

2019 Awardee



Outstanding Alumnus of University Award

Mr. Rajendra Barwale

Mr. Rajendra Barwale is the Executive Chairman of Mahyco, a well-known innovative seed company in India. Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Company Private Limited (Mahyco) is the flagship company of Mahyco Grow group. Born in Khamgaon, Maharashtra, Mr. Barwale is a graduate in agriculture from GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, Uttarakhand and is also an alumni of Harvard Business School.

Mahyco was founded in 1964 by Dr B.R. Barwale, who is widely regarded as the father of the Indian Seed Industry. While Dr Barwale laid a strong foundation for Mahyco with his visionary leadership, under the stewardship of Mr Rajendra Barwale, the company expanded rapidly during over four decades of his association, to make a difference to the lives of over 10 million farming families who are Mahyco's customers in India.

Mr. Rajendra Barwale has pioneered the best of the technologies in Seeds to Indian agriculture. His persuasive leadership enabled Mahyco to introduce India's first Biotech crop - Bt Cotton, in 2002, helping to transform India's cotton sector. Mr. Barwale has built a R&D infrastructure of global standard for Seed technology at Jalna, which is considered to be amongst the best seed R&D infrastructures in Asia. Under his leadership, Mahyco has expanded in the recent years to South East Asia and Africa, with an objective to make a difference to agricultural productivity of these countries. He has also been leading the group companies of Mahyco Grow in engineering business of agricultural processing machines and storage solutions, and the fresh produce business of fruits exports.

Mr. Barwale's success in the hybrid seed industry has gained him several national and international recognitions. He has also contributed to the cause of Seed Industry and Agriculture by serving as a member of decision making bodies of many prestigious statutory committees, Industry associations, Govt corporations, etc.

Mr. Barwale has been actively promoting the social cause of rural health through a state of the art eyecare Hospital, M/s Shri Ganapthi Netralaya, Jalna. Rural education, another important social goal of Mahyco Grow, is supported by making available value based quality education through some of the best schools and colleges run by the group in Jalna.