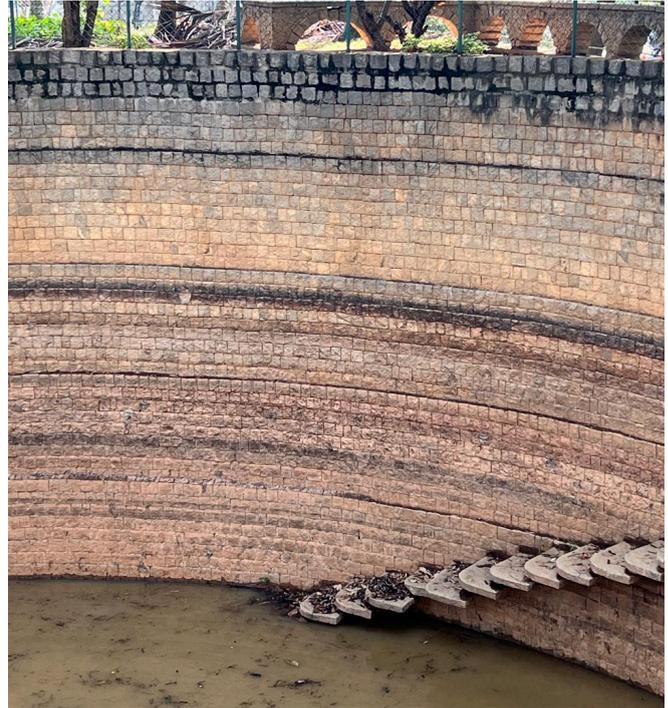


## “What are open wells?”

**Open wells** were the only localised primary water source in Bengaluru in the early times, where other surface water sources like Lakes and Rajkaluves were unavailable. In addition to extracting groundwater, open wells also play a crucial role in replenishing it, setting them apart from bore wells. In Bengaluru, open wells harvest rainwater and store it in underground aquifers, providing a water source for the non-monsoon season. This is why open wells are considered to be an integral part of the water security of Bengaluru.

To know more about “**What are open wells?**” please refer to this article [\[click here\]](#).

To learn about the “**shallow aquifers of Bengaluru**” and some examples of how to rejuvenate them please refer to this article [\[click here\]](#).



*Open well in Classic Orchard (A residential community in Bengaluru)*

## “Why open wells are important in Bengaluru?”

To watch a detailed lecture on **Water literacy and One Million Wells for Bengaluru** delivered to school students, [\[click here\]](#).

The “**Mannu Vaddars**” are a traditional well-digging community in Bengaluru whose livelihood depends on digging wells. [\[Click here\]](#) to watch a conversation with a father and son Mannu Veddars discussing their experiences in locating water in Bengaluru's shallow aquifers.

To watch an interview with a Bengaluru local talking about how the open well helped him, [\[click here\]](#).

To watch the Shortfilm “**The Bhavi Project**”, [\[click here\]](#).

## “How do open wells help the city?”

To look at “**The Case of Drying Borewells**” a comic series of real events that happened in a community regarding the water crisis, click either [\[English version\]](#) or [\[Kannada version\]](#).

To know about the “**Classic Orchard's story**”, of how they resolved the water crisis issue and raised groundwater levels while the rest of the city still faces the water crisis, [\[click here\]](#).

To learn about how the rainwater harvesting initiatives at the **Government Higher Primary School in Sonnappanahalli** have also turned into an educational campaign for students, [\[click here\]](#).

To understand what are **Recharge wells** and how they will be useful in replenishing groundwater in an urban context like Bengaluru, [\[click here\]](#).

To know about the project “**One Million Wells for Bengaluru**”, [\[click here\]](#).