the Transport Sector: Rethinking Urban Mobility," was moderated by Sonali Vyas and introduced by Kirtee Shah. This session featured notable, experts including Sanjay Biswal (General

Manager, CRUT), Shrinivas Rao (National Lead, Azad Foundation), Heather Allen (Independent Consultant), Stefanie Holzwarth (Sustainable Urban Mobility Expert, UN-Habitat, Kenya), Damini (Sakha Driver), and Sheela Naikwade (Secretary, Maharashtra State Transport Kamgar Sangathana).

Neighborhoods for All: Webinar on Safer Cities

Safetipin participated in "Neighborhoods for All," the inaugural peer review webinar on Safer Cities, hosted by UN-Habitat, VibeLab, Habitat Norway, and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG). The webinar, focused on global trends and challenges in creating safer and more inclusive cities, provided a platform for sharing our work and engaging with a diverse range of urban stakeholders. Ankita Kapoor and Neeruja Gupta from our team joined thematic breakout groups on urban mobility and gender and youth issues. Ankita presented our gender and urban mobility initiatives, highlighting the challenges women face and the solutions we have implemented in Indian cities.

Embracing Sustainable Supply Chains in India

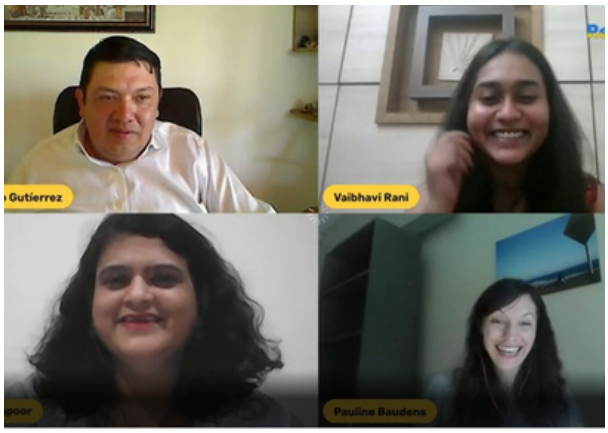
The Sustainable Supply Chains in India event featured a session on "Promotion of Transformation to Sustainable and Climate-Friendly E-Mobility," in which Sonali Vyas participated. This session offered valuable insights into innovative strategies for advancing a greener future in India, highlighting the intersection between Delhi's acute air quality crisis and the potential role of electric mobility initiatives in addressing it.



PC: Sustainable Supply Chains in India

Safety in Women's Mobility

The Trufi Association hosted a webinar on “Safety in Women’s Mobility,” where Ankita Kapoor discussed enhancing safe mobility for women through digital tools and open data solutions. Ankita highlighted Safetipin's mission and its global impact on improving urban safety for women. The webinar facilitated engaging discussions on leveraging data and technology to address mobility challenges.



World Bank’s discussion on the She RISES Framework

The World Bank hosted a virtual discussion with Dr. Kalpana Viswanath as part of #16DaysOfActivism. The session centered on Safetipin's She RISES framework, which is designed to foster gender-responsive cities.

On ground

Events & Campaigns

"Why Are You Staring?" - Anti-Street Harassment Campaign

The "Why Are You Staring?" campaign, part of International Anti-Street Harassment Week (April 16- 22), aimed to raise awareness about street sexual harassment. In collaboration with Raahgiri Foundation and Jagori, Safetipin organized this campaign at key intersections in Gurgaon, including HUDA City Centre junction, Galleria Market junction, and Sadar Bazar.Volunteers held placardswith messages like “Y R U staring?” and “य घूर रहे हो?” to spark conversations and distribute pamphlets on bystander intervention. The campaign was supported by the Gurgaonpolice and DistrictAdministration. Additionally, a radio program on Gurgaon’s local station ‘Gurgaon ki Awaz’ featured Sarika Panda from Raahgiri Foundation and Sonali Vyas from Safetipin, discussing the impact of street harassment and the role of bystanders. The program



Team Safetipin, Raahgiri Foundation, and Jagori with the traffic police team at HUDA City Centre junction.

Raahgiri

As part of our commitment to enhancing safety in public spaces for women, Safetipin has actively engaged in several key campaigns throughout the year, fostering greater engagement in creating safer environments. Our participation in Raahgiri Day events is a testament to this commitment.

