

# DRK: An Improved Paddy Variety

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## Innovation Description

Late Mr. Dadaji Ramaji Khobragade was from a small village in Nanded, Maharashtra. He developed many improved paddy varieties through mass selection like DRK paddy variety.

**Crop:** Paddy (*Oryza sativa* L.)

**Salient features:** Smaller and thin (fine) grains, Wide adaptability, Higher yield (60-80 qtls/ha), Higher number of earheads (6 to 10), Intermediate plant height (130 cm), Maturity period-140 days, Good cooking quality & taste, Tolerant to biotic and abiotic stress

**Genesis:** The variety DRK was developed from the variety Deepak Ratna, through selection in the year 2004. The selection was made on the basis of intermediate plant height, lengthy spike and free from biotic as well as abiotic stress in 1998 and purified for 6 years.

**Cropping season:** Kharif and Rabi

