

## What does my contribution cover?



Thank you for your contribution to Ganges Nirvana Community.  
We believe it is important for you to know that the money exchange between you and the community is not a *charge*, but rather that it covers your costs while you are here.

### Summary

- Each person costs approximately 58 Rs. per day, plus an initial 30 Rs. for a clean bedsheet, plus a mattress fee of 50 Rs. per day.
- Food cost is 150 Rs. per day
- Even if you aren't sharing meals with us, consider that your contribution is helping to provide a better space for yourself now, and for those who will come after you.
- Eventually, the community can become self-sustainable with a venture like an 'invite only' café, or community hostel. At that time, the daily cost could be as low as 0 Rs. per person who puts in the work.

### Costs while you are here:

[These prices are estimates and if possible based on a reference value]

[We've assumed a presence of 8 people at a time. Sometimes there are less

People and cost increases]

- Electricity (fans, lights, kitchen appliances, water pump) → 18 Rs. per day
- Kitchen gas for cooking → 5 Rs. per day
- Cooking oil and spices → 4 Rs. per day
- WiFi → 5 Rs. per day
- Filtered water → 6 Rs. per day
- Cleaning agents (brooms, dust pans, garbage bags, hand soaps, floor cleaning, mop, scrub brushes, sponges, dish soap bars, shower wipers) → 10 Rs. per day
- Paint and supplies (consider that this is for the betterment of the community, whether you like the art or not) → 8 Rs. per day
- Tools (hammer, saw, chipper, ropes, etc.) → 2 Rs. per day
- Maintenance of equipment (fans, lights, furniture, etc.) → 0 Rs. per day
- Maintenance of building (masonry work, leaking tank) → 0 Rs. per day

### Total estimated for daily use items:

→ 58 Rs. per day (not including maintenance)

**Sample Item Costs** (used for calculating the daily living costs)

Item	Cost per unit (Rs.)	# of units per month	Timeframe
Electricity	4250	1	August 2017 (whole building)
Kitchen Gas	800	1.5	15-20 days / tank
Cooking oil	100	4	4 L / month
Cooking spices	500	1	month
WiFi	1200	1	month
Filtered Water	25	60	2 per day average over year
<b>Cleaning Agents (daily use)</b>			
+ Brooms	50		per broom → several months
+ dust pan	30		per pan → several months
+ garbage bags	120	3	80 bags per bundle, 3 bundles per month
+ floor cleaning agent	210	1	5L / bottle → 1 bottle per month
+ hand soap	280	1	5 L / month
+ mop	180	0.5	per piece / 1 for 2 months
+ scrub brush	30	0.5	per piece / 1 for 2 months
+ sponges	20	4	per piece / 4 per month
+ dish soap bar	20	8	per bar / 8 per month
+ wipers / squeejie	180	0.5	per piece / 1 for 2 months
+ Harpick (blue general purpose cleaner)	550	2	5 L / bottle
Laundry service for bed linens	30	75	per bedsheet / 18 bedsheets / 100 days 250 people
Paint and supplies	2000	1	estimate per month
Tools	500	1	estimate 6000 in a year