

## **Dairy farming**



**Mrs.Kariyamma Dilleppa Beeral, 55 Years old, is having 3.2 ha of land. Her major source of income is through dairy farming on commercial scale, at Hirebidari Village of Ranebennur Taluk, Dist.Haveri, State Karnataka.**

**She is belongs to shepherd community, she had only 18-20 sheep and one acre dry land in the beginning. Sheep and goat rearing and wool weaving were the major activities carried out in those days. She was very much influenced by principals and activities of Mrs. Shyamala Hiremath, The Director, India Development Service, a Non-Governmental Organisation. Gradually she started involving in community work and started wool weavers society with guidance of Mrs. Shymala. During 1981-82 she has undergone Training in dyeing and yarning of wool at Sindhholli of Belgaum district and Kundaragi of Bagalkot district.**

**During 1984-85 Karnataka Dairy Development Board (KDDC) was launched in entire northern Karnataka. They were interested to start milk producers cooperative societies solely managed by women members to encourage women's participation. Under the guidance of Mrs. Shymala Hiremath, she started motivating fellow women to get organised into society. She faced opposition from family members as well as men folk of the village. With great difficulties, Women Milk producers Co-operative Society was opened on 29th July 1988. It was of first of its kind in old Dharwad district with 150 members. She enrolled as founder member and consequently elected as president, and presently continuing as active member. She has undergone training in 'Artificial insemination and First Aid' at KMF training centre. Dairy Campus, Dharwad-580 002 from 13.12.1989 to 17.01.1990. She was further guided and monitored by Mr. Subhash Madiwalar of Aremallpur under the supervision of Mrs. Shymala. She started doing Artificial Insemination in 1990. She feels proud to mention here that surrounding villages such as Makanur, Irani, Mustur, Aremallapur, Konanatambigi, Yellapur including their**

village, are now full of crossbred cows and more than 150 families are earning their livelihood by dairy farming.

In 1984-85, she has organised a rally and fought against Tungabhadra river polluted by surrounding Industry, along with some NGO's. During 1989 flood she arranged, free distribution of rice and dal for sufferers with the help of their society members and IDS.

During 1993-94 she became member to Hirebidari Gram Panchayat and served for 5 years successfully and struggled to get help for society members and fellow farm women through several Government Schemes. She is also member to Sakshra Sourabha Samiti, Public Food Distribution System S, Kamadhenu Self Help Group and Primary and High School Development and Management Committee. During her period as president the society has been awarded Union's "The Best Women Milk Production Co-operative Society" on 30.08.2001 on the eve of Silver Jubilee Celebration of Karnataka Co-operative Dairy Farming Society organised by KMF, Bangalore.

She has received "Women of the Year" award by Rotary Club, Ranebennur during 2001-02, she was honoured by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hanumanamatti on the eve of "Women in Agriculture day" celebration on 4.12.2002.

Presently she is maintaining nine crossbred cows. She has purchased 8 Acres of irrigated land, 3 acres of dry land and cultivating paddy and Sunflower. She has constructed own house, educated children and purchased tractor.

During 2001-02, Kariyamma along with her SHG members, succeed to get Group loan for "Dairy farming" under Swarna Jayanthi Gram Swa rojagar yojana. All the 14 members of her Kamadhenu Self Help Group were benefited by the same, thus empowered women through Self Help Groups, she and her fellow SHG members undergone training programme in "Scientific Dairy Farming" at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hanumanamatti.

She has motivated the fellow farm women in clean milk production, cultivation of fodder crops such as maize, sorghum, horsegram and supplied seeds of new fodder and

**grasses such as Napier, Guini and Paragrass. She has helped in enrichment of dry fodder. She is motivating the fellow farmers to adopt IPM in paddy.**

**From 1989-90 up to today she has done more than 1,500 artificial insemination to cows and buffaloes yielding more than 1,000 calves, She has given First Aid treatment to more than 3,000 cows and buffaloes.**

**she is helping the women members of our village in getting various types of financial assistance from banks and other developmental organisations. She is actively involved in conducting animal health camps, vaccination camps, deworming camps, health camps and S HG meetings jointly organised by developmental departments, KMF and KVK, Hanumanamatti.**

**Hirebidri society is unique of its kind through out Haveri and Dharwad Districts.**