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## ***MARCH 2018 UPDATES: SEWA INTERNATIONAL'S TOILET AND HYGIENE PROJECT FOR A GIRL CHILD***

### ***i) Highlights of March 2018***

- Need analysis and Inauguration of Sewa toilet – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 15 Toilets installed @ Baluva village, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh
- New Toilet Model for Rural Areas.
- Local media Recognition and Nomination for Hindustan times award.

### ***ii) Needs Analysis and Inauguration of Sewa Toilet - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh***

Under the new program “Renovation of existing toilets” in Government schools we have shortlisted 24 schools in Lucknow. Out of these, toilets in some schools are non-functional and require substantial repair work, whereas others are semi-functional but with broken doors, walls and other issues, and will require comparatively less repair work. Data received from the schools indicate that the renovation work may range between 7000-25000 Rupees per renovation. The actuals may vary slightly when we get down to implementation.

We are very happy to announce that Basic Shiksha Adhikari (Basic Education Officer) of Lucknow, Shri Praveen Mani Tripathi himself inaugurated SEWA Toilet at Primary School, River Bank Colony, Daliganj, Lucknow (See Figure 1). He not only praised our contribution towards the welfare and wellbeing of the government schools but also promised to provide support for our initiatives. Inspired by our effort, he announced an aid of 70 thousand rupees to the school on this occasion. Magsaysay awardee and prominent Social worker Shri Sandeep Pandey ji was also present on this occasion.



**Figure 1:** Inauguration of Sewa toilet @ Primary School, River bank colony, Daliganj, Lucknow.

### ***Need Analysis in Slums***

Since last few months, we are exploring if we can improve the living conditions of poor, underprivileged people living in slums by providing them Sewa Toilets. We conducted Need analysis in some slum areas of Lucknow (see Figure 2). Table 1 Gives details of slum areas of Lucknow visited this month

**Table 1 :** Slum area of Lucknow that Sewa is working in,

<b>Name of the slum</b>	<b>No. of dwellings</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Status of toilets</b>
<b>Risaha Purwa</b>	50 converted to pukka houses	250	10% of the population has access to toilets
<b>Matiyari - 1</b>	280+	1500	No toilets
<b>Matiyari - 2</b>	650+	3500	No toilets
<b>Longa Kheda</b>	800 converted to pukka houses	8000+	30% of the population has access to toilets
<b>Gomti Kinare</b>	50+	220	No toilets



**Figure 2: Matiyari slum, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

Earlier, we had explored the localities where toilets are badly needed, namely Raheemnagar phase 1, 2 and 3 slum areas. We are submitting an application to Nagar Nigam (City Corporation) for permission to install Sewa toilets in these areas in the month of April.

### ***iii) 15 Toilets Installed @ Baluva village, Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh***

In our February 2018 report we had given the data on needs analysis conducted at Baluva village, Jaunpur District, Uttar Pradesh.





**Figure 3:** (left) Installed toilet @ Baluva. (Right) Villagers helping to dig the soak pits.

When Sewa Team visited Baluva village to conduct needs analysis we heard their grievances and decided to provide them toilets. Our field coordinator Jayanth Bhat stayed with one of the family in Baluva village to facilitate installation of 15 toilets. Jayanth had to get used to open defecation for initial two days. He started using local government school toilets before school opens for the day. He slept outside the house for 20 days as women of the family were sleeping inside. Big OM to Jayanth for enduring all the difficulties and successfully completing installation of 15 toilets.

#### ***iv) New toilet Model - RCC toilets for Rural India with low cost Bio Digesters***

As we are expanding our services we are learning from our experience and modifying our methods to address various issues and local needs of the schools, slums and villages. Currently, Sewa has two toilet models:

1. Portable toilets - stainless steel portable model: For schools and slums - As these properties are locally governed they are prone to change of location over a period of time.
2. RCC toilets - Brick and mortar model.

For Rural areas - As the villagers have permanent private properties, we have realized that RCC permanent model will be more apt to their needs.



**Figure 4: New Bio Toilet Model**

The new RCC model has a low-cost BIO Digesters instead of a general soak pits. The new Bio Toilet model (Figure 4) is being installed in the Chunar region, Uttar Pradesh. The two masons who will be building our bio toilets are trained by Delhi IIT to build low cost Bio toilets.

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***Durga Ben, 62, Baluva Village Jaunpur District, Uttar Pradesh.*** This village has not seen a toilet since our ancestors have moved and settled here. We don't have an open field that we can use for nature calls, we do it on our houses terrace before sunrise and we scoop it out then dump them outside the village.

*We take bath before entering the house. We come from a poor community and toilets are a luxury for us. Thank you Sewa International for traveling miles to help us, thank you for building community toilets. We don't have many words to express our gratitude. Our little girls don't have to go through what we have suffered for such a long time.*

### ***v). Local media Recognition and Nomination for Hindustan times awards***

Our work in Baluva Village was covered in two local newspapers - ***Dainik Jagaran*** and ***Amar Ujjala Hindi*** newspapers (see Figure 5). Sewa International was



appreciated for the efforts and our service to the underprivileged communities. Our Sewa Lucknow field coordinator Mrs. Monika Alok has been nominated under Social work category by local people for the *Hindustan Times HT woman 2018* contest (see Figure 5).



**Figure 5:** (Left) Our work mentioned in the social page of *Amar Ujjala*. (Right) *HT Woman 2018* Nomination categories where our Lucknow coordinator Ms. *Monika Alok* has been nominated for.

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