

MPKV HAPPENINGS

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Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha felicitated with Deshbhakt Balasaheb Bharde Memorial Award-2018



June 27, 2018. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha has been felicitated with the Deshbhakt Balasaheb Bharde Memorial Award-2018 at a function organized in Pune. The award was given to Dr. Viswanatha at the auspicious hands of Shri. Shrinivas Patil, Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim for his contribution to agricultural development. Padmashri Dr. D. Y. Patil, Former Hon'ble Governor of Tripura, Shri. Bacchu Kadu, Hon'ble MLA, Shri. Pasha Patel, Chairman, Agriculture Price Commission, M.S.,

Shri. Ajay Bharde, Executive Head, Padmabhushan Balasaheb Bharde Trust were the dignitaries present on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha has a rich experience in education, research and extension education. He has initiated a cleanliness campaign in the university. He has called for Clean University Green University campaign.

Zonal Agricultural Interface organized



June 7, 2018. The Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZAREAC) meeting for kharif-2018 was organized by MPKV, Rahuri in co-ordination with the State Department of Agriculture and ATMA, Nasik at the Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU), Nasik. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. Dr. E. Wayunandan, Vice Chancellor, YCMOU, Nasik, Shri. Sacchindra Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Agriculture), M. S., Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Shri. Vijaykumar Ghawate, Dr. V. S. Shirke were present on the dias. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address hoped that the zonal interface is a good platform for updating latest research



information. He stressed the need for convergence of University and Department for effective transfer of agricultural technologies. Crop planning, market intelligence, value addition and storage are important aspects to be looked upon. Farmers need to be educated on fertilizer application as per soil testing and use of pesticides. A statelevel workshop on Doubling farmers income would be organized soon with the involvement of all stakeholders, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. E. Wayunandan in his address hoped that all aspects of kharif season would be examined during the deliberations. He praised the contribution of MPKV in agricultural development. Shri. Sacchindra Pratap Singh hoped that SAU, Department of Agriculture, ATMA and KVK would join hands for increasing the crop productivity. Doubling of farmers income can be done through diversification of agriculture including animal husbandry, sericulture etc. Effective advisory services for awareness of cotton pink bollworm is very much needed, he reiterated. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and presented the yield gaps of major kharif crops and efforts for minimizing them. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research presented the recent crop varieties and technology recommendations released during the Joint AGRESCO. Shri. Ghawate presented the feedback of seed and technologies and farmers expectations. The university publication Shri Sugi, Kharif-2018 was released on this occasion. Dr. D. V. Kusalkar, Associate Director of Research, NARP, Igatpuri welcomed the dignitaries and the participants. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, Dr. Yogesh Patil expressed thanks. Heads of Departments, Joint Directors of Agriculture Dr. Zhende, Mr. Sapre, District Supt. Agril. Officers, PD, ATMA, Associate Directors of Research, Crop Specialists, Heads of KVKs, Incharge, RECs and DECS, scientists and officers of Agriculture Department participated in the discussion.

Farmers rally on pink bollworm of cotton



June 8, 2018. A Farmers rally on pink bollworm of cotton was organized by the university in co-ordination with State Department of Agriculture and ATMA, Ahmednagar. Shri. Rahul Dwivedi, District Collector, Ahmednagar was the chief guest on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Shri. Dadasaheb Sapre, Joint Director of Agriculture, Shri. Pandit Lonare, District

