



# All's well that ends well!

Mr. Samrutlal Mali, originally belonging to a village in Uttar Pradesh, took the plunge of moving to Mumbai in search of employment and livelihood opportunities.

Having completed his schooling only till the tenth grade in very precarious conditions, he started working as a labourer in a company.

With this work at hand, he got his children educated and then eventually married and was ready to spend quality time with his grandchildren.

While he painted such pictures with his wife, their sons were on their own trip with their new families not getting along well with each other. The urban context had left a mark on them and they were very nuclear as families and due to selfish purposes, the sons decided to move out of the house with their families.

Lacking the sensitivity towards bearing any responsibility of his parents, the elder son managed to completely disconnect his relations with his parents though he was staying close to their house. He would never even bother to visit them or know of what they were upto.

The younger son too played smart. He moved into the shop that his parents owned which was lying vacant and partitioned it to avoid any sort of contact with his parents and to avoid being responsible for taking care of them and their needs.

Samrutlal's wife had started to face pressing knee issues due to old age. With such a medical condition, having to use the community toilet block was a hardship.

To top it all, the toilet block was placed far away hence it accounted for inconvenience, and wastage of time.

In such a case, there always stood a possibility of some accident or unfortunate incident to occur keeping in mind her health and the inconvenience faced by her.

SA had started their interventions in this settlement and when Samrutlal came to know of this, he immediately took this up on priority and got a toilet constructed.

This has definitely resulted in resolving one of their major concerns which on a longer run shall lead to a happier, healthier and dignified living!



Samrutlal with his wife Iravati

