

VITHAL BHASKAR CHAWL

A GRAPHIC NOVEL

#3 - THE RESIDENTS



PRADEEP GATHERS RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THE NEED TO REDEVELOP THE CHAWL.

FRIENDS... MEET JOSEPH. SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW HIM FROM BEFORE.

ISN'T HE THE ONE WHO HELPED BUILD THE MANDAP?

YES! THAT'S HIM.

HE BUILT IT?

YES OUR MANDAP WAS BUILT ON AN AREA ONCE USED AS A GARBAGE DUMP. IT WAS JOSEPH WHO CLEARED IT AND CONVERTED IT. SEE HOW CLEAN IT HAS BEEN SINCE THEN...?

I'VE TOLD HIM ABOUT OUR PLANS.... I'VE SHOWN HIM AROUND THE CHAWL. HE WANTS TO MEET ALL OF YOU...

HI FRIENDS... WAITING TO HEAR THE PROBLEMS YOU FACE LIVING HERE

THERE ARE SO MANY JOSEPH! WHERE DO WE BEGIN? THANKS TO ALL THE NEW BUILDINGS AROUND - LACK OF LIGHT AND VENTILATION ARE HUGE PROBLEMS NOW.

Not sufficient amount of light and ventilation in the chawl

DETERIORATING CONDITION OF THE CHAWL.....

THE TOILET SLABS HAVE DETERIORATED, DEVELOPING CRACKS EVERYWHERE. THERE IS SO MUCH LEAKAGE NOW.

THE STAIRCASE IS RICKETY. I'M SCARED TO WALK UP!.

THE I SECTIONS HAVE BEGUN RUSTING, WHAT IF IT CAUSES SERIOUS DAMAGE?

THE EXTERIOR OF OUR HOUSE HAS ALSO BEGUN SHOWING SIGNS OF CRACKS.

JOSEPH FIRST STARTED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE RESIDENTS OF VITHAL BHASKAR IN 2018. AT THE TIME, NOT ALL THEM WERE CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO REDEVELOP THE CHAWL. HE SPENT ALMOST TWO YEARS TRYING TO EXPLAIN ITS ADVANTAGES. IT WAS ONLY IN 2020 DID THE TIDE OF OPINION TURN...

OK.... I THINK IT'S TIME TO CALL THEM.

TO BE CONTINUED.....