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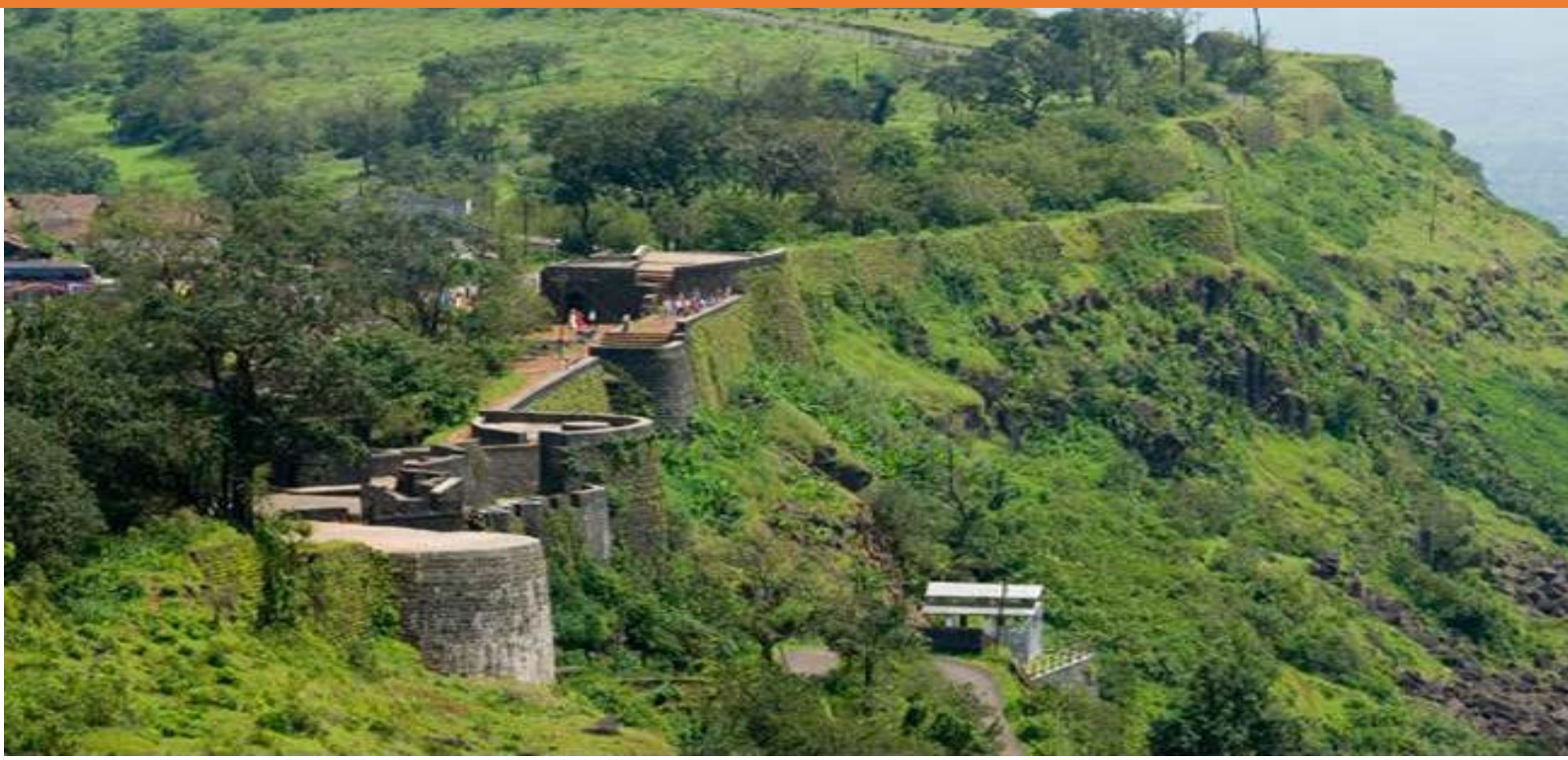

Panhala

An Open Defecation Free City in Maharashtra

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Journey of a town towards becoming ODF

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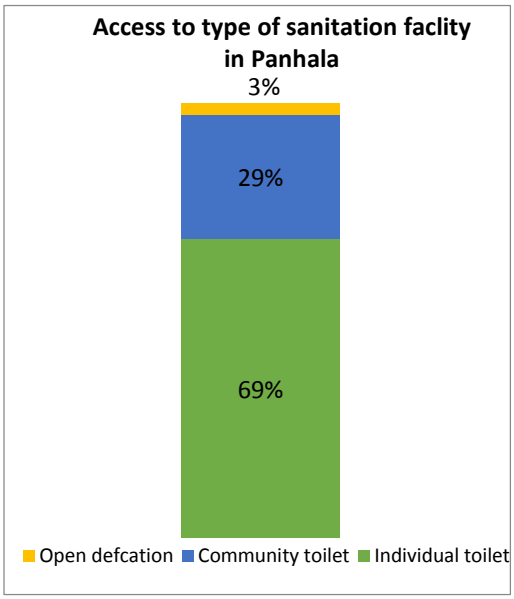
Panhala, Maharashtra

