

Apartment? Why not a Villament?

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In a city of high-rise apartments, you can still live in a villa-like structure with some private space, thanks to 'villaments' coming up.

Villament—a hybrid between an apartment and a villa—is the perfect solution for those who want to live in style with a private garden within city limits, says Bhaskar T Nagendrappa, executive director of Habitat Crest. "Villaments combine the best attributes of apartments and villas, similar to the one we are building," he says.

According to Nagendrappa, this is a first-of-its-kind project, "considering that no other builder has consciously made an effort to give equal important to free space as the building area itself."

Builders are making a conscious effort to make the community pollution-free. "There is no surface vehicular movement at all, which reduces air pollution drastically," he says.

Villaments give the owners a sense of privacy while living in a community of about 150 homes that consist of 30 penthouses.

"It creates a micro community within a larger community. There is enough space for you to be free, at

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the same time ensuring that you are not isolated or secluded," he says.

Within the larger community, there are club houses, service yards, activity centres and even an amphitheatre and a swimming pool.

"We've divided the space into activity area including the various courts for games and the quiet zone with a one-acre green space... for those who want to jog. The space is so designed that it is friendly for people of all age groups," he says.

The community at Habitat Crest will have 30 towers and each tower will have a maximum of two duplexes and penthouse. Each house will also have private garden in an area ranging from 600 sq feet to about 1,250 sq feet. The size of the duplexes range from 2,850 sq feet to 3,350 sq feet, in a land tract of about 5 acres, located at Whitefield.

These homes are priced between Rs1.5 crore and Rs2 crore.