

# **Sustainable Consumption Cultures, Practices & Lifestyles in India**

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# About the Project

## Objectives

1. To retain and regain the traditional and cultural practices in relation to Sustainable consumption cultures practiced in India, since ages and establish a clear context of their use in urban modern day settings.
2. To put these practices on a global platform for wider outreach and dissemination to suggests ways and ideas to the World to turn to a Sustainable Lifestyle.

# Scope of Project

1. Traditional practices and its potential being developed and integrated in a modern day society contributing towards enhancing **Gender Equality, community development, democratic rights etc.**
2. **Successful Business cases** based on traditional and indigenous knowledge to leverage people out of poverty.
3. **Air Cooling-** How traditional practice of using conventional air coolers could be developed for use in Urban India.

# **CASE STUDIES**

# Sustainable Habitats

*“Are we actually becoming ‘good at cities’ in a way we weren’t hundreds of years ago?” -Ben Hammersley*



*Bamboo House in Agartala, Tripura*



*Deeg Palace/Jal Mahal, Bharatpur, Rajasthan*



*Mud and Bamboo Hut, Guwahati, Assam*



*Bada Imambara, Lucknow, UP*

# 1. Sustainable MUD Marvels



- *Inspired by Spiritual values of Buddhism.*
- Adobe construction-Use of Mud Bricks(80:20)
- Recycled wood from old buildings
- Energy efficient and low-cost buildings
- Done more than 150,000 buildings and half a million mass dwelling units, all using sustainable technologies.

- Built: 1996
- Cost: INR 400,000
- Cob technique
- Build entirely with **clay rich mud** that was procured locally and then stabilised with 5 percent cement content.
- Buildings as 'Raw material depots'
- Zero maintenance cost.



# 2. Alternatives to AC-Air Coolers to Hybrid Chillers



1. 1772  
Manually  
Operated Air-  
cooler in  
Deeg Palace.

2. Iron Air-  
Coolers from  
Jodhpur



3. Wooden Air  
Coolers from  
Up cycled  
Pine wood in  
Bhilwara.



# Vaayu Hybrid Chillers

	<b>AC</b>	<b>Vaayu</b>
Machine	6 Ton	Vaayu MIG 24
Power Input	6,000W	800W
Power Consumption	18,00,000W	2,40,000 W
Units Consumed/Month	1800	240
Savings Against AC		87%



# 3. Mitticool- Mud Products

- ❖ Made by community manufacturing clay products traditionally.
- ❖ Current Workforce: 100+
- ❖ Innovative Products: Clay Refrigerator and Clay Water Filters.
- ❖ Working Principle: Evaporative Cooling
- ❖ Clay water filters are in great demand in Nairobi, Kenya etc.



# MittiCool Clay Refrigerators



**1. Clay Refrigerators (50 Litres)**



**2. Clay Refrigerator(120Litres )**



**3. Clay Water Filter**

# 4. Ananafit: Circular Fashion



- Pure Banana & Herbal Fabrics
- Eco-friendly
- Completely biodegradable and naturally occurring.
- Mixed variety with cotton & Silk
- Denims & Coconut shell button.
- Livelihood to rural poor
- 10 years of Research & Trials
- Value added products from agricultural waste, would enhance the profitability of banana farming
- Limca book of World Records

# 5. Challenging Disposables: Areca Leaf Sheath Cutlery

## Process

1. Raw Areca leaves collected from plantations
2. Washed and dried.
3. Shaped and Pressed using Machinery
4. Final Product



# ARECA Cutlery- Benefits

- Natural and Renewable
- Biodegradable
- Eco-Friendly
- Strong
- Hygienic
- Light Weight
- Leak Proof
- Microwave Safe
- No Trees are cut down



# 6. Compostable and Low Cost Sanitary Napkins

- Community Owned model
- Benefits around Health, Education and Women Empowerment.

## Anandi Pads:

- Affordable.
- SAP free.
- Fully Compostable
- No side effects.



# Compostable Sanitary Napkins



*Women working at Jayshree Training Centre, Coimbatore*



*Women manufacturing Sanitary Napkins at Kanika, Thrissur*



*Compostable Sanitary Napkins by Aakar Innovations in Dharavi, Mumbai*



*Women training centre by Aakar in Ulwe, Navi Mumbai*

# 7. Alternative to Timber Bamboo



*Village dedicated to Basketry in Tripura*

# Alternative to Timber: Bamboo



- Renewable: Bamboo matures in 4-5 years.
- Natural and biodegradable
- Affordable
- As strong and durable as timber if properly maintained.



# 8. Coir: A Natural Polymer

- Coconut Tree- Kalpavriksh/All giving tree/Tree of Life
- Natural, biodegradable and environment friendly fiber.
- Highest concentrations of lignin, a natural polymer.
- Largest Cottage Industry in Kerala
- Employment to over a million people.
- Geotextiles, floor coverings, door mats, furniture padding, handicrafts, brushes, ropes, coir pith organic manure and as filling for mattresses.

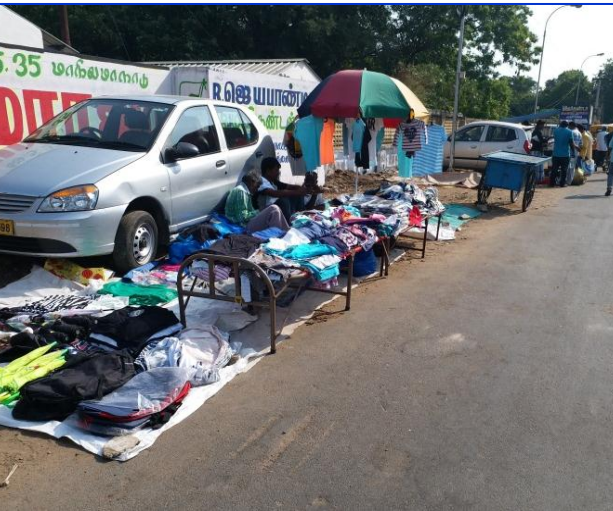


# 9. Sharing Economy



1. Thuli Store in Chennai-Shopping with Dignity

2. Friday Market in Chennai since 1800s



# Sharing Economy



3. Weeding Bells , Delhi

4. Johri Bazar, Jaipur renting business since last 50 years.



**Thank You!!**