

MPKV HAPPENINGS

June, 2017



ZAREAC interface organized at Pune



June 15, 2017. The Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZAREAC) meeting for Kharif season was organized at College of Agriculture, Pune. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. In his presidential address, he put forth the challenges in agriculture especially climate change and delayed monsoon. For this purpose we need to be prepared with contingency plan. The university in co-ordination with State Department of Agriculture has successfully implemented the *Unnat Sheti Samrudhha Shetkari Abhiyan*, he said. Technology and quality inputs are major components for increasing crop production and we need to ensure its availability. Dr. S. L. Jadhav, Director, National Horticulture Mission, M.S. in his address informed about the different schemes of Department of Agriculture and emphasized on reducing the cost of production. He assured that scientists and extension workers will work hand in hand for effective implementation of Govt. schemes. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and presented the current agricultural situation and extension approaches. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research presented the new crop varieties and technology recommendations of the university released during the Joint AGRESCO. Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune welcomed the dias and participants. Dr. Miss. Pallavi Suryavanshi anchored the programme, while, Dr. Vinay Supe, ADR, Ganeshkhind gave vote of thanks. Officers of Agriculture Department and university scientists participated in the discussion.

Agriculture Programme Advisory Committee meeting organized

June 13, 2017. The Agriculture Programme Advisory Committee meeting of Mumbai and Pune Doordarshan centres was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education in his speech highlighted the contribution of Doordarshan in agriculture especially for transfer of technologies. This media has a vital role to play in the doubling of farmers income and *Unnat Sheti Samrudhha Shetkari Abhiyan*, he remarked. Doordarshan has been playing an important role for motivating farmers by giving awards like





Sahyadri Krishi Sanman. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research briefed about the research achievements of the university. Awareness of farmers on new technologies including shadenet, controlled crop management, integrated farming system is required to be done by media, he opined. Shri. Shivaji Fulsundar, Director, Doordarshan Kendra, Mumbai in his introductory remarks briefed about the new agricultural programmes on Sahyadri channel like *Krishimanthan*, success stories and by this way it provides educates the farmers through entertainment. The quarterly programmes for July-September were discussed and finalized during the meeting. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre welcomed the dignitaries and anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. S. Sadaphal expressed thanks. Officers from Doordarshan, all line departments and progressive farmer members attended the meeting.

Visit of Shri. Venugopal Reddy to the university



June 18, 2017. Shri. Venugopal Reddy, Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra visited MPKV, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha greeted him in the university and briefed him about the education, research and extension education activities of the university. He also presented Shri. Reddy with a set of university publications. On this occasion Shri. Reddy visited the Agriculture Technology Information Centre (ATIC), Horticulture farm including dry land arid zone fruit crops, vegetable project, nursery and dairy project. He also inaugurated the vermicompost

unit at D nursery. He was also briefed with the watershed project. Shri. Reddy expressed satisfaction about the various activities of the university. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Shri. M. P. Dhoke, University Engineer, and scientists Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Dr. U. Y. Bhoite, Dr. R. D. Bansod, Dr. A. A. Atre, Dr. K. P. Deolankar, Dr. Shrikanth Kulkarni, Dr. C. S. Patil and Dr. P. B. Kharde accompanied him during the visit.

International Yoga Day celebrated

June 21, 2017. The third International Yoga Day was celebrated in the university. A function on Yoga was organized on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. The Chief Guest Dr. Vishwasrao Mandlik, Vice Chancellor, Yoga Vidya Gurukul, Nasik guided the staff and students on Yoga. In his address he highlighted the benefits of Yoga and how it helps to increase ones resistance, health, memory and intelligence. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha said



that Yoga is a great gift of our country to the world. One need to regularly practice Yoga for increasing the work efficiency and capabilities. Dr. Deepak and Mr. Mantri from Ahmednagar also guided on Yoga and shared their experiences. On the next day morning, Yoga was practiced on the ground by staff and students under the guidance of Shri. Suresh Shedge. Prof. S. V. Patil, Student Welfare Officer expressed thanks. Directors Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, PGI Dr. J. V. Patil, Registrar Shri. G. K. Ghorpade, Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote were present on this occasion.

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