



Sharing a Knowledge Through Community Participation

Healthy lakes and their shores not only provide us with a number of environmental benefits, but they influence our quality of life and they strengthen our economy. From last three years MANUVIKASA and HDB financial services Ltd, jointly working rejuvenating the lakes in Uttar Kannada, Haveri, Dharwad, Shivamogga Districts. To strengthen farmers confidence in the rural sector. MANUVIKASA is proactively working towards reducing poverty and promoting the economic development of the farming community in the natural water resource sector.

Kanakattekere - Andagi village of Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District

When MANUVIKASA team visited the Andagi village of Sirsi Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, the Kanakattekere was located survey no-154 and total area of 5 acres and it was dry and fill with the silt. The lake never underwent either partial de-siltation or a complete rejuvenation in a last few decades.

Mr.Chandrakant Naik further explains, prior to rejuvenation the lake was used only to dump garbage in the summer season. In the rainy season the lake was full with the flood water and it's no use for farmers.

With the help of Grama Panchyat, MANUVIKASA conducted Grama Sabha Meetings and convinced the village community regarding the importance of rejuvenation of the local lake. One of the main conditions was that 'MANUVIKASA would take care of lake rejuvenation,

whereas the silt and waste soil should be taken by the farmers' community, depending on their needs. Accordingly, systematic documentation and obtaining approval by the local authority was also completed. Terms and condictions were also discussed. After the acceptance by the farmers community to this, lake development work began.



38 farmers came front line to utilize the project. They have given 10-15 tractors voluntarily to shift the silt and they have used that silt to their farm. They have shifted more then 40-45 hectors of land.

As a result they are getting good yield in this year. They have taken Paddy,

Sugarcane, Areca nut, Banana, Groundnuts. Earlier they harvest one or two crops and the income is too low to run the family.

Because of the availability of water in the lake, the groundwater recharge is better than the past years. They are also starting used the water in summer season to maintain the animal husbandry. The lake is full now and benefitting the village for many agriculture activity

Mr. Timmappa a farmer happily shares that “Earlier we go and search for drinking water for 1-2 kilometres in the summer season. In my family, my wife and daughter are very upset for this issues, after the rejuvenation of the lake our families are safe and we are getting the good amount of drinking water in the open wells as well as bore wells and we are getting good amount of yield also”

Families of Andagi village are happy. Now 200/21/00 acres of land benefitted and 8.37 additional water storage in Mn litres. Now they are using their national resources to build their agriculture and genuinely express their gratitude to MANUVIKASA for giving an opportunity to build the community confidence. And sustain the livelihood.
