Hanmant Kamble, a resident of WareVasahat, grew up and pursued his studies till 10th grade in Kolhapur. Having admitted into the military forces, he was very keen on joining the force but was kept away from it by his family as he was their beloved and only son and they wanted him to be around and not be posted far away. Few years down the line, his father passed away which resulted in him having to bear the family responsibility both physically and financially. With a few family disputes coming in, Hanmant was forced to look after their agriculture business but it gave him no profit leading to tight financial crisis. Due to this, he had to switch to something else and he started taking up labour work. Meanwhile, he got offered a driver’s job at the State Transport department, where he needed to pay up some amount. Not being financially stable, he could not afford it and hence refrained from taking up the job. Gradually he started indulging into some work in the development sector and worked with a renowned social worker from Kolhapur. He was a wrestler too and proved to be a champion of one of the recognized wrestling groups in the country.

In the interim, he got married, and had kids- 2 sons & 3 daughters. To cater to the needs of such a large family of 7, he had to undertake hard work and hence started working at a stone quarry where he also learnt some basic construction skills and then has been working as a mason since then. At the age of 69, he has recently stopped taking up laborious work due to his age.

His daughters and their families refused to visit them due to the lack of a household toilet. This had been on Hanmant’s mind and he was eager on getting a toilet constructed. SA’s OHOT intervention began at the same time hence he could avail the facility and he constructed the toilet all by himself within 2 days from the day construction materials were delivered to him. He plans to surprise his daughters by inviting them over. This toilet facilitation has not only brought comfort to him personally but also it lies in the fact that his family is benefitting from it and as he and his wife are ageing, having a household toilet is just so much more convenient and satisfying!