

MPKV HAPPENINGS

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KISAN AADHAR SAMMELAN-2018 organized at MPKV, Rahuri



October 15-18, 2018. A mega event of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018 with the moto on Doubling of farmers income by 2022 was organized at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri during October 15-18, 2018 in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, M.S. and Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Ahmednagar. The event comprised of Live Crop Demonstrations, Agriculture and Animal Exhibition and Farmers-Scientists Interactions.

Inauguration of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018



October 15, 2018. The Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018 was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Shri. Chandrakant (Dada) Patil, Hon'ble Minister of Revenue, Relief and Rehabilitation and Public Works (Excluding Public Enterprises), Agriculture and Horticulture, M.S. and Pro Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri on 15th October, 2018. Prof. Shri. Ram Shinde, Hon'ble Minister of Water Conservation, Protocol, VJ, NT, SBC, OBC Welfare, M.S. and Guardian Minister,

Ahmednagar district presided over the function. Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Vice Chairman, Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research (MCAER), Pune and Mrs. Shalinitai Vikhe Patil, Hon'ble President, Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar were the guests of honour. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Shri. Dilip Gandhi, M.P., Ahmednagar, Shri. Shivajirao Kardile, M.L.A., Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsinh, Commissioner, Agriculture, M.S., Shri. Chandrashekhar Kadam, Vice President, Shri. Saibaba Sansthan, Shirdi, Shri. Rahul Dwivedi, District Collector, Ahmednagar and university Executive Council members Dr. Bhaskar Patil, Mrs. Sunita Patil, Shri. Nathaji Chougule, Dr.



Pankajkumar Mahale and Dr. Vijayprakash Thombre were present on the dias. Former Vice Chancellors Dr. S. S. Magar, Dr. K. E. Lawande, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Dr. Dilip Pawar, Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote, University Engineer Shri. Milind Dhoke, District Supd. Agril. Officer Shri. Pandit Lonare, Associate Director of Research Dr. V. D. Shende, experts, Heads of Departments, scientists and farmers were present on this occasion.

In his inaugural address Shri. Chandrakant (Dada) Patil emphasized on the development of small agricultural holders and particularly the dry land farmers. He highlighted the efforts of Central and State Government for the betterment of farmers. The State Agricultural Universities have a great role in controlling the migration of rural youth to the urban areas which are already burdened for providing the basic amenities. The Government is taking appropriate measures to combat the famine, he said. Soil testing is important for judicious use of fertilizers and hence the farmers need to be trained on this aspect, he added. Shri. Patil lauded the efforts of MPKV in organizing the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan and complimented its contribution for the agricultural development.



In his presidential address, Prof. Ram Shinde stressed the need for reducing the cost of crop production. Sufficient quantity of fodder and support would be provided to the dairy farmers, he said. He also said that we need to take efforts for doubling the farmers income and providing them a sustainable source of income. He complimented the university for its Golden Jubilee celebrations of its establishment. Shri. Sanjay Dhotre in his address appreciated the contribution of MPKV in majority of the

agricultural research areas related to dry land, cereals and pulses crops, fruits, vegetables, forage etc. Concerted efforts for doubling of farmers income is required, he opined. He called for nutritional security and funding for organic farming. Mrs. Shalinitai Vikhe Patil in her address said that support to the farmers in difficult period is very much required and congratulated the university on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee. Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsinh said that challenges in agriculture are enormous but SAUs and Department of Agriculture would make joint efforts to combat them.





At the outset Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his introductory remarks narrated the objectives of organizing the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. He hoped that the crop demonstrations, agriculture exhibition and interactions would certainly benefit the farmers. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education expressed thanks. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme. Dr. R. D. Bansod and Dr. M. R. Chouhan recited the welcome and agricultural songs, respectively. Farmers in large number were present for this function.



