

Smt. Anjanamma tending mango plants in AHF plot, Hunjanalu (Sira)



User Contribution

in TBF: A major feature of the TBF is the user contribution in implementation of the programme to inculcate a feeling of ownership by the farmers. This ranges from 62 % in case of trenching to 20 % in case of cost of forestry seedlings and grafted horticultural seedlings (State Government provides free seedlings to farmers). The details for different models are indicated below:

Model	Total Cost per acre (Rs.)	User Contribution (Rs.)			
		Cash	Labour	Total	% age
AHF	7321	1831	813	2644	36.1
AF	4501	1211	533	1744	38.8
FF	4371	821	813	1634	37.4
Farm pond	4312	0	1210	1210	28.0



Farm pond of Jayaram, Chickhedigehalli (Gubbi)

The project has been able to raise the following amounts as the user contribution in respect of TBF implemented during 2004.

Cluster	No. of farmers who have taken up TBF	Total User Contribution to be recovered (Rs.)	User contribution recovered till end of September, 04 (Rs.)
Koratagere	101	24213	15899
Madhugiri	130	15789	37529
Sira	199	72452	47247
Gubbi	125	61212	37810
Tumkur	162	62080	46781
Total	717	235746	185266



A proud Suresh in his Farm Forestry plot of, 2003, Kabbigere (Koratagere)

Hasiru Habba (Green Festival):

Hasiru habba was observed at Kabbigere in Koratagere cluster on 8th October, 2004. This is a festival when villagers tie a green thread on the wrist and take a pledge to plant trees and protect environment. Mass plantation is also conducted on that day. Shri. Chiranjiv Singh, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka, inaugurated the festival by planting a neem (Azadirachta indica) sapling in the premises of the gasifier plant at Kabbigere. On this occasion, a padayatra (procession) was taken out by more than 800 villagers to spread the message of planting trees and protecting green cover. Performance of traditional folk dances such as "Somana Kunita" and "Kolata" by villagers added pomp and gaiety to the occasion. Shri. S.C.Khuntia, Project Coordinator, Shri. L.K. Atheeq, Director, Jala Nirmla Yojane (Rural Drinking Water Project), Shri. M.B.Dyaberi, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur, Shri. K.S.Ningappa, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Tumkur and Dr. G.N.S.Reddy, Vice-president, BAIF attended the programme. Thereafter, the Development Commissioner inspected various activities in the project area and interacted with the villagers. During 2003, a total of 87,000 seedlings were planted by farmers on farm lands in Koratagere cluster. Of these, 48,000 seedlings were planted on a single day on 4th August, 2003, the day of Hasiru Habba. During the current year, action was taken to get the planting done as per the progress of monsoon. A total of 5.01 lakh seedlings have been planted by 717 farmers on farm lands across the entire project area during 2004 rains, till the end of September, 2004.



Shri. Chiranjiv Singh, Development commissioner, GOK, plants a neem sapling Kabbigere (Koratagere)