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ABOUT US

Safetipin India Foundation is a Section 8 company with a mission to build gender-inclusive spaces and systems where women can move without fear. Through research, data, and community engagement, the organization works to make cities safer and more inclusive for everyone. Its initiatives focus on evidence-based advocacy, participatory approaches, and partnerships that drive systemic change toward equality and urban well-being.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dr. Kalpana Viswanath

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

This year has made it clearer than ever that for too many women, mobility and participation is a source of fear and insecurity. True safety in a city isn't just about adding more policing, it is about a deeper sense of belonging and dignity. When a woman cannot navigate her city safely, her access to jobs, education, and public life shrinks. Mobility isn't just about getting from point A to point B; it is a gateway to independence.

To change this, Safetipin has focused on making urban planning and governance more responsive to real, lived experiences. Through our safety audits, new toolkits, and research partnerships, we have been working directly with city governments and local communities. We are pushing for public spaces that actually care for people, ensuring that streets, transit systems, and public areas are designed with everyone in mind, especially those who are too often left out of the conversation.

None of this happens in isolation. I am incredibly grateful to our lean, dedicated team, our board, and the partners who fund and trust our vision. A special thank you goes out to our ground researchers and enumerators, who walk the streets to collect the data that fuels our advocacy. Most of all, I want to thank the women and girls who continue to claim their rightful place in public spaces every day.

There is still an immense amount of work to do, but we look forward to the coming years of collaboration and friendship.

Warm regards,



BUILDING SAFETY AND INCLUSION ACROSS CITIES

Gurugram

Gurugram – Strengthening Safety Partnership with Gurugram Police

Building on its MoU with the Gurugram Police, Safetipin India Foundation conducted a study on women's experiences with and access to police helpline services. The study examined how women use these services, the challenges they face in accessing them, and areas where police response could be strengthened. The findings and recommendations aimed to support more accessible and responsive police services for women in Gurugram.



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MoU with the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG)

As part of its ongoing efforts to engage with multiple stakeholders in Gurugram, Safetipin India Foundation signed an MoU with the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) to undertake a safety and accessibility assessment across key public spaces in the city. The assessment will cover approximately 500 kilometres of major roads, along with new bus stops and the proposed metro corridor.

Using the My Safetipin App and Safetipin Nite, Safetipin will collect geo-tagged data on lighting, visibility, openness, walkability, presence of people, security and access to public transport. The assessment will also document the experiences of women and girls using public spaces and public transport in Gurugram.



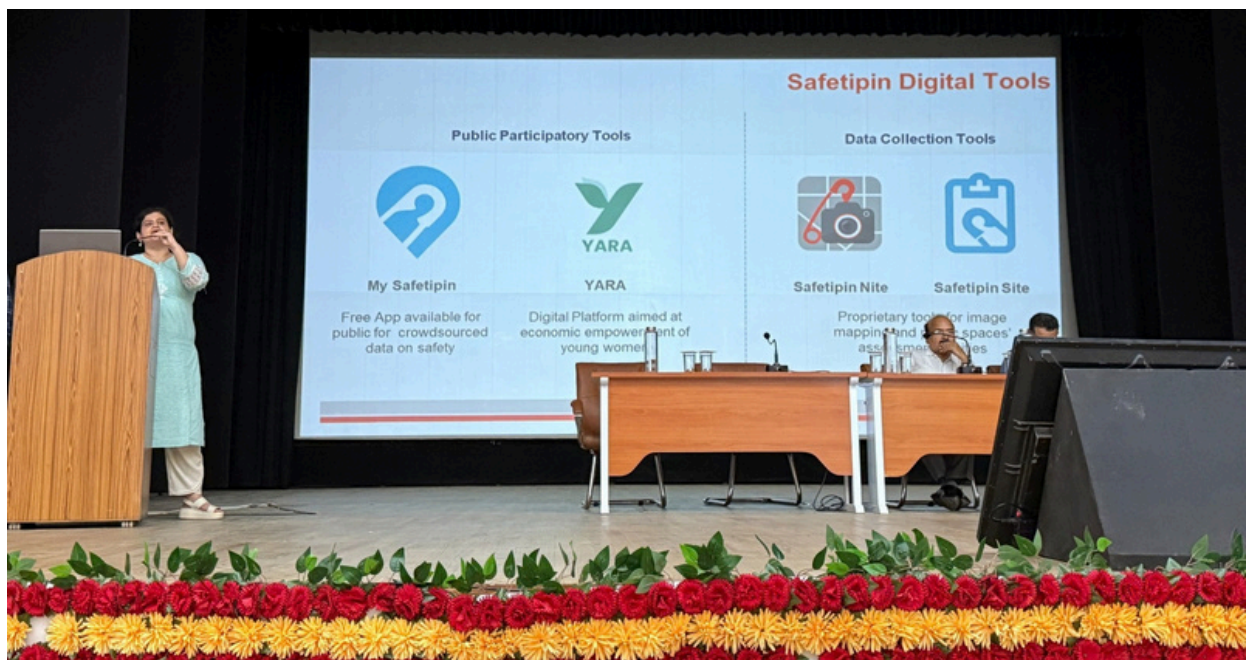
The work brings together safety audits and women's experiences to look at how different parts of the city are experienced and accessed, and to identify areas where safety and accessibility can be improved. Through this partnership, Safetipin India Foundation and MCG aim to support data-driven urban planning and strengthen efforts to create safer, more accessible public spaces for women across the city.

