

# Hariappa Naika, Bhrana Bail-Karpe feels proud of his efforts of making his well productive



Hariappa Naika (62yrs), resident of Bhrana Bail, Karpe learnt agricultural skills at his early age and his childhood passed rearing cows and buffaloes of his land lord's house. Later he went to Mumbai and worked there for 10 years. In 1986 he married to Sharada. By the time of marriage, his family got the land rights and became his family property. He was doing cooly work. Later his father orally divided the property among his children and Hariappa Naika got 0.5 acre land in his name.

When asked to share his experience he said 'I have planted 30 areca plants and 3 coconut plants. I dug an open well which was 15 feet deep. As days passed it started caving in and I could not complete construction of protective wall due to paucity of funds. It was lying as it is for more than 22 years. There is a gully besides my well and dirt, filth is falling into the well. For cultivation of paddy I purchased a tiller 9 years back. It helped us a lot. My son is working on the tiller. We have 3 children-two daughters and a son. One daughter is married and another is working in a Xerox shop whereas the son works as daily wage earner. This year I completed the well work. I repaired, built side wall, deepened and removed all debris from the well. Now the water is clean and I can use it for domestic as well for agriculture purposes. I wish to use the water for my garden plants'. Hariappa feels proud that he has done a great job of protecting the well.

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