Supt. Agril. Officer, Ahmednagar, Shri. Bhausaheb Barhate, PD, ATMA, Ahmednagar, Dr. R. W. Bharud, Head, Department of Botany, Dr. R. S. Wagh, Cotton Breeder were present on this occasion. At the outset condolences were offered to Late Pandurang Fundkar, former Minister of Agriculture, M. S. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha said that farmers have been in trouble due to infestation of pink bollworm on cotton during last three years. The university has recommended a package for control of this pest which needed to be made aware to the farmers. Management aspect is required to be followed which we lack in control of this pest, he said. The District Collector Shri. Rahul Dwivedi in his address said that the farmers need to give more stress on integrated pest management (IPM) for controlling



pink bollworm on cotton. Farmers can overcome this problem through the guidance of university experts, he hoped. Dr. Kokate said that more use of biological pesticides, pheromone traps is required to control pink bollworm. Dr. Gadakh addressed on the various aspects of infestation problem and remedial measures to be undertaken. Shri. Sapre, Shri. Lonare, Shri. Barhate also addressed the farmers. A folder on control of pink bollworm of cotton was released during the programme. The university scientists guided the farmers. Dr. Nandkumar Bhute anchored the programme, while, Dr. Sopan More expressed thanks.

International Yoga Day celebrated



June 21, 2018. The International Yoga Day was celebrated at College of Agriculture, Pune. *Yogacharya* Shri. Sunil Bhandarkar guided the staff and students on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, Dr. S. D. Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Prof. Tukaram Bhondve, Student Welfare Officer, Dr. Ram Chaudhary, NCC officer were present on the dias. In his address Shri. Bhandarkar said that yoga has many advantages like increase in concentration and maintaining health and mind peace. Stress could also be reduced through yoga, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that yoga is a great gift by India to the world. The United Nations Organization has declared 21st June as International Yoga Day, he said. Dr. Rasal in his introductory remarks said that yoga need to be done regularly to achieve its long term benefits. Certificates were awarded to the students for best essay on Importance of Yoga in Life at the hands of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor. Dr. Manisha Sonwane, Medical Officer and Director, Soham Charitable Trust anchored the programme. Different exercises on Yoga were practiced on this occasion.



June 21, 2018. The International Yoga Day was celebrated at MPKV, Rahuri and all campuses of university jurisdiction. Yoga teacher Prof. Shridhar Dhas, New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Ahmednagar was the chief guest for the programme organized in the university. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture presided over the programme. Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar, Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, PGI, Dr. D. B. Yadav, Head, Department of Agril.

Economics, Prof. Sharad Patil, Student Welfare Officer were present on the dias. Prof. Dhas cited many



examples of successful yoga. He underlined the need for regular practicing of yoga. We can achieve our set goals and targets through yoga, he said. Dr. Pharande in his presidential address said that we get a positive energy through yoga which helps to negate the stress in our life. Yoga is our tradition and we need to practice it and transfer our knowledge to others. Dr. R. S. Patil gave the introductory and welcome remarks. Shri. Rameshwar Thorat anchored the programme, while, Prof. Sharad Patil gave vote of thanks. Certificates were awarded to those who completed the yoga class. In the morning hours yoga was practiced by the staff and students organized on university sports ground under the guidance of Yoga teacher Shri. Suresh Shedge.

Interface between MPKV and Pomegranate Growers Association



June 28, 2018. An interaction meet of MPKV scientists and Directors of Pomegranate Growers Association was organized in the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha chaired the meeting. Shri. Prthiviraj Jachak, President, Pomegranate Growers Association, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Shri. Arun Deore, Vice President, Dr. B.B. Dhakre, Incharge, Head, Department of Horticulture, Dr. V. S. Supe, Associate Director of Research, Ganeshkhind, Dr. V. D. Shende, Associate

