

Fish Bone Analysis on Unhygienic Public Water Sources and Sanitation

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Public toilets in Khulna city bear the portrait of neglect for **lack of supervision**, causing immense suffering to those busy in outdoor activities during daytime. Visitors who come to Khulna for official and other purposes suffer much due to **shortage of public toilets**. Passers-by are often seen crossing many city areas covering their noses to escape from the **unpleasant smell** caused by **human wastes lying** there. The Khulna City Corporation (KCC) has only 13 public toilets for 15 million people in areas under its jurisdiction (<http://m.theindependentbd.com/arcprint/details/25485/2015-12-05>).

Most of them operate under extremely **filthy and unhygienic conditions**. The result: people are **forced to defecate on the open**, thereby raising a stink in the area--both literally and metaphorically. The floor of the toilet is full of **dirty water**. The toilet is completely unusable as it is unhygienic. Slum dwellers, beggars and vagabonds relieve themselves on the roadside, making the areas unsanitary.

Females, children, aged people, patients, physically disable people, pedestrians, lower income group people like rickshaw-pullers, day-laborers, hawkers and small shopkeepers are facing problems in responding to nature's call in the absence of public toilets. So people have to defecate on the roadsides, walls and in the drains, canals and ponds, causing health hazards and environment pollutions. A good number of people use toilets of mosques but females are not allowed to use the toilet, and they remain closed except for the prayer hours. At least one public toilet at each of the thirty-one wards of the KCC. Male can respond to the call of nature by using footpath sides, parks and open places but use of such places by women is impossible. Some of the toilets **do not even have separate arrangement for the women.** None of the public toilets are suitable for the use by males, let alone female. There is **no clear law in the Municipal Act to construct public toilets** and their maintenance. But the civic amenities are not increasing with it. Public toilet should be constructed at the important places and at the every market in the town. There is neither soap nor tissue paper in the toilet. People deserve better

service as they pay for using toilet. But **without maintaining hygiene** standards of the toilet facilities, KCC only keeps on increasing lease rates every year. **Civic agency cannot take more steps** to set up public toilets due to shortage of funds and lands. Sources of water sources for public are deep tube-well. They are established not in clean place.