Lucknow

City-wide Safety Assessment

In 2025, Safetipin India Foundation conducted a city-wide safety assessment of Lucknow, mapping more than 8,800 audit points across 800 km of roads, supported by over 48,000 images collected. The assessment looked at lighting, walkpath quality, visibility and the presence of people after dark to understand safety conditions across the city. Safetipin also assessed public toilets and bus stops using the Safetipin Site tool, looking at lighting, accessibility and maintenance.

The assessments highlighted how gaps in urban infrastructure can shape mobility, access and well-being, particularly for girls and young women. Findings and recommendations were shared with the Directorate of Urban Local Bodies, Lucknow (U.P.) during a Capacity Building Workshop-cum-Review Meeting under the Aspirational Cities Programme. The assessment provided city stakeholders with evidence to identify priority areas and strengthen public infrastructure across Lucknow.



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SHE SPEAKS: HAQ. NYAY. BADLAAV.



Safetipin India Foundation and Raahgiri Foundation co-hosted SheSpeaks: Haq. Nyay. Badlaav. in Gurugram on 6 March 2026 to mark International Women's Day. The event brought together young people, civil society organisations, community groups and city stakeholders around women's experiences of safety, mobility and access in public spaces.

Through an 80-minute World Café, participants moved between discussions on navigating streets, public transport, campuses and everyday urban spaces, sharing experiences and identifying the barriers faced by women and girls. A panel discussion brought these conversations into the wider context of safety in Gurugram, including sensitive areas, surveillance and collaboration between communities and local authorities.

The day also included youth-led performances, music, theatre and creative activities, creating different ways for young people to express their experiences of the city. The programme concluded with a youth listening panel, where participants reflected on the discussions and shared their ideas on safer and more inclusive public spaces. The event gave young people an opportunity to bring their experiences into conversations with civil society and city stakeholders, while creating space for different perspectives on safety and mobility in Gurugram.



MEDIA MENTIONS

MCG signs pact with pvt org to assess safety of Gurugram public spaces

The initiative will survey bus stops, metro stations and public toilets to assess lighting, cleanliness, accessibility and availability of basic facilities.

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By Leena Dhanthar



New Safety Survey to Guide Infrastructure Improvements in Gurugram

By Sharan Nataraj - March 11, 2025

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In a significant move to improve safety and accessibility of public spaces, the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has partnered with the Safetipin India Foundation to conduct a comprehensive safety assessment across Gurugram.



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Youth Voices Lead Dialogue on Safer Public Spaces at SheSpeaks for International Women's Day

Young women from universities, youth movements, and community organisations came together in Gurugram to share their experiences navigating public spaces at SheSpeaks: Haq, Nya, Badlaav. Youth Voices on Public Spaces, organised by Raahgiri Foundation and Safetipin to mark International Women's Day. The event brought together students, youth leaders, civil society organisations, planners, police representatives, and city stakeholders from Gt Up, COHAS, and Gurugram Ki Awaaz, spoke about their direct experiences navigating streets, transport systems, and public spaces.

