

ADAMYA CHETANA PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF RAMATHIRTHA VILLAGE

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Ramateertha

- Ramathirha village is situated in belgaum distict in karnataka bordering the state of maharashtra. The recent monsoon rain has caused extensive damage and about 50 houses have collapsed.
- These houses were constructed using stone masonry as per the local practice and belong to landless poor people.
- Adamy chetana is undertaking reconstruction of the houses and rehabilitating them so that they live in the village with economic viability.





**Davalabi S Mirji's Residence,
Ramateertha**

LIVING STYLE OF THE PEOPLE

The landless labour class people whose houses are damaged, essentially do agricultural labour during monsoon and migrate to cities for employment in other times.

LOCATION AND HISTORY

Ramathirtha is a historic place located in belgam disrict. It is situated 120 kms from belgaum but closer to bijapur which is at a distance of 60 kms well connected by motorable good road. There is an 800 year old shiva temple. The terrain is hilly and must have been a part of rich western ghats which is now completely denuded. Till 40 years ago there used to be streams flowing even in summer. The villagers used to harvest twice a year. But due to continuous habitat destruction they are now harvesting only once. The land is still rich and fertile and the crops grown are sugarcane, paddy and termeric





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VITTHHAL TEMPLE

- **CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES**

On visiting the village our team has concluded that it will be better and economical to build around 50 houses will be built in an new area and 3 to 4 acres of land is to be purchased for this purpose.

- Each house will contain a living room, kitchen bath and a spacious courtyard. There will be sufficient community toilets both for ladies & Gents. There will be a community hall. There will be sufficient open space for further community requirements and development.



REHABILITATION OF PEOPLE

The poor people live in the village when agricultural labour is available and migrate to cities during other times. We can implement the following to avoid this migration.

1. To provide each family with a Cow/Buffalo. This will help them to generate additional income.
2. In a similar fashion to provide each family with two sheep.
3. Each house to be provided with a gober gas plant. By using the dung to generate gas(fuel) they can meet their fuel and lighting requirements. This will be a economic saving. They can also sell the residual dung as a fertilizer.

4. Each house to be provided with solar lighting.

5. Each occupant to be educated to have a kitchen garden preferably
creepers oriented for their captive consumption

6. Each occupant must be mandated to grow and maintain one cash
crop
tree like tamarrind,mango,neem etc

The implementation of the above schemes will generate sufficient
income for them not to migrate to towns when agricultural labour is
not available.

We also make this village fossil fuel and power free.

We will also make them comfortable with greenery since summer
will be very hot.



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WHAT HAS TO BE DONE IN THE VILLAGE AS A WHOLE?

The terrain is hilly and the villagers can revive the extinct streams by building earthen embankments through shramadan.

The ground water level will increase and they can go back to their age old lift irrigation.

In 5 to 10 years time they can harvest two crops which they were doing earlier.

The villagers should be motivated to grow cash crop trees bordering their lands. This will give them additional revenue, prevent soil erosion and will help in conserving our nature.

