

A R Ragasree

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A R Ragasree, 46, is a resident of Varkala Municipality of Thiruvananthapuram district, **Kerala**. She is a widow and earns her livelihood as a daily wage worker. It was difficult for Ragasree to run her home and to fund the education of her two children. However, her life transformed after she joined Kudumbashree, a poverty eradication and women empowerment programme implemented by the Kerala Government.

Kudumbashree not only gave her a position in the society - she became the elected councillor of her ward - but also a secure and safe shelter. Ragasree and her kids lived in a kuccha house in deplorable condition. Through Kudumbashree, when she came to know more about the PMAY(U) Housing Scheme, she applied for the same and soon became a beneficiary. After constructing the house, Ragasree's daughter got married and her son continued with his higher education.

Ragasree is now living her life happily and peacefully in their house. Ragasree's dream of owning a home came true through the PMAY(U) Housing Scheme.