Visit of dignitaries to Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018



October 17, 2018. Shri. Mahadeo Jankar, Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fishery Development, M.S. and Shri. Pasha Patel, Chairman, Agriculture Price Commission, M. S. visited the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018 and addressed the farmers. Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri was the chairman for this session. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Dr. M. C. Varshneya, Former Vice Chancellor, Anand Agriculture University, Anand and Kamdhenu Veterinary University, Gujarat,

Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Dr. D. P. Waskar, VNMAU, Parbhani and Dr. D. B. Yadav, Head, Department of Agriculture Economics were present on the dias. In his address Shri. Mahadeo Jankar said that we need to strive for attaining the objective of doubling the farmers income. The dairy business has flourished in the state and Government is making efforts for supporting the farmers, he said. Farmers are attracted towards the deshi cows, hence, the Government is thinking of providing 50 percent subsidy to them. The fishery component is another good subsidiary business for sustainable income. Thus, fish ponds could generate employment for the youth, he said.

Shri. Pasha Patel in his address put forward the genesis of Agriculture Price Commission in the state.





Cotton and Soyabean are the major crops grown by the farmers especially in Marathwada and Vidarbha. The Government has increased the minimum support price for both these crops and ultimately farmers would be benefited. We import edible oil from other countries to the tune of Rs. 68000 crores annually and thus self sufficiency in edible oil is very much necessary, he said. Dr. R. B. Deshmukh in his presidential address appreciated the research contribution of MPKV especially in development of varieties of forage and grasses. Dairy along with poultry and fishery are a regular source of income to the farmers and thus we need to strengthen them. Dr. Varshneya said that adulteration in milk should be stopped for quality production and health aspects. Animal health cards are very much required like that of Soil health cards, he suggested. The Co Chairman Dr. K. D. Kokate in his remarks said that profitability is important for the farmers. Thus, crop planning along with integrated farming system modules are important. Dr. P. S. Bodke anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. L. Kulwal expressed thanks. Large number of farmers were present on this occasion.



Experts guidance during Farmers-Scientists Interactions



October 16, 2018. Shri. Popatrao Pawar, Executive President, Adarsha Gaon Yojana, M. S. addressed the farmers during the technical session on Watershed Development and Management. Dr. K. P. Gore, Former Vice Chancellor, VNMAU, Parbhani presided over this session. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Co Chairman and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Dr. A. L. Pharande, Director of Research Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar were present on the dias. In his address Shri. Popatrao Pawar

narrated the success story of Hiware Bazar. He said that the peoples involvement in any Government scheme is of utmost importance. Local self governance is the key to success. Since the state's majority area is drought prone, the management of available irrigation water is important. Important village institutes like Cooperative societies, Market committees, Credit societies should sustain through proper management since they are the pillars of village and agriculture development. Crop planning and water budgeting are vital for overcoming the challenges of water scarcity, he said. Various Government schemes are needed to be implemented in an integrated manner to derive the benefits. Soil and water are an integral part of crop



production and agriculture in general, he said. Dr. K. P. Gore in his presidential address said that every year we loose thousand of tonnes of soil due to erosion. There is deficiency of 40 percent nutrients in the soil which need to be looked upon. An integrated approach for soil and water is needed, he stressed. Dr. V. N. Barai anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. L. Kulwal thanked the dignitaries.

October 15, 2018. Shri. Vilas Shinde, Executive Director, Sahyadri Farmers Company, Pvt. Ltd., Mohadi, Nasik addressed the farmers during the technical session on Farmers Producers Company & Fruit and

Vegetable processing. Dr. K. E. Lawande, Former Vice Chancellor, DrBSKKV, Dapoli presided over the technical session. Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Dr. A. L. Pharande, Co Chairman and Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Heads of Departments Dr. M. C. Ahire, Dr. U. D. Chavan and Dr. K. J. Kamble were present on the dias. Shri. Vilas Shinde while addressing the farmers called upon group farming by the farmers. Fruit crops which can reduce the cost of cultivation may be preferred by the farmers for cultivation, he said. Farmers

could earn more in processing of fruit crops like grapes, pomegranate, banana, orange, sweet orange, mango etc. since it has a great demand for export to foreign countries. Dr. Lawande in his chairman's remarks said that the major challenge before us is how to retain the youth in agriculture. The second challenge is how to make agriculture more profitable. Hence, group farming, establishment of Farmers Producer Company are some of the alternatives that we need to think and act upon. Dr. Shrikant Kulkarni anchored the programme. October 16, 2018. A technical session on Water Resources and Irrigation Management was chaired by Dr. S. S. Magar, Former Vice





