

ANJAMMA THE PLANT SAVIOR

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Deccan Development Society is proud to announce that Smt. Anjamma, DDS farmer received a National Award as **Plant Savior**. Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Rights Authority, India (PPVFRA) recognised her efforts in preservation and conservation of local varieties of seeds and extinct varieties of plants. Smt Nadimidoddi Anjamma is from Gangwar village in Medak district of Telangana. Her house is a treasure of local seeds nearly 80 varieties.

She is an excellent example for practicing biodiverse based ecological agriculture. Anjamma does not use hybrid or high yielding varieties and not even chemical fertilizers or pesticides.

Anjamma's seed storing technics She stores the seeds in a traditional way without using any chemicals. In a cane basket she store the seeds for next season, just using easily available ash and Neem leaves and seal them with cow dung and mud. The drought spell and zero rainfall couldn't make any difference to her, even in these crisis also she reaped 8 quintals Great millet and 6 quintals of Pigeonpea from her Bio diverse farm. She gives honor lectures in Krishi Vignyan Kendra in Pashapur PPVFRA honored Anjamma with Plant Protection Savior Award felicitated by the Minister at this Krishi Unnati Mela. She is been nominated for Telangana state government Biodiversity Savior Award. Telangana state government included her seed saving technics in 5th standard school text book. Deccan Development Society supported her in all the stages of her journey.



Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated the four day Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Krishi Unnati Mela – 2016, in Mathura, on 26 September 2016. He has said that Government of India has made several plans for the development of agriculture and cooperation and farmers are getting benefits from this. On this occasion he has requested farmers and entrepreneurs that they take more and more

benefit from agriculture fair. On this occasion, he conferred Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Krishi Antyodaya Krishi Awards on poor farmers identified across the country for their outstanding achievement in agriculture despite not having access to education and money.