Director of Research, Rahuri, Shri. Trimbake, Deputy Director, Horticulture, Pune, Shri. Sable of Agricultural Marketing Board, Pune, Shri. Nalge, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Ahmednagar, Shri. Jagtap, Deputy Director, ATMA, Ahmednagar were present on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his address narrated the contribution of MPKV in pomegranate research. He underlined that the Bhagwa variety has made tremendous impact on the farmers not only in Maharashtra but other states too. Farmers need to go for disease free and healthy seedlings to keep the oily spot away. They need to go for value addition and market survey for securing good price. A standardized protocol for tissue culture in pomegranate is needed, he opined. Shri. Jachak briefed about the activities of Pomegranate Growers Association and stressed the need for reducing the cost of cultivation. Research and co-ordination between SAUs, NRC, Agriculture Department, Marketing Board and the Pomegranate Growers Association is required to solve farmers issues, he said. Dr. Gadakh hoped that the interface between scientists and growers is a welcome step to solve issues in pomegranate. He stated the research direction of the university for pomegranate. The scientists of MPKV Dr. Supe, Dr. Gorantiwar, Dr. Jadhav, Dr. Raghuwanshi, Dr. Navle, Dr. Walunj, Dr. Durgude, Dr. Kulkarni, Dr. More, Dr. Nilesh Gaikwad of NRC-P, Solapur, Shri. Sable, Marketing Board guided on various aspects of pomegranate during the meeting. Dr. Shrikant Kulkarni anchored the programme, while, Shri. Maruti Borate, Secretary, Pomegranate Growers Association expressed thanks.



World Environment Day celebrated



June 5, 2018. The World Environment Day was celebrated in the University. Shri. Adarsha Reddy, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ahmednagar was the chief guest for the function organized in Dr. Annasaheb Shinde auditorium. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Deans Dr. R. S. Patil and Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Dr. R. M. Naik, Vice President, Student Council, PGI, Prof.

Sharad Patil, Student Welfare Officer were present on the dias. Shri. Reddy in his address highlighted the importance of environment and its protection. He said that the theme for this year's World Environment Day is 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. He called for honest efforts of all to protect the natural environment. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that we need to understand the nature and educate the people for protecting it. Awareness on reducing the use of plastics and recycling it is very much needed. Burning of agricultural waste which increases carbon needs to be avoided. Trees are the source of tapping carbondioxide and hence the university has taken a massive tree plantation programme. Students have also been involved in this programme, he said. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A gave the welcome remarks and introduced the chief guest. Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar proposed vote of thanks. Mr. Vinod Thakre anchored the programme. The Heads of Departments, staff and students attended the programme.

Training programme organized under Unnat Sheti Samrudha Shetkari Abhiyan



June 18, 2018. A training programme for kharif-2018 to farmers group co-ordinators was organized in the university in co-ordination with State Department of Agriculture and ATMA, Ahmednagar. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research presided over the programme. In his address Dr. Gadakh said that we need to increase the crop productivity in low productivity areas. Crop production cost can be minimized through technologies like seed treatment, use of onfarm inputs, he said. The integrated farming system model (IFS)

recommended by the university will certainly enhance farmers income. Dairy, poultry, goat rearing are important IFS components which we need to focus for doubling farmers income, he said. Shri. Pandit Lonare, District Supt. Agril. Officer, Ahmednagar in his introductory remarks put forth the objectives of *Unnat Sheti Samrudha Shetkari Abhiyan*. He elaborated the 10 ha. demonstration project which is to be implemented by the farmers groups in their fields for increasing crop production and reducing the cost of cultivation. Prof. M. M. Desai, Manager, Agricultural Technology Information Centre, experts Dr. Pacharne, Dr. Dhonde guided the farmers. Deputy Director Shri. Vilas Nalge anchored the programme, while, Shri. Bapusaheb Shinde expressed thanks. Around 550 farmers group co-ordinators were trained by university scientists on bajra, red gram, green gram, urid, soyabean, paddy, maize and lucerne grass during the one day programme.



Training programmes organized under ICAR Farmer FIRST programme



June 26, 2018. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education inaugurated the training programme on Bajra and Red Gram Production Technology organized under the ICAR FFP at the central campus. In his inaugural address Dr. Kokate hoped that the Chinchvihire and Kangar villages would come up as model villages with the support of ICAR Farmer FIRST programme being implemented by MPKV, Rahuri. He called for branding of *Dhanshakti* variety of bajra developed by the university which is rich in iron

content. Grading and packing of agril. produce would give good returns to the farmers, he said. Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI in his introductory remarks briefed about the kharif planning and said that bajra demonstrations involving varieties like *Adishakti* and *Dhanshakti* are being taken on 40 ha. area, while, the red gram variety BDN-711 on 20 ha. area. Dr. N. S. Kute, Associate Professor of Botany, Prof. Changdev Wayal, Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology and Dr. Dattatraya Pacharne, Assistant Professor of Agronomy guided the trainees on bajra and red gram production technology. Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Shri. Vijay Shedge expressed thanks. About 50 farmers participated in the training programme.



