

Bhima Shubhra

White Onion is preferred over red onion in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research (DOGR) developed a high yielding white onion



variety 'Bhima Shubhra'. This variety was recommended in the workshop of All India Network Research Project on Onion and Garlic at Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Kalyani during 18-19th April 2013 for cultivation in *kharif* and late *kharif* seasons. This variety matures in about 110-115 days after transplanting during *kharif* and 120-130 days after transplanting in late *kharif*.

Shri Namdeorao Adhau, from Patur, Akola (Maharashtra), purchased 5 kg seed of 'Bhima Shubhra' from DOGR and sowed onion crop on 1.25 acre area on raised bed as per recommended technology of DOGR. He obtained a record marketable yield of 21 tonnes/acre of good quality bulbs with uniform size and without doubles and bolters.

He earned a net profit of Rs. 2.5 lakhs by marketing the produce of 'Bhima Shubhra'. Impressed by the performance of this variety, he decided to disseminate the technology to the farmers in his vicinity. Shri Adhau formed a group of about 300 farmers from twelve villages of the region. Now this group is promoting the cultivation of 'Bhima Shubhra' in an area of more than 750 acres in these villages. Most of the members of this group are often earning a net profit of more than Rs. 1.0 lakh/acre.

Shri Adhau displayed the bulbs of 'Bhima Shubhra' in various agriculture exhibitions including at 'KRISHI VASANT' - a National Agriculture Exhibition held at Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur during 9-13th February, 2014. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Hon'ble President of India was very much impressed by the quality of bulbs of onion variety 'Bhima Shubhra' being displayed by Shri Adhau. Shri Mukherjee remarked 'Bhima Shubhra' as the King of Onion.