

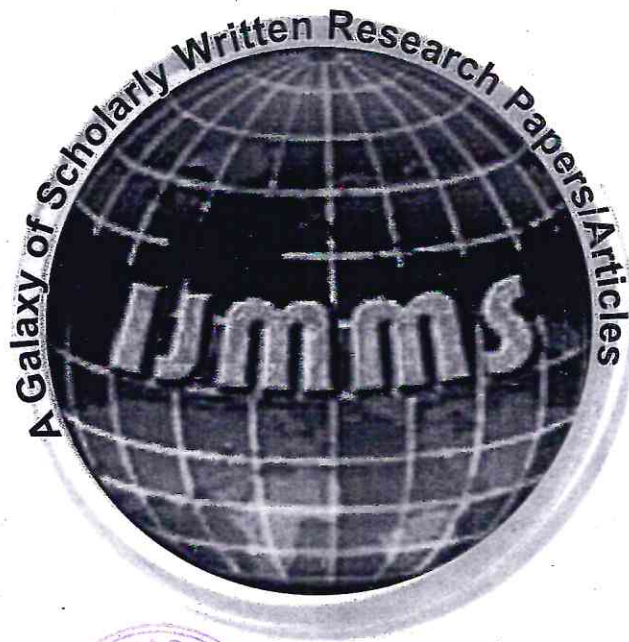
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**Contribution of Sharadchandra Pawar in Developing Modern India**

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**Abstract:**

Sharad pawar the great politician in india.he is more than just the head of the nationalist congress party. He is one of the few politicians to enjoy support from parties across regions and ideologies. He transformed baramati from barren region to booming growth centre and industrial hub with well modern economic and social infrastructure. Baramati is ideal role model of rural development in india.. baramati model is benefiting rural families to get livelihood and raise their income and standard of living.and socio-economic development. Pawar used politics as medium of social service. he contributed a lot to develop modern india in many ways.Like, establishment of cooperative sugar factories, educational institutions in rural area.promotion of arts and culture; agriculture based industries,milk dairies. and sports and youth development in Maharashtra and india.therefore the government of india honoured him with padmavibhushan.

**Introduction:** Sharad pawar hails from a farming family of baramati tehsil in pune district of Maharashtra state.He was born on 12 december 1940 in middle class agricultural family. His father was employed in baramati farmer's cooperative society. His mother shardabai pawar looked after the family farm at katewadi ten kilometers from baramati. He completed his school education from baramati and he studied bcom from BMCC college from pune.He was an average student although he was quite active in students politics. His enthusiasm in debates,his dynamic speaking prowess,his vigour in orgnizingand arranging outdoor activites and sports were all early indicators of his leadership qualities.His first act in the field of politics was his active participation and orgnisation of protest march in 1956. In support of Goa liberation movement.he represented student leadership in BMCC college and served the General secretary.This place marked is entry into politics and his association with the youth congress at 24 age.He came in contact with yeshwantrao chavan, who is considered the architect of modern Maharashtra. Chavan recognized his potential as a leader and eventually sharad pawar became the leader of youth congress.He was also a member of the state's Pradesh congress committee.

**Objectives of the Study :**

- 1) To study sharad pawar's contribution in rural development
- 2) To study sharad pawar's contribution in state and national socio-economic development

**Reserch Methodology:** For this study secondry data/ resources are used. E.q. various books, biography, magazines, journals and websites are used.

**Contribution in rural development :** sharad pawar transformed baramati from barren region to booming growth centre.baramati region falls in rain shadow and is one of the areas with lowest rain.earlier some part of baramati tehsil had very little water supply so region was drought prone. therefore the people from these villages were poverty stricken and had to move for livelihood to richer parts of baramati.In 1965 son of soil mr sharad pawar,a young graduate while working for the people of his region realized the need of water for irrigation to change the drastic situation.He found that due to the geographical condition,it was difficult to irrigate the land from alternate



sources. According to a survey revealed that there were about 200 streams flowing in the region during the rainy season but they would dry up soon. So Mr. Sharad Pawar thought to construct percolation tanks in some of the villages but there was no source of money for this work. In these circumstances, he convinced two humanitarian generous Australian workers to distribute wheat and oil to the local people under the scheme of 'Food for Work'. Under this scheme, in 1967 the first percolation tank was constructed at Tandulwadi near Baramati. Sharad Pawar did commendable work in the region without government assistance. He helped in the construction of eighty percolation tanks in the villages. Due to these percolation tanks, the free flowing water during the monsoon was stored.

This experiment helped to increase the underground water level substantially. To utilize the ground water, wells had to be dug. That time the farmers had no money and the bank did not provide loans without security. At that time there was a need of some funds for the development of this region. He convinced his associates to establish a trust to get some assistance for the work, out of this conviction Agricultural Development Trust came into existence in 1971. He approached some Christian missionary from U.S. and Germany for financial assistance towards bank guarantee for the farmers. The Central Bank of India issued loans to the farmers for digging wells against the guarantee of the trust and it increased the number of wells in this region. Mr. Sharad Pawar persuaded Kirloskar Oil Ltd to donate oil engines to the farmers at half price. So the company had given sixty engines in the beginning to the farmers at half price. The work started picking up in the region and the trust constructed nearly 289 percolation tanks in these drought-prone villages. The scenario in the villages started changing. Mr. Sharad Pawar got elected as an M.L.A. from Baramati constituency in 1967 for the first time. He became Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Supplies in 1972 in Government of Maharashtra.

Mr. Pawar's elder brother visited Israel in 1970. This proved a turning point in the field of agriculture. His firsthand experience of irrigation practices in Israel inspired him to apply the same in Baramati and change the lives of the people. The trust got the barren land of 110 acres near Malegaon village. The Pawar brothers started work on the farm and within ten years this barren land was converted into lush green area. They started educating the farmers about various crops, horticulture, irrigation practices, organic farming, drip irrigation etc. Farmers from various parts of the state flocked to learn agricultural practices. The trust expanded its activities beyond agriculture to dairy, poultry, goatry, nursery, agri-processing etc. Due to hybrid cows and quality fodder, the production of milk increased and villagers started supplying milk to the Pune and Mumbai cities. This increased the income of the farmers and improved the standard of living of villagers. The trust also provided assistance to the people to start entrepreneurship, industries and agri-allied business like poultry, dairy, agri-produce processing.


**Educational Development :** Baramati has created a niche for itself in the field of education. Last decade has seen growth of Baramati as a prominent education centre with colleges and schools ranging from arts, commerce, science, engineering, biotechnology, agriculture, Law and soon a medical college is going to start in MIDC area. Baramati and surrounding area has three major places which have become well-known education centers. 1) Vidya Pratishthan- offers courses



from primary education to master's degrees. Vidyanagari has Law college, college of engineering, school of biotechnology, institute of information technology. MCA, MBA. PG to UG. Agricultural Development Trust, shardanagar offers dedicated college for girls junior, senior Bed college.

**Conclusion :** During the time period of seven years as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr sharad pawar turned state into a leading agriculture development and Industrial centre of the country. he also increased the salaries of state government employees. He was also involved in the economic Development of Maharashtra and introduced the advantage of the IT revolution in baramati. He was Indias Defence and Agricultural minister. Vasant dada sugar institute at Manjari in Pune which is the best institute for the advanced sugar technology, is supervised by Mr pawar and is also the institute that has connections with international institutions. He is also the president of vidya pratishthan. He was chairman of many sports association at state and national level.



  
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