Chancellor, DrBSKKV, Dapoli. During the session Shri. Vijayanna Borade, Trustee, Marathwada Sheti Sahhaya Mandal, Jalana in his address said that soil and water are vital components of production but we are neglecting their importance. Bunding is required in rainy season when lot of soil is lost. Every drop of rain



water need to be harvested adequately. Effective watershed development can overcome water scarcity and drought, he emphasized. Shri. Popatrao Sankpal, Chairman, Water Supply Organization, Bambwade, District. Sangli emphasized on water availability to crops as per their requirement. Farmers need to take advantage of farm pond scheme of the Government and bring their farm under drip irrigation, he said. Shri. Narayan Hegde, Trustee, BAIF, Pune addressed on A1 and A2 types of milk. Shri. Arun Deshmukh of NetaFim irrigation company guided on advanced irrigation systems. Dr. S. A. Kadam anchored the programme, while, Dr. V. N. Barai proposed thanks.

October 17, 2018. Dr. V. M. Mayande, Former Vice Chancellor, DrPKV, Akola chaired the session on Advanced Climatesmart Agricultural Technologies, Mechanization and Animal, Fishery Management. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Associate Dean, PGI, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Heads of Department Dr. Y. G. Fulpagare, Dr. S. S. Nalawade and Dr. T. B. Bastewad were present on the dias. In his address, Dr. Mayande highlighted the importance of



farm machinery and implements in agriculture. Group farming and custom hiring of implements can solve the labour shortage in farming. There is a need to develop machines for post harvest management, he said. Dr. M. C. Varshneya, Former Vice Chancellor, Anand Agriculture University, Anand and Kamdhenu



Veterinary University, Gujarat addressed on the research needed in view of changing climate. Er. Bharat Patil, President, Agriculture Implements Manufacturer Association, M.S. guided on various implements developed for farm mechanization. Dr. P. E. Shingare, Scientist, Fish Research Centre, Mumbai addressed on fishery as a profitable business. Dr. Shantaram Gaikwad, General Manager, Govind Dairy, Phaltan addressed on advanced dairy business.

October 18, 2018. The last technical session on Protected Floriculture and Vegetable Cultivation was chaired by Dr. T. A. More, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri. While addressing the farmers Shri. Dnyaneshwar Bodkhe, Chairman, Abhinav Farmers Club, Pune shared his experiences on cultivation and



marketing of European vegetables. He said that the members of his club are growing organic vegetables in shadenet and supplying directly to the consumers in the Cooperative Housing Societies in Pune as per demand. He appealed to the agricultural graduates to establish these type of farming business and come forward as an entrepreneur. Progressive farmer and member of Extension Education Council of the university Shri. Rajaram Chaudhary elaborated his experiences on flower cultivation. A small holder

farmer can successfully go for flower cultivation and ensure profit, he said. Dr. More in his presidential remarks said that the protected cultivation of vegetables and flowers is turning as a profitable venture and hence attracting the unemployed youth. But the constraints in protected cultivation like high initial cost, control of white fly, nematodes, hailstorm need to be addressed, he said. Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Co Chairman and Associate Dean, Lower Agril. Education and Associate Deans Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Dr. G. G. Khot, Dr. A. M. Musmade and Dr. S. D. Masalkar were present on the dias. Dr. P. L. Kulwal anchored the session.



