

MPKV HAPPENINGS

February, 2018



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha participated in the Prime Minister's "Krishi 2022-New Beginning" programme



February 19-20, 2018. Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri participated in the "Krishi 2022-New Beginning" programme organized at Pusa, New Delhi. Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi and Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri. Radha Mohan Singh had discussion with 250 high-level agricultural experts across the country during this programme. The discussions were primarily

held on strategies to double the farmers' income by the year 2022. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha is the Chairman of the State-level Committee for doubling farmers' income by 2022. Discussions were organized in seven different groups during this two day meet.

Farmers Rally organized at College of Agriculture, Karad



February 16-17, 2018. A Farmers Rally along with Agriculture Exhibition and Rabi demonstrations were organized at College of Agriculture, Karad. Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Horticulture and Marketing, M. S. Shri. Sadabhau Khot was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. In his address Shri. Khot addressed on the major challenges in agriculture and particularly the prices of agriculture produce and its

marketing. For this purpose effective marketing strategies need to be developed, he said. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that the farmers need to come forward and take benefit of the research and technologies developed by the university. Former Minister Shri. Laxmanrao Dhoble, Shri. Tushar Pawar, Member, Executive Council, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune, Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Karad, Shri. Mahavir Jangte, Joint Director of Agriculture, farmers, staff and students were present on this occasion. Shri. Dhoble and Shri. Jangte also addressed the farmers. Dr. S. B. Kharbade,



Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Karad gave the introductory remarks and welcomed the dignitaries present for the programme. Thousands of farmers visited the agriculture exhibition, demonstrations and participated in the farmers-scientists interface.

Agricultural Mechanization Day-2018 organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhule



February 16, 2018. Agricultural Mechanization Day-2018 was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhule. The programme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Tourism and Employment Guarantee, Govt. of Maharashtra Shri. Jaykumar Rawal. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Director of Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri presided over the function.

Dr. A.M. Musmade, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Dhule, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Nandurbar, Dr. P.P. Patil, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dhule, Shri. B.N. Patil, Project Director, ATMA, Dhule, Shri. P.M. Sonawane, DSAO, Dhule, Shri. Shantaram Malpure, Dy. Project Director, ATMA, Dhule, Prof. Tulshidas Bastewad, PI, AICRP, MPKV, Rahuri were amongst the dignitaries on the dais. The event was jointly organized by ICAR, New Delhi, KVK, Dhule, Agriculture College, Dhule, AICRP, FIM, Rahuri, Dept. of Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra, ATMA, Dhule and AIMA, Dhule. In his inaugural address Shri. Jaykumar Rawal stated that the Govt. is emphasizing on development of the youth. Farmers need to turn to mechanization of agriculture. Labour saving, timeliness of operation, cost saving can be easily achieved through mechanization. He said that this would be an initiative to develop 'Implement Banks' at district level. In his presidential address Dr. Gadakh briefed about the newly released varieties and breeds of the university. He also stressed the need of organizing such events by the university so that farmers can harness higher income through mechanization. Shri. Prakash Bagul, AIMA, Dhule, Shri. Vinay Borse, Technical Officer, SAO, Dhule and Prof. Tulsidas Bastewad, PI, AICRP, FIM, MPKV, Rahuri guided the farmers during the technical session. Farmers in large number participated in the programme.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha awarded iFlora Excellence Award



February 23, 2018. Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri was awarded the iFlora Excellence Award by the Indian Flowers and Ornamental Plants Welfare Association for his contribution to floriculture development. Dr. Viswanatha received the Award and Certificate of Recognition for Mentoring High Expertise Professionals for Global Floriculture Industry. The award was presented to



Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha by Mr. Talees Rizvi, Director and Award Organizer, Wafsilpa Entertainments and Mr. M. B. Naqvi, Managing Director, Media Today Group at Hotel Orchid, Pune during India's Largest Green Business Show. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha has rich experience in education, research and extension education. He has initiated the cleanliness campaign in the university and has called for Clean University Green University campaign.

MPKV student selected as ARS



February 26, 2018. Mr. Guru P. N., one of the Ph. D. students of Department of Agricultural Entomology of MPKV, Rahuri has excelled in the Agriculture Research Scientist (ARS) Examination of the ICAR, New Delhi. He has secured 4th rank in the ARS Examination at all India level. Mr. Guru is pursuing his Ph. D. research on "Investigation on use pattern, efficacy and persistence of insecticides in/on capsicum grown in poly-house" under his research guide Dr. C. S. Patil, Associate Professor of Agricultural Entomology. He had also achieved 18th rank in ICAR's AICE-SRF (PGS) in 2015. He had passed the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by ASRB in 2015.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Directors Dr .K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh and Associate Dean (PGI) Dr. J. V. Patil congratulated Mr. Guru for this great achievement.

