

MPKV HAPPENINGS

March, 2019



Golden Jubilee Celebrations of MPKV, Rahuri



March 29, 2019. The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri was organized in the university. Dr. A. K. Misra, Chairman, Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB), New Delhi was the Chief Guest for this grand function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Vice Chancellors Dr. Vilas Bhale (Akola), Dr. Ashok Dhawan (Parbhani), Dr. Sanjay Sawant (Dapoli). Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research were present on the dais. In his inaugural address Dr. Misra congratulated the MPKV fraternity for its Golden Jubilee celebrations. He underlined the role of technology in attaining self sufficiency of the country in food grain production. The contribution of scientists, farmers and policy makers has resulted in the country's record foodgrain, horticultural, milk, meat, fish production. He further hoped that we need to attract youth towards agriculture. The Government is making all out efforts for increasing the farmers' income. But the fragmentation of land due to increasing population, global warming and climate change, shrinking of natural resources and farmers' distress are the major challenges before us. MPKV has made significant contribution for agricultural development during the last fifty years, he remarked.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address paid due respect to the services rendered by each one in MPKV's successful long journey of 50 years. He said that the hardwork and vision of all former



Vice Chancellors, Directors, scientists, staff has made this journey successful. MPKV has always been in the forefront for solving farmers' issues. The work culture of this university is very unique, he added. The university in the last three years has organized innovative programmes like *Kisan Aadhar Sammelan* for the benefit of farmers. He hoped that the integrated farming system model of MPKV would assure sustainable income to the farmers. Appropriate steps have been taken for quality education to the students and research work.

Vice Chancellors of other SAUs in their address lauded MPKV's contribution towards education, research and extension during the last fifty years. Former Vice Chancellor Dr Y. S. Nerkar said that MPKV is a torch bearer for the SAUs and shared experiences of his tenure. Former Vice Chancellor Dr. S. N. Puri in his address said that this is a joyous moment for him. He remembered the contribution of former Vice Chancellor late Dr. M. S. Pawar in building this university in its early years. Former Vice Chancellor Dr. R. B. Deshmukh remembered the efforts of great leaders like late Yashwantrao Chavan, late Vasantrya Naik, late Annasaheb Shinde, late Baburao Tanpure in establishing and shaping this university. He said that he is a proud alumini of MPKV. Former Vice Chancellor Dr. T. A. More said that MPKV is a knowledge basket and he is proud to serve this university. Former Directors and alumini Dr. D. G. Bhapkar, Dr. D. R. Bapat, Dr. G. K. Sawant and Shri. Sopan Kasar also expressed their feelings on this occasion.

At the outset Dr. Kokate gave the introductory and welcome remarks. Dr. Pharande expressed vote of thanks. Dr. B. D. Bhakre anchored the programme. All the former Vice Chancellors, Directors, Associate Deans, Heads of Departments, Associate Directors of Research, Research scheme heads, scientists, retired staff, progressive farmers and press reporters were felicitated at the hands of Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha.

The ICAR sponsored Best Teachers Awards were awarded to the university teachers (2017-18) Dr. T. S. Bhondve, Associate Professor, College of Agriculture, Pune, Dr. G. B. Kabra, Associate Professor, College of Agriculture, Dhule and Dr. R. D. Bansod, Professor, DrASCAE&T, MPKV, Rahuri. For 2018-19, the awardees were Dr. Ritu Thakre, Associate Professor, College of Agriculture, Dhule, Dr. D. T. Patange, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, Kolhapur and Dr. C. S. Patil, Associate Professor, Post Graduate Institute, MPKV, Rahuri.

Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education was felicitated for his superannuation. The Golden Jubilee Souvenir was released on this occasion. Former Vice Chancellors Dr. S. S. Magar, Dr. V. M. Pawar, Dr. S. S. Kadam and Dr. K. E. Lawande; Former Deans Dr. B. H. Mogal, Dr. S. H. Shinde and Dr. B. R. Ulmek;



Former Directors of Research Dr. D. G. Bhapkar, Dr. D. R. Bapat and Dr. N. K. Umrani; Former Directors of Extension Education Dr. G. K. Sawant, Dr. D. M. Sawant, Dr. S. M. Pokharkar and Dr. H. G. More, NRC Directors Dr. N. P. Singh, Dr. Indu Sawant, Dr. Lakhan Singh, Dr. Jyotsna Sharma, DD Kisan women awardee farmer Mrs. Swati Shingade, Registrar Shri. Sopan Kasar, Comptroller Er. Vijay Kote, University Engineer Er. Milind Dhoke, Associate Deans Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Dr. V. D. Shende, Heads of Departments, farmers, press reporters, staff and students attended the function.

