

Dr. Mahanand Shivajirao Mane has been the Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture, Pune, since July 2024. He specializes in Irrigation and Drainage Engineering. He is a recipient of the ICAR "Best Teacher" award, various merit scholarships, and is an excellent academic scholar. He brings a wealth of experience to the College of Agriculture, with over 25 years of expertise in academics, research, extension, and administration. Prior to his appointment at Pune he was working as Head, Interfaculty Department of Irrigation Water Management at MPKV Rahuri.

He has completed externally funded and inter-institutional projects, including "Development and Evaluation of Soil and Water Conservation Measures and Land Use Systems for Sustainable Crop Production in the Western Ghats of the Coastal Region" from 2000 to 2003, "Rehabilitation of Backfilled Bauxite Mining Area of Durgamanwadi" from 2005 to 2008, and the NBM project on "Bamboo Polyhouse for Flower Production" from 2011 to 2012.

He is actively involved in ongoing projects, including the "Gradual Development of Irrigation Management System for Continuous Assessment of Performance/Benchmarking of Pench Irrigation Project" for the period 2022 to 2027, with an outlay of Rs. 57.40 lakh, and the "Solar Powered Central Pivot Irrigation System for Climate Smart Agriculture (RKVY - SPCPIS)" for the period 2022 to 2025, with an outlay of Rs. 256.19 lakhs.

Dr. Mane has been honored with various national and state-level awards for his outstanding contributions, including the Dr. J. S. P. Yadav Best Paper Award in 2015-17, the Marathi Science Council Research Award, and the Late Dr. D.G. Kulkarni Agricultural Award for his article published in Baliraja magazine in 2001. He also received the Best Paper Award at the Convention of the Indian Society of Remote Sensing and the Indian Society of Agrophysics at IARI, New Delhi, in 2004.

He is a member of professional societies such as the Indian Society of Agricultural Engineering, the Journal of Maharashtra Agricultural Universities, Pune, the Indian Society of Coastal Agricultural Research, Canning Town, West Bengal, the Indian Society of Soil and Water Conservation, the Association of Agrometeorologists, and is a Fellow of the Hind Agri Horticultural Society.

He has guided many M.Tech. and Ph.D. students in the discipline of Agricultural Engineering. He has 36 research recommendations, 42 NAAS-rated scientific publications in internationally abstracted journals, 15 additional NAAS rated scientific publications, 35 technical publications, and 28 books to his credit.

Dr. Mane envisions the College of Agriculture, Pune, as a leader in Sustainable Agriculture, Research Innovation, and Mechanization in Agricultural practices. His goal is to prepare students for global challenges in agriculture and entrepreneurship through cutting-edge technology, interdisciplinary collaboration, and community engagement.