Concluding of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018

October 18, 2018. The Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018 concluded on the auspicious day of Dasera. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Associate Dean, PGI Dr. P. A. Turbatmath were present on the dias. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha thanked the staff and employees for organizing the event in an appropriate manner on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of the university. He said that thousands of farmers, extension personnel, students and visitors visited the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan and they would certainly be benefited. Dr. Kokate thanked the Department of Agriculture and ATMA for their cooperation in organizing the event. Dr. Pharande hoped that the event would benefit the students and motivate their entrepreneurial



abilities. Dr. Gadakh said that this unique event would help to reduce the gap between the university and farmers. Dr. Parag Haldankar, Director of Research, DrBSKKV, Dapoli said that such type of event would help to raise the confidence of farmers and support them. Progressive farmer and member of Farmer-Scientist Forum from Nandurbar Shri. Himmatrao Mali while expressing his reaction said that the event has benefited him in terms of transfer of technology and found new avenues for sustainable income to the

farmers. Progressive farmer Shri. Sursingrao Pawar in his remarks said that the university had presented a golden opportunity to the farmers in the form of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar and Dr. P. S. Bodke anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. L. Kulwal proposed thanks. Farmers and university staff were present on this occasion.

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Live Crop Demonstrations



Crop demonstrations on over 100 acres were organized for the benefit of farmers during the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018. It included demonstrations on cereals, pulses, oilseeds, forage, vegetables, flowers and



cash crops. In all demonstrations of 45 crops and 131 varieties were planted in the cafeteria. In addition demonstrations on advanced irrigation methods, mole plough, soil testing, vermiculture, cultivation of dragon fruit, vegetable and flower cultivation in shadenet, apiculture, integrated pest management, biocontrol, drone spraying were also organized on this occasion. Major attraction of this event was the Integrated Farming System model on farmers field of Shri. Chandrakant Adsare and Shri. Uttam Adsare.

Agriculture Exhibition



An Agriculture Exhibition was organized during the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018. It included 124 stalls. Both the Government organizations and private companies showcased their technologies in the exhibition. This included stalls on agriculture inputs, improved agriculture implements, processing, subsidiary occupations, mushroom production, medicinal and aromatic plants, publications etc. The animal



component included indigeneous and improved breeds of cattle, goat, sheep, poultry, dogs and horses. The Government schemes of Department of Agriculture, ATMA, Zilla Parishad and all technologies were exhibited in the event. One of the major attractions of the exhibition was the showcasing of products from demonstrations and IFS model through the ICAR Farmers FIRST programme where the farmers and farm women gave information to the visitors.

Farmers-Scientists Interactions



Farmers-Scientists interactions were organized during the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018. The major themes included Farmers Producers Company and Fruit and Vegetable processing, Watershed



Development and Management, Water Resources and Irrigation Management, Agriculture Economics and Agriculture Price Fixation, Advanced Climatesmart Agricultural Technologies, Mechanization and Animal, Fishery Management and Protected Floriculture and Vegetable Cultivation. Experts and scientists interacted with the farmers. Former Vice Chancellors Dr. S. S. Magar, Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Dr. M. C. Varshneya, Dr. K. E. Lawande, Dr. V. M. Mayande, Dr. K. P. Gore, Dr. T. A. More presided over these interactions. Eminent speakers and experts like Shri. Popatrao Pawar, Shri. Vilas Shinde, Shri. Vijayanna Borade, Shri. Popatrao Sankpal, Shri. Bharat Patil, Shri. Dnyaneshwar Bodkhe, Shri. Rajaram Chaudhary guided the farmers during the interactions.

Press Conference



October 10, 2018. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha briefed about the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2018 to the press media during the Press Conference organized at MPKV, Rahuri and appealed for more participation of farmers, students, entrepreneurs, stakeholders in the event. The Department of Agriculture has planned for farmers visit to the event, he said. Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote, University Engineer Shri. Milind Dhoke, Associate Dean, PGI Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Head, Department of Extension Education Dr. M. C. Ahire were present on this occasion. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre welcomed all and Dr. S. S. Sadaphal proposed thanks. More than thirty print media and electronic media reporters attended the press conference.

Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Interface organized



October 15, 2018. The Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee meeting for Rabi and Summer 2018-19 was organized at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, M.S. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsinh, Commissioner, Agriculture, M. S., Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh,



Director of Research, Dr. P. N. Pokle, Director, Horticulture, M.S., Joint Directors of Agriculture Shri. Dilip Zhende, Shri. Dashrath Tambale, Shri. Ramesh Bhadane, Associate Deans Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Dr. G. G. Khot, Dr. R. R. Suryavanshi and Associate Director of Research Dr. V. D. Shende were present on the dias. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that rainfall is below the normal this year and hence efforts are needed to guide the farmers on judicious use of available irrigation and contingency cropping. He said that the nutricereals are the best drought tolerant crops and farmers need to be supported for value addition, processing and marketing. Farmers are required to be trained on utilization of organic manure and importance of organic carbon. Crop productivity and soil health are very much related and hence massive awareness programme is required, he said. Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsinh in his address called for research on improving the shelf life of onion. All the research recommendations are needed to be uploaded on website for the benefit of farmers. Farmers are needed to be made aware of these recommendations. Control measures on white grub are required, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and made a presentation on extension activities. Dr. V. D. Shende, ADR presented the new crop varieties and recommendations released by the university. Dr. D. S. Pokharkar, Head, Department of Entomology gave a presentation on Integrated management of white grub. Associate Directors of Research, Crop Specialists, scientists, KVKs, Regional and District Extension Centres and officers of Department of Agriculture participated in the discussions. Dr. V. D. Shende welcomed the participants, while, Dr. P. B. Kharde proposed vote of thanks. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme.

State level Seminar organized



October 30-31, 2018. A two day State level Seminar on Fostering Soils to Meet Emerging Challenges in Agriculture was organized by MPKV, Rahuri in collaboration with the Indian Society of Soil Science, Rahuri Chapter and Department of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry. Dr. Sureshkumar Chaudhary, Assistant Director General (NRM), ICAR, New Delhi was the chief guest for the inaugural function. Vice Chancellor

Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, VNMAU, Parbhani was the Guest of Honour. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. Harihar Kausadikar, Director of Research, MCAER, Pune, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, PGI, Dr. Ashok Kadlag, President, RC, ISSS





and Head, Department of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry and Dr. Nitinkumar Ranshur, Secretary, Rahuri Chapter were present on the dias. Dr. Chaudhary in his address to the soil scientists stated that there is an urgent need to work on soil pollution. Garbage disposal has become a major problem in the cities. Pollution in the soil is thereby increasing which has affected the human and animal health. Utilization of chemical fertilizers to the tune of 160 kg/ha. in our country has resulted in imbalance of nutrients, which needs attention. Thus, farmers need to be made aware of its ill effects and accordingly the soil scientists may redirect their research towards this issue, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address asserted the importance of soil and water in the human life. Organic carbon needs to be enhanced in the soil for adequate soil health. The farm waste instead of burning need to be decomposed in the soil, he said. Dr. Dhawan in his speech said that there is a lot of stress on the available land due to various reasons. The available land holding is shrinking due to urbanization which is a cause of concern. The souvenir was released on this occasion. Dr. S. D. More, Former, Director, extension Education. VNMAU, Parbhani was bestowed with the Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Ashok Kadlag, Head, Department of SS&AC, MPKV, Rahuri was conferred with the *Mrudgandh* Award and Dr. P. B. Jagtap, Assistant Professor of SS&AC, NARP, Pune was felicitated with the late Mrs. Usha Zhende Award on this occasion. Dr. B. D. Bhakre anchored the programme, while, Dr. Ranshur expressed thanks. More than 200 soil scientists participated in the seminar.

Agro Technology Day organized at Dhule

October 7, 2018. An Agro Technology Day and Exhibition was organized at College of Agriculture, Dhule in coordination with Department of Agriculture, ATMA and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dhule to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Prof.



Sharad Patil, Former MLA, Dr. Pankajkumar Mahale, Executive Council member, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. A. M. Musmade, Associate Dean, AC, Dhule, Shri. Vivek Sonawane, District Supd. Agril. Officer, Shri. Narendra Patil, Extension Education Council member, Adv. Prakash Patil were the dignitaries present on the dias. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha highlighted the role of subsidiary occupations like goatary, poultry, apiculture in doubling the farmers income. The goat rearing is a sort of ATM to the farmers and farm women, he said. He informed about the university efforts for afforestation and clean, green university campaign. Considering the importance of soil health, he said that soil testing is a must and accordingly the application of fertilizers need



to be done by the farmers. Prof. Sharad Patil, Dr. Kokate, Dr. Gadakh, Shri. Sonawane, experts and progressive farmers also addressed on this occasion. Dr. Musmade gave the introductory remarks. The exhibition was inaugurated at the hands of Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha. Various publications were released during the function. Prof. Jagdish Kathepuri anchored the programme, while, Dr. Murlidhar Mahajan proposed vote of thanks. Dr. D. R. Nandre, Head and Principal Scientist, KVK, Dhule, scientists, staff, officers of Agriculture Department and farmers attended the programme.

