

MAHESHWARI Devi



UTTARAKHAND



For **Maheshwari Devi**, a resident of Augustmuni Panchayat in **Uttarakhand's** Rudraprayag district, everyday life was filled with anxiety on her family's safety and security until they moved into a PMAY (U) pucca house.

Along with her husband **Bhagwati Singh**, she runs a small bangle shop in the local market, earlier stayed in a temporary mud and stone house. This exposed them to threats of debris falling in the house, which is a common phenomenon in this Himalayan region. Their financial condition would make it unaffordable for them to make a permanent pucca house. However, hope floated in their lives after they were enrolled as beneficiary under the PMAY (U) Scheme.

With the assistance given under the Mission, they constructed two rooms, a small lobby, kitchen, and a bathroom. The house has electricity, water and a gas connection.

"The most important change that our lives have seen after moving into a new house is the enhanced social status. Everybody around compliments us for our newfound secured life. Even if we are late at work, we are reassured of our children's safety back home." says Maheshwari Devi. "We believe but for PMAY(U), it would have been very difficult for us to fulfil our dream of owning a pucca home", said her husband.