



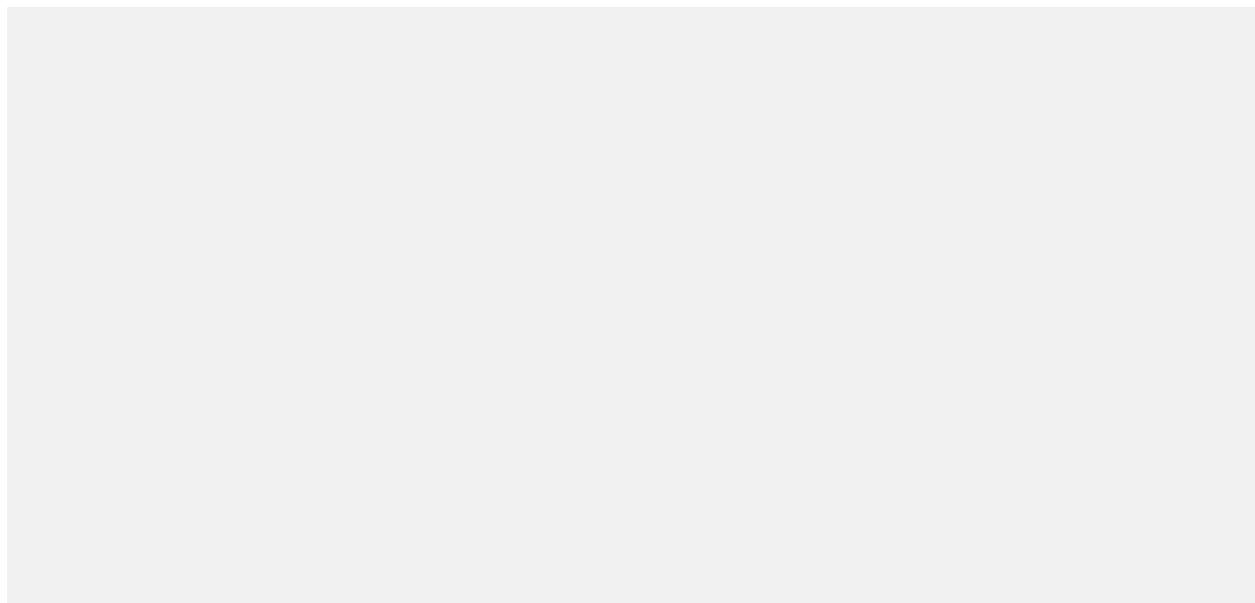
Meet Men Who Shun Dowry, Share Property With Their Wives

[By Suchismita Pai]

The dusty little hamlet of Sonalwadi in Solapur district of Maharashtra

the menfolk in this area turn out to be full of surprises

we have ensured that all married women are co-owners of their home and even the exchange of dowry during marriage is an absolute no-no.



each one of the over 1,800 residents in the village live in homes that are jointly owned by “happy couples”

Bodre

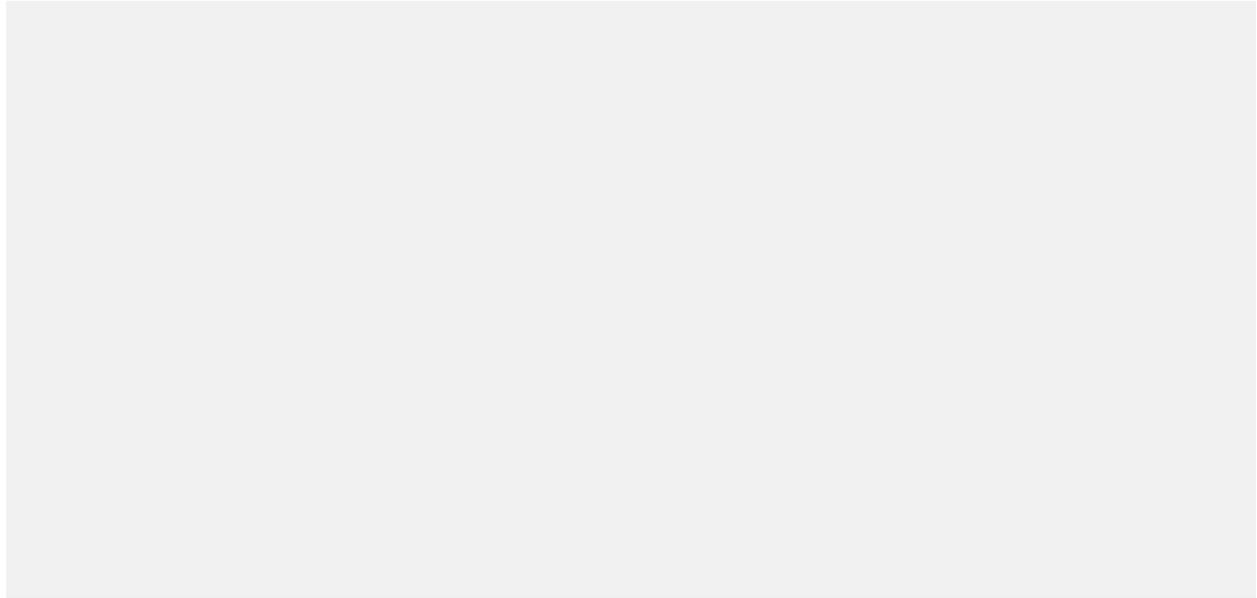
used to firmly subscribe to the belief that women must be kept in their place even if it was through force.

