



**GOVERNANCE
AWARDS
2015**
28-11-2015

**EXCELLENT
CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

P.K. Deshmukh, IAS

**For successfully contributing towards agricultural development
and e-governance for crop pest surveillance**

*A*N Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the 1995 batch of the Maharashtra cadre, P.K. Deshmukh has served the government in various capacities. He holds an M.Sc. degree in Agriculture with a silver medal for the first rank in Agronomy. He has been involved in a number of successful government initiatives for rural development and improvement of agricultural productivity. As CEO of the Zilla Parishad, Kohlapur, Maharashtra, he was credited with implementation of the Rajashri Shahu Sarvangin Shikshan Karyakram programme for quality improvement in primary education, and the Ideal Village programme in Lohhavade village, Satara district. The programme earned him the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration on Civil Services Day on 21 April, 2008.

He was instrumental in the successful implementation of the Maharashtra Crop Pest Surveillance and Advisory Project, and also played a role in the CROPSAP Programme, a multi-stakeholder ICT-based initiative launched to synergise Central and state institutes working in the field of agriculture and horticulture research, setting the platform for online real-time advisories to farmers for productivity improvement and crop protection. The effective implementation of the project, covering more than 100 lakh hectares, also earned him the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration. He was responsible for the implementation of the innovative scheme of 'Close User Group' with BSNL, covering more than 7.5 lakh farmers.

Besides other recognition and citations for his outstanding contributions, Deshmukh has been a recipient of a number of prestigious awards including the National Award Gold Medal for e-governance for the Crop Pest Surveillance and Advisory Project, the Best Performance Award 2008-09 for Pulses in the Central Western Region in National Food Security, the Krishi Karman Award 2010-11 for the Highest Production of Pulses, and the Shining World Leadership Award given by the Supreme Master Ching High International Association for Organic Farming and Group Farming.

Presently, he is posted as the Secretary, Department of Water Conservation, and EGS, Government of Maharashtra.



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