

MPKV HAPPENINGS

July, 2016



Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare visited MPKV, Rahuri



July 11, 2016. Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri. Radha Mohan Singh visited the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha welcomed and felicitated Hon'ble Union Minister on this occasion. While addressing the staff, students and farmers Shri. Radha Mohan Singh informed about the Government's efforts like Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme, soil health cards for the benefit of farmers. The development of nation is only possible through the progress of agriculture and farmers in the villages. Food security and climate change are the major challenges before us, hence utilization of science, technology and human resource development must be our priority, he said. He appraised about the scheme *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* through which large number of villages will be contacted by the scientists. The combined efforts of the Government, farmers and scientists will help to achieve the expected agricultural development, he hoped. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his address appraised the contribution of MPKV in the fields of agriculture education, research and extension education. Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture gave the welcome address. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Research gave a lucid presentation of research achievements of the university. Shri. Dilip Gandhi, Member of Parliament also addressed on this occasion. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar proposed vote of thanks. Shri. Sadashiv Lokhande, Member of Parliament, Agriculture Commissioner Shri. Vikas Deshmukh, District Collector Shri. Anil Kawade, Chief Executive Officer, Z. P. Shri. Binawade, Executive Council members of the university Shri. Bhausaheb Wakchaure, Ex-M.P., Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye, MLC, Dr. S. D. Sawant, Shri. Chandrashekhar Kadam, Vice-President, Shree Saibaba Sansthan, Shirdi, staff, students and farmers were present for the function. Earlier on his arrival Shri. Radha Mohan Singh visited the exhibition organized at the Agriculture Technology Information Centre of the university.

Vanmahostav and Krishi Din celebrated



July 1, 2016. The *Vanmahostav* and *Krishi Din* programme was enthusiastically celebrated at MPKV, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the function. In his presidential address he emphasized on tree

plantation for balanced environment. He said that we are experiencing the ill effects of global warming. We need to have 33 per cent of our total land under forests. For this purpose every individual should plant and conserve at least one tree. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Research in his introductory remarks said that we are celebrating the birth anniversary of late Vasant Rao Naik, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra as *Krishi Din*. He hoped that this is a good participatory activity which will be monitored quarterly. Dr. R.S. Wagh presented the plan of tree plantation and scientific method of planting the saplings. Registrar Shri. Vikas Pansare proposed vote of thanks, while, Dr. A.V. Solanke anchored the programme. Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A, Comptroller Shri. B.G. Nirmal, University Engg. Shri. Milind Dhole, Dr. P.A. Turbathmath, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE, Dr. D. B. Yadav, Head, Dept. of Agril. Economics, staff and students were present on this occasion. More than one thousand university employees and students planted more than 61000 saplings in the campus. Similar programme was organized at all the colleges and jurisdiction of the university. Trees were also planted at College of Agriculture, Kolhapur under the guidance of Associate Dean Dr. G.G. Khot. Similarly 800 saplings were planted at Central Sugarcane Research Station, Padegaon under the guidance of Sugarcane Specialist Dr S.M. Pawar.

Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha felicitated with Lifetime Achievement Award



July 15, 2016. Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri has been felicitated with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to cleanliness education and research. The award is instituted by the National Institute of Cleanliness Education and Research (NICER), New Delhi. Dr.Viswanatha received the award on the auspicious occasion of the World Youth Skills Day 2016 at the India International Centre, New Delhi at the hands of Dr. Charles Mercieca, President, IAEPW and Mr. Utkarsh Sharma, Director, NICER. The Board of Governors of the International Association of Educators for World Peace (Affiliated to United Nations-ECOSOC,

DPI, UNICEF and UNESCO) on the specific recommendations of NICER conferred the award to Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha has initiated the cleanliness campaign in the university. He has called for Clean University Green University campaign.

SAC meeting of KVK, Borgaon organized



July 23, 2016. The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting was organized at KVK, Borgaon, Dist. Satara. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. While guiding the KVK scientists he laid stress on compost making for agriculture. He also emphasized on *Swachh Bharat Abhiyan* and Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Research and Dr.Y.G. Prasad, Director, ATARI, Hyderabad gave valuable suggestions in their address. Prof. Mohan Shirke, Programme Co-ordinator presented the various activities of KVK. All the SMS of KVK gave the presentation on FLDs, OFTs and training programmes organized by KVK. Er. Mahesh Pacharne

anchored the programme, while, Dr. Mahesh Babar proposed vote of thanks. The dignitaries, SAC members and progressive farmers visited the KVK seed production plot of *Phule Agrani* variety of soybean.

KCC Training Programme organized at AC, Pune



July 26-27, 2016. A two day Kisan Call Centre (KCC) training programme on Advanced technology for crop production in kharif season was organized by the University at College of Agriculture, Pune in co-ordination with the National Institute of Agriculture Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director Extension Education and Research inaugurated the programme. In his address he said that the University has made rich contribution in agriculture research. New improved crop varieties and technologies have been released by the university. This need to reach the farmers. Hence, the Agriculture Consultants should update themselves with the recent technologies. Dr. V.S. Shirke, Professor of Agril. Extension gave the introductory remarks. Dr. S.D. Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Pune, Dr. G. K. Waman, Co-ordinator, staff and trainees were present for the programme.

CCKN-IA Workshop organized



July 22, 2016. A two day Workshop on Climate Change Knowledge Network-Indian Agriculture (CCKN-IA) was organized at Pune by MPKV, Rahuri in coordination with Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry and German Development Corporation. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Research briefed about the project. He said that two districts viz., Pune and Ahmednagar have been selected for this project. Through this project block level contingency planning for 24 villages in the two talukas of these districts has been planned. Farmers will be given advice through mobile. Dr. V.P. Sharma, Director, MANAGE, Hyderabad, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ATARI, Hyderabad, Dr. G. Ravindra Chary, Co-ordinator, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Dr. Raju, Mr. Zakir, Shri. Nadeem of GIZ, Germany, State Agriculture Advisor Shri. Somnath Chaudhary, Shri. Subhash Khemnar, Director, ATMA, Shri. Sunil Borkar, PD, ATMA took part in the discussions. The University scientists and KVK SMS participated in the workshop. Dr. S.D. Gorantiwar, Co-PI, CCKN-IA project proposed vote of thanks.

State Level Workshop on Sugarcane organized in Kolhapur



July 9, 2016. A State level Workshop on Sugarcane Production Technology was organized by MPKV's Central Sugarcane Research Station (CSRS), Padegaon in co-ordination with the Bhartiya Sugar at Shivaji University, Kolhapur. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Research inaugurated the workshop. In his address he said that inspite of the increased area under sugarcane crop in Maharashtra, we have not yet achieved the expected per ha. productivity of sugarcane. The CSRS, Padegaon has done a commendable research work on sugarcane by developing high yielding varieties and production technologies of sugarcane for the benefit of

farmers. Efforts are needed for increasing the area under drip irrigation in sugarcane crop, he said. Shri. Vikramsingh Shinde, Founder Chairman, Bhartiya Sugar, Pune, Dr. G.G. Khot, AD, AC, Kolhapur, Shri. C.N. Deshpande, Vice President, Bhartiya Sugar, and officers, scientists, farmers were present on this occasion. Thirteen progressive sugarcane farmers were awarded the Bhartiya Sugar-2016 awards for taking record sugarcane yield and also two young scientists were awarded the Bhartiya Sugar Young Sugarcane Research Awards-2016. Dr. S.M. Pawar, Sugarcane Specialist gave the introductory remarks. Dr. D.H. Phalke anchored the programme, while, Shri. Sangramsingh Shinde proposed thanks.



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