



And that's a new beginning!



Pratibha Jagtap has been residing in the settlement named Mahatma Phule Nagar in Pimpri-Chinchwad for over 12 years accompanied by her mother and her son. Pratibha's night vision is challenged while her mother has been battling total blindness for the last 21 years.

Having lived in another settlement earlier, her husband who was an alcoholic would often trouble her and abuse her. His alcoholism led to him suffering from jaundice and he expired suffering from the same. Post this, the family's responsibility was to be borne by Pratibha. She then started taking up odd jobs at an industrial company close by and the household chores were all being managed by her mother. This slowly led to the downfall of their family and their house was falling apart. Having no money to get it repaired or work on it, it was leading to very challenging times for Pratibha.



Pratibha's household toilet

Soon she got to know about drainage work having commenced in their settlement and that was a ray of hope to her. 'How wonderful would it be to have a toilet in my house for my mother' she exclaimed. Understanding the OHOT initiative in detail, she immediately agreed to get it done and promptly started to raise the finances for the same. Not only did she get the household toilet constructed, but also got her house repaired and it went from kutcha to pucca.



Pratibha with her mother

This was a new beginning for her mother, son and herself, as the thought of having a toilet in their home itself eased their stress and they could start living comfortably. Pratibha's mother takes care of their toilet, regularly cleans it and ensures that they all use it! Their house has also seen a major transformation elevating their lifestyle and bringing in immense happiness and good health!

