

Stress on better sanitation

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CHENNAI: A campaign to create awareness on better sanitation facilities was organised here on Saturday.

As part of the programme near the Gandhi statue on Marina Beach, college students performed a skit to drive home the need for building more toilets and providing water. They presented a tableau which many in the city are familiar with — open-air defecation for want of toilets and piped water supply.

The students, from various colleges, formed a queue, awaiting their turn to use a toilet. The students carried placards demanding sanitation for all. It was to emphasise the need for attention from political leaders to the fact that poor sanitation is responsible for the death of



ADGP P.C. Lallawmsanga (right) at a campaign to create awareness on sanitation, in Chennai on Saturday. K.V. SRINIVASAN

4,000 children everyday across the globe. The queue was being organised in the run-up to World Water Day on Monday.

Leaders from Africa, Asia, Europe and North America will participate in a high-level meeting on sanitation and water next month in Washington. Three global net-

works — End Water Poverty, Fresh Water Action Network and Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council — have launched a worldwide campaign to form the world's longest toilet queue. The Chennai queue was organised by Mary Anne Charity Trust, said Cyril Alexander, executive director.

