The Swachh Bharat campaign launched by the government deserves maximum support from all sections of society specially for encouraging toilet use in place of open defecation. Taking a cue from the failure of the Nirmal Bharat campaign in promoting use of constructed toilets in villages, it is suggested that Anglo-Indian toilet seats may be tried in place of Indian seats, on a pilot basis in some villages, to check whether arthritic persons and elders find them more appealing and help in leading others to adopt the same subsequently. Two other precautions deserve attention in this habit changing mission. Appointment of sufficient full time sweepers for maintaining and cleaning toilet blocks through central/ state government funding under the supervision of village panchayats and modification in the seat design that allows use in both squatting and sitting mode and with or without a cistern for flushing. The use of deep pits to turn excreta into manure over months should be successful in villages where manure is in huge demand and space and labor are also more easily available.

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