

Farm Ponds in Punganur

Ten Farm Ponds were planned in Punganur Mandal in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. Of these five ponds were planned in Alajaneru village and five in Aradigunta village. All the ten ponds have been completed in Mar 2009. Each Farm Pond had three components viz., earth work excavation, inlet and outlet construction. These farm ponds have helped stabilise the livelihoods of the farmers dependent on agriculture by providing irrigation to when there is delays, deficit in rainfall during the cropping season. It also provides supplementary irrigation to take additional short duration crops or vegetables during the off season. It provides water for livestock in the summer which is another important source of income for the farmers. These farm ponds are serving as demonstration for other farmers to take up similar initiatives in their land and to improve their livelihoods.

Budget in Rs.

Contribution	Planned	Actual
Community	1,00,000	1,20,895
Alumni	2,00,000	2,00,000
Total	3,00,000	3,20,895

Pan-IIT Alumni Contribution

Jayaraman Balasubramanian (USA)	1,05,500
Rajesh Rao & Brothers (India)	84,500
Shiwam Sinha (India)	10,000
Total	2,00,000

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