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## Song and dance as hamlet gets electricity

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**Mumbai:** Fifty-four tribal families in a small hamlet in Gorai were overjoyed as they got electricity at home on Friday after a wait of 70 years.

"We have been waiting for electricity to light up our homes for four generations. We will beat drums, play music and dance late in the evening," said Ishwar Kisan Nam, a resident. He was elated that his daughters will no longer have to study in poor visibility. His eldest daughter Anisha is in Class VII, while Nisha is in Class II.

Adani Electricity Mumbai Ltd, which was laying cables in Jhamjad Pada village in the Go-



**END OF 70-YEAR BATTLE**

rai region, completed electrification this week. The villagers came together on Friday to greet each other and celebrate when lights were switched on.

A resident said it will now be easy to step out of home, with homes lit up, and possibly have street lights in future. At present, they use torches and solar-powered lights for homes and to travel at night. The power supply will also enable them to have fans. While most inhabitants grow vegetables, some are into fishing and hunting crabs, which they sell in Gorai market.

Few residents will get TV sets for family members. "The next generation is studying and wants to make a mark for themselves. They will get exposed to the world outside through TV. They will be able to study well too," said Nam.

A senior Adani official said, "Seeing the faces of these villagers enliven as they saw their homes brightly lit up was an extremely satisfying experience."