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# VASANTRAO NAIK VISIONARY CHIEF MINISTER OF MAHARASHTRA

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#### Introduction:-

Vasantrao Phulsing Naik (1 July 1913 – 18 August 1979) was an Indian politician who served as Chief Minister of Maharashtra from 1963 until 1975. To this date, he remains as the longest-serving Chief Minister of Maharashtra. Also, he had a credit to return to power after completion of full five years which could not be possible for any other chief minister in Maharashtra.

"How can we ever forget this chief minister! He swalloed Bombay and brought forth Mumbai!" V. P. Naik was born in a [Banjara,] family in 1913 in Gahuli village[1] of Yavatmal district in the southern Vidarbha region of Maharashtra. He is the uncle of former Chief Minister of Maharashtra Sudhakarrao Naik. His brother Manohar Naik who is a MLA from Pusad. His experience in grassroots politics made him a responsible legislator. He was a staunch supporter of Yashwantrao Chavan.

He was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Madhya Pradesh during 1952-1957, of the then bilingual Bombay State during 1957-1960 and of Maharashtra during 1960 to 1977. In 1952, he was appointed Deputy Minister for Revenue in the Government of Madhya Pradesh. He was made Minister for Cooperation in 1957 and, later, Minister for Agriculture in the Government of Bombay State. From 1960 to 1963, he was Minister for Revenue in the Government of Maharashtra. After the death of Marotrao Kannamwar, Naik was elected Chief Minister of Maharashtra, a post which he held for more than eleven years during 1963-1975. He is considered the father of the Green Revolution in Maharashtra. The industrialization of Maharashtra is largely the legacy of his progressive industrial policies. He was also elected to the 6th Lok Sabha from Washim in 1977.[3]

This paper prominently depended upon secondary sources. Vasantrao Naiks contribution have a milestone in development economy of Maharashtra.

# Unique visionary Chief Minister:-

Today we talk about the employment guarantee programme in rural areas but it was he who had first introduced such a scheme in Maharashtra during two famines. That scheme is now being implemented in the whole country," the president said. He was who had made Maharashtra self-sufficient in food production by establishing four agricultural universities. Vasnantrao Naiks contribution in occupational field has been shows in Various sectors. Vasantrao Naik had given equal weight with agri, occupation for the development of economy of Maharashtra.Late Sri. Naik was an agriculturist to the core. Since, he himself was from an agricultural background, he was aware of the plight of the farmer. He wanted to change their gloomy picture and so focused strongly on the farming sector. In fact he was the first promoter of the Co-operative sector as an agent of rural growth in Maharashtra. He is known as the the originator of the idea of, "kasel tyachi jamin" which means that the land will belong to one who cultivates it.

Late Sri. V. P. Naik was instrumental in the creation of the necessary socio-political atmosphere and physical infrastructure for the growth of the agricultural sector. He never forgot his upbringing and so kept keen interest in developing agricultural sector. His heart was aflame with the desire to develop the agricultural sector. He always had a focus on rural Maharashtra especially for the welfare of the farmers in the state. Maharashtra State Industrial development Vasantrao Naik said in speech as,

"The motivated Industrialization has available skilled technician, factories are does leave to worker and intention to increase / growth of Nation.

#### Agricultural and Industrial, economical empowerment:-

Vasantrao Naik Said, "For develop of Agri and Farmer's welfare Co-operation is significant," Vasantrao Naik was architect of Modern Maharashtra. He aimed to develop agro industrial Maharashtra. About agricultural development he opined irrigation was required for flourishing agriculture and cooperative movement. Hence he tried to develop major and minor projects of irrigation for the betterment dry land farming. He further provided economic support to farmers by developing primary credit cooperative societies as well as district central cooperative bank. His ideas were to strengthened farmers by meeting out his credit needs and he tried to emancipate the farmers from jaws of indigenous bankers and money lenders. He aimed to bring changes in the traditional farming based on new science and technology. He was in favor of green revolution to meet the needs of food grains as well as needs of poor. He had correlated agriculture and irrigation. He wanted to suggest new cropping pattern for strengthening of rural resources. Vasantrao had developed future roads for the development of Maharashtra state. He provided vision of agricultural revolution to Maharashtra state who later on completed the dream of agricultural development. Vasantrao naik agricultural development ideas were very concrete and well developed, he had ably evolved his agrarian thoughts by close observations and bitter experiences. His views on Panchayat Raj and cooperative were resourceful for strengthening agriculture in rural Maharashtra. It is true that founding of ZP in Maharashtra was his contribution. He was very clear that these ZPs would be schools political. Thus, Vasantrao Naik known "Originator of Green Revolutionary" Vasantrao Naik had done work to give modern Technology for agri occupation force replaced traditional methods. On this reason farmer get new life.

