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BANGALORE: Ramakrishnananda Puri of the Mata Amritanandamayi Mutt on Monday announced that Mata Amritanandamayi would hand over the keys of the newly-constructed houses for flood victims of North Karnataka, during her visit to the city on February 17 and 18. She would also meet her devotees during the visit.

Amrutagitananda Puri of the Mutt said that it had been involved in various such relief and rehabilitation activities not just in India but also in foreign countries.

Referring to the floods of 2009 that rendered many people in the state homeless, he said that they were rehabilitating four hamlets in Raichur district by constructing 700 houses.

"The first phase of 100 houses is completed and the houses will be given out when Amma is in the city. The other houses will be complete before the start of the rainy season," Puri said. The 100 houses were completed in 20 days and for the construction, help had been sought from leading architects and engineers, he said.

The houses are in Dongramapur and Atkur villages bordering Andhra Pradesh.

He said that the houses for the flood victims, which measure 250 square feet each, were built at a cost of Rs 1.45 lakh each and the entire project was estimated to cost Rs 10 crore.

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