An agriculture exhibition was organized on this occasion. The display system sponsored by ICAR Farmer FIRST project at the administrative building was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. A. K. Misra, Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi in presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and other dignitaries. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre briefed about the display system.

Glimpses of Golden Jubilee Celebrations at MPKV, Rahuri



Dr. Vilas Bhale, Vice Chancellor, Dr.PDKV, Akola addressing the gathering



Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani addressing the gathering



Dr. Sanjay Sawant, Vice Chancellor, Dr.BSKKV, Dapoli addressing the gathering



Dignitaries attending the programme



Dr. Y. S. Nerkar, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri addressing the gathering



Dr. S. N. Puri, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri addressing the gathering



Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri addressing the gathering



Dr. T. A. More, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri addressing the gathering



Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education giving the introductory remarks



Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture proposing vote of thanks



Dr. Y. S. Nerkar, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri being felicitated during the programme



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Felicitation of Dr. S. S. Kadam, Former Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani

Golden Jubilee celebrations at Pune



March 26, 2019. The Golden Jubilee celebrations of the university were organized at College of Agriculture, Pune. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Former Vice Chancellors, Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, Directorate of Floriculture, Pune and Executive Council member of the university, Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Shri. Sopan Kasar, Registrar were present on this occasion. Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address put forth the significant achievements of MPKV, Rahuri during its fifty years of establishment. He said that the university's contribution in education, research and extension education is immense and has contributed for the prosperity of farming community. The economic impact of university developed varieties and technologies is enormous. He urged the students to make efforts for self employment and entrepreneurs. Former Vice Chancellors Dr. Prataprao Salvi, Dr. V. M. Pawar, Dr. S. S. Magar and Dr. Madangopal Varshney shared their past experiences and association with MPKV. Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean of the college gave the introductory remarks. Former Associate Deans Dr. N. K. Umrani, Dr. Namdev Patil, Dr. Anant Tendulkar, Dr. Ramchandra Sable, Dr. Bhimrao Ulmek, Dr. Anil Karale, Dr. Ajit Chandeale and Dr. Dashrath Thawal, Prof. Ramchandra Pokharkar, scientists, staff and students were present for the function. Dr. S. B. Shinde proposed thanks. Dr. Pallavi Suryavanshi anchored the programme. All the former officers, scientists and staff of Pune region were felicitated on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Year of the university.



University Golden Jubilee celebrated at Kolhapur



March 27, 2019. The Golden Jubilee celebrations of the university were organized at Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj College of Agriculture, Kolhapur. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Prof. Nathaji Chougule, Member, Executive Council of MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. G. N. Khot, Associate Dean, Professor Dr. R. R. Suryavanshi were present on the dais. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha said that the university is celebrating its Golden Jubilee Year enthusiastically. We are proud of our achievements during these fifty years but still there are challenges in agriculture which we need to overcome. All the former officers, scientists and staff have taken great efforts and each one has contributed for the achievements in education, research and extension education. Dr. Pharande and Dr. Gadakh in their address took an overview of the significant education and research accomplishments of the university, respectively. Former Associate Dean Dr. S. H. Shinde also expressed his views and congratulated the university. Dr. G. N. Khot, Associate Dean of the college gave the introductory and welcome remarks. All the former officers, scientists and staff of Kolhapur region, progressive farmers were felicitated on this occasion. An exhibition was organized to celebrate this historical event. Dr. Pandurang Mohite anchored the programme. Dr. Shivajirao Shinde proposed thanks.



Golden Jubilee celebrated at Dhule



March 25, 2019. The College of Agriculture, Dhule organized the Golden Jubilee function of the university at Dhule campus. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. Pankajkumar Mahale, Member, Executive Council of MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. A. M. Musmade, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Dhule, Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Nandurbar, Shri. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer, Dr. Sudam Patil, Nodal Officer, College of Agriculture, Muktainagar, Dr. D. V. Kusalkar, Associate Director of Research, Igatpuri and Dr. S. S. Dodke, Wheat Specialist, Niphad were present on the dais. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his address thanked the former officers, scientists and staff for their contribution to the university's growth. He highlighted the significant achievements of MPKV and further hoped for cooperation of all for the betterment of farming community. Dr. Mahale extended his wishes on the occasion of this golden jubilee of the university. Directors Dr. Pharande and Dr. Gadakh also addressed the gathering. Dr. Musmade gave the welcome and introductory remarks. Former Associate Deans Dr. R. T. Marathe, Dr. D. M. Patel, Dr. Y. M. Shinde, scientists and staff of Dhule region were felicitated during the function. Dr. Patel also spoke on behalf of the retired personnel. Dr. Sandip Patil anchored the programme, while, Dr. Mahesh Patil expressed thanks.



