

'Reusable pads at par with those in mkt

Calling commercial sanitary pads a biomedical hazard, entrepreneur bats for reusable cloth pads

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UNE: In spite of knowing that sanitary pads are non-biodegradable, the number of women switching from it to reusable sanitary napkins or menstrual cups is very small.



Omkar Sathe, Chief Executive Officer of Allforasmile foundation, has been reaching out to women for last two years to help them replace their pads with reusable and sustainable ones.

As a part of the ongoing



ALTERNATIVE: Omkar Sathe has been advocating these kind of reusable sanitary cloth pads

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■ **Omkar Sathe** told Sakal Times the cloth fabric needs to be soaked for sometime before washing -- a problem that a young girl living in slums faced was "where to soak it?"

■ She lived in an area that had one common toilet, so she couldn't leave it soaked there. Soaking blood-stained clothes at home would have attracted attention. "She did something smart. She used a steel dabba (utensil) with a lid to soak the sanitary cloth," Sathe said.

■ People never doubted what was in the dabba since it was properly covered and solved her problem as well, he said.



about alternative sustainable sanitary napkins, hence fail

reusable sanitary cloths.

"Switching to a better and

pads. The problem of ing and drying it up it takes many women. But the new designs of pads clear all these doubts. Nobody can identify whether it's a used or stained or just cloth hanging on a wire," said Sathe showing a photo of reusable cloth pad that looks like a handkerchief.

"Nevertheless, it has ers of cotton fabric protects it from leaking added.

Incinerators are hazard

Citing World Health Organisation (WHO) lines on disposal ma