



**Training cum Awareness Programme on the
Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001
(PPVFRA) at GLOBAL KRUSHI MAHOTSAV – 2026, at Krishi
Vigyan Kendra, Narayangaon, Pune, Maharashtra
on 9th January, 2026**



The Gramonnati Mandal's Krishi Vigyan Kendra in collaboration with the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA), New Delhi, organized a Training-cum-Awareness Programme on the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) on 9th January 2026, at Narayangaon, Pune Maharashtra. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Narayangaon also organized GLOBAL KRUSHI MAHOTSAV – Live Demonstrations, Agricultural Exhibition and Crop Conference from 8th to 11th January 2026 at the KVK campus. The event aimed at disseminating recent agricultural technologies, promoting farmer innovations, and creating



awareness on various agricultural schemes and institutions. As part of the Mahotsav, the organizers conducted a one-day Agriculture Exhibition and Awareness Programme on the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) on 9th January 2026. The PPVFR Authority represented by Dr. Sujata Tetali and Dr. Kunal Gaikwad from its Branch Office Pune participated in the programme and exhibition.

The event began with the lightning of lamp by the dignitaries. Shri. Balkrushna Bangar, progressive farmer was the Chief Guest of program. The training programme started with the welcome of the farmers and dignitaries by Shri. Bharat Temkar, SMS Horticulture, KVK, Narayangaon. Shri. Anand Kulkarni, Vice Executive Chairman, Gramonnati Mandal welcomed Dr. Sujata Tetali Consultant (Technical) PPVFRA, Branch office,



Pune. During the awareness programme, Dr. Sujata Tetali made a presentation and sensitized farmers, breeders, and visitors about filling the application for registration of farmers' varieties and other plant varieties under PPV&FRA; importance of varietal registration for conservation of plant genetic resources and germplasm; legal protection and rights available to farmers under the PPV&FR Act, 2001. Emphases was given on Plant Genome Savior Awards and Rewards being given by PPV&FRA to farmers and farming communities for conservation and development of plant genetic resources. Farmers were encouraged to document and register their traditional and innovative varieties to safeguard their rights and ensure recognition at the national level.



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The experts who took part in the programme included Shri. Navnath Kaspate, Chairman, All India Custard Apple Federation, Barshi; Shri. Mahesh Mane, Program Coordinator, Agriculture Development Institute, Malkapur; Dr. Sunil Dinde, and Sagar Pawar, Founder Director, Doctor Kisan Bio-research Institute Pvt. Ltd, Nashik.

The exhibition also featured stalls of farmers who have already registered their varieties with PPV&FRA, which served as live examples and motivated other farmers to initiate the registration process.



An exhibition stall exclusively for PPV&FRA was provided at the exhibition which attracted more number of farmers having traditional seeds, school students and scientists.



The overall response from farmers and visitors was very encouraging. Queries related to eligibility, procedures, benefits, and documentation for varietal registration were actively discussed at the PPV&FRA stall. stationed by Dr. Kunal Gaikwad. Also, there was a positive interaction with the farmers present at the training-cum-awareness program. More than one lakh (1,00,000+) farmers and visitors attended the live demonstrations and agricultural exhibition during the four-day event.