Phule Janaki custard apple identified for plantation in the dry land area at national level



February, 2018. A new hybrid of custard apple developed between two different species *Annona actemoya* and *Annona squamosa* i.e. *Phule Janaki* was released by All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Arid Zone fruits under Department of Horticulture, MPKV, Rahuri in the Joint AGRESCO held at Dr. Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani during May, 2017. The fruits of hybrid *Phule Janaki* are bigger in size (350-400 g) with

attractive green colour with bold areoles, less seed and maximum pulp (58-60%). The maximum fruit yield is 20-22 kg/tree and moderately resistant to the mealy bug and fruit spot and leaf spot diseases. By considering the better characteristics of fruits, *Phule Janaki* was identified for plantation in the dry land area of the country in the Group Workers meeting of Arid Zone fruit Crops held at Anantpur (A.P.) during February, 2018. The scientists working in All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Arid Zone Fruits under Department of Horticulture, MPKV, Rahuri took efforts for development of hybrid.



Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti celebrated



February 19, 2018. The Birth Anniversary of Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj was enthusiastically celebrated in the university. On this occasion *Shivshahir* Dr. Vijay Tanpure delivered a lecture on the life of King Shivaji. Dr.S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research presided over the function. Dr. Vijay Tanpure said that King Shivaji had determined his goal at the age of 15 years. His role as a planner and an able administrator is an eye opener for today's society. He fought for *swaraj* with a handful of loyalist soldiers (*mavle*). Many countries could achieve their independence through the war tactics and studies of this great King. He worshipped his father, mother and elders which is very rarely seen today, he said. In his presidential address Dr.Gadakh said that the youth need to follow the ideals of King Shivaji. He further said that everyone need to work for the welfare of the farmers, the society and thereby achieve greater heights. Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, LAE gave the introductory remarks. Shri. Vishwas Jadhav, Dy. Registrar (Admin.) introduced the Chief Guest. Forty five students of Dr.ASCAE & T brought *shivjyot* from Shivneri fort at a distance of 130 km. Students Aniket Khot and Sonali Salunke put forth their views. Er. Vijay Kote, Comptroller, Er. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer, staff and students were present for the function. Prof. Sharad Patil, Student Welfare Officer proposed thanks.

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor visited NARP, Ganeshkhind



February 21, 2018. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha visited the National Agricultural Research Project (NARP), Ganeshkhind, Pune. Dr. V. S. Supe, Associate Director of Research and staff were present during the visit. Dr. Viswanatha visited the nursery, fruit orchards, vegetable research project, floriculture research unit and Mali Training programme at NARP, Ganeshkhind. He reviewed the research work of the project and made valuable suggestions. He also expressed satisfaction about the cleanliness in the centre.

Free eye checkup camp at College of Agriculture, Pune

February 2, 2018. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha inaugurated a free eye checkup camp at College of Agriculture, Pune. It was organized in association with Laurence and Mayo, Pune Region. In his address Dr. Viswanatha said that in the present day life style, the care and precaution of eyes is a need of time. This activity organized by the College Dispensary for the students and staff of the college is



and staff and students were present on this occasion. In all 160 students and staff members were benefitted from this camp.

Greenhouse Operator training organized



worth appreciable, he said. He further stated that 'Lost vision is a lost life' and organization of various health camps for the benefit of students and staff is noteworthy. Dr. Manisha Sonawane, Medical Officer, AC, Pune briefed about the purpose and importance of the Eye checkup camp. Shri. Prakash Dalavi, Programme Co-ordinator of Laurence and Mayo, Pune Region delivered a lecture on '*Panchendriya-Care and Precaution*'. Dr. S. D. Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Pune

February 5 to March 6, 2018. A one month duration Training programme on Greenhouse Operator was organized by the Precision Farming and Development Centre (PFDC), Dr. Annasaheb Shinde College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, MPKV, Rahuri under the Prime Minister Skill Development Programme. The training programme was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi and Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI),

Gurgaon, Haryana. The programme was concluded in presence of Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research. In his address Dr. Gadakh highlighted the importance of protected cultivation in view of climate change and increasing population. He called for more professionalism in this endeavor. He further opined that group approach in protected cultivation will enhance farmers' income and its sustainability. Dr. V. D. Shende, Associate Director of Research in his remarks hoped that the trainees need to propagate the knowledge acquired by them to other farmers. The participants were trained on poly-house cultivation, shade-net cultivation, plastic mulching, hydroponics, micro irrigation technology, farm ponds, marketing management of farm produce and advances in agriculture along with skill imparting through practicals. Dr. Narendra Firke, Chief Scientist, PFDC in his introductory remarks put forth the objectives of the programme. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Head, Department of IDE introduced the Chief Guest. Dr. Ravindra Bansod, Dr. Sachin Nalawade, Dr. Kailas Kamble, Dr. Sudhir Dahiwalkar, Dr. Adik Alekar were present on this occasion. Er. Mohini Gaikwad anchored the programme, while, Er. Sachin More proposed voted of thanks. Twenty four trainees from thirteen districts participated in this training programme.



