

# MUNGI Santhi



## ANDHRA PRADESH



**Mungi Santhi** (33) and her family are the role models in her community. At Nandigama Nagar Panchayat of Krishna District in **Andhra Pradesh**, the neighbours envy them for the phenomenal life transformation the family has gone through, courtesy a pucca house with the assistance of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U).

She and her husband were conventional rag pickers and the family's traditional livelihood was piggery. They earlier lived in a kutchra house which did not even have a toilet in it. With the meagre income, a pucca house seemed like a distant dream!

Helped by acquaintances, she got enrolled under PMAY (U) and that's was the beginning of the turnaround in their life.

Once they moved into a new and pucca house, their aspirations for a better life found a concrete base.

The family is now engaged in organised rag picking using a cycle cart.

“We have dropped piggery and our rag picking exercise is now more hygienic,” says Mungi Santhi. That was not the end of story. That was, instead, the beginning of a good life for them. “My husband has totally recovered from alcohol addiction and our livelihood has got better. My children are studying in a Government school,” she adds.

In the community, the family's life transformation is much talked about. “They enquire with us on how we managed to build a new house. They congratulate us for finding our dignity in life,” Mungi Santhi says.