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## Sustainability over the Long Term, Organically

NEEM is proven to be one of the most potent dual-purpose bio-agents (due to the presence of active ingredients – Azadirachtin, Limonoids and Nimbin) – which show broad-spectrum activity and affect hundreds of insect-pest species and maintain soil health. Identifying these potential benefits of Azadirachtin, Limonoids and Nimbin of Neem, Mauli AgroTech was founded in 2015 with an aim to provide neem-based natural products, especially bio-manure, oil and bio-pesticide, by Ramesh Khaladkar (25) and Dnyaneshwar Pingale (26), agricultural graduates and residents of the same village: Khaladkar Vasti, Pimpari Dumal, Tal. Shirur, Pune, Maharashtra. A common friend briefed them about the Agri-Clinics and Agri-Business Centres scheme; keeping all benefits in view they both joined the training at Shashwat Sheti Vikas Pratishthan (SSVP) Pune. During training, especially during hands-on-experience, both the friends decided to get technical know-how on neem seed cake manufacturing unit. They located Chetan Agro-Tech in Gujarat and Maharashtra-based Cheminova Agrotech, companies where they got trained in all aspects of neem seed cake manufacturing scientifically and technically. Financially supported by the family, they invested their

own capital of Rs. 48 lakhs and started a Neem Seed Cake and Neem Oil Manufacturing Unit. Primarily, they advertised locally and got wholesale orders from three organic farming companies and a few tons of demand from the local farmers. In the first lot, they produced 300 MT neem cake manure and around 500 litres of neem oil. Deducting



the total cost of production, they got a net profit of Rs. 22 lakhs. Their confidence was boosted and they were encouraged to manufacture more products from Neem. Mauli AgroTech is the premier manufacturer of pure neem manure and neem oil-based bio-pesticide formulation. The unit has gained expertise in seed extraction, purification and formulation technologies to transform the natural neem seed kernel extract into a powerful and effective insect-pest growth regulator which is used as a bio-pesticide/insecticide. Mauli AgroTech manufactured about 21 organic products, viz. organic fertilisers, plant growth promoters and protectors, bio-fertilizer and bio-pesticide. Ramesh and Dnyaneshwar extend a message to budding agripreneurs: "Grow organic, Buy Organic".

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Nodal Training Institute	:	SSVP-Pune
Name of Venture	:	Mauli Agro-tech
Nature of Services	:	Manufacturing of Neem based organic product, Consultancy
No. of Farmers Covered	:	450
No. of Villages Covered	:	20
Annual Turnover	:	2.00 Cr.
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