

# TOILET

## MAPATHON

How to be a part of it ?



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# Chennai INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL 2022

- 30th march - 02nd april

## 1. Toilet Fellowship

To read, document public toilets, learn current sanitation system of the city and prepare a holistic city sanitation strategy integrating water management and solid waste management.

## 2. Toilet Volunteers

Want to be advocates of public hygiene and learn about urban sanitation system of chennai ? to read and document public toilets of the city, become a toilet volunteer.

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To apply for :

fellowship



volunteer





Toilet Tales

# International Toilet Festival 2022

**International Toilet Festival** aims to accentuate and emphasize on the importance of public toilets and sanitation, from an individual level to that of a community and city, which eventually shapes up as a cultural testament of the society. In Chennai, the festival is getting launched for the first time in the month of **March 2022**. The festival will be a platform for citizens, government, students, young professionals, academicians and practitioners of the city to come together and discuss the conditions of sanitation in the city. Chennai toilet mapathon, toilet fellowship, toilet festival etc will be conducted as part of International Toilet Festival, Chennai.

## TOILET TALES

Toilet stands as testimony of the culture and mindset of a society which roots itself to the behavior of each individual using it. Toilet tales, a multi-disciplinary project by Recycle Bin have been exploring different horizons of public toilets, from physical infrastructure to culture, equality, hygiene, health, gender perceptions and idea of safety surrounding public toilets. Over the last four years, both quantitative and qualitative study of public toilets in different cities of India has been done under this project. The first toilet Mapathon was conducted in the city of Trivandrum in 2017 and followed by Pune in 2019. To create awareness about public toilet culture and conditions and remove stigma around this subject, **Cheer- Recycle Bin** team in collaboration with **IHE Delft, Netherlands** and **Greater Chennai Corporation** is conducting a Toilet Mapathon and toilet fellowship in Chennai City.

**Cheer** is a registered society working towards securing human rights for different sections of the society through target-specific projects and it is also dedicated to raising awareness on social issues through various campaigns. Cheer is currently engaged in the social and economic rehabilitation of the transgender individuals from sex work and begging and in establishing rural learning centres in Tamil Nadu.

**Recycle bin** is a multidisciplinary architectural and urban design firm based in Trivandrum which has recently started working in Chennai. Recycle bin does all kinds of architectural and urban designing projects with a focus on social and community interventions. Recycle Bin is involved with United Nations Habitat (UNH), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and different state government departments designing projects looking at both social and physical infrastructure to improve the quality of lives of people.

**International Institute for Infrastructural Hydraulic and Environmental Engineering (IHE Delft, Netherlands)** is the largest international graduate water education facility in the world. Since 1957, the Institute has provided water education and training through capacity development.

# Mapathon Chennai

**Mapathon** of public toilets is the first step to knowing toilets through generation of crowd sourced data. Mapathon will be conducted from **30th of March, 2022 to 1st of April 2022**. The three day mapathon will aim at reading public toilets in the city to collect the ground data about number of public toilets and its qualities in the city through 150 toilet volunteers, to advocate better toilet culture and public hygiene by initiating conversations and discussions about conditions of public toilets in the city through toilet debates and social engagement, to create a city sanitation report by analyzing the data collected from Mapathon. Mapathon will be conducted across all the 15 zones under Greater Chennai Corporation. Along with designated public toilets (approximately 20 in each zone), toilets accessible to the public such as toilets in malls, transit spaces and other public spaces in the Greater Chennai Corporation area, will be mapped and documented. For each zone, two toilet fellows will be assigned to map and document the public toilets along with toilet volunteers. The quantitative and qualitative mapping of toilets accessible to the public in the city will be done through “Kakkoos app”. The app has features that allow the user to locate and map the toilets quantitatively and qualitatively. Toilet mapathon using Kakkoos App was successfully carried out in the city of Thiruvananthapuram and Pune to generate information, debate and toilet tales, which will be replicated in Chennai. The App will act as a platform where anyone can document the public toilets in the vicinity in terms of hygiene, privacy, accessibility, maintenance, safety and category. Photos of the toilets can be uploaded, also sanitation workers’ data can be entered. One can also search and find the nearest toilet on the basis of above mentioned attributes.