Gurugram News: सार्वजनिक स्थानों की सुरक्षा पर होगा आकलन

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Ggm: Week-long talks, events mark women's day celebrations

The city celebrated International Women's Day with events honoring women's achievements, discussing safety, and empowering future generations.

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By Mihika Shah



Women participating in the celebrations. (Parveen Kumar/Hindustan Times)

A series of events were arranged this week across the city to celebrate International Women's Day and honor women's achievements and contributions. Some of these events brought together experts and people to discuss creating safer spaces for women, feminism and how things have changed for women.

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GGM: WEEK-LONG TALKS, EVENTS MARK WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

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GURUGRAM: A series of events were arranged this week across the city to celebrate International Women's Day and honour women's achievements and contributions. Some of these events brought together experts and people to discuss creating safer spaces for women, feminism and how things have changed for women. While NGOs, citizen-led initiatives and private companies organised special programmes, resident welfare associations (RWAs) also hosted community events as a special gesture for women who have made significant contributions in their respective fields.

At Vipul Greens in Sector 48, residents facilitated Dr Manmeet Kumar, a spiritual coach known for her work with underprivileged women, children, and cancer patients. She helps them learn professional skills so they can become financially independent.

Meanwhile, on Friday, young women came together to talk about safer and more inclusive cities at SheSpeaks: Haq, Nya, Badlaav. The event was organised by Raahgiri Foundation and Safetipin Organisation. Sarika Panda Bhatt, co-founder of Raahgiri, said "We celebrated womanhood, sang songs, discussed important issues and more importantly, we heard each other."

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MCG PARTNERS WITH PVT ORG TO SURVEY SAFETY OF PUBLIC AREAS

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GURUGRAM: The Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Safetipin India Foundation (SIF) to assess and improve Gurugram's public spaces, making them safer and more user-friendly for residents, especially women and children.

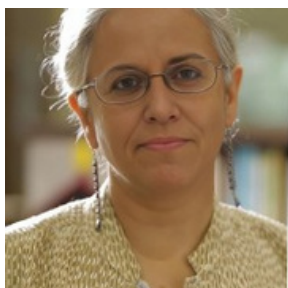
Under the agreement, the two organisations will evaluate major public locations and develop an action plan to improve urban safety and accessibility. High-footfall areas such as bus stops, metro stations and public toilets will be assessed on factors including safety, lighting, accessibility, cleanliness and availability of basic facilities. Safetipin India Foundation will conduct surveys and collect data through its experts to identify gaps in urban infrastructure and recommend improvements, they said. Meanwhile, the MCG will provide administrative support, including facilitating survey permissions, identifying locations for assessment, sharing ward boundary data and coordinating with departments for implementation. The MoU was signed in the presence of MCG commissioner Pradeep Dabhiya. The initiative would help generate critical data to strengthen urban planning and improve the infrastructure of Gurugram, said. The CEO of Safetipin India Foundation, Dr Kalpana Datta, said, "Evaluating public spaces through a data-driven approach is crucial for building safer cities."

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Dr. Kalpana Viswanath is a leading researcher and practitioner in gender-inclusive urbanization. She is the Founder and CEO of Safetipin, a social enterprise working in over 50 cities globally to promote safe, gender-responsive urban systems through data. She has provided technical assistance to UN Women and UN-Habitat on urban safety and gender issues, and has contributed to curriculum development in this field.

Dr. Viswanath has also been a member of the Government of India's Advisory Group on Safe City Indicators, the ESCAP Advisory Group for the State of Asian Cities Report, and served for six years on UN-Habitat's Advisory Group on Gender Issues. Currently, she serves on the boards of SLOCAT (Sustainable Mobility for All), ICPC (International Centre for the Prevention of Crime), and Swayam, and chairs the board of Jagori Resource Centre.



Kavita Anand is the Executive Director of Adhyayan Quality Education Services and Co-Founder of the Adhyayan Foundation, where she provides strategic leadership to advance the quality and inclusiveness of education. She has extensive experience in institutional development, programme design, and capacity building within the education sector.

Previously, she has held senior positions including Executive Director and Advisor at Shishuvan School, Vice Chairperson at the Children's Film Society of India, and Programme Officer at the Sir Ratan Tata Trust. Kavita holds a Master of Arts from the University of Mumbai and a Bachelor's degree from Lady Shri Ram College for Women.