State level Custard Apple conference organized



October 7, 2018. The XVth State level Custard Apple conference was organized in the university in coordination with the Maharashtra Custard apple Growers Training and Research Association and Department of Agriculture, M.S. Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Vice Chairman, Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research (MCAER), Pune was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the inaugural

function. Shri. Vijay Kolte, Former Vice Chairman, MCAER, Pune, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. D. P. Waskar, Director of Research, VNMAU, Parbhani, Shri. Shyam Gattani, Chairman, Custard apple Growers Association, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar and Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Associate Dean, LAE were present on the dias. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential speech said that the custard apple cultivation in Maharashtra has gone upto 13000 ha. It is an important dryland fruit crop which needs attention. Research on post harvest management of custard apple is very much needed by considering its keeping quality, he said. Shri. Dhotre in his address highlighted the nutritional qualities of custard apple. More research on its medicinal properties is needed, he added. Shri. Gattani gave the introductory remarks. Scholarship was conferred to the Ph. D. student Kunal Mahurkar working on custard apple, Shri. Dnyandeo Mahanor was awarded the *Udyojak Puraskar* and Dr. Vinayak Joshi was felicitated with the Research Award for his contribution to custard apple research. Dr. Shrikant Kulkarni anchored the programme, while, Shri. Anil Bonde proposed thanks. Farmers were guided on various aspects of custard apple by the experts during the technical sessions.

Field Day organized at ZARS, Igatpuri

October 23, 2018. A Field Day and Farmers Training was organized at the Zonal Agriculture Research Station, Igatpuri in coordination with Department of Agriculture and ATMA, Nasik on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. V. D. Shende, Associate Director of Research, MPKV, Rahuri, Dr. D. V. Kusalkar, Associate Director of Research, ZARS, Igatpuri, Dr. Suresh Dodke, Wheat Specialist, Niphad and Shri. Appa Wankhedkar, Dy, PD, ATMA were present on the dias. In his presidential address



Dr. Kokate said that due to climate change and irregular monsoon it is becoming difficult to get higher crop yield. But it could be overcome by adoption of appropriate technologies and proper management. Farmers can take advantage of the technologies developed by ZARS, Igatpuri, he said. Dr. Gadakh in his address called for adoption of integrated farming system for sustainable income. Crop diversification is very much needed, he stressed upon. Dr. Kusalkar welcomed all and gave the introductory remarks. Dr. Kalyan Deolankar guided on Paddy cultivation technology, Dr. Kailas Bhoite on Finger millet and minor millets, Dr. Yogesh Patil on Nutrient management of paddy, nagli and minor millets, Dr. Suresh Pardeshi on Plant protection of paddy, nagli and minor millets and Shri. Kailas Shirsath on various schemes of Agriculture Department. Dr. Yogesh Patil anchored the programme, while, Dr. B. D. Romade expressed thanks. Farmers in large number participated in the programme.

21 day Training Programme organized in Pune



October 16, 2018. A 21 day Training Programme on Advanced Crop Micro Meteorology was organized during September 26 to October 16, 2018 by the Department of AgroMeteorology at College of Agriculture, Pune in coordination with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi. The valedictory programme was organized in presence of Dr. M. C. Varshneya, Former Vice Chancellor, Anand Agriculture University, Anand and Kamdhenu Veterinary University, Gujarat.

