

MPKV HAPPENINGS

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Recognition Award to MPKV, Rahuri



February 11, 2017. Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri along with Dr. Y. S. Nerkar, Ex. Vice Chancellor and Dr. M. P. Deshmukh, Soybean Breeder received the award on behalf of MPKV, Rahuri for development of Land Mark groundnut variety Phule Pragati (JL 24) at the auspicious hands of Dr. R. S. Paroda, former Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, Govt. of India and Padmashri, Dr. G. S. Khus, Ex Head of Division of Plant Breeding Genetics and Biochemistry, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines (Recipient of World Food Prize) at New Delhi during the Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding on 11th Feb. 2017.

Principle Secretary (Agriculture) visited MPKV



February 9, 2017. The Principle Secretary (Agriculture), Govt. of Maharashtra Mr. Bijay Kumar visited the university. Dr. Ram Kharche, Vice Chairman, MCAER, Pune, Mr. Vikas Deshmukh, Commissioner, Agriculture, M. S., Directors, University Officers were present for the programme organized on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. In his presentation Mr. Bijay Kumar guided on various issues of agriculture and particularly doubling of farmers income. He touched the issues like increasing the scale of finance by banks, minimum support price, investment for infrastructure development, strengthening the agriculture education system and transfer of technology. Regarding farm mechanization, he underlined the utility of machines for canopy management, scientific banana ripening system, designing of cold chain for farm produce and proper certification of farm machinery and implements. Dr. Kharche in his address delebrated on post harvest management, handling and sustainable agriculture. Research on

agriculture credit, functioning of Farmer Producer Companies need to be done by the students. He assured the recruitment of scientists in SAUs. Mr. Vikas Deshmukh addressed the three important principles viz., soil moisture security, more crop per drop of water and value chain management. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha said that the university will shortly be completing the fifty years of its establishment. Thus, we will be focusing on the impact analysis of university crop released varieties and technologies. He cited the contribution of MPKV particularly in sugarcane, pomegranate, chickpea, rabi sorghum in economic terms. He briefed about the Swachha Bharat Abhiyan being implemented in the university. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and presented the prominent extension education activities. Dr. B. R. Ulmek and Dr. R. S. Patil gave presentation of educational and research accomplishments of the university, respectively. Registrar Mr. Ganesh Ghorpade expressed thanks. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme. The dignitaries visited the crop technology demonstrations.

International Conference of Agriculture Economics organized



February 10-11, 2017. The second International Conference of Agriculture Economics was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. Ram Kharche, Vice Chairman, MCAER, Pune was the chief guest for the inaugural function. Mrs. Jenny Hunter, Counsellor, Farmers Suicide, USA was the Guest of Honor. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. Ram Kharche in his chief guest address underlined the scope of agriculture economics and said that we need to join hands with each other for changing the mindset of people. He elaborated on farm credit and identifying issues related to farmers especially the time, resources and manpower. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential speech said that the Agriculture Economics scientists have a great responsibility due to complex market. Monsoon and market are important aspects from the farmers point of view. We need to guide the farmers on e marketing and innovations for eliminating the middlemen so that farmers get a good price for their produce, he said. Problems like high procurement and transaction costs need to be addressed. Market accessibility for small farmers need to be ensured along with market led extension. Mrs. Jenny Hunter in her address said that many families have been severely affected by farmers suicide. The magnitude of suicide problem need to be addressed effectively. Prevention, counselling and confidence is required for this purpose, she said. Dr. Prakash Mahindre, President, MSAE gave the introductory remarks. Dr. D. B. Yadav, Head, Department of Agriculture Economics and Organizing Chairman welcomed the guests. Publications on Abstracts and Souvenir were released on this occasion. Dr. R. G. Patil, Former Head, Department of Agriculture Economics was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award during the function. Dr. Abhijit Dharmadhikari presented a lead paper on Impact of Demonitization. Dr. B. D. Bhakre anchored the programme, while, Dr. V. G. Pokharkar expressed thanks. Delegates and scientists participated in the Conference in large number.

Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti celebrated



February 19, 2017. The Birth Anniversary of Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj was enthusiastically celebrated in the university. On this occasion Shri. Hassan Sayyad delivered a lecture on life of Shivaji and his multidimensional personality. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Shri. Sayyad said that women were given a due respect in Shivrajya and sarvadharm samabhav was followed by the great King. Youth should go through the literature of King Shivaji and follow his ideals. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his presidential address narrated the measures

taken by King Shivaji for the well being of farmers and agriculture. Free seed and food were given to the needy during drought period and also focussed on tree plantation during his regime. King Shivaji had a great vision and he fought for attaining swaraj, he said. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research gave the introductory remarks and introduced the chief guest. Student Tejas More anchored the programme, while, Prof. S. V. Patil, Student Welfare Officer expressed thanks. The dignitaries welcomed the shivjyot brought by the students of Dr ASCAE & T from Shivneri fort. Staff and students were present for the function.



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