

Toilet project with dual flush benefits

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IT PAYS to use a public toilet in Musiri, a small town in southern India, where residents are earning about 30 rupees (S\$1) a month for using public urinals in a scheme that promotes both hygiene and research.

According to a Times of India report yesterday, 300 families in the town near Tiruchirappalli, in Tamil Nadu state, are taking part in the scheme linked to the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University's research project on the use of urine as a liquid fertiliser.

The Society for Community Organisation and People's Education (Scope), which is working with the university, has issued the residents a card for recording their visits to its toilets and has promised to pay 1 rupee for every 10 visits.

Scope director M.Subramaniam said the project assures researchers a regular supply of about 250 litres of urine while promoting the healthy habit of using public toilets.

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