

332 toilets built for tribals

Move will help lowering health issues: Collector

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PUNE: Providing sanitation facilities to tribal villages will help lowering health issues, said Dr Kailas Shinde, Collector of Palghar District. Finolex Industries and Mukul Madhav Foundation have built 332 toilets in Palghar.

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“A village like Mahabaleshwar tops as the cleanest village and at the same time, there are few villages in Maharashtra that do not even have toilets, which is a big contradiction. There are many government schemes but somehow some of them do not reach the tribal villages. Lack of toilet fa-

cilities lead to poor hygiene, especially amongst women, girls and children. In these circumstances, Finolex and Mukul Madhav Foundation have built 332 toilets. Their work is quite appreciable,” said Dr Kailas Shinde, Collector of Palghar District.

He was talking during the inauguration ceremony of toilets built by Finolex and Mukul Madhav Foundation in collaboration with Yuva Parivartan and other like-minded corporates. These toilets are designed in an eco-friendly manner. Each individual toilet is provided with solar light.

While talking about this venture, Managing Trustee of Mukul Madhav Foundation Ritu Chhabria said, “To benefit Adivasis, we have been working with

like-minded organisations. ZF Gears, Hinduja Leyland Finance have been helping a lot. We are trying to educate people against open defecation.”

Vice President of Finolex BR Mehta said, “Lack of hygiene causes many diseases, which results in economical and psychological challenges rural citizens have to face. In the sixth phase, 127 more toilets will be built, bringing the total to 459.”

Tahsildar Uddhav Kadam, Bablu Mogle, Mangesh Talekar, Prant officer Archana Kadam, Sarpanch Kanchan Sambhare, Talathi Shrikant Kumbhar, Police Patil Suresh Patil, Nikola Monterio, Bhagwan Kamble, Extension Officer Sandip Jadhav, Anil Patil were present on this occasion.