



Expecting happiness

Determination of a person to attain basic necessities forces him to struggle for achieving it. Such is the case of Manda Gomat Kamble, a resident of Vidya Nagar of Pimpri-Chinchwad, who has been residing here for ten years, along with her family.

Manda's daughter (Prutikrusha Amardeep Savai) was expecting and wished to stay at her parental abode during her pregnancy days. But lack of basic facilities acted as a hurdle. In the absence of individual household toilet, the family members had to use the community toilet and the condition of the community toilet being miserable, it would be a very bad idea to let expecting mothers like Prutikrusha spend her pregnancy days there.



Manda Gomat Kamble

Prutikrusha's mother-in-law was aware of the various difficulties faced by Prutikrusha before her marriage on using the unclean community toilets. It often caused nauseatic situations and urinary infections affecting her health to a great extent. Moreover, the ladies toilets being on the second floor of the community toilet block made it very inconvenient for elderly women and expecting ladies to reach there. Owing to all such problems, her mother-in-law was unwilling to send her for delivery to her parent's house, thus she put a condition wherein she would allow Prutikrusha to move to her parental abode only if they built a household toilet.

Manda was in a constant dilemma whether to bring her daughter home or regret her poor financial condition. Luckily enough, around the same time Manda came across Shelter Associates representatives who were surveying in the same settlement. She learnt about the 'One Home One Toilet' initiative and without wasting further time, contacted Shelter Associates to avail the benefit. After fulfilling the basic formalities, Manda got the toilet construction materials and within five days, the toilet was built and was ready to be used.



Toilet facilitated by SA

The positive result was that Prutikrusha came to stay at her mother's place and her pregnancy days went by very peacefully and in a few months, she delivered a baby girl. Her happiness was doubled, and for that, she was very grateful to Shelter Associates who had been instrumental in facilitating a good life at the time of need.

Manda now inspires others and makes them understanding the need for proper sanitation, especially highlighting her ability to attain it where it needed the most.

**"Happiness is not something readymade.
It comes from your own actions"
...Dalai Lama**

