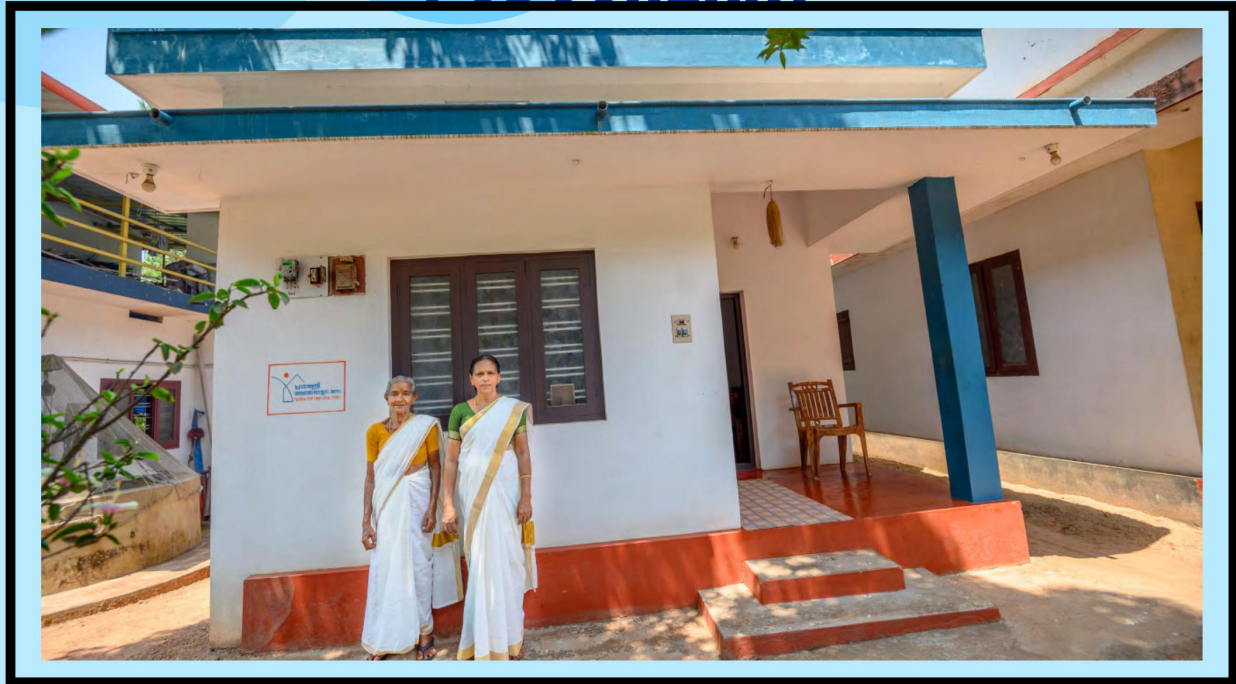


DEVAKI K



PUDUCHERRY



Devaki K, a 80-year-old single parent, had been living in a dilapidated house in **Puducherry's** Mahe. As a mother of a teenage girl, it was her dream to make her own pucca house. Her deteriorating age made things worse for her. She would be worried for a better future for her only daughter. But Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) [PMAY(U)] came as a ray of hope in her life.

Once Devaki came to know about the Scheme, she applied for it. Eventually, she received her instalments under PMAY(U) and soon, with the funds, Devaki's house was constructed. She and her daughter spent their life savings in making their house with the help of government aid.

Devaki recalls how her daughter, as a child, would talk about choosing colours for her home. "PMAY(U) has brought colours of hope and aspirations in our lives," she says. Devaki K now feels safe for her daughter's future.

Their old house did not have proper facilities. The pucca house is the greatest achievement in her life and she is thankful to God and Hon'ble Prime Minister.

Even at this age, she is supporting her family by earning money as a daily wage earner.