

RACHAMMA



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Rachamma and her family lived in a kutchra house for 40 years in Chamarajanagar town of **Karnataka**. She works with her husband **Rachaiah** in the fields as daily wage labourers. The couple are parents to three children. To save on expenses, the family lived in a kutchra house. The house lacked basic amenities and made life difficult for them, especially during extreme weather conditions. The house was too small for the children to even continue with their studies. With the meagre income that Rachamma and Rachaiah earned, they could not even think of having an own house, which they always wanted to.

They had to carry out all household activities in that small house. The house had neither toilet nor water facilities. "The house lacked space. Our children were growing up and didn't get privacy. Our relatives looked down upon us," Rachamma, 60, recalls.

While Rachamma looked for options to build her own house, she learnt about PMAY(U) and soon applied for the Scheme. After she was selected as a beneficiary under PMAY(U) Scheme, Rachamma commenced the construction of her pucca house by demolishing the old kutchra house.

Today, Rachamma and her family are living happily in their own home which has all basic amenities like water supply, electricity and most importantly, a healthy environment.

Her children are now married and she is happy that she was able to provide a home to them and their families.

Rachamma says that she feels secured and safe with the social change happening in her life. She sincerely expresses her gratitude towards the Central and State Governments for fulfilling her long-cherished dream.