Shahaji Gadhire of Astitva

Trust

this community-based initiative of the Centre for Health and Social Justice (CHSJ) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) enlists men to be trained as animators

as per 'tradition', they are expected to provide dowry and fulfil other 'demands' expressed by the prospective in-laws. But Bodre is convinced that he is doing the right thing,



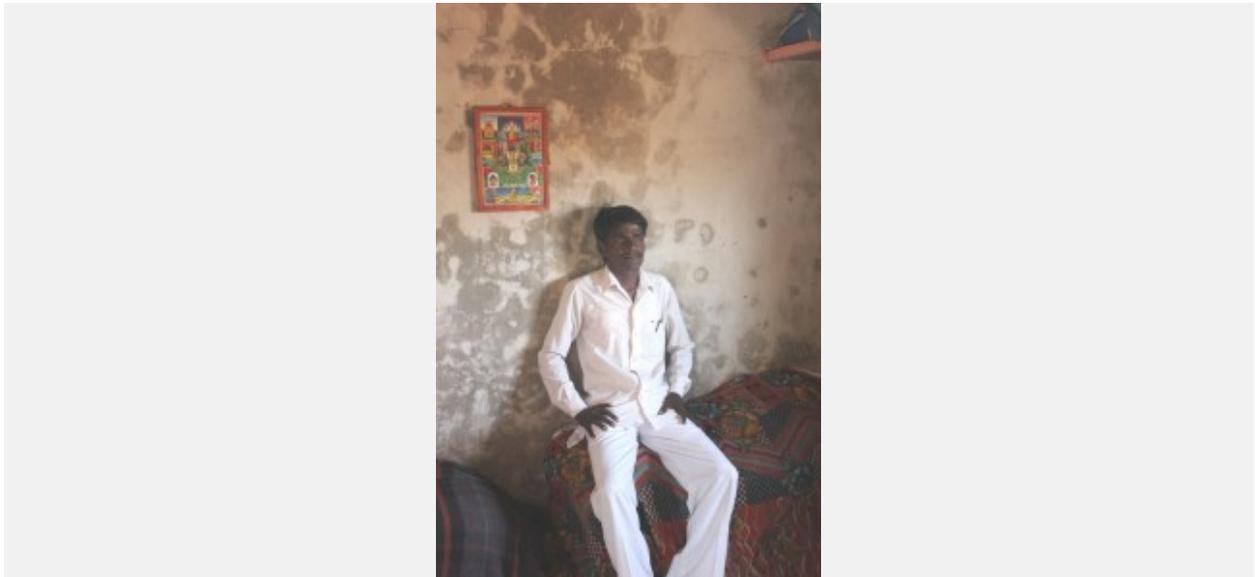
Girls would drop out after Class Seven and get married thereafter.

He has finally found a family that is happy to

Eventually, their efforts gathered momentum as men started responding positively.

Bhajnavle confesses that earlier he was sure that his wild temper was his “strength” and was proud that he had no part in bringing up his children

Not surprisingly, Bhajnavle became the first in Manegaon to get his property jointly registered in 2011



Datta Gulig, 25, is the reason why 882 home owners have officially inked their wife’s name into the papers.

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