

BHANGYABHAI Mundrabhai Varli



DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI



Bhangyabhai Mundrabhai Varli hails from an extremely conservative tribe. As he was making a livelihood through farming on his ancestral land, he had given up on his dream of building a pucca house. He was illiterate and had no knowledge of any social welfare schemes of the government. Bhangyabhai doesn't keep well these days and stays at home. His son Dharmesh was employed in a private company and due to COVID-19 he lost his job. Currently he drives an auto for livelihood and takes care of his parents, wife and two children.

The area where Bhangyabhai lived was low lying and it would be inundated during the monsoons. Water logging in front of the house was a major problem. The kutcha house had only one room and it was difficult for the family to accommodate themselves in such a small space. When he became a grandparent, it was all the more difficult. A spacious house was the immediate need, but he had no money to construct a house.

In this regard, he would frequently visit the local leader to resolve the issue. During one such visit, he was told about the PMAY (U) scheme and how he was eligible to enroll himself to avail its benefits. He says that it was just like God himself has given the solution.

Bhangyabhai applied for the scheme without any delay. After some time, he was informed that his name is approved by the Government and some amount of money will be given to him to make a house. He soon began the construction of his house with the help of his son and local masons. He made it a point to raise the plinth level of the house during the construction to avoid the frequent water logging problem. Finally, they got a pucca house with two rooms, hall, a kitchen and toilet/bathroom. It brought peace to the family since they got a pucca house and no longer had to worry about space crunch and water logging.

A beaming Bhangyabhai says that now any guest would like to visit his home as it is clean and neat, this will apply to the God's above who will always reside in houses like this. He further says, "My grandchildren and their friends play around the house without any fear, now that I am getting old, I am happy that I have provided well for my family and they are in a better position to focus on other livelihood opportunities".