



# One Home One Toilet



*Sainathwadi slum is a dense settlement in Navi Mumbai. A lot of people here were initially repulsed to the idea of having a toilet in their house. However, with the help of SA and various governing bodies, they have opened their minds to having their own toilet.*

*Sainathwadi is a slum located on the main road. It is on a slight slope terrain and has a population of 5,375 people in 1,075 houses. The Municipal Corporation has helped in laying extensive sewage network in this area. Here is one such case story from the settlement.*

## SAINATHWADI

SLUM AREA:- 38,262 sq. m

C.T.B SEAT TO PERSON RATIO: 1:83

NO OF C.T.B- 3

House No. 535

Name - Ramahar Bhaluram Kanojia

Wife's Name - Ramratri Kanojia

Daughter's name - Lakshmi Kanojia

This family of 3 comprised of an adolescent daughter who is 13 years old. Ramahar Bhaluram collects laundry from door to door and irons it at his house, his wife also helps him in this business.



Fig 1. Sainathwadi plan.



Fig 2. House 535, located in Sainathwadi

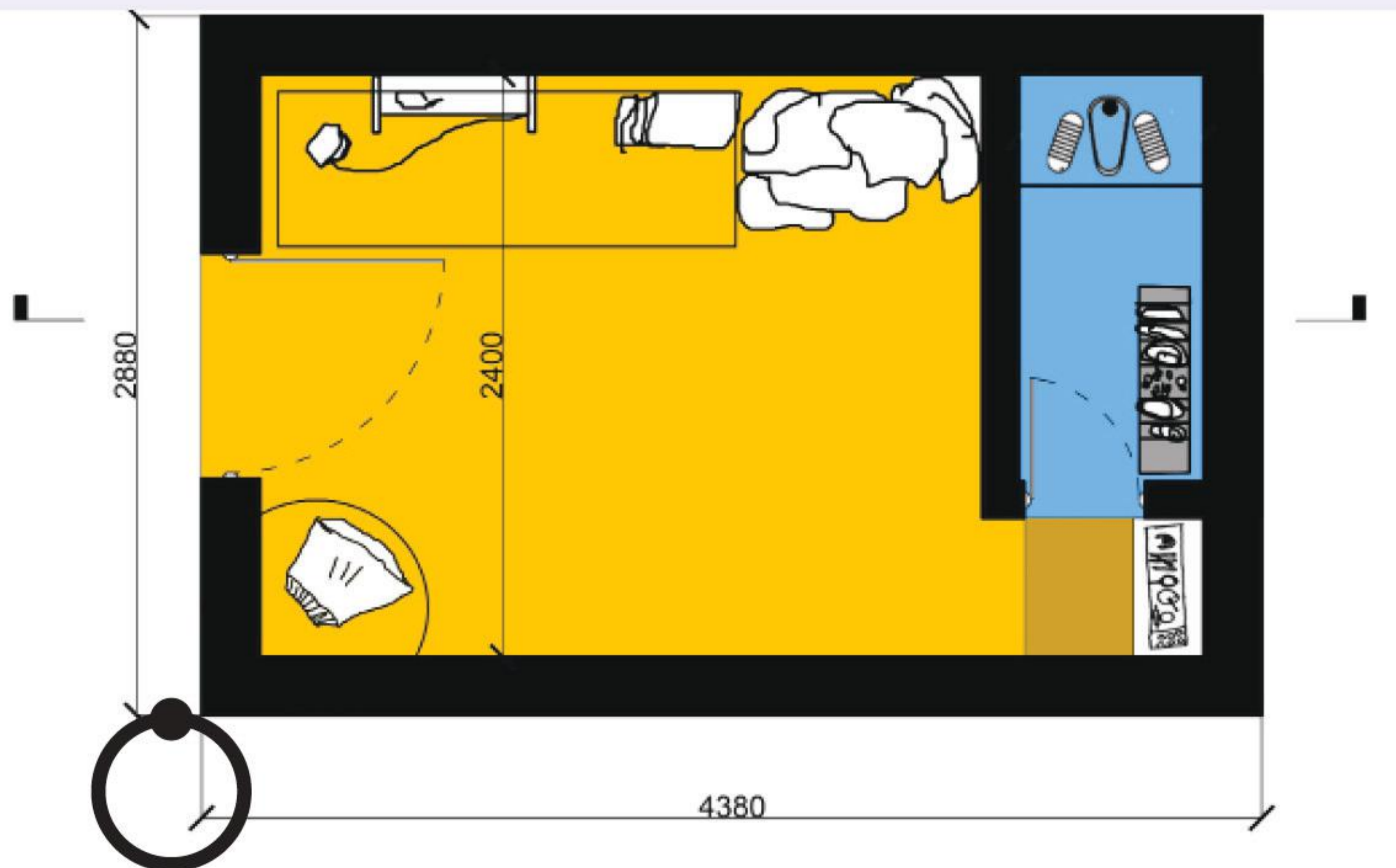


Fig 3. Plan (not to scale, dimensions in mm)



Fig 4. Section of fig 3. (not to scale, dimensions in mm)

Earlier they used to stay in a village in Lucknow, where Ramahar's wife had undergone a miscarriage and was finding it difficult to use the Community Toilet Blocks(C.T.B's). Since then, they moved to Mumbai where Ramahar's father was also doing laundry work and joined him.

