

Dear Pankaj ji,

I. Highlights of October

- We have successfully deployed 10 toilets in Vijayapura, and 5 in Bandipur.
- Elsewhere, we have successfully deployed 11 toilets as of date (see Table 1). Of these eleven, 8 toilets have been tested, inaugurated and open for use. 3 were scheduled for inauguration after the week of Deepawali.

II. Bandipur, Tribal Karnataka

The 5 newly-built toilets in Bandipur are in full use. Located in between the forest areas, it is of great use for the tribal people. They have migrated from deep in the forest to the town of Gundlupet, near Bandipur, and this land has been approved by the Government of India for tribal people to stay. Eventually, the government will build homes for them; electricity and water will also be supplied. Right now, they are residing in temporary sheds. The people are very happy we have provided them with toilets as women and children are free from the predation of wild animals. While building toilets, we had come across lot of challenges: all the raw materials and labor had to be transported from Mysore, which is about 80 kilometers away from the building location. The work took 3-4 days to complete, and there was no lodging.

III. Vijayapura, Tribal Karnataka

It rained heavily for sixty days and was very difficult for us to do the civil work, so we waited for two months and started the installation with an ambitious plan of building 10 toilets, 10 urinals, wash areas, and common utility. The Swami Vivekananda School is located in Manuguli, which is 30 minutes away from the mail city of Vijayapura. School Management played a major role in getting civil materials and laborers from the city. The second challenge was to make those children to use the toilets as they were used to defecating in the fields.

We had two discussions sessions with high school children about open defecation.



Figure 1: Toilets installed in Bijapur

IV. UP School Deployment Challenges

Our most challenging deployment was at the Shiv Dutt Kheda school, Lucknow, in the Sarojini Nagar block, mostly because it is very far from the main city. However, we are happy and proud to have managed it. We still have two distant schools in Sarojini Nagar block, where toilets have been transported – though deployment has yet to happen.

At one of these schools (primary school in Gadwichunoti-1), the local village head is creating hurdles in allocating the place for toilet deployment, as the office of village panchayat is also on the same campus. We are attempting to talk to village head, but if situation remains the same, we will shift and deploy the toilet in some other school.

In rural areas, we are increasingly seeing the need of building soak pits as well. Soak Pits require more funds. We have discussed with some local philanthropists who might help in this. Once we get some clarity, we will inform the Sewa management on the name of donors.

The efforts of Sewa International are being seen and recognized in Lucknow and around.



Figure 2: Toilet inaugurated near Lucknow

One of the Vice-Presidents of the ruling Bhartiya Janta Party in Uttar Pradesh called and appreciated our efforts. He has also expressed interest to come for inauguration of one of the toilets.

Table 1: Sewa toilets deployed in Government Schools todate in UP.

| Serial No. | Name of Schools | Opened for use | No. of SEWA Toilets deployed |
|------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Primary and upper primary school, Gulamhussain Purwa, Vibhuti Khand | Yes | 1 |
| 2 | Upper primary school, Gulamhussain Purwa, Vibhuti Khand | Yes | 1 |
| 3 | Primary School, Peer Nagar, Dubagga | Yes | 2 |
| 4 | Primary School, Tiwaripur, Chinhat | Yes | 1 |
| 5 | Primary School, Chedakapurwa, Chinhat | Yes | 1 |
| 6 | Primary School, Dayarampurwa, Chinhat | Yes | 1 |
| 7 | Primary School, Kharagpur Jagir, Chinhat | Yes | 1 |
| 8 | Primary School, Shivduttkheda, Sarojininagar | No | 1 |
| 9 | Primary school, Kathota, Zone 2, Chinat | No | 1 |
| 10 | Primary School, Kanausi, Bhola Khera, Krishnanagar, Alambagh | No | 1 |



Thank you and warm Regards.

Sewa International's "Toilet & Hygiene Project for a Girl Child" Team