



LET'S TALK NUMBERS FIRST- HOW MANY PUBLIC TOILETS DOES BENGALURU HAVE?

As per the list of public toilets available on BBMP website, **Bengaluru has 478 Public Toilets.**

With a population projection of 1.2 Crore for Bengaluru currently, this translates to **1 Public Toilet per ~25,000 citizens**, making the existing public toilet infrastructure in the city grossly insufficient.



Swachh Bharath Mission (SBM) guidelines indication

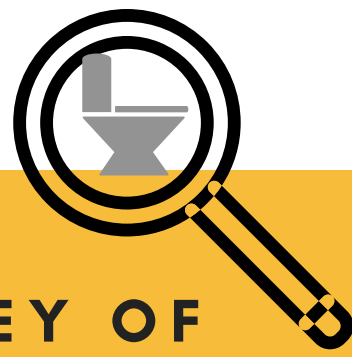


478 Public Toilets *

**1 Toilet Seat Per
4646 Men**

**1 Toilet Seat Per
4576 Women**

* 1 Public Toilet on an average has 3 Toilet Seats in Bengaluru



WHAT DID THE RANDOM SURVEY OF BENGALURU'S 53 PUBLIC TOILETS REVEAL?

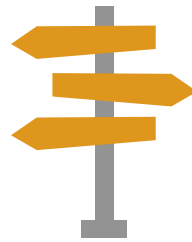
In January 2021, Janaagraha set out to find how useable are existing Public Toilets in Namma Bengaluru.

We conducted a random survey on 53 Public Toilets (42 from Inner Wards and 11 from Outer wards) to evaluate them on basic criteria of availability, amenities, visibility and cleanliness.



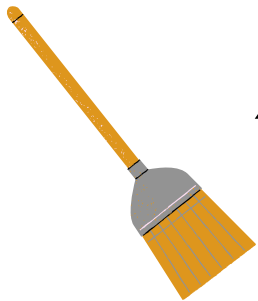
74 %

Toilets Found Open**



57 %

Toilets Had Signages or Nameboard



45 %

Toilets Were Free of Garbage



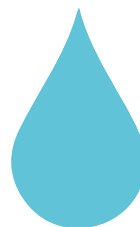
34 %

Toilets Had Clean Dry Floor



68 %

Toilets Had Running Water in Basins and Flush



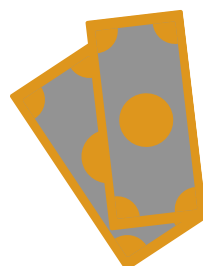
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Toilets Had Water Leakage Issues (inside and/or outside)



58 %

Toilets Had Proper Lighting



70 %

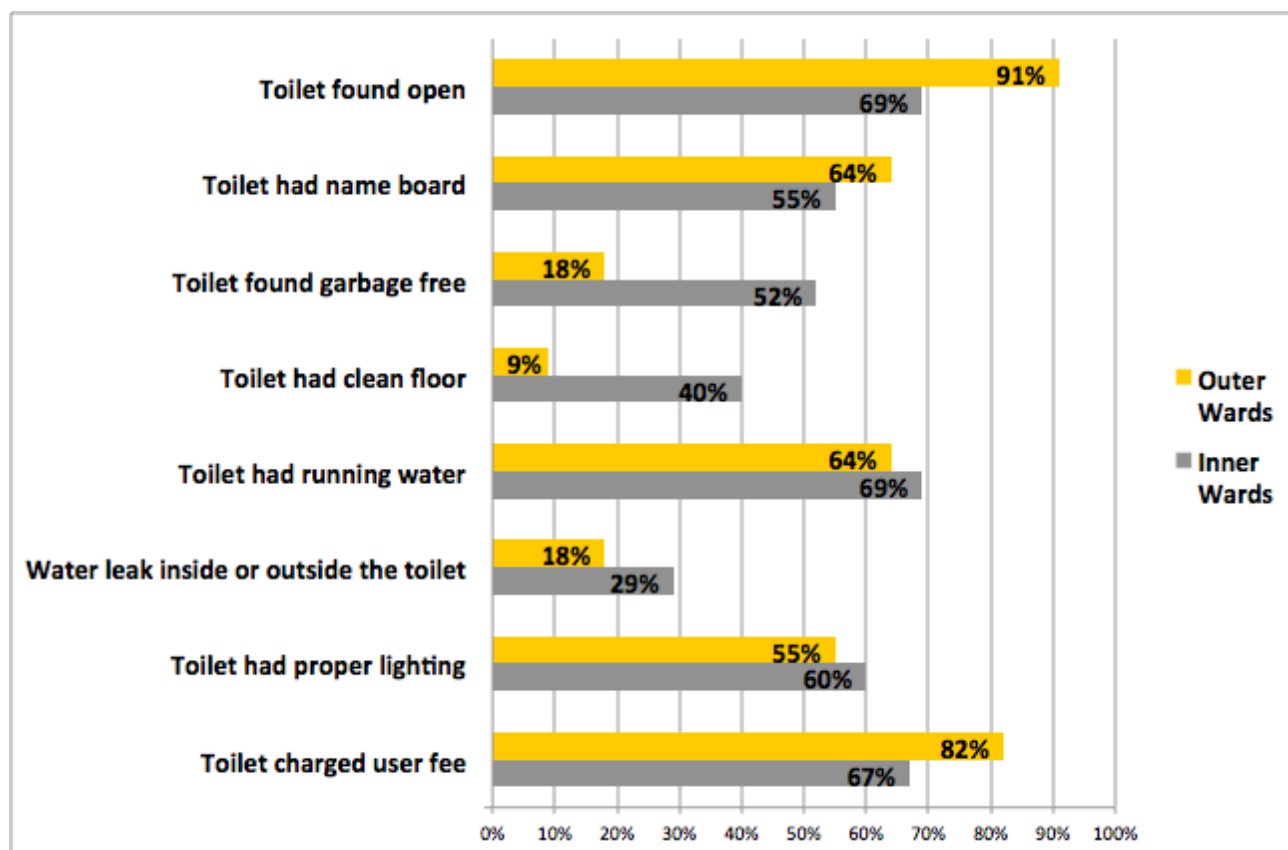
Toilets Charged User Fee

** If the toilet was found shut the first time, follow-up attempts were made to complete the survey on cleanliness and available amenities.



WHAT DID THE RANDOM SURVEY OF BENGALURU'S 53 PUBLIC TOILETS REVEAL?

The 42 Public Toilets in the Inner wards (when found open), were on an average better maintained than the 11 Outer wards Public Toilets surveyed.



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Inadequacy of public toilets is a serious concern in Bengaluru further exacerbated by unserviceability of existing infrastructure. During the survey, many public toilets were found to be unusable due to maintenance related issues like overflowing garbage (55%), lack of clean floor (66%) and proper lighting (42%).

The city needs to solve for issues like closed public toilets (almost 1/3 of the toilets in the inner wards were found to be shut during the survey) and lack of signages (43%) for proper utilisation of existing infrastructure available to it's citizens.



Details of the Public Toilets surveyed can be found on yellowspots.in



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