



Sensitivity towards a woman's safety and privacy!

An interesting community named 'Vaidu' who are primarily nomads, have been practicing hunting as their profession for generations to follow. They also engage in collecting ayurvedic medicines as they keep wandering in search of their staple in forests and woods perpetually. A fascinating aspect in this community is the matriarchal practice that is followed!

Back then the community was extremely rigid about their norms and beliefs, but lately with education and urbanization having set in, the families who travel outside of their village and settle in cities are not subject to the orthodox customs and traditions. They have moved towards being rational and thoughtful in today's times!

Sanju Shinde, aged 32, resides with his family in Morwadi, Pimpri-Chinchwad. They hail from Ahmednagar and Sanju has been fond of hunting, but lately he has been involved in carrying out repair works of electronic gadgets and selling Ayurvedic medicines.

His family includes, his wife, mother, brother, sister in law and their 2 children. When Sanju was back in his hometown, he would earn a living through hunting, but as he then moved to Pimpri-Chinchwad he had to find alternatives to fend for himself and his family.

He starts his day by 8.00am and visits houses to see if there is any repair work that he can assist with. At times, on a lucky day, he is able to earn around Rs.300- Rs. 400 per day, but there are few times also when he draws nothing! He was totally against the idea of the women of the house having to go to the community toilet block located far away and always in a terrible unhygienic condition. Due to being out of the house all day long, he was unable to give time towards constructing a toilet though he always wanted to have one.

Missing a day of work implied having to skip meals as where would the money come from?

Hence with SA's model, providing door step delivery of construction materials worked in his favour and the SA team took cognizance of his schedule and ensured he receives the material early morning when he would be at home. This saved him the energy and money towards procurement of materials and the time consuming process was avoided.

He promptly got his toilet constructed within 7 days as instructed and now is relieved as he bothers less about the women's safety and privacy which always bogged him down earlier!



Sanju & his wife