Wheat Day, Farmers rally and *Shivar Pheri* organized at ARS, Niphad



March 24, 2019. A Wheat day, farmers rally and *Shivar Pheri* programme was organized at Agriculture Research Station, Niphad in collaboration with ATMA, Nasik on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Year of the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his presidential address recollected the major accomplishments of the university in the past fifty years. He highlighted the importance of dairy, poultry, goat and sheep rearing and apiculture in the integrated farming system model. We need to replicate this model which has assured a sustainable income for the farmers. He further said that our agricultural graduates need to be job creators rather than job seekers. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research elaborated the research achievements of MPKV. He appealed to the farmers for adopting new technologies developed by the university. The ARS, Niphad has significantly contributed to wheat production of the state, he remarked. Wheat Specialist Dr. Suresh Dodke gave the welcome and introductory remarks and put forth the research achievements of ARS, Niphad. Former Wheat Specialists Dr. B. B. Pawar, Dr. Y. M. Shinde, Dr. P. N. Rasal (Associate Dean, AC, Pune) were felicitated on this occasion. Shri. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer, Dr. D. V. Kusalkar, Associate Director of Research, Igatpuri, Professor Dr. Anil Padhye, scientists and farmers were present in large number for the programme. Dr. B. M. Ilhe expressed thanks. Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Training Hall. Dignitaries and farmers visited the demonstrations of kinnowa.



Farmers Rally organized at ARS, Kasbe Digras



March 31, 2019. A farmers rally was organized at ARS, Kasbe Digras in collaboration with Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Department of Agriculture and ATMA, Sangli on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of the university. In his address to the farmers, Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha called for collaborative efforts for combating the problem of saline soils in the region. Farmers need to work and implement together the technology for solving this issue. He praised the research work of ARS, Kasbe Digras for the farmers. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. G. N. Khot, Associate Dean, RCSM College of Agriculture, Kolhapur and Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Head, Department of IDE also addressed the farmers. Dr. Dilip Kathmale, Officer Incharge, ARS, K. Digras gave the welcome and introductory remarks. Information folders were released on this occasion. Shri. Basavaraj Tamboli, PD, ATMA, Sangli, scientists and farmers attended the programme.

Action Plan Workshop of KVKs



March 7-8, 2019. An Annual Action Plan Workshop of 17 KVKs (western region) working under area jurisdiction of MPKV Rahuri was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri presided over the inaugural function. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, PGI, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Associate Dean, LAE were present on the dais. In his presidential address Dr. Kokate highlighted the 45 years of journey of KVK. He emphasized on the vision and expectations from the KVKs. He elaborated the implementation of OFTs, FLDs and extension activities by the KVKs. He further said that OFT is a tool for assessing and refining the technologies with the participation of farmers. FLDs are organized for introduction of a new variety with production technologies. Thus, the

OFTs and FLDs are the strengths of KVK. He appealed to the KVKs for taking efforts for developing their own identity. Dr. Gadakh in his remarks said that the KVKs have to play a big role in confronting the challenges before agriculture. He gave a brief account of the significant research developed by the university. He also highlighted the impact of MPKV varieties in the economy of Maharashtra. The Integrated Farming System model need to be replicated for the benefit of farmers, he opined. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre welcomed the dignitaries and the participants for the workshop. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, Dr. G. K. Waman expressed vote of thanks. More than 150 SMS and staff of KVKs participated in the workshop. Heads of Departments and scientists were present for the function.

