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Pratik BGII cotton seed is one of the leading cotton seed developed by Krishidhan Seeds, a company that combines conventional breeding approach with the state-of-the art technologies to deliver value added quality products that ensure higher yields to farmers. Pratik BGII cotton has set yet another record of cultivating highest weighing cotton boll in Vidarbha region. The seed already known for its good cotton yield production, yielded 6 gram of cotton against an average of 4 gram in the region.

This was achieved by Mr Wasim Khan, a farmer from Barshitakali, Akola region, who cultivated highest weighing cotton bolls in his 2 acre of farm field. Mr Khan has received cotton output of 50 quintals.

India is one of the largest cotton growing countries in terms of area i.e. 116 lakh hectare. Though India ranks second in production after China with around 334 lakh bales, it's per acre lint yield of 489 kg per hectare compares very low against the world average of 775 kg per hectare.

Explaining his success Mr Wasim Khan said that, "Pratik BGII cotton seed is tolerant towards all major sucking pests, bollworm (*Helicoverpa*) and armyworm (*Spodoptera*). These insect pests cause great damage to cotton crop and has been responsible for its low productivity in the past. In our region, farmers get on an average 12-18 quintals of cotton production from an acre under irrigation. However, with the use of Pratik BGII cotton seed, proper water management and continuous guidance from Krishidhan seeds' experts, a remarkable increase in cotton production is achieved."

Mr Sushil Karwa, managing director, Krishidhan Group of Companies commented that, "Cotton variety Pratik BGII has been developed, after an extensive research by our scientists, to give high yield of cotton in the major cotton growing areas in the country. Pratik BGII is the result of superior genetic breeding by our scientists which is highly tolerant to all the major pests and grows very well in both rain fed and irrigated regions, giving record production. We are extremely encouraged to see the results of our superior quality seed and feel proud that we can contribute towards making our farmers financially stable through, successive high yields."