

MPKV HAPPENINGS

January, 2016



Dr. K. P. Viswanatha nominated as Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri



Dr. K.P. Viswanatha has been nominated as the new Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri. He took over the reigns of Vice Chancellor on 30th December, 2015. Dr. K.P. Viswanatha was born on 5th Nov., 1955. He completed his Ph. D. in Genetics and Plant Breeding. He has a vast experience of 36 years of service in the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru and at University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. He worked in the capacity of Director of Research in UAS, Bengaluru and as Director of Extension Education at UAS, Raichur. He has guided 10 Ph. D. students. He has to his credit more than 100 research papers and two books. As a Principal Investigator (PI) of various projects, he has executed 12 externally funded projects and two projects as Co-PI. He served as a Vice President and Joint Secretary of the Indian Society of Arid Legumes, CAZRI, Jodhpur; Member of the

Editorial Board, Journal of Arid Legumes, Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), IIPR, Kanpur and Journal of *Krishi Vigyan*, a publication of Society of *Krishi Vigyan*, PAU, Ludhiana. He is coveted with the Fellowships of Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development and Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding. He has developed two varieties of Rice viz., CTH-1(*Mukti*), CTH-3(*Bilimukti*); two varieties of Horsegram viz., BGM-1, PHG-9; three varieties of Cowpea viz., KBC-2, KM-5, IT-38956-1 and 49-A variety of fodder bajra. Dr. Viswanatha has been felicitated with an International Award-Endeavour Executive Award by Australian Government in 2010. His contribution has been recognized at the National level for which he has been bestowed with the Life Time Achievement Award by Society of Extension Education and Management in Agriculture. Recently he has been elected as Vice President of Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, New Delhi for 2016-17. During his tenure as DEE, the KVK, Bidar bagged the Best KVK Award of Zone-VIII from ICAR, New Delhi in 2015. He has a good international exposure and toured countries like Australia, Japan, Spain, Egypt and Africa. Thus, Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha has a rich experience in education, research and extension education.

Welcome to new Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and farewell to Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. T.A. More



The welcome programme for the new Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and farewell to Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. T. A. More was organized in the university. Dr. K. P. Viswanatha took charge of Vice Chancellor of the university. In his address he hoped for a good co-operation from staff and students for taking the university to greater heights. He humbly said that he will work as a *sevak* of the university and will try to serve in the best possible way for the MPKV, family and farming community. The Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. T.A. More thanked the staff and students for their co-operation during the last five years. He said that during his tenure three Government Agriculture Colleges, three KVKs and four

Research Centers were established successfully. He applauded the work culture of the university. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean F/A, Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research, Shri. Sopan Kasar, Registrar, staff members and students expressed their feelings on this occasion. A book on Dr. T.A. More "*Jeevan Gaurav*" and a postal stamp were released during the function. Miss. Rekhtai More, Colonel Onkar Murthy, Miss. Anupama Murthy, Associate Deans, Heads of Departments, scientists, staff and students were present for the function. Dr. A.V Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. D.B. Yadav proposed vote of thanks.

Review Meeting of Extension Education Organized



attended the meeting. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, Dr.G. K. Sasane proposed the vote of thanks.

MOU signed



Company, Dr. B.R. Ulmek , Dean (F/A), Shri Peter Vester, Shri Parind Prabhu Desai, Shri Pravin Kulkarni, staff and students present on this occasion. Prof. V. D. Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, Dr. Ranjit Patil proposed vote of thanks.

Model Training Course Organized



The review meeting of Extension Education was organized in the university. In his address Vice-Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha said that soils have deteriorated due to imbalance use of chemical fertilizers. For this purpose soil organic carbon need to be enhanced for increasing the soil fertility. Further, he stressed the need for motivating the farmers for use of composting and organic fertilizers. Dr. K .D. Kokate, Director Extension Education presented the various activities of extension education. He said that the extension personnel are making efforts for effective transfer of technology to the farmers. Extension Agronomists of Regional Extension Centres, Officer In-charge of District Extension Centres and Programme Co-ordinators of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Dr. Annasheb Shinde College of Agriculture Engineering, MPKV, Rahuri with Stealth Company, Germany. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education presided over the function. Dr. Kokate expressed the need for Public Private Partnership for agriculture education, research and extension. He said that this will lead to innovative research and ultimately higher crop production. Shri Nicolas Stheel, Director, Stheel Company, Germany also addressed the faculty. The company will award Rs.7500/- scholarship per month for post graduate education and Rs.5000/- per month for undergraduate courses. Dr. P.A. Turbathmat, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE gave the introductory remarks. Shri Hanspeter Stheel, founder Stheel

A Model Training Course was organized in the University in Co-ordination with Ministry of Agriculture, GoI, New Delhi. Dr.K. D. Kokate , Director of Extension Education inaugurated the programme. He said that farmers, State Agriculture Universities and Agril Extension Agencies need to work in co-ordination for achieving 4 per cent agricultural growth. He opined that Integrated Farming System need to be adopted for sustainable agriculture. Dr. M. B. Dhonde, Head, Dept. of Agronomy also addressed the participants. The officers from agriculture department, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and extension centers participated in the programme. Dr. A. V. Solanke gave the introductory remarks, while, Dr.A. B. Kambale anchored the programme.

