



Embracing a Safe & Struggle-free life

Ashadevi Premnath Yadav, aged 38 years, a resident of one of the remote villages of Uttar Pradesh got married at the age of 18 and stayed in Mumbai with her husband who worked as a security guard. The situation at her husband's place was very different compared to her hometown as she was not used to staying in confined spaces which is very common in a city like Mumbai. She stayed at a small hut in the city. The culture at the urban area where she resided was totally unknown to her. She never stepped out from her home to buy groceries or other things of day today use. Her husband used to get all the necessary items at home.

The only place she had to go out was the Community Toilet Block. Having two daughters and one son, life was getting difficult for Ashadevi. She faced a lot on inconvenience while maintaining a safe hygiene for herself and her children.

But one unfortunate day, her husband passed away due to a heart attack. The untimely death of her husband was a sudden shock to her. Being a woman who rarely got out of the house and was only doing domestic chores had to now take the entire responsibility of the house and her children. Even after years of settling in a new place, she never got the opportunity to face the city. Ashadevi had to start her life in a new way. She started working as a domestic worker with the help of her neighbour friends who were also in the same occupation.

It's been three years now after her husband passed away. Ashadevi struggled a lot and has successfully taken full responsibility of the house along with pursuing her children's education.

Being a single mother and the only care taker in the family, she was more worried for her daughters who were at a growing age. With molestation cases prevailing in the community, she was going through constant worry for the safety of her daughters who visiting the community toilet during day and even at night time. The surrounding area of the community toilet wasn't safe for girls to go alone at odd hours.

The day when Shelter Associates conducted a corner meeting in her vicinity and shared the concept of One Home One Toilet, Ashadevi got to know about the toilet construction materials given to households free of cost. She

hurried to the SA representatives and shared her willingness to avail the benefit immediately. She managed to bear the cost for the toilet construction and within 15 days her toilet was ready to use. She thanked Shelter Associates representative and said...



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"I will be indebted to you for my entire life. What more can I ask than the safety for my daughters. Our toilet has given us a sense of dignity and empowerment for my family."

