This is a view of the toilet block in Sangliwadi off the main Islampur highway. The fully plastered block is ready to take its first coat of paint. With all the plumbing and biogas connections installed and fencing completed, the block is getting ready for inauguration by the end of this month. The women have started planting flowering plants around the edge of the fence so that it can act a vermiculture bed in future for the the wet garbage that is generated from the slum.

This photograph of Tasgaon Ves showing the fully assembled toilet block. The Caretaker’s room is on top overlooking both the ladies and gents wing. As is evident, for the caretaker’s room the prefab concrete panels have been mounted in three levels and bolted together. The structure is ready for plastering and will be ready for use by early September 2002.

There have been small celebrations organised by each settlement. This is the traditional ‘Garva” in which people come together and seek blessings for peace and happiness. This is the normal practice when someone builds a new house. But the communities decided that they wanted to perform this for their new toilet blocks as this was instrumental in bringing them together. This facility now belonged to all of them and it was their joint responsibility to ensure its smooth functioning in times to come. The women of Sangliwadi participated in the ‘Garva’ celebrations organised by the Tasgaon Baandhani in the newly assembled caretaker’s room.