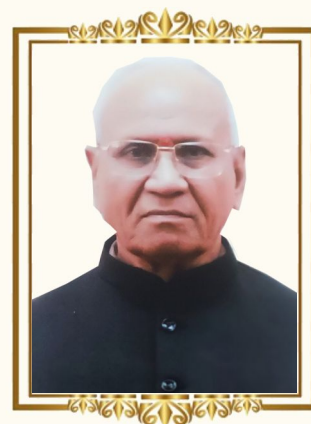




SHRI SHRIRANG DEVBA LAD



Shri Shrirang Devba Lad is a famous agriculturist, who is known for his exceptional contribution to rural development, sustainable agriculture and social work as the father of cotton technology, a motivator of farmer-centric agricultural innovation.

2. Born on 1st January, 1947, in Malsonna village, District, Parbhani, Shri Lad completed his college education at Shitaji College, Parbhani. After completing his inter-arts education, he worked as a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh pracharak from 1969 of Sillod, Bhokardan, Kannada, Jalna talukas. He started working in the Sambhajinagar district from 1975. During the Emergency, he worked underground to create social awareness. He is the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh Pracharak. He is Kshetra Sanghatana Mantri and All India Executive Member of Bharatiya Kisan Sangh.

3. Shri Lad is also known for his research and invention in agriculture. He invented new technology in cotton cultivation which was used by farmers in all cotton producing states of India. He had done research work in Jawar and Tur (Cajanus cajan) to optimise the yield in the field of Good Agriculture Practices. Due to his continuous research in the field of agriculture, there has been increase in production, especially in the production of cotton. In normal practice, farmers were getting a yield of 5-6 quintal of cotton per acre. His cotton technology resulted in a significant increase in the production of 25 to 30 quintals per acre. In the jowar crop, farmers were getting yield of 5 to 6 quintals of jowar. His techniques have enhanced the production of jowar to about 25 to 30 quintals per acre. His techniques are evaluated by CICR Central Cotton Research Institute, Nagpur. He is the first farmer in the country to become a member of the committee of the CICR Institute and also a committee member of Doordarshan.

4. Shri Lad was honoured with the degree of Doctor of Science (Honorary) from Vasant Rao Naik Agricultural University in December, 2025. He was honoured by socially significant Shri Guruji Puraskar from Jankalyan Samiti at Maharashtra in the year 2026.