Malti Patil turns 70! Belonging to Kolhapur, she was originally a resident of Sambhaji nagar and now resides in Vare Vasahat.

Having been married to a man, who was very hard working having the ability to read and write without having gained any formal education, she was very content with her living. Their 2 children meant the world to them...

Her husband being a mason by profession, he would take up all kinds of masonry work to earn enough for them to educate their children. The children studied upto 12th grade & at graduate level respectively.

As luck may have it, she lost her husband! He seemed to be undergoing something minor which escalated in no time without any notice & he passed away.

For Malti, her ray of hope only seemed to be the 2 children now... On her husband’s demise, within barely 4 years of time, she lost her elder son to an accident who was aged 26. Such tragedies can really take a toll on one... and this was being witnessed by Malti in a very miserable way...!

Now survived by the younger son, she has moved to this settlement around 4 years ago and the son responsibly takes care of his mother.

Her son works in a town nearby named Kupwad and hence has recently moved there and once a week visits his mother. To be able to financially support her son, she has taken up some domestic work at residences in the vicinity as she ends up staying alone and has nothing to do when alone. By investing time in her work, she benefits by being engaged as well as by earning a little to be able to pay off her basic needs.

Just recently she has undergone an eye surgery where pupil was replaced as she was facing difficulties in her vision. In such a state, having to use the CTB was a pain and worrisome.

This triggered her to get a household toilet constructed and now she has one!

’’However long I have wished for a household toilet, who would help in getting it done? As my son is busy at work, I could not manage to get the construction materials in place all by myself. Through this process, it simplified my work and hence I am very grateful towards SA’’. 