TIFAN - 2019 competition organized



March 18-20, 2019. The TIFAN-2019 competition was organized in the university under the aegis of Society of Automotive Engineers (India). Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha inaugurated the event. Mr. Abhijit Warade, Business Director of John Deer, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean, Dr ASCAE&T, Mr. Nilesh Pathak, President, Society of Automotive Engineers, Organizer Mr. Sandip Mahajan and Mr. Sanjay Nibandhe were present on the dais. This national level event focused on the theme Designing of Agricultural Implements and Machinery. In his inaugural address Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha emphasized on designing and manufacturing of implements and tools for the small and marginal farmers. The young minds of students can play a vital role for this purpose. Farm mechanization is the need of the hour for minimizing the problem of labour shortage. Appropriate machines especially for cotton picking are required, he said. Mr. Mahajan gave the introductory remarks. Mr. Warade, Dr. Pawar, Mr. Pathak and Mr. Nibandhe also addressed the students. Miss. Neha and Vishal anchored the programme, while, Dr. Sachin Nalawade expressed the vote of thanks. The students were given the assignment of developing onion harvester. Twenty four teams from six states participated in the TIFAN-2019 event. The Amrutvahini Engineering College of Sangamner bagged the first prize, while, the Vasantdada Patil Engineering College of Budhgaon, Dist. Sangli was the first runner followed by Dr. D. Y. Patil Engineering College, Kolhapur secured the second runner of the event.

NSS camp of DrASCAE&T students organized



March 1-7, 2019. A seven day camp of National Service Scheme (NSS) students of Dr Annasaheb Shinde College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, MPKV, Rahuri was organized at Guha village of Ahmednagar district. The camp was inaugurated at the hands of Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education. Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE&T, Dr. Sambhaji Pathare, Principal, Rahuri College, Mrs. Suman Kolse, Sarpanch, Guha, Dr. K. J. Kamble, Head, Department of Process Engineering, Dr. M. R. Chauhan, Student Welfare Officer, Prof. D. M. Gaikwad, Sports Officer, Prof. Mukund Gund, Programme Officer, NSS were present on this occasion. Dr. Kokate in his address to the students said that the NSS camp is a good activity where they learn to work and develop rapport with the citizens. Also it is a good learning experience for understanding farmers problems and demonstrating agricultural technologies. Dr. Pathare also guided the students. Dr. Pawar in his presidential address hoped that the students will acquire various skills during the camp which will benefit the society. He emphasized on cleanliness which need to be passed on to the people. Dr. Gund gave the introductory remarks. The NSS camp concluded in presence of Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, MPKV, Rahuri.

Consultancy Workshop organized under PROSOIL project

March 25-26, 2019. A Consultancy Workshop was organized at MPKV, Rahuri under the Soil Protection and Rehabilitation for Food Security in India project (PROSOIL). The project aims at developing block level contingency plans (BLCP) for Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. In his keynote address Dr. S. Desai, PS, CRIDA, Hyderabad said that we are experiencing some unforeseen variations in weather and hence need to modify the District Agriculture Plan and Block level District Contingency Plans. The plan will take into account the different farming situations and cropping pattern. All crops will be focused in the Block level plans, while, at the district level five crops will be considered. These plans will focus on weather related aberrations, he said. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar emphasized on soil components while formulating the plans. Mr. G. Bhaskar of MANAGE gave the welcome remarks. Mr. Navin of GIZ extended thanks. Dr. Gopinath, Dr. P. B. Kharde, KVK Heads of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and university scientists were present on this occasion.

One Day Workshop on Drone technology at Pune



March 25, 2019. A one day workshop on Adoption of Drone Technology in the field of Agriculture was organized by Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology for Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management, MPKV, Rahuri under National Agricultural Higher Education Project of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi at College of Agriculture, Pune. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. He expressed that agricultural graduates have ample employment

opportunities in the field of research and production of drone technology. Demonstrations on drone technology were arranged in the workshop and guidance was provided by Engineer Mr. Atul Chaudhary and Entrepreneur Dr. Kishor Gore. Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean and Principal, College of Agriculture, Pune, Dr. Dilip Pawar, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE&T, Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, PI, CAAST-CSAWM project and participants were present for the programme.

Student-Industry Interface on Application of Drone technology organized



March 27, 2019. A Student-Industry Interface on Application of Drone technology in Agriculture was organized under the CAAST-CSAWM at Dr. ASCAE&T, MPKV, Rahuri. The workshop was started with an informal opening-cum-welcome ceremony represented by Er. Atul Chaudhari, Chairman and Managing Director, Ayyan Autonomous System Private Ltd., Pune, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, PGI, MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean, Dr. A.S. College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, Dr. M.C. Ahire, Head, Dept. of Extension Education, Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Principal Investigator, CAAST, Dr. M. R. Chauhan, Student Welfare Officer, Dr. M. G. Shinde, Co-PI, CAAST and Dr. P. S. Bodke, Principle Scientist. The interface highlighted the significance of the workshop with overall emphasis on multiple use of drone in agriculture.