June 19, 2018. Various training programmes were organized by the university under the ICAR Farmer FIRST programme. An offcampus training programme on Dairy Management and Fishery was organized at Chinchvihire village. At the outset Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI of the project gave the introductory remarks. Dr. Y. B. Kandalkar, Assistant Professor of ASDS in his guidance on dairy management highlighted the need for loose housing system for cattle. He also addressed the feed management of cattle and various diseases of cattle

particularly in rainy season and their control measures along with vaccination schedule. Dr. Suresh Ubale guided the farmers on forage crops. He said that the university released fodder crops like Phule Jaywant, Phule Gunwant need to be cultivated on large scale through which farmers can increase their milk production. Shri. Rajendra Dangre, Fishery expert guided on fishery in farm ponds. He hoped that proper feed and care management of fish in farm ponds would give good returns to the farmers. The experts answered the farmers queries. Shri. M. R. Thokle, Taluka Agril. Officer, Rahuri, Shri. Namdev Rokade, Technical Officer, Pune, Shri. Raibhan Gaikwad, Agril. Asstt. and farmers were present on this occasion. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Co-PI expressed thanks. After the training programme demo on fish harvesting in farmers farm ponds were organized in Chinchvihire and Kangar villages.



Agriculture Education Day organized at College of Agriculture, Kolhapur



June 21, 2018. The Agriculture Education Day was organized at College of Agriculture, Kolhapur. In his address to the students and parents, Dr. G. N. Khot, Associate Dean of the college highlighted the various opportunities in agriculture sector. Apart from the academic career, the students have a choice for starting their agricultural enterprises. An agricultural graduate cannot only be a job seeker but a job provider to others, he said. An agricultural graduate has a vast scope for research, administrative services, banking

sector and private sector. Dr. Khot briefed about the course curricula, syllabus and the available infrastructure for the students. Mrs. Bhagyashri Pawar, Deputy Director, Agriculture also addressed the students. Shri. Santosh Khandelwal, President, Khandelwal Biofertilizers, Ichalkarangi stated the scope for students in the field of food processing, biofertilizer production and advisory services. Dr. Rajendra Suryavanshi, Professor of Agril. Economics guided on admission procedure. Dr. Dinkar Patil, Vice President, Students Council, staff, students and parents were present for the programme. Miss. Priya Kashid and Mr. Kiran Pisal anchored the programme, while, Prof. B. T. Kolgane, Student Welfare Officer proposed thanks.

Rural Programme Advisory Committee meeting of All India Radio organized at College of Agriculture, Pune



June 14, 2018. The Rural Programme Advisory Committee meeting of All India Radio, Pune was organized at College of Agriculture, Pune. Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean of the college presided over the meeting. Shri. Gopal Oute, Deputy Director, Shri. Ravindra Ranjekar, Assistant Director, Shri. Anilkumar Pingle, Programme Officer of AIR, Pune, Dr. V. S. Supe, Associate Director of Research, Ganeshkhind, Dr. S. B. Shinde, Professor of Agril. Extension were present for the meeting. Dr. Rasal

briefed about the educational, research and extension education activities of the college. Shri. Oute hoped that the AIR programmes would be beneficial to the farmers for crop planning in the ensuing season. Dr. Shinde opined that the AIR is trying to reach more number of farmers and has a key role in transfer of technology. Shri. Pingle gave the introductory remarks. Shri. Kulkarni anchored the programme, while, Dr. Jyoti Walke expressed thanks. Officers of various departments, scientists and progressive farmer members took part in the discussions.

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