

CUSTODIANS OF DEVELOPMENT HONOURED

Rahibai from Kumbhalne tribal village, popularly known as “Seed Mother” and Godmother to more than 3500 women farmers, was awarded the Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award by the Hon'ble President of India, Shri. Ram Nath Kovind at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on November 8,

2021. Featuring among BBC's 100 influential women trailblazers from more than 60 countries and in an award winning documentary at the Cannes Film Festival, recipient of *Nari Shakti Puraskar*, *National Social Innovation Award* and *Vasantrao Naik Puraskar*, this familiar face on national and regional television





National Plant Genome Saviour Community Award

Mamta Bhangare from Devgaon village, who considers herself as a woman farmer, has conserved 69 landraces of paddy, beans and local vegetables and has won acclaim for her conservation and cultivation techniques

networks, has pioneered a movement to preserve traditional seeds while giving a boost to agriculture within the tribal community. She is also an active member of a community seed bank and seed saver group - 'Kalsubai Parisar Biyane Sanvardhan Samajik Sanstha'. This community seed bank was awarded the 2021 National Plant Genome Saviour Community Award by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India on November 11, 2021 in New Delhi.

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The award winning team also visited the National Gene Bank in New Delhi and interacted with Dr. Ashok Kumar, Director (Acting), NBPGR and other scientists on November 10, 2021. ❀



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