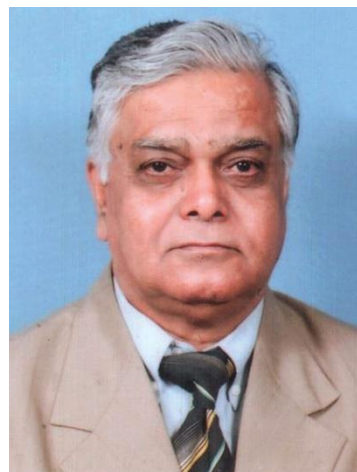


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C.D. Mayee

Dr. C.D. Mayee is a renowned cotton scientist and is currently serving as the President of the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC), New Delhi and Chairman of AFC India Limited (Formerly Agricultural Finance Corporation of India), Mumbai.

Born in farming family of Maharashtra, Dr CD Mayee obtained his agricultural degrees from Maharashtra and PhD from IARI in Plant Pathology. He commenced his career in plant pathology research at IARI and worked in various capacities at Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack; Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana; the Ford Foundation, Delhi and Maharashtra Agricultural University (MAU) Parbhani for nearly 30 years. The research, teaching and extension



experience led him to work as Vice Chancellor-MAU Parbhani; Director-Central Institute of Cotton Research (ICAR-CICR) Nagpur and Agriculture Commissioner, Govt. of India, New Delhi before retiring as the Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare of the Government of India.

Though specialized in Plant Pathology, Dr. Mayee committed himself for the growth of Indian Agriculture. He guided 20 PhD and more than 38 MSc students, wrote books and monograph, published over 200 scientific publications in journals of repute and served the cause through development of the subject. He was elected as fellow member of several scientific committees and associations including Vice President of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), and also invited as a member of international societies including ISAAA and ABNE, Africa. During his scientific career, Dr. Mayee promoted the production technologies of cotton, groundnut, sunflower and coarse cereals. Biotechnology is his passion and he was associated with first commercial release of Bt cotton in India from time of conduct of biosafety and bio-efficiency evaluation till release by the GEAC. He developed biotech infrastructure in Nagpur and Parbhani and has organized the International Cotton Genomic Initiative Conference and the 5th World Cotton Research Congress in Mumbai. Dr. Mayee has been Alexander Humboldt Fellow of Germany. He is recipient of several honours and awards for agriculture development including the life time Achievements Awards and honorary Doctors of Philosophy from many Universities. Currently Dr Mayee is Member of Board of Management of many organizations and Universities.