**ITF** is a platform where citizens, experts of sanitation, students, academicians, bureaucrats, representatives of government bodies and toilet laborers come together to discuss the issue of sanitation in the city. This interdisciplinary platform offers a space to think and respond to the challenges faced in urban sanitation. Two ways are being offered to those who are interested to be a part of the festival- **Toilet Fellowship and Toilet Volunteer**

## How to be a part of International Toilet festival?

# Toilet Fellowship 2022

**Toilet Fellowship 2022** will be an interdisciplinary space to explore, observe and learn about the public toilet network and sanitation conditions of the city from a ground level. The fellowship enables one to look at public infrastructure through multiple lens such as built perspective, socio-political aspects, governance and management, economy and livelihood, universal accessibility and social inclusion. Fellows will be equipped to read all the above mentioned aspects in public toilets, document and analyze the data to interpret the sanitation condition of the city. Decoding all these layers will help one to understand how public toilets are interwoven with the fabric of the city. The output of the fellowship will be a holistic sanitation strategy and plan which will be submitted to the Greater Chennai Corporation, thereby contributing to the betterment of conditions of sanitation and water management in the city of Chennai. Experts, academicians and practitioners from the field of sanitation and water management will be guiding the fellows during the course of three months. The training will cover the following modules:

1. **Public health and public toilets,**
2. **Public toilets: social interface technology and design,**
3. **Toilet economy and governance ,**
4. **Universal accessibility and inclusiveness,**
5. **Toilet and city,**
6. **Documenting and mapping public infrastructure**

## Duration

The three month program, organized by the Cheer- Recycle bin team, IHE Delft, Netherlands along with the Greater Chennai Corporation, from 1 May 2022- 31 July 2022, will be offered to 10 fellows. However 30 shortlisted candidates will be a part of a seven day training program and three day mapathon happening from 22 March 2022- 2 April 2022.

## Eligibility

Young professionals and students from Architecture, Planning, Urban Design, Engineering, sociology, law, social science, psychology and medical background are eligible to apply for Toilet Fellowship 2022.

## How to apply

Interested candidates need to fill the google form and upload the following documents:

1. Latest CV
2. A statement of Intent
3. Contact details of two references should be provided.

Thirty fellows will be shortlisted from all the applicants and shall undergo a seven day training in Chennai prior to the mapathon. The short listed fellows will be part of the city wide mapathon and International Toilet festival by mapping public toilets across the city, participating in toilet debates,- discussion, installing toilet art works, identifying the best toilet and guiding the toilet volunteers. After the Mapathon, 30 fellows will be asked to submit a proposal and the final ten fellows will be selected. The fellowship will commence on 1 May 2022.

The timeline of the fellowship program is as follows:

**Commencement of application process: 20 Feb 2022**

**Last date to apply: 15 March 2022**

**Informing the 30 shortlisted fellows: 18 March 2022**

**Seven day training for the fellows: 22 March 2022- 28 March 2022**

**Three day Mapathon: 30 March 2022: 1 April 2022**

**International toilet festival : 2 April 2022**

**Submission of proposal: 12 April 2022**

**Announcement of final 10 toilet fellows: 20 April 2022**

Accommodation and food will be arranged for the 30 short listed fellows during the seven day training and three day mapathon from **22 March 2022 to 2 April 2022**. The ten fellows are to be stationed in chennai during the course of fellowship. Accommodation and food will be arranged for the 10 fellows (**1 May- 31 July 2022**). Travel expenses within the city for the purpose of work will be covered. Travel to and fro to chennai should be arranged by the fellows.

Toilet volunteers will be mapping and reading the public toilets in chennai. The volunteers will be collecting the ground data about the number of public toilets and its qualities like hygiene, privacy, maintenance, safety, accessibility and so on. The volunteers will be a part of the International toilet festival through toilet debates, discussions, art installations and social engagement.

Anyone who is interested in the process of mapping and reading public infrastructure, preferably from Chennai.

Interested candidates can apply by filling the google form provided.

The timeline for the toilet festival is as follows:

**Commencement of application process: 20 Feb 2022**

**Last date to apply: 20 March 2022**

**Informing the shortlisted volunteers: 25 March 2022**

**Three day Mapathon: 30 March 2022- 1 April 2022**

**International toilet festival : 2 April 2022**

## Timeline

## Allowances and funding

## Eligibility

## How to apply

## Timeline

# TOILET VOLUNTEER

# Toilet Tales

The mysterious public figures called toilets, are not mere shit holes,  
but our genuine culture.

Intimacy dwells in toilets, honesty dwells in intimacy  
**then we must be genuine hypocrites.**

If toilets are for our sensitive rituals,  
**idea of hygiene must be a myth.**

If toilets are inevitable & essential for humanity,  
**Then our society must be male designed.**

If toilet synonyms comfort station,  
**Then comfort is a luxury & liability**

If there is an artist in all of us  
**Vandalism must be a genuine art of our society**

## **WHO IS THE CULPRIT TOILETS ? OR SOCIETY ?**

Lets begin, **demystifying our public toilets**

If you feel Public toilets are our own responsibility as well,  
Join us at Poojappura circle for toilet initiative

Here,  
toilet becomes art, literacy, movement, dialogue  
and **beyond all a gateway**

Team recyclebin welcomes you to  
**International Toilet Festival 2022**

Lets all come together

**When toilets become the litmus  
test of humanities,  
let us atleast not fail**

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