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## A study on constraints and suggestion for better implementation of Yashaswini Health Scheme

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**SUMMARY:** Health is one of the vital indicators of human development. Health standards in India have improved considerably since independence. The efforts of the government and other agencies engaged in expanding the health infrastructure have paid off well as evidenced by the improvement in some of our health indicators. Government has made deeper inroad into rural areas with focused schemes like the Yashaswini and even started a scheme for health insurance for the poor population. Creating bridge between farmers and their need to live a healthy life, Yashaswini Scheme has brought quality healthcare to the farmers' doorstep in the state. A study was conducted to analyze awareness and usefulness of Yashaswini Health Scheme during 2012-13 in Belgaum district of Karnataka state. Purposive random sampling technique was used for the selection of four blocks *i.e.*, Ramdurg, Savadatti, Gokak and Bailhongal. One hundred and twenty farmers from eight villages were selected from four talukas. Cent per cent of respondents expressed that 'the card is valid for only one year and needs to be renewed' and 'some of the clients live in more remote areas and have to travel long distance to reach the network of hospitals'. Cent per cent of respondents were expressed that 'scheme should be for any farmers' and 'more number of hospitals should be included' in the scheme.

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