

Hiware Bazar — Village Water Budgeting and Borewell Ban Keeping Groundwater Stable Through Drought (Maharashtra, India)

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Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Since 1990s a Maharashtra village combined watershed works, a deep-borewell ban, grazing/tree-felling bans and an annual water budget; reported groundwater at 11–12 m even in a ~50% rainfall-deficit year. Evidence is mostly press and local accounts.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	1/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	1/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	2/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	0/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-16

[Hiware Bazar Gram Panchayat \(Ahmednagar, Maharashtra\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-16

[Down To Earth — Untouched by drought](#) — accessed 2026-10-16

[Grist — The rebirth of Hiware Bazar](#) — accessed 2026-10-16

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