1 City Profile

Panhala is a class C council and a Hill station Municipal Council (3177 feet above sea level) 18 km northwest of Kolhapur, in Kolhapur district of Maharashtra, with an area of 1.58 Sq. Km. and a population of 3952 (Census 2011). Panhala is the smallest city in Maharashtra and being a Municipal Council the city is developing rapidly. The city sprawls in the Panhala fort commands a panoramic view of the valley below. The main historical attraction here is the Panhala fort.

2 Sanitation Scenario in the city prior to the launch of mission.

According to Census 2011, out of 677 HH in the city 465 households had toilets on premises, 194 households are dependent on community toilets and 18 households defecate in open. Presently the city toilets are connected to septic tank. To clean these septic tanks council calls for vacuum emptier from Malkapur municipal council and the septage collected from these septic tanks is processed into compost at Malkapur.



3 Targets set by the council under SMMU

Panhala municipal council decided to make the city open defecation free by moving towards 100% own toilets and has planned to continue giving local incentive subsidy of Rs. 5000 to the household dependant on community toilets for getting their own toilets built.

4 Initiatives by the council

Panhala was awarded the prize under the Sant Gadge Baba Swachhta Abhiyan (SGBSA) in 2008-09. SGBSA campaign focused on 'Hagindari Mukta' (open defecation free) villages and embodied the 'facilitator' role of the government.

One day divisional workshop was attended by the Panhala city council team, held for Pune division on 19th June'15 and there the city took an oath to make their city Open Defecation Free (ODF).

4.1 Awareness Generation measures

In order to implement the ODF scheme, door to door awareness campaign were carried out; where the use of community toilet was being promoted as an alternative to defecating in open. Banners were also put up in various parts of city along with distribution of pamphlets indicating the same.

Image 1: Banners and Pamphlet prepared as a part of awareness campaign

4.2 City wide Household Level Sanitation Surveys

Citywide household, community and public toilet survey was carried out in Panhala, to identify households without toilet and to study the condition of community and public toilet. In the household survey 120 HH were reported to be without toilet. These households were then asked to apply for Individual Household latrine (IHHL) under SBM in order to build their own toilet and were told to use community/public toilet until the construction of own toilet and should not resort to defecating in open.

4.3 Application Process and Monitoring Mechanism

Household those do not have individual latrines have applied for subsidy under Swachha Bharat Mission (SBM) and Swachha Maharashtra Abhiyan (SMA). Around 126 applications have been received and 69 toilets have been approved and sanctioned for construction and are provided the subsidy. Presently 60 toilets have been constructed and 9 are ongoing. While 57 toilets will be approved by January end. The construction of all IHHL is expected to be completed by 31st March'16.

Image 2: Individual household level toilets constructed under SBM in Panhala

4.4 Participation of Social Organizations and Citizens

Under SBM the city council had organized an event called 'Run for Unity' on 31st Oct 2014 on the occasion of Sadar Patel Jayanti. The event was attended by the council staff, Councillors, school and college students, teachers and the citizen of Panhala, were they all took the oath of keeping the city clean off any sought of waste and to stop open defecation.

Image 3: Run for Unity rally organized as a part of awareness and public participation activity

4.5 Efficient Maintenance of the Community and Public Toilet

Presently Panhala has 15 toilet blocks with 53 seats, 27 seats for males with 21 urinals and 26 seats for females with 11 urinals. Measures were taken to repair and refurbish the community and public toilets. Also roads connecting community toilet were repaired. Water and electricity connection was provided to respective toilet blocks.

Image 4: Public toilet blocks in Panhala

5 Declaration and Validation of ODF City by the Government

On 29th September 2015, PMC declared Panhala as an ODF city and submitted a report to the Government of Maharashtra (GoM). On site validation at district level was done by the collector office, Kohlapur on 30th September 2015 and positive report was submitted to the GoM. During the collector's visit they checked condition of community toilets, public toilets and progress of IHHL construction. As per census 2011, 18 HH were going for OD and during the collectors visit out 18, 9 toilets had finished construction and 9 were ongoing. On 2nd October 2015, PMC was awarded by the Hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra during the State level event organised by the GoM. Further, on 1st January 2016, State Level Validation

Committee conducted an in-depth validation as per the process set and the checklist provided by the GoM. PMC passed both this validation stage and is now listed as an "ODF City" in Maharashtra.

