

Prarambha is a charitable trust that was registered in 1985. It works with vulnerable communities such as Devadasis, Children With Disabilities, People with Spinal Cord Injuries & Stroke, Undertrials and Climate-vulnerable farming communities, both dryland and canal-irrigated.

Prarambha has a significant investment in helping Rural Labourers and Small & Marginal farmers benefit from MGNREGA, both as food security and as a resource to reduce climate-vulnerability through Trench-cum-Bunds that harvest and convert rainwater into sub-surface interflows, contribute to stronger field bunds, and provide the volumetric space for in-situ composting of crop residues and leaf litter. The TcB as a simple technology has led to Raichur topping the list of most MGNREGA labourers in multiple years.

Prarambha also uses MGNREGA to help communities develop and protect their Commons, with over 60,000 acres of lands being entered into Gram Panchayat Asset Registers.

Prarambha is also the Secretariat for the Janara Network, a platform of CBOs promoted in the Raichur and Koppal districts of North Karnataka.

Prarambha has a strategic partnership with IFMR-Well Labs, India, which adds a critical research and policy dimension to its work, especially with farming communities.

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Vision

To support and assist vulnerable people and communities to cope with and overcome their vulnerabilities.

Mission

To undertake interventions and collaborations that address specific vulnerabilities in defined periods of time.

Operational Area

Prarambha is based out of Bengaluru.

- Its interventions with Devadasis are based out of Koppal district. The Devadasi Collective that it has assisted here is committed to reaching Devadasis across Karnataka.
- Its interventions with Climate-vulnerable communities is focused on Raichur and Koppal districts. This is expanding to also cover PWDs and related stakeholders in this region. Its ambition is to grow this work to cover all the 7 districts of Kalyana Karnataka.
- Prarambha's activities with Undertrials focuses on Bengaluru.

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