

MPKV HAPPENINGS

December, 2018



MPKV celebrates its 33rd Convocation



December 7, 2018. The Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri celebrated its 33rd Convocation. Honourable Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the university Shri. C. Vidyasagar Rao presided over the function. Shri. Nitin Gadkari, Honourable Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Shipping, Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Govt. of India delivered the convocation address. Prof. Ram Shinde, Honourable Minister for Water Conservation and Protocol, M.S. was the guest of honor. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Dean (Agriculture) Dr. A. L. Pharande, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Members of Executive Council Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye, MLC, Shri. Shivajirao Kardile, MLA, Shri. Bhausahab Kamble, MLA, Dr. B. R. Patil, Dr. K. V. Prasad, Shri. Tushar Pawar, Shri. Nathaji Chougule, Mrs. Sunita Patil, Dr. Pankajkumar Mahale, Dr. Vijayprakash Thombre, Director of Extension Education

Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Research Dr. S. R. Gadakh and Deputy Registrar, Academic Shri. Vijay Dabhade were present on the dias.

In his convocation address Shri. Nitin Gadkari stressed the need for crop diversification. He said that the bioethanol production from sugarcane, bamboo and other crops would lead to farmers' prosperity. The





country imports more than two lakhs crore of non edible oil, petroleum and fuel. Some of these crops have a vast potential for bioethanol production and this would transform the rural, agricultural economy, he said. Research on ethanol production from biomass is needed. The Central Government is giving a boost to ethanol and bioethanol production. Many buses, autos are being run on ethanol and this is being taken on pilot basis in some cities, he said. Bioaviation fuel is also being demonstrated in aeroplanes. The centre is motivating its use which would ultimately benefit the farmers. Shri. Gadkari lauded the university's research work on sugarcane, pomegranate, pulses, vegetables which has contributed immensely towards agriculture development. While addressing to the students, he said that conversion of knowledge into wealth is necessary. Enabling policies to 'Make in India' are being launched with major support under skill development mission. The students need to harness these opportunities with much needed confidence and an element to take risk. It is the moral responsibility to protect, conserve and replenish available natural resources and pass on to future generations with great dignity and responsibility, he said.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha presented the report on significant achievements of the university in the field of education, research and extension education. He said that upon the recommendations of the ICAR Peer Review Committee and Education Division for meeting the accreditation criteria, the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board (NAEB) has granted accreditation to MPKV, Rahuri and its constituent colleges for the period of five years. The university has contributed significantly in the area of research by developing 255 varieties of crop plants, 35 farm implements and more than 1471 recommendations since inception for the benefit of farmers, he said. The university is reaching to more than 6,000 farmers directly and 60,000 farmers indirectly through the Farmer FIRST of RKVY and ICAR in all the 10 districts of MPKV jurisdiction, he added.

Degrees to 45 Ph. D. holders, 401 Post Graduate holders and 4010 Graduates and medals to successful students were conferred to the graduates at the hands of Honourable Governor and Chancellor of the university. Members of Academic Council, present and former Vice Chancellors of the Agril. Universities of Maharashtra, staff, students and parents were present for the function. Earlier Honourable Governor, chief guest and dignitaries visited the agriculture exhibition organized in the university. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme.



Golden Jubilee Mega Alumni Meet of DrASCAE&T organized



December 23-24, 2018. A Golden Jubilee Mega Alumini Meet-2018 of DrAnnasaheb Shinde College of Agril. Engg. & Technology was organized by the Association of Alumni Agricultural Engineers and DrASCAE&T at MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. Sudhir Kumar Goel, Former Additional Chief Secretary (Agriculture and Marketing), Govt. of Maharashtra was the Chief Guest for the function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the programme. Shri. Satyajit Bhatkal, CEO, Paani Foundation and Dr. Sudhir Bhongale, Journalist were the Keynote Speakers for the programme. Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar and Associate Dean, Dr ASCAE & T, Dr. H. G. More, President, Alumni Association and Dr. M. G. Shinde, Ex-Secretary, Alumni Association were present on the dais. In his address Dr. Goel said that the Agricultural Engineers have a great role in advancement of agriculture and farm mechanization. They can work in coordination with the agronomists, entomologists and pathologists, economists and marketing experts for the betterment of farmers. Water holds the key for agriculture and hence its availability to farmers along with good market rates for their produce is necessary, he said. Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that dryland agriculture of our state accounts to 80 percent and also majority of the farmers are small and marginal farmers. In view of this, the Agricultural Engineers can develop useful and affordable technologies for small, marginal farmers. Journalist Dr. Bhongale addressed on water management, while, Shri. Bhatkal briefed about efforts of Paani Foundation for overcoming water scarcity. Er. Sandip Jadhav, Director, WOTR, Er. Arun Deshmukh of NetaFim irrigation and Er. Vilas Shinde of Sahyadri Agro Farmers Producer Company also addressed the alumni. A souvenir was released on this occasion. Dr. M. C. Varshneya, Alumni and Former Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University, Gujarat, retired staff members and more than 1000 alumni attended the meet. Er. Satish Kulkarni anchored the programme, while, Dr. M. G. Shinde proposed thanks.



Bamboo Plantation Project and Bamboo Start up Promotion Centre sanctioned to MPKV



December, 2018. The Government of Maharashtra has sanctioned a Bamboo Plantation Project and Bamboo Start up Promotion Centre to MPKV, Rahuri. Funds of Rs. 319.31 lakhs have been sanctioned to the Bamboo Plantation Project under the Maharashtra Bamboo Development Board, Nagpur. The project is consisting of two components, viz., Research component for

evaluation of bamboo species for better adaptability and carbon sequestration and Training component for Bamboo Handicrafts and Art Unit. Rs. 33.21 lakhs have been received for the development of training centers for the Bamboo Handicrafts and Art unit. Recently, a MOU has been signed between MPKV and Bamboo Research & Training Centre.

Training programme on Organic Farming organized at Pune



December 11-19, 2018. A Training programme on Organic Farming was organized at College of Agriculture, Pune in collaboration with Patanjali Bio Research Institute, Haridwar. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha inaugurated the programme. In his address to the farmers, Dr. Viswanatha pointed out the ill effects of chemicals for human beings. Looking

to the foodgrain demand for the increasing rate of population, an integrated approach is desirable, he said. The organic production of foodgrains and other commodities is important for good health, he opined. Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune, Dr. S. D. Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Pune, Dr. Ravindra Reddy, Director, Quality Control, Patanjali Bio Research Institute, South Zone, Shri. Ram Reddy, Coordinator, Telangana State, Dr. Mahesh Khamkar, Maharashtra State Coordinator, staff and farmers were present on this occasion. Dr. Mrunal Ajotikar anchored the programme, while, Dr. Mahesh Khamkar expressed thanks. Thirty farmers from Maharashtra state participated in this training programme.



MOU signed for IPR



December 18, 2018. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between MPKV, Rahuri and Great Mission Group Consultancy, Pune for registration of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). The MOU was signed by Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, MPKV, Rahuri and Prof. Ganesh Hingmire, Director, Great Mission Group Consultancy, Pune in presence of Vice

Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha. The group would assist the university in patenting the university technologies and produce. It would guide for registration of university's IPR. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Shri. Vijay Kote, Comptroller and Heads of Departments were present on this occasion.



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