Seed Production Programme on 'One Village One Variety'



The seed village programme on 'One Village One Variety' was organized at *Narayanwadi* village in Ahmednagar district by MPKV, Rahuri in co-ordination with ICRISAT, Hyderabad MAHABEEJ, Akola and Agriculture Department. Seed production programme of University released *Phule Vasudha* variety of Rabi Sorghum has been undertaken on an area of 400 ha. In his presidential address Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research, hoped that this will be a model programme for seed production of rabi sorghum using the five point technology of the University. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education said similar Seed Village Programmes are required to be organized for other major crops. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Sorghum Breeder gave the introductory remarks. Shri. Bhausaheb Barhate, Director, ATMA, Shri. Sambhaji Gaikwad, Deputy Director, ATMA Dr. R.W. Bharud, Head, Dept. of Botany, Shri Chandrakant Shinde, Manager, MAHABEEJ officers and farmers were present in large number. Dr. U. D. Chavhan anchored the programme, while, Shri Sudhir Shinde proposed vote of thanks.

Republic Day Celebrated



The 66th Republic Day was enthusiastically celebrated in the University. On this occasion Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, hoisted the National Flag. In his address to the staff, students and employees Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha put forward the challenges of water scarcity in the state. He hoped that the SAUs and agriculture department will work together for confronting these challenges. Shri Sopan Kasar, Registrar gave the oath of Clean India Campaign. Directors Dr. K.D. Kokate, Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean Dr. P. A. Turbathmath, Shri B. G. Nirmal, Comptroller, Shri M. P. Dhoke, University Engineer, Heads of Department, staff, students and employees attended the programme. Dr. U. K. Kadam, Security Officer anchored the programme.

Good Administration Day Celebrated at College of Agriculture, Pune



The Birthday of former Prime Minister of India Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee was celebrated as a Good Administration Day at College of Agriculture, Pune. On this occasion a one day training programme was organized. Information officer Shri. Sunil Patil was the chief Guest. In his speech he narrated various terminologies used for Good Governance, Right of Information and its effective implementation. Use of these laws for better administration is a key for Good Government, he said. Dr. Vinay Supe anchored the programme, while, Dr. Chirme proposed vote of thanks.

Front Line Demonstrations on Onion organized



The Regional Extension Centre, Dhule organized 416 Onion Front line demonstrations on farmers field in Nandurbar district under Tribal Sub Plan project. Dr. K.D. Kokate along with the scientists from Regional Extension Center, Dhule visited the front line demonstration plots of Onion at *Dhanrat* Dist. Nandurbar. On this occasion Dr. Kokate said that use of micro irrigation techniques for efficient water use is most important for scarcity area. The compost pit demonstration was also organized on this occasion. Associate Dean Dr. P.N. Rasal, REC Incharge Dr M.S. Mahajan and farmers were present in large number.

Shri D. Chandrakant, Additional Statistical Advisor, MoA, Govt. of India visited the University



Shri D. Chandrakant, Additional Statistical Advisor, MoA, Govt. of India visited the University and discussed about the implementation of Comprehensive Scheme under Dept. of Economics, MPKV, Rahuri. On this occasion he visited the farmers under this scheme at Ahmednagar, Nashik, Thane and Aurangabad districts and interacted with them about various issues related to crop production. Dr. D.B. Yadav, Head, Dept. of Agril Economics and other scientists were present on the occasion.

Dr. K. D. Kokate felicitated with *Krishi Sanman* Award



Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education was felicitated with prestigious *Krishi Sanman* Award instituted by Media Roots and Media Wings, Pune. Dr. S. S. Magar, former Vice Chancellor, DBSKKV, Dapoli felicitated Dr. Kokate in the programme organized at *Bal Gandharv* Auditorium, Pune. Dr. Kokate has contributed significantly for extension education in the country. In his capacity as DDG (Agril. Extn.), ICAR, New Delhi Dr. Kokate has planned and implemented innovative reforms in KVK system. During his tenure the Zonal Project Directorates have been upgraded to Agriculture Technology Application Research Institutes and their numbers has also increased from eight to eleven.

AWARDS

Dr. R. J. Desale awarded with Agrocure Idol Award



Dr. R. J. Desale, Asstt. Professor of AHDS was awarded the Agrocure Idol award instituted by Agro Care Krishi Manch, Maha Agro Tech, ATMA, Dept. of Agriculture. Dr. Desale received this state level award at the hands of Dr. Subhash Bhamare, Member of Parliament. He has been recognized for his contribution in education, research and extension.

Dr. Madhukar Bedis received *Krishi Ratna* Award



Dr. Madhukar Bedis, Associate Professor of Botany received Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Prerna Krishi Ratna Award with the auspicious hands of Shri Ujjwal Nikam, renowned special Government Advocate, MS in the programme organized at Kantai Auditorium, Jalgaon for his contribution to research.

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