



A Journey Towards Cleanliness and Assured Water; **Binkadakatti Emerges as a Model Village**

Located in Gadag district, Binkadakatti Gram Panchayat includes the villages of Binkadakatti and Hirehandigola. In earlier times, these villages lacked basic facilities. Access to clean drinking water was limited, roads were in poor condition and sanitation was a major concern. However, the situation has changed significantly in recent years. Through the dedicated efforts of the Gram Panchayat members, cooperation of educated villagers and effective implementation of government schemes through the department, the Gram Panchayat has now emerged as a model village.

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Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, implemented with the objective of providing safe drinking water to every rural household, Functional Household Tap Connections (FHTC) have been provided to all houses in the villages. As a result, clean drinking water now reaches every household. Water storage tanks have been constructed for both villages, completely addressing the issue of water scarcity within the Gram Panchayat limits. The availability of water at the doorstep has reduced the burden on women and brought visible relief to households. At present, volumetric billing is being implemented on an experimental basis for three months in the first phase. This initiative aims to encourage responsible water use while ensuring sustainability and community welfare.





Open Defecation-Free Village, 'Honorary Unit' for Women

Under the Swachh Gram Abhiyan, toilets have been constructed in every household, making the villages Open Defecation-Free (ODF). In addition, a separate community toilet (Honorary Unit) has been constructed for women, ensuring safety, hygiene, and dignity. Women's Self-Help Groups are actively involved in the collection and segregation of solid waste. Along with this, Wet waste management through compost units has been effectively implemented, serving as an example of sustainable waste management practices.

Greening Initiatives and Rainwater Harvesting

Thousands of saplings have been planted along roadsides, school premises and burial grounds across the Panchayat area, transforming barren land into green spaces. Rainwater harvesting systems have been installed in government buildings to conserve rainwater that was previously wasted. These initiatives prioritise water conservation with a long-term vision for the future. Additionally, villagers have been made aware of the harmful effects of plastic usage and public awareness campaigns have been conducted to support the plastic ban.

When people respect the environment, nature responds positively. A green and clean environment, toilets in every household, community sanitation facilities, well-maintained streets and an assured drinking water supply are the key characteristics of a model village. Binkadakatti Gram Panchayat reflects all these features. As a result, the health and living standards of the villagers have improved. Women and children are able to utilise their time for education and livelihood activities. Gradually, productivity is increasing, and the villages are progressing towards economic self-sufficiency and sustainable rural development.

