



## Success Story

**Shankar Rama Dhonge**, a small farmer from Savala village of Maval Taluka was looking for some kind of income generating activity as his three sons set their separate homes and he had to earn his and his wife's living. After division in the family, he left with hardly any source of income. Whatever little land he had was mostly barren land. He had a great struggle for survival.

***In 2009-10, when the AAMRAI Project supported by the Tribal Development Fund of NABARD was started, Shankar approached Jankidevi Bajaj Gram Vikas Sanstha (JBGVS) for an Aamrai so that he could use his unused land for income generation. As he used to work as daily wage laborer in some companies earlier, his experience in plantation activities made him confident to develop a good Aamrai that could generate a regular income in 4-5 years time.***

Looking at his interest and poor financial condition, an Aamrai was given to him under the project with assurance from the youngest son that he would help his father in developing the Aamrai. The plantation was completed in 2009-10. Five years have gone, Mango and Aonla trees are now grown up and in last two years, Shankar has grown Jowar, Coarse Gram, Millet and Peanuts as intercrop for his own family's consumption. Shankar and his wife visit the Aamrai every day with small bucket of water to water the plants, clean them and loosen the soil etc. He is hopeful to earn a few thousands of rupees from Mango and Aonla in near future.