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## JALODAY; BOON FOR RESIDENTS

Kumar Elixir Society in Baner has their separate water harvesting project which helps them treat and store lakhs of litres of water in bore wells.

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Many societies in Baner and Balewadi grapple with water shortage and continue to call water tankers even after an adequate rainfall recorded. The residents of Kumar Elixir Society in Baner have learnt to face situations with appropriate solutions. This society has a water harvesting project which helps them live comfortably when others are facing the brunt of water crunch. Professor Uday Chipalkatty from the society had taken up the initiative of building the water harvesting project in the society.

#### How does it work?

Concrete storage has been built in the basement parking which is covered with iron grills. The rain water flows through those grills and accumulates in the concrete chamber. The water is then rooted towards the water purifier with the help of a machine and then stored in the bore well. It is 300 ft deep from the ground level.

Explaining more about the project, Uday Chipalkatty said, "Water was a grave issue in our society. Though last year our basement was flooded with water, there was no water in our houses. I have created this project named

'Jaloday' where the process is from 'bottom to top'. In this we collect rain water and make it suitable for drinking. We have two bore wells in our society premises out of which one is dry. We collect water in one of those wells. People want filled bore wells, but these can be utilized in much better ways. Every society should build a water management system to deal with water shortage."

There are 69 apartments in this society and more than 6 to 8 thousand litres of water is needed for daily needs. With the help of this project, they have managed to save more than

8 lakh litres of water in the bore well. "The vertical travel of water under the soil takes months and years to reach depth of 30 meters and below. There has to be a method to send the water deeper in earth, in a short time," Chikatpatty added.

Resident M B Nambiar said, "Earlier an approximate amount of 70 to 80 thousand rupees was spent on water tankers. Since this project has started, we have not called for any water tankers. The total expenditure was Rs 2 lakhs and it depends on the size and requirement of every society."



SOLUTION: Professor Uday Chipalkatty showing the water harvesting plant

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