In search for a new beginning, the couple moved to Sainathwadi and were blessed with a baby girl. There are C.T.B's in Sainathwadi however, it was found to be unsafe for women to go alone. At the time they had moved in, their shop was inside the house and hence, it was difficult to handle customers at times. Especially, when either one of the woman wanted to go to the bathroom. There were also times when the daughter had to go to the toilet and since the route to the C.T.B was very unsafe, she had to be accompanied by her mother or father. When S.A. came to their house with the "One Home One Toilet" Proposal, the family could not ignore the need for a toilet inside their house.

SANITATION



The wife and daughter convinced Ramahar to build the toilet even though their house is small in size (12.7 ft by 7.5 ft), which includes their ironing business. They managed to construct the toilet.

Since the toilet is small in size, they use the bathing area as a part of the kitchen to store the utensils. Due to this, they were more conscious of keeping the toilet neat and clean.

The girl on asking about using the community toilet she said, “kabhi kabhi main der se uthati hoon aur phir sarvajanik shauchaalay mein samay lagata hai aur phir mujhe school mein teacher chillaye jaati hai, ab main unse der se aane ka kaaran kaise bataoon?” which translates to “sometime I get up late and then it takes time in the community toilet and then I have to get shouted at by the teacher, now how do I tell her the reason that for being late?”

On asking her if her friends use the C.T.B, she said that they did use the C.T.B. although some of them have bigger homes. She is glad that they got the toilet with the help of S.A’s “One home, One toilet” model.

The houses in Sainathwadi get water from morning 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and then from 5 p.m to 9 p.m. Even though there are so many hurdles that the family had to face in terms of optimization of space, they prefer having a toilet in their house rather than depending on the Community Toilet Block.

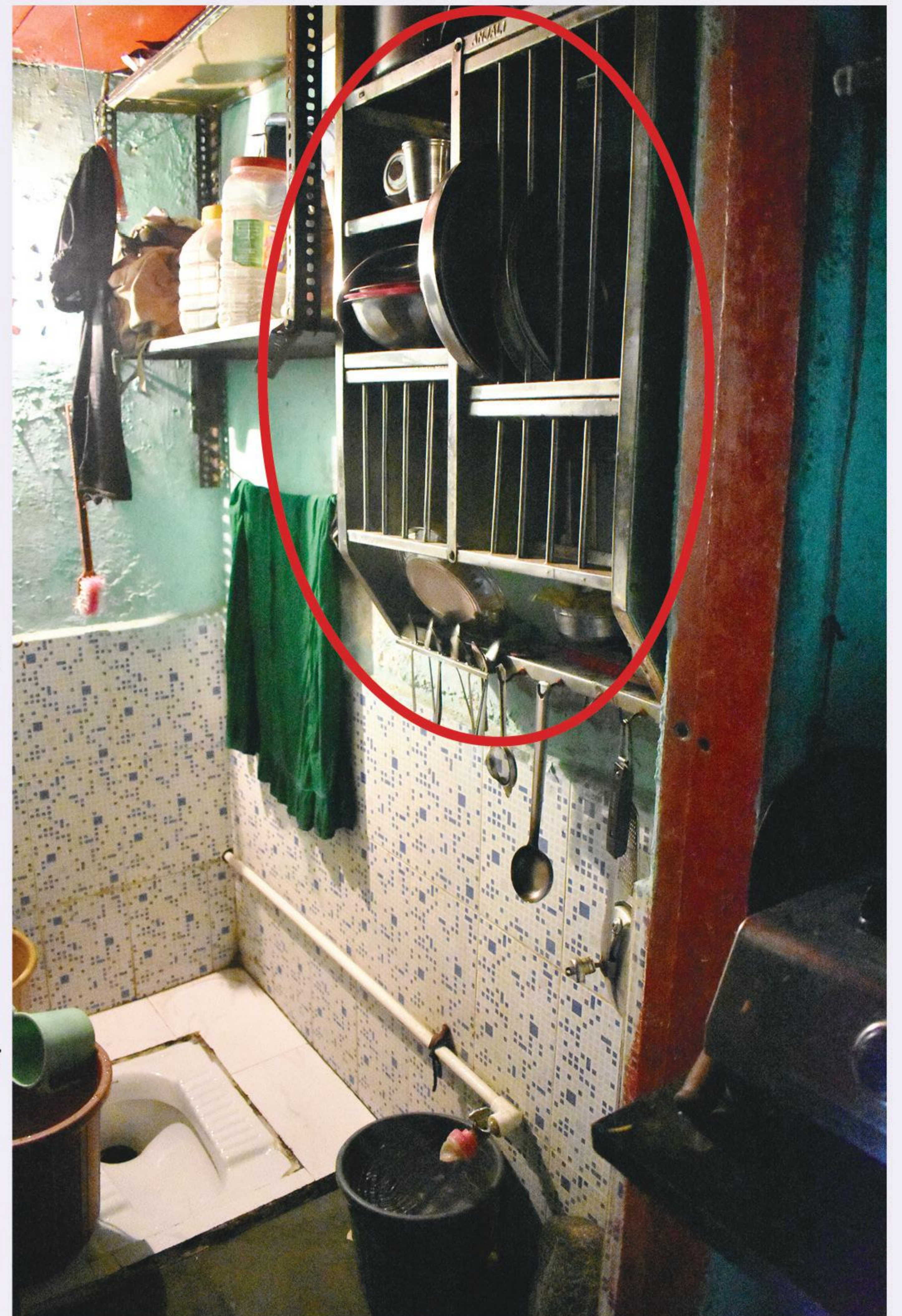


Fig 5. Image of the toilet where the utensils are stored



Fig 7. The street in front of the House of Ramahar Bhaluram



Fig 6. (Wife on the right) Ramratri Kanojia and Lakshmi Kanojia (Daughter on the left)