

Rise!

Engage!

Liberate!

World Toilet Day - 19 November 2013

Right to Sanitation Campaign in India is calling upon you to act on the issues of missing toilets and ensuring access to sanitation for all

- More than 60 crores of population in India is compelled to defecate in open every day
- About 68% of the rural household in India (Census 2011) do not have access to household toilet facility
- The government data shows that only 24.90% of SC and 17.64% of Tribal households in rural areas have the access to toilet facility which may be much less in reality
- Since 1986 our Governments have been spending thousands of crores of rupees in the name of constructing toilets for the poor and in the 12th five year plan Government of India has allocated a budget of 37,159 crores. The Government has enhanced the per toilet subsidy support to Rs.9,100 and broadened the eligibility criteria to cover the maximum. But ironically the ground level progress is far less in proportion to these measures
- The census data of 2011 revealed that number of households with toilets facility is less by 22.39% compared to the progress reported by the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India. There are about 3,75,76,324 toilets missing. It is a matter of common sense that even after counting the number of increased new households, there is a mind boggling figure of lost public money due to these missing toilets
- There are more than 26 lakhs dry latrines, where humans have to clean the other human's excreta by hand. Despite tall claims and high promises, we are not able to totally eradicate this inhuman practice and tradition
- India is lagging behind 11 years to meet the Millennium Development Goal target

People of India want to know:

- Can the governments fulfill the commitment made to reach our nation to the Open Defecation Free status by 2022?
- Can our governments ensure total transparency and accountability for the public money being spent on increasing toilet coverage and sanitation facilities?
- Can our governments ensure that the progress on toilets is equitable and inclusive? Going by the past experience there is an urgent need to ensure benefits of sanitation reach the poorest, aged, persons with disability, pregnant women and people living in hard to reach areas.
- Can the governments ensure that progress on toilets is safe and sustainable and there is no 'slip back'?

Act Now

The UN World Toilet Day on 19th November should be utilized by every concerned citizen to mobilize the people in large number to raise the above concerns and demonstrate the growing public demand on our governments and elected leaders to firmly act on ensuring that our nation is really progressing towards achieving "OPEN DEFECATION FREE " status by 2022.

Join the public actions on 19 November 2013 across India
Raise your voice, Act and End the crisis of open defecation in India...



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