

**Progressive farmer of KVK, AAU, Devataj Shri. Dipen Shah bagged prestigious national award -
Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar - 2015**

Progressive farmer of KVK, AAU, Devataj Shri. Dipen Kumar Mukundbhai Shah, Ta. Kunjrav, bagged prestigious national Jagjivan Ram Abhinav Kisan Puruskar (Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award) for the year 2015 at the ICAR's 87th Foundation Day, Award Ceremony and 9th National KVK Conference which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on July 25, 2015 at Patna, Bihar. Shri. Dipen Kumar Mukundbhai Shah has contributed for value addition of Drumstick (*Moringa oleifera*) seed and marketing of value added products of drumstick increasing shelf life for year round availability. Shri. Dipen Kumar Mukundbhai Shah has taken trainings at KVK Devataj and attended on campus trainings at KVK Devataj. He is the regular visitor of KVK Devataj to seek advice for value addition in horticultural crops.

This award is instituted by ICAR for innovative farmers at National and Zonal levels in order to recognize the outstanding contribution of innovative farmers for initiatives for increased and sustained productivity, improve resource use efficiency and higher profitability. The national award comprised of cash award of Rs. 1.00 lakh plus equal amount of travel grant across the country to promote his achievement are given to farmers at national level. This award has been named after Late Sh. Jagjivan Ram (1908-1986) who was the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Food and Agriculture in the Union Cabinet.

