

# MPKV HAPPENINGS

April, 2017



## Mahatma Phule Jayanti celebrated



April 11, 2017. The Mahatma Phule Jayanti was celebrated in the university. Dr. Sopan Shende, Head, Department of History, S. P. College, Pune delivered his thoughts on the great social reformer. He said that we need to retrospect the past for confronting the present challenges. He said that Mahatma Phule apart from a social reformer was a great human being. His birth was a blessing for mankind. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his presidential address paid tribute to Mahatma Phule and said that Jyotiba was aware of the importance of education in life. He was of the opinion that one educated

woman would educate the whole family and for this purpose he started the first women school in Pune. His ideals will benefit our young generation, he said. Registrar Mr. G. K. Ghorpade introduced the chief guest. Prof. S. V. Patil, Student Welfare Officer gave vote of thanks, while, student Vinod Halle anchored the programme. Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dr. R. S. Patil, Dr. D. B. Yadav, AD, LAE, Dr. V. D. Shende, ADR, staff and students were present for the programme.

## Workshop of Farmer Producer Companies organized

April 11, 2017. A Workshop of Farmer Producer Companies (FPC) for Seed Production was organized by the university in co-ordination with the ATMA, Ahmednagar. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha inaugurated the workshop. While addressing the member farmers of FPCs, Dr. Viswanatha hoped for income raising of farmers through activities of FPCs. Considering the per farmer land holding, there is an utmost need to adopt subsidiary enterprises, he said. This would be a good step under the Govt. of India's mission on doubling farmers income, he hoped. He underlined the importance of compost and utilization of organic waste. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director,



Extension Education in his address hoped that the FPCs is a good opportunity for farmers to become successful entrepreneurs. The SAUs will come forward to train the member farmers of FPCs particularly for establishing agrobased enterprises. Shri. Bhausahab Barhate, PD, ATMA, Ahmednagar gave the introductory remarks and briefed about the FPCs of the district. Shri. Balnath Sonwane anchored the programme, while, Dr. Dattatraya Wane expressed thanks. University scientists guided the participants. Chairman of fourteen FPCs and member farmers participated in the workshop.

## Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti celebrated



April 14, 2017. The Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. B. R. Ambedkar was celebrated in the university. Mr. Pratap Bhosale, Trustee, Shri Saibaba Sansthan, Shirdi was the Chief Guest for the programme. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the programme. In his speech Mr. Bhosale gave an overview on the lifetime contribution of Babasaheb Ambedkar. His contribution for writing Indian constitution was immense. He himself acquired higher educational degrees including two Ph. D. degrees in Economics from Columbia University and was a learned scholar. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his

presidential address remembered the achievements and contribution of Dr. Ambedkar for mankind. His life and thoughts will motivate us for everlong, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and introduced the Chief Guest. Directors Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dr. R. S. Patil, Registrar Mr. G. K. Ghorpade, Associate Deans Dr. P. A. Turbatmath and Dr. D. B. Yadav, staff and students were present on this occasion. Prof. S. V. Patil, Student Welfare Officer proposed thanks, while, student Praksah Avadhutwar anchored the programme.

## Prekharif Workshop- Unnat Sheti Samrudhha Shetkari Abhiyan

April 26, 2017. A Prekharif Workshop under the *Unnat Sheti Samrudhha Shetkari Abhiyan* was organized by the university in co-ordination with the State Department of Agriculture, M. S. Speaking on the occasion of its inaugural programme, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education hoped for successful implementation of the mission through convergence mode. He called for utilization of quality seed and other inputs for organization of demonstrations. The Department of Agriculture need to study the yield gaps of major crops and accordingly minimize them in coordination with university scientists. In doing this, the soil status need to be maintained properly, he said. He hoped that the mission will reach maximum farmers through trainings, demos and publicity. Shri. Vijaykumar Ingle, Joint Director of Agriculture, Pune division in his address expected a 20 per cent increase in crop productivity. Farmers would be benefitted by way of farm mechanization, onion storage structures, shade net, polyhouse and crop insurance through this mission. Shri. Pandit Lonare, DSAO, Ahmednagar and Shri. Bhausaheb Barhate, PD, ATMA gave presentations on yield gaps and crop productivity. Shri. Rajaram Gaikwad anchored the programme, while, Shri. Vilas Nalge, ADO expressed thanks. Scientists Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Dr. M. B. Dhonde, Dr. A. M. Musmade, Dr. A. V. Solanke, officers and progressive farmers were present for the workshop.



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