Farmers Exposure visit organized under ICAR Farmer FIRST Programme



February 14, 2018. A one-day Farmers Exposure visit was organized under the ICAR Farmer FIRST programme of MPKV, Rahuri. About 30 farmers and farm women from Chinchvhire and Kangar villages visited the Sahyadri Agro Farmer Producer Company at Mohadi of Nasik district. The farmers got a very good experience of group approach and group marketing. More than six thousand farmers are the members of this company. The farmers could observe the hygienic and

phyto sanitary grading, packing of residue free grapes which are being exported to many countries. In addition the company is engaged in exporting of vegetables like tomato, leafy vegetables and fruits like mango, banana, pomegranate and its processing with a capacity of 350 ton/day. Mr. Pritish Kare, Public Relations Officer of the company briefed about the activities and addressed the farmers queries. A visit to Varun Agro Food Processing Pvt. Ltd. Company at Umrle village was also organized on this occasion. This company is engaged in processing of tomato, mango and papaya. The visit was led by Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI, ICAR FFP and guided by Co-PI Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, SRF Shri. Vijay Shedge, Field Assistants Shri. Kiran Magar and Shri. Amol Gaikwad.

Agricultural Technology Festival celebrated at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhule



February 15-17, 2018. Agricultural Technology Festival (2017-18) jointly organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhule, College of Agriculture, Dhule and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers (RCF) Ltd., was celebrated at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhule. Dr. A.M. Musmade, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Dhule presided over the function. Amongst the chief guests were Shri. Vijaykumar Sonawane, Regional Manager, RCF, Nashik, and Shri. P.M. Sonawane,

BDAO, Dhule. Dr. M. S. Mahajan, Extension Agronomist, REC, Dhule, Dr. P.P. Patil, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Dhule, Prof. Tulsidas Bastewad, PI, AICRP, FIM, MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. Sanjeev Patil, Cotton Breeder, ORS, Jalgaon, Shri. Vijay Thakare, progressive farmer and Shri. Shriram Patil, Chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum, KVK, Dhule were present on the dias. In his presidential address Dr. A.M. Musmade guided the farmers for adopting different techniques like selection of varieties, marketing management for doubling their income. He also appealed to the farmers to demonstrate new and recent technologies on their farm for effective transfer of technology. In his introductory speech Dr. P.P. Patil, gave an outline of the three day Agricultural Technology Festival. Scientists Dr. M.S. Mahajan,



Dr. Sanjiv Patil, Prof. T. B. Bastewad guided the farmers during the technical sessions. Shri. Rohit Kadu, SMS, Horticulture, anchored the programme, while, Shri. Vipul Vasave, SMS, Animal Science and Dairy Science proposed the vote of thanks. Farmers in large numbers were present for this programme.

Agricultural Technology Day at KVK, Mohol



February 2, 2018. Agricultural Technology Day and *Shivar Pheri* was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mohol in collaboration with Zuari Agro Chemicals Pvt. Ltd. Dr. Dinesh Nandre, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Mohol in his introductory remarks put forth the objectives of the programme and appealed to the farmers to visit the crop technology demonstrations. Shri. Vijay Barbade, Project Director, ATMA, Solapur in his presidential address briefed about the different schemes

of Department of Agriculture. The farmers' income could be enhanced through processing and value addition, he said. Scientists Prof. D. D. Kadam, Dr. D. V. Indi, Officers Dr. Dhananjay Jagdale, Shri. Ligade of Zuari Agro and progressive farmers also shared their experiences during the technical session. Dr. Tanaji Walkunde, SMS (ASDS) anchored the programme, while, Shri. Dinesh Kshirsagar, SMS (FST) proposed thanks. Farmers in large number visited the crop demonstrations of sorghum, chickpea, wheat, safflower, forage crops during the *shivarpheeri*.

Meetings in February-2018

Feb. 17, 2018. The 108th meeting of the Academic Council of MPKV, Rahuri was organized on 17th February, 2018 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha at the university campus. Hon'ble Co-opted Members Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. K. E. Lawande, Former Vice Chancellor, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli, Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-Directorate of Floriculture Research, Pune, Dr. T. V. Satyanarayana, Registrar, Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar and Member Secretary, members and invitees were present for the meeting.

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