Image 5: PMC being awarded by the Hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra on 02nd Oct'15

6 Strategy for Sustainability

6.1 Encourage construction of own toilets by provision of ULB level subsidy

Under Swachha Baharat Mission and Swachha Maharashtra Abhiyan a total subsidy of Rs.12000/- is being provided per household for Individual Household latrine (IHHL). To further encourage the people of Panhala to build their own toilet, the council passed a resolution (no. 24) to grant a subsidy of Rs.5000 from city fund per HH for IHHL. The council provided subsidy from own fund without waiting for release of funds from the government as a measure to accelerate the process of toilet construction.

6.2 Regular Monitoring of likely OD Spots/ Open Spaces

In order to prevent people from defecating in open the council has made sure that every HH should have their own toilet. Hence they have accelerated the entire process of application submission, approval and release of work order and subsidy to the applicants. While issuing the work order the applicants were made to sign an assurance letter stating that till time their toilet is not constructed, they would use community/public toilets only. The letter also stated that if anybody is found not abiding to the letter, their subsidy would be cancelled and the sanctioned amount will be taken back with interest. Mean while likely OD spots will be monitored by regular visits by council staff.

7 Strategy for Moving towards ODF+ / ODF++

As a sanitation improvement strategy for the city, Panhala has decided to address entire sanitation value chain than only constructing toilets to satisfy all three indicators of "ODF++ cities" of the framework developed by the GoM for defining ODF Cities in Maharashtra, which are as follows –

	Elimination of OD practices	Access to toilets	Conveyance and treatment of faecal waste
ODF City	• Not a single person found defecating in the open • No traces of faeces are visible in the city at any time of the day.	• All the properties have access to either own toilet or community/ public toilet	• All toilets are connected to a disposal system
ODF+ City	• Not a single person found defecating in the open • No traces of faeces are visible in the city at any time of the day.	• At least 80% of residential properties have access to own toilets • Remaining properties have access to functional community/public toilets	• All toilets are connected to a disposal system • Regular and safe collection, conveyance and treatment of all the feacal matter
ODF++ City	• Not a single person found defecating in the open • No traces of faeces are visible in the city at any time of the day.	• At least 95% of residential properties have access to own toilets • Remaining properties have access to functional community/public toilets	• All toilets are connected to safe disposal system • Regular safe collection, conveyance and treatment of all feacal matter and waste water including septic tank effluent and grey water

Panhala has already achieved the first indicator of this framework by eliminating open defecation practices in the city.

To achieve the ODF+ status, Panhala is making efforts to achieve own toilet coverage of >80% by ongoing toilet construction activity under SBM. The city is planning to prepare septage management plan, which covers the various components like regular septic tank emptying services, safe collection and treatment of collected faecal waste.

8 Team behind success

Following is the list of Panhal team members who have made a significant contribution towards making Panhala an open defecation free city:

1. Mr. Ashif Rafiq Ahmed Mokashi, President
2. Mr. Sham Vitthal Gosavi, Chief officer
3. Mr. Pavin Sampatrao Belle, Junior Engineer
4. Mr. Deepak Pandurang Ambildhok, Senior clerk
5. Mr. Ashok Sham Rao Kamble, Collection clerk
6. Mrs. Anagha Anil Diwan, Asst. Accountant
7. Mr. Vishwas Balwant Ramane, Clerk
8. Mr. Jayavant Bhagwan Kamble, Mukadam

Swachhta Pledge

Mahatma Gandhi dreamt of an India which was not only free but also clean and developed.

Mahatma Gandhi secured freedom for Mother India.

Now it is our duty to serve Mother India by keeping the country neat and clean.

I take this pledge that I will remain committed towards cleanliness and devote time for this.

I will devote 100 hours per year, that is two hours per week, to voluntarily work for cleanliness.

I will neither litter not let others litter.

I will initiate the quest for cleanliness with myself, my family, my locality, my village and my work place.

I believe that the countries of the world that appear clean are so because their citizens don't indulge in littering nor do they allow it to happen.

With this firm belief, I will propagate the message of Swachh Bharat Mission in villages and towns.

I will encourage 100 other persons to take this pledge which I am taking today.

I will endeavour to make them devote their 100 hours for cleanliness.

I am confident that every step I take towards cleanliness will help in making my country clean.

This report is part of a series documenting the efforts made by 19 cities in Maharashtra towards becoming open defecation free. These cities have laid the foundation of "ODF Maharashtra" as envisaged under ***Swachh Maharashtra Mission (Urban)***

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