

## Bhima Purple



cultivation in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. It matures in 135-140 days



Bhima Purple a high yielding garlic variety developed by the ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research (DOGR), Rajgurunagar has become a success story in Maharashtra and adjoining states. This variety had been recommended at national level in 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Group Meeting of AINPORG held at Ooty (TNAU, Coimbatore) during 29-30 April, 2011 for after planting and has light purple bulbs with good storability. It is also field tolerant to thrips and foliar diseases. Mr. Vishnu Ramchandra Jare, a farmer from Bahirwadi, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra) had purchased 1 kg mother bulbs of Bhima Purple from DOGR in 2007 and raised garlic crop as per DOGR recommended technology. He conducted trial with different garlic varieties and found Bhima Purple to be the best yielder.

After multiplication he has raised commercial crop in last six years and obtained a record net yield of 40 q/acre of uniform bulb shape and colour. He earned a net profit of Rs 2.0 lakh/acre by selling garlic bulbs @ Rs. 80-100/kg as seed to other farmers. He is continuously multiplying Bhima Purple along with another farmer Mrs. Lata Arjun Konthivire from Jeur, Ahmednagar. In 2014-15, both the farmers planted Bhima Purple in about 40 acres and harvested bulbs were sold as seed directly to different farmers from Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. This variety is now grown over 600 acres in different states. Most of the farmers are often earning a net profit of more than Rs. 1.0 lakh/acre by cultivating Bhima Purple. Mr. Jare who is the recipient of Late Vasantrao Naik Krushi Bhushan Award (2012) and Mahindra Samriddhi India Agri Award (2013) for his realistic achievements in cultivation of garlic gives due credit to DOGR for his achievements.