

"Raani wants a clean and hygienic surrounding with more opportunities for social interaction and wish to have affordable electricity" "OUR SOLUTION SHOULD PROVIDE RAANI WITH AFFORDABLE ELECTRICITY WHICH ALSO FACILITIATES IMPROVED SOCIAL INTERACTIONS AND CLEAN, HYGIENIC SURROUNDINGS"



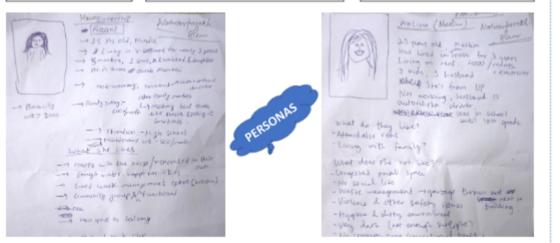
Raani used to live in an informal settlement (slum). Picture Source: draindia.com



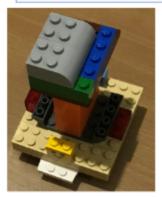
Raani moved to the Pragati Apartments built by L&T 2,5 years ago. Picture: Ms. Sochie Yoshizumi (22.08.2019)



Will Raani's building be properly maintained or end up as a vertical slum in ten years? Picture: Ms. Sachie Yoshizumi (27.08.2019)



Solution: Integrated Solar Energy and Rain Water Harvesting Systems



The first solution was a self sustaining SRA building which can generate its own electricity and harvest rain water for maintaining the building.



As a validation exercise, we visited various locations to observe the surroundings and interview residents. Based on their feedback, we refined our solution.

In the refined solution, residents export the solar energy to the grid and some advertisement spots are identified in the high rise part of the building. These bring the society a revenue that could cover the operations and maintenance of the building.



Additionally, as a recommendation for implementing the solution, the residents (especially women) are trained on the various conservation and health benefits, which indirectly increase community forming and social interaction. This would hopefully also lead to motivating residents to take ownership of maintaining their surroundings and building.

