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College of Agricultural Biotechnology, Loni

Affiliated to Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri

"Earn and Learn Scheme"

This scheme supports those students coming from rural areas, economically backward, intelligent but cannot afford higher education. They can earn money by doing skilled work and unskilled work after college timing as well as they can learn.

The main objective of the scheme is to develop a student as a multifaceted personality with academic excellence and a commitment to an egalitarian society. It inculcates the student idea that no work is big or small and develops a work culture with the right aptitude. This is a vision of keeping our youth gainfully employed as well as to contribute from civil society. This is a paradigm shift in the way we see higher education. This will make higher education accessible and available to the poor, meritorious and the marginalized. Interviews are taken to select students for this scheme.

The students enrolled under the scheme are given the following types of work namely-That increase their skills in areas of their study, office work, technical work and field work. However when the distribution of work is given, it is seen that all students get equal opportunity to get all different kinds of work and that each student gets eighty percent of technical work and twenty percent of fieldwork. Office work includes working at the Library or any other office of the institute

There are 14 students in academic year 2024-2025 enrolled in this scheme ,those are financially week, cannot afford higher education but this scheme gives support ,happiness and golden opportunity to students to earn as well as learn.

We have started this scheme on June 2018 with 12 students from second year and at present there are 02 students from Third year, 04 from second year and 8 from first year. Students have done different types of college work and official work.

Principal of College and coordinator has coordinated all activities of College of Agricultural Biotechnology's 'Earn and Learn Scheme'. They have given guidance; instruction during the monthly meeting and proceeds time to time payment of all earn and learn students without fail. The present chairman of Earn and Learn also guides and helps all to learn new things.

OBJECTIVE OF SCHEME:

- ➤ Learned practical knowledge
- > Handled different instruments
- ➤ Made mini projects
- ➤ Got financial support

ACTIVITIES DONE BY STUDENTS:

- > Caring of College's indoor plants
- > Implanted new system like Hydroponics
- Preparation of Field for sowing
- Planting of Capsicum
- ➤ Harvesting of Capsicum
- > Exhibition of Capsicum at different events (Exhibitions)
- ➤ Cleaning of glassware
- > Software installing and LAN connection
- ➤ Work on MS Excel and MS Word
- Arrangement of book and labeling of book
- Propagation of Guava plants
- > Preparing Bouquets required for various program in college

Student Participated in Pravara Expo: 2024-2025



Working in Mushroom Production Unit





Rangoli on the occasion of Parent meet and Shivar Feri



Earn and learn students play the role as a caretaker



