

Queue to Pee Campaign

In India, 60 per cent of women do not have access to toilets. Migrant workers are a particularly vulnerable population when it comes to access to sanitation, living in slums or squatter settlements lacking basic civic amenities. In the absence of toilets, women are forced to defecate in the open, with the constant fear of being seen by bystanders, or being physically assaulted. To protest against this discrimination, 35 different organisations came together to initiate the 'Right to Pee' campaign in Mumbai, highlighting the distress faced by so many women, and pushing for the construction of toilets.

Other campaigns such as the "Occupy Men's Restrooms" movement on Women's Day on 8 March 2012 (by the Nagpur-based NGO Sahyog) and the "No Toilet No Bride" campaign by the Haryana Government have similarly pushed for ensuring women's right to basic sanitation and health.

Source: Behl (2012); Dang (2012); Politzer and Misra (2012)
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