Student-Industry Interface on Robotics and Automation organized



March 28, 2019. A Student-Industry Interface on Robotics and Automation for Climate Smart Agriculture was organized under the CAAST-CSAWM, MPKV, Rahuri at Dr. ASCAE&T, MPKV, Rahuri. The workshop was represented by Er. Sarang Nerkar, Managing Director, Innosapien Technology Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, Er. Dinesh Phatak, Deputy General Manager, John Deere, Shri. Sunil Nathi, Managing Director, S.N. System Pvt. Ltd. Pune, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE&T, Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Principal

Investigator, CAAST, Dr. S. N. Nalawade, Head, Dept. of Farm Machinery and Power Engineering, Dr. M.G. Shinde, Co-PI, CAAST and Dr. B.D. Bhakre, Senior Soil Scientist. The interface discussed multiple uses of Robotics for Climate Smart Agriculture.

Awareness Programme on Bee Keeping at Pune



March 15, 2019. A one day awareness programme on bee keeping was jointly organized by College of Agriculture, Pune, Central Bee Research and Training Institute, Pune and Khadi and Village Industries Commission. Shri. Milind Vakode, former Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Khadi and Village Industries Commission explained that pollination is necessary for fruiting of the plants. As honey bee play a vital role in pollination process, introducing honey bees in the crop at flowering stage helps in increasing the yield of crops by 40 to 50 per cent. Shri. Vakode further expressed his view that

agricultural students while taking education shall have to look forward towards bee keeping as a source of finance. A short film on 'Beekeeping at Melghat and Wardha' was shown in the programme. Technical guidance on the subject of "Scope of Bee Keeping" and "Pollination and role of Honey Bees" was provided by Shri. Milind Wakode and Dr. Daisy Thomas, respectively. Bee keeping technology was demonstrated to all the students, employees and officials present. Dr. Daisy Thomas, Former Deputy Chief Executive Officer and Dr. Hemrajsing Muvel, Joint Director, Central Bee Research and Training Institute, Pune, Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Pune and Dr. Sunil Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Pune were present for the programme.

Scientific visit to NIASM and KVK, Baramati organized



March 12, 2019. The Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) for Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management (CSAWM) project, MPKV, Rahuri organized a one day scientific visit to National Institute for Abiotic Stress Management (NIASM) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Baramati under the guidance of Dr. P.S. Bodake and Dr. B.D. Bhakre, Member, CAAAST-

CSAWM project. The team of 12 Research Associates along with two members of CAAST-CSAWM project visited both the centers. The main aim of this scientific visit was to strengthen research ideas and learned from the ongoing research trials, demonstration plots, climate related activities, infrastructure facilities and advanced technologies that will be helpful to young researchers for conducting trials and demonstrations related to CSAWM.

Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education attains superannuation



March 30, 2019. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education attained superannuation from university service. A programme was organized in the university on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. S. S. Magar, Former Vice Chancellor, DrBSKKV, Dapoli, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. V. S. Shirke, Director, Extension, MCAER, Pune, Shri. Sopan Kasar, Registrar, Shri. Vijay Kote, Comptroller, Shri. Milind

Dhoke, University Engineer were present on the dais. Dr. Viswanatha in his address praised the efforts of Dr. Kokate for his contribution to extension work. He said that Dr. Kokate's dedicated work at the national level especially while working as DDG (Agril. Extn.), ICAR, New Delhi will be remembered. His pioneering work in KVK system is noteworthy and extended his best wishes to Dr. Kokate. Dr. Magar in his address recollected the innovative work of Dr. Kokate while working as Director, Extension Education at Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli. His contribution to extension discipline is immense and his dedication to the farming community is enormous, he added. Dr. Pharande, Dr. Gadakh, Dr. Shirke, Shri. Kote, Shri. Dhoke, Associate Deans, staff, farmers and students also expressed their feelings. Dr. Kokate in his reply thanked the university and all officers, staff, farmers for their cooperation in extension work. He paid tribute to his teachers and said that whatever he could do was due to the support of his parents and family. Shri. Kasar gave the introductory remarks and also wished Dr. Kokate for his future life. Dr. B. D. Bhakre anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. B. Kharde proposed thanks.

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