Associate Dean Dr. P. N. Rasal presided over the programme. In his address Dr. Varshneya emphasized on analysing the meteorological statistical information and advise the farmers accordingly in view of climate change scenario. The trainees require to update their knowledge through such trainings, he said. Dr. Rasal while guiding the trainees said that they need to utilize their skill and knowledge for the benefit of farmers. He hoped that the training would be helpful to them. Dr. J. D. Jadhav, Head, Department of AgroMeteorology briefed about the training programme. A publication was released on this occasion. The trainees Dr. Dinesh Kumar from Gujarat and Dr. Pravin Chavhan from Maharashtra presented their feedback regarding the training. Dr. S. D. Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Pune, Dr. V. S. Supe,



ADR, Ganeshkhind, Pune and staff, trainees were present for the programme. Certificates were awarded to the trainees. Dr. A. A. Shaikh anchored the programme, while, Dr. Vijay Sthool proposed thanks.

Capacity Development programme on Leadership organized in Pune



October 29-31, 2018. A three day capacity development programme on Leadership Development and Team Building Skills was organized by the Extension Education Section in coordination with the Extension Education Institute (EEI), Anand (Gujarat) at the College of Agriculture, Pune. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Director of Instruction, MPKV, Rahuri inaugurated the programme. Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, Dr. S. D. Masalkar,

Principal, College of Horticulture, Dr. Mahesh Patel, Course Coordinator, EEI, Anand, Dr. B. D. Patel, Associate Coordinator, EEI, Anand and Dr. S. B. Shinde, Professor of Agril. Extension were present for the inaugural programme. Dr. Pharande in his inaugural address emphasized on good and cordial relations and healthy atmosphere among the staff for the progress of an institute. Hence, organizational skills of an administrator are important. Further, he said that stress management of staff is required for an organization and hoped that this training would help the trainees to achieve their goals. Dr. Rasal hoped that the training would increase the work efficiency of the staff and help to attain positive attitude. Dr. Shinde welcomed the guests and trainees and gave the introductory remarks. More than fifty staff members participated in the three day training programme. The concluding programme was organized in presence of Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune. He hoped that the training will motivate the trainees for effective teaching and working. The trainees were awarded certificates at the hands of Dr. Singh during the programme.

Training programme organized under ICAR Farmer FIRST programme

October 25, 2018. An off campus training programme on Rabi Sorghum Production Technology was organized at Chinchvihire village under the ICAR Farmer FIRST programme. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education inaugurated the programme. Dr. U. D. Chavan, Head, Department of Food Science and Technology, Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI, ICAR FFP, sorghum scientists Dr. S. K. Kamble, Dr. U. S.





Kadam, Prof. S. V. Nirmal, progressive farmers Shri. Bhaskar Warghude, Shri. Baban Pathare were present on this occasion. While addressing the farmers, Dr. Kokate emphasized on the five point technology (*panchasutri*) for increasing the sorghum yield. He appealed to the farmers for adopting university technology for higher gains. Sorghum is an important crop in view of nutricereal. Involvement of farm women is important and they would be trained on sorghum processing, he said. Dr. Chavan guided on the value addition of sorghum and gave examples and success stories of sorghum processing. Dr. Kamble explained the five point technology for sorghum production. Dr. Kadam guided on the plant protection aspects and Prof. Nirmal on the varieties developed by the university as per soil type. At the outset Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI gave the introductory remarks. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Co-PI expressed thanks. Shri. Vijay Shedge, SRF and Field Assistants Shri. Kiran Magar and Shri. Amol Gaikwad took efforts in organizing the programme. About 70 sorghum growers and farm women attended the one day training programme.

Rashtriya Ekta Daud organized



October 31, 2018. The *Rashtriya Ekta Daud* was organized at MPKV, Rahuri to celebrate the 143rd birth anniversary of India's first home minister Sardar Vallabhai Patel. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean (PGI) Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Students Welfare Officer Prof. Sharad Patil, Police Inspector Shri. Shilimkar, Communication Centre Incharge Officer Dr. P. B. Kharde, Security Officer Shri. Goraksha Shete, Dr. R. J. Desale, staff and

students were present on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha offered garland to the portrait of Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Sardar Patel. Prof. Sharad Patil gave an oath of national integration. Prof. Dilip Gaikwad and Prof. Abhijit Nalawade took efforts in organizing the programme. Students in large number participated in the rally.

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