March 10, 2024 - Women’s Walkathon: Safetipin took part in a vibrant celebration of inclusivity and women’s empowerment, advocating for women’s safety and equitable access to public spaces. The event featured interactive self-defense workshops, cultural performances, and a bustling marketplace, reinforcing our shared dedication to safer cities.

May 21, 2023 - UN Road Safety Week in Gurgaon: During this event, Safetipin joined the celebration alongside Haryana's Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar. Our team engaged with the Chief Minister, who praised our efforts to enhance women’s safety and expressed interest in our ‘How Do You Move?’ mobility game. This event, attended by over 10,000 people, highlighted a collective commitment to safer streets.

June 18, 2023 - 1.8 Billion Young People for Change Campaign in Chandni Chowk: Safetipin's involvement in this Raahgiri Day focused on advocating for the health and well-being of young people. Through interactive activities like our 'How Do You Move?' mobility game, we emphasized the benefits of sustainable mobility and discussed our She RISES framework with participants and government representatives.



Team Safetipin with Haryana’s ex Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar at the Raahgiri event in Gurgaon

Safetipin in the Media

Featured Stories and Mentions



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Gender Lab brings together 22 candidates to undertake unique audit of public spaces

Malavika Ramakrishnan
CHENNAI

Radhika R., who was previously a programmer, felt the need to look at what she could contribute to the social sector.

As someone who grew up using public transport, the article in *The Hindu* announcing the 'Citizens for Safe Mobility Fellowship' came at the perfect time.

As an initiative of the Gender and Policy Lab (GPL) of the Greater Chennai Corporation along with Delhi-based social organization Safetipin and its Chennai-based partner, Prajnya, the fellowship seeks to audit public spaces and transport from a safety and gender-inclusive angle.

"It is imperative to understand the dynamics of public spaces and transport, safety being a key aspect," said Sharanya Ari, Deputy Commissioner, Education, of the Corporation and head of GPL.

"It is an opportunity to directly engage with the civic authorities and the public and a way to confront very obvious issues as simple as poor lighting," says Ms. Radhika.

Ms. Radhika is just one of 22 fellows – 13 women, eight men and one transgender person – who have been selected from different educational and social backgrounds. These candidates range from undergraduate to postgraduate students, a journalist, civil service aspirants, and members of NGOs, says a consultant with the GPL.

On March 9 and 10, they attended training sessions that introduced and oriented them to the concept of gender-inclusive cities, Safetipin's methodology, urban planning and how to record field notes and conduct interviews.

"The goal of the fellowship is to identify the gaps in public spaces and mobility and training focused on social science methods", says S. Shakthi, research director, Prajnya.







Press release

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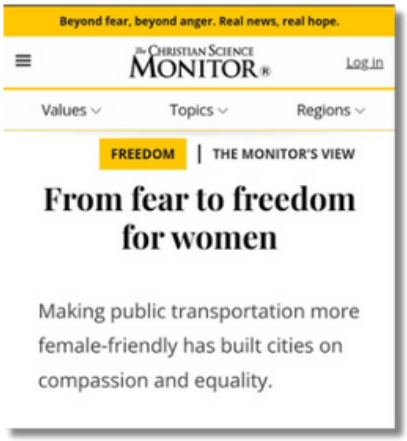


DIGNITY AND THE CITY

Urban planning and policy need to be informed by diverse voices to ensure equity

KALPANA VISWANATH

India 75 LOOKING AT 100





Award & Recognition

Celebrating Achievements

The BW Disrupt Social Impact Summit and Awards 2023

On September 6th, the BW Disrupt Social Impact Summit and Awards 2023, hosted by BW Businessworld, brought together a distinguished group of social entrepreneurs and organizations addressing key social challenges, including education, health, sanitation, and women's empowerment. The event featured insightful discussions on topics such as fundraising and innovation, underscoring the importance of advancing meaningful social change.

Kalpana Viswanath was recognized as one of the winners of the BW Disrupt Social Impact Award 2023, in acknowledgment of our contributions to gender-responsive urban development.

The BW Disrupt Social Impact Awards serve as a catalyst for uniting professionals and organizations dedicated to various aspects of social welfare. This platform fosters collaboration and dialogue across diverse sectors, driving forward impactful social initiatives.





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The Dedicated Minds Behind Safetipin's Mission



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