

## **ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone VIII, Pune KVKs and ATMA collaboration**

### **Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Natural Farming Mission (MS)**

The government of Maharashtra has set up a special Mission with the ambition to bring 25 lakh ha area under Natural & Organic farming. This Mission will help the farmers in the production, certification, processing and marketing of farm products such as fruits, vegetables, pulses and grains, which would be free from chemical fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides. The mission's aims to achieve increased productivity through organic farming and sustainable, low external agriculture input with a reduction in production costs and establish an organic produce marketing chain/linkages which is expected to result in increased household incomes and improved food security with nutrition values.

The mission is monitored by the Commissioner of Agriculture (GoM) and executed by the Directorate of ATMA, Maharashtra. There are different stakeholders/Implementing agencies including four State Agricultural Universities (SAUS), District ATMAs and KVKs in the state, etc.

Under the ATARI Pune Zone, 48 KVKs of Maharashtra have submitted the project proposal to whom provision of grant in aid of Rs. 1359.20/- lakh for KVKs are expected under which KVKs will establish a demonstration unit for Natural Farming and organize trainings for lead farmers and KVK staff. At present the SMS and scientists of KVKs are engaged in training at national-level institutes viz. NCONF, Gaziabad, NIPHM, Hyderabad, etc. to gain knowledge on advance techniques in Natural Farming. This project will strengthen the ties between ATMA & KVKs and will promote the convergence of different schemes to attain expected synergies in the implementation of policies of the Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra.

**List of KVKs submitted project proposal**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of KVKs</b>	<b>Budget (Rs in lakh 2023-24)</b>	<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of KVKs</b>	<b>Budget (Rs in lakh 2023-24)</b>
1	Ahmednagar-I	25.00	25	Nagpur-I	25.00
2	Ahmednagar-II	25.00	26	Nanded-I	25.00
3	Akola	25.22	27	Nanded-II	25.00
4	Amravati-I	25.00	28	Nandurbar	25.00
5	Amravati-II	25.00	29	Nashik-I	25.00
6	Aurangabad-I	25.00	30	Nashik-II	25.00
7	Aurangabad-II	25.00	31	Osmanabad	30.00
8	Beed-I	39.69	32	Palghar	33.12
9	Beed-II	25.00	33	Parbhani	25.00
10	Bhandara	34.82	34	Pune-I	25.00
11	Buldhana-I	25.00	35	Pune-II	25.00
12	Buldhana-II	52.55	36	Raigad	25.03
13	Chandrapur	51.55	37	Ratnagiri	25.00
14	Dhule	25.00	38	Sangli-I	25.00
15	Gadchiroli	55.00	39	Sangli-II	26.50
16	Gondia	43.21	40	Satara-I	25.00
17	Hingoli	25.00	41	Satara-II	38.62
18	Jalgaon-I	25.00	42	Sindhudurg	25.00
19	Jalgaon-II	25.00	43	Solapur-I	25.00
20	Jalna-I	25.90	44	Solapur-II	25.00
21	Jalna-II	25.23	45	Wardha	25.00
22	Kolhapur-I	25.00	46	Washim	26.21
23	Kolhapur-II	25.00	47	Yavatmal-I	25.70
24	Latur	25.00	48	Yavatmal-II	25.85