"Agri is a Master key to give revolt against insufficient food and national poverty. If any country implemented policy has not involve in any group and going keep quiet, there shall be give food to mass from production of own national land"

Vasantrao Naik's most favorable formulae is "can get water to farmer, he does ashtonishment" on this approach. In village small built water dams. It policy implemented very clearly. Today these water dams knows, vasant dams, we express view of as" our economy foot is Agri and this is very well develop" also who have lot of aimful for the agri, as' the land has done dry forever as canal, on the head bring water and own streams "Vasantrao Naiks said, ' works at farm is not second happy and if became crops have not see second beauty" on this way shows, Vasantrao Naik have most favorable to agri and farmers. Maharashtra farmer inspired to growth of production. When we became fulfill in food from farm does not go to foreign. This money used to self defense. Every battle has done in Agriculture. Vasantrao Naik has done try to fulfill in food. At Pune he delivered speech in 1965 as "within two years Maharashtra shall be not does fulfill in food gives me hang death "10 This word occur in whole program for our beliefs. This words does truth for hard work of attempts. "The work in Agri is purity and its God is Farmer, they give dignity them appropriately increase National dignity." this is being thinking gives to Nation. On this way shows Vasantrao Naik had lot of respect to Farmers. Farmer is a one of the pillar of nation. Now they are facing very problematic situations, this today most farmer are hanging, these

think not ignorable, they not search behind which are cause? Still 1970, Farmer have looking from mediators, farmer has not gives well price of products. These, Vasantrao Naik observed and implimentated one hand buy police of Kapasy. This policy still now today. Government gives Fix Price to Kapacy. Then Vasantrao Naik attention on Milk Problem. Who thinks hybrid cow's milk slow the milk problems of Nation.

Maharashtra had gone through terrible situation of drought in 1972-73. In that drought mass has gone very terrible way. For the food they wandered, on that situation, Vasantaro Naik implicated, "Rojagar Grantee Scheme.'" It did much development, Backward class in society theirl provided Rojagar become less poverty, that most backward condition defiantly provided Rojagar, that was overall developing policy's part' "13 That is a basic think Naik implemented in Indian rural economics.

#### Co-operative Field Flourished:-

Vasantrao Naik was made Minister for Cooperation in 1957 and later Minister for Agriculture in the Government of Bombay State. From 1960 to 1963 he was Minister for Revenue in Government of

Chief Ministers Vasantrao Naik in the 1957s-1970s, he was conferred for services to the cooperative movement in  $\hbox{Maharashtra.He had carefully studied the problems of rural society}$ and he felt that cooperative credit societies can be a best tool to strengthen the development activities of the rural people. He described cooperative movement as movement of the people, by people and for the people. He wanted to develop model cooperative economy in Maharashtra. Cooperative movement provides a net work of development and brought quality in it. His constant persuasion was responsible for this change. He noted that the workers in the field of cooperation must be working in the missionary spirit, not as a bureaucratic style. Maharashtra emerged as sugar belt due to Vasantrao's promotion of cooperative leadership. The first cooperative sugar factory in Pravaranagar had been established with the auspicious hands of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Y.B.Chavan further strengthened this trend. He transformed the poor and poverty into Maharashtra village as a sound and well developed leader and social worker. His micro and deep study of agro industrial development is reflected in his speeches .He always made an appeal for strengthening of rural industries and called people to develop not only quantitative but qualitative growth. He was able to gear up the public opinion in favor of rural agro industrial development. He was in favor just and equitable cooperative movement

# Importance of study

- 1) Maharashtra Govt. should enhance agricultural extension management by raising capacities of human resources of department of agriculture and other line departments.
- 2) Maharashtra Govt. should train and upgrade the extension and management skills of senior and middle level officers.

In this research paper has explicated contribution of Vasantrao Naik's in of economy. "He was elected Chief Minister of Maharashtra, a post which he held for more than eleven years during 1963-1975. He was the father of the Green Revolution in Maharashtra. The industrialization of Maharashtra is largely the legacy of his progressive industrial policies. It has gives review of Agri, profession, Co-operation, Rojagar Grantee Scheme, one hand scheme of kapsay, on this way, Vasantrao Naik's contribution in economical development shows slightly. The year 1979 saw the tragic end of this great man as he breathed his last at Singapore.In year 2013 Shree Vasantrao Naik's name given to Parbhani Agriculture Univercity as "Shree Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krushi Vidyapeeth ".

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