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### Kisan Sammelan-2015 organized



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Borgaon, Dist. Satara had organized a *Kisan Sammelan-* 2015 at Bharatgaowadi village in Satara district in co-ordination with Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizers, Mumbai. In his address Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More called for group approach in farming. He cited the advantages of group farming especially for purchasing of agricultural inputs. He said that the university is producing more than 15000 qtl. of seed every year. The farmer needs to take benefit of improved varieties of the University for increasing their production. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education applauded the efforts of the farmers for taking record yield of

Phule Suchitra variety of rabi Sorghum in the Shindewadi village of Satara district. He said that *Kisan Sammelan* is a good platform for the farmers. The progressive farmers *Krishibhushan* Shri. Shankar Khot and Shri. Manohar Salunkhe narrated their experiences. In the technical session the university scientists Dr.Ashok Pisal, Dr.Jitendra Kadam, Dr. Dharmendra Phalke and Shri. Rajendra Kadam of RCF guided the farmers. Prof. Mohan Shirke, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Borgaon gave the introductory remarks. Eng. Mahesh Pacharne anchored the programme, while, Dr. M.S. Babar proposed the vote of thanks. Large number of farmers responded to this *Kisan Sammelan* programme.

#### Pre-rabi Seasonal Farmer Interface organized



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mamurabad, Dist. Jalgaon organized a Pre-rabi Seasonal Farmer Interface programme and an agril. exhibition in co-ordination with the ICAR, New Delhi and *Vasundhara* Watershed Project, Jalgaon. Shri. A.T. Patil, Hon'ble Member of Parliament in his inaugural address appealed to the farmers to go for allied occupations for sustainable agriculture. Farmers need to change their cropping pattern in view of climate change, he said. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education said that the KVK SMS are guiding the farmers in view of contingent crop

management and climate change. In view of the large area of banana in Jalgaon district appropriate processing technologies are very much needed, he said. *Krishibhushan* Shri.Vishvasrao Patil, Dr. P.A. Turbathmath, Associate Dean, Dr.ASCAE, Shri. Anil Bhokare, Project Director, *Vasundhara* Watershed Project, scientists and farmers were present on this occasion. The innovative farmers were felicitated at the hands of dignitaries.

# Farmers rally organized for tribal farmers



The Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, MPKV, Rahuri had organized a farmers rally for tribal farmers in Junnar of Pune district. The Chief Guest Mrs. Surekha Munde, Member, Zilla Parishad, Pune in her address said that the farmers need to approach the agriculture university for solving their problems. Dr.A.L. Pharande, Head, Department of SS&AC in his address stressed the need for application of fertilizers as per the soil testing. He said that the United Nations has declared 2015 as the International Year of Soil Health. Dr. A.D. Kadlag gave the introductory remarks. Soil Scientist Dr. A.G. Durgude and Dr. Birbalsing

Rajput, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Narayangaon guided the farmers. Soil health cards were distributed to the tribal farmers during the programme. Shri. Sanjay Todmal anchored the programme, while, Shri.Yogesh Yadav expressed vote of thanks. Farmers in large number attended the programme.

## Mahatma Phule anniversary celebrated

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was celebrated in the university. Speaking on this occasion Prof. Dilip Chavan, Professor of Swami Ramanand Thirth Marathwada University, Nanded said that many intellectuals have called Mahatma Phule as the Indian Social Revolutionary. He fought for the farmers cause during his era and wrote extensively on their concerns. In his presidential address Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education said that the thoughts of Mahatma Phule are ideal today for confronting the challenges in agriculture. The students need to adopt the ideals of Mahatma Phule. Dr. P.A. Turbathmath, Associate Dean, Dr.ASCAE, Dr.M.B. Dhonde, Head, Department of Agronomy, Prof. Dilip Gaikwad, Sports Officer, staff and students were present on this occasion. Mr. Padamkumar Patil anchored the programme, while, Dr. R.J. Desale proposed the vote of thanks.

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