



CONVERSATION

To increase reporting of sexual harassment of women in public spaces, and ensure institutional linkages for the data to be used.

OBJECTIVE

While newspapers debate over women's safety, can we think of designing options to enhance a sense of safety of women in public spaces, without compromising their freedom?

It is this question we explored in a cross-cultural design collaboration between two teams, one in Bangalore and the other in Amsterdam, comprising students of both Indian and Dutch nationalities. The focus of the team in Bangalore was to address under-reporting of sexual harassment of women in public spaces.

Intended Audience

*Women's rights organisations,
public service providers, and
the public at large*

Keywords

Women's safety, design

APPROACH

A combination of the methodology followed at mediaLAB Amsterdam and Fields of View, involving framing the problem, field visits, discussions and interviews with experts, designing the device, and user tests.





OUTPUT

- Prototype of an electronic panel,
- Convers[*t*]ation, for informally reporting cases of sexual harassment.
- A white paper on the institutional support required for the panel.

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Collaborations

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