

MPKV HAPPENINGS

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Government College of Agriculture sanctioned to MPKV, Rahuri



The Government of Maharashtra has sanctioned a new College of Agriculture to MPKV, Rahuri at Muktainagar, District. Jalgaon from the year 2015-16. The foundation stone of this new College of Agriculture was laid down at the auspicious hands of Shri. Eknathrao Khadse, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Revenue, M.S. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More presided over the function. In his address Shri. Khadse said that out of 72 colleges in western Maharashtra there are only eight Government colleges. Every year the trend of students towards agriculture education is increasing. The total admission capacity of agriculture colleges in the state is 15000, but there are almost 54000 students who are eager to take admission for agriculture.

Thus, this new college will serve the purpose of agriculture education in rural areas. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More expressed satisfaction for starting this new college. Mrs. Mandatai Khadse, Mrs. Rohini Khadse, Shri. Dilip Jain, Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Dr. Ram Kharche, Vice-Chairman, MCAER, Pune, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. J. V. Patil, Chairman, Recruitment Board, MCAER, Pune and other dignitaries were present on this occasion.

Training programme organized under CRAFT



A twenty one day training programme on Pre and Post Harvest Management for Enhanced Food Production was organized at MPKV, Rahuri under the Center for Research on Advanced Faculty Training in Horticulture (Fruits) by the Department of Horticulture. In his inaugural address Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More highlighted the importance of pre and post harvest management of fruit crops. He said that the country produces about 277 million tons of fruits and vegetables and 264 million tons of food grains but processing is done on only 2 % of total farm produce. Hence, there is large scope and opportunities for processing industries in country. This will ultimately benefit the farmers. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director Extension Education underlined

the need for providing highly nutritious food for the consumers in view of changing food habits of the society. Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture highlighted the need for research in post harvest technology and packaging of fruits. Dr. Prakash Patil, Project Co-ordinator, Arid Zone Fruit Research Station, Bangalore and Shri. Prakash Pawar, Registrar put fourth their views on this occasion. Dr. S.A. Ranpise, Head, Department of Horticulture gave the introductory remarks. Dr. Shrikant Kulkarni anchored the programme, while, Dr. A. M. Musmade proposed the vote of thanks. The scientists from Punjab, Sikkim, Gujarat and other states participated in this training programme.

National Group Meeting of AICRP on Forage Crops organized



The National Group Meeting for Rabi 2015-16 of AICRP on Forage Crops and Utilization was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. In his presidential address Dr. I. S. Solanki, ADG (EPC), ICAR, New Delhi put forth the thrust areas and challenges of forage production in the country. He said that the forage crops are not yet exploited as cash crops. The availability of planting material is very much needed for seed replacement. For this purpose a package of seed production programme is very much essential. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research, MPKV, Rahuri in his remarks highlighted the importance of varieties and technologies of forage crops released by the university. He said that the constraint of forage seed production will be encountered through the demonstrations in *Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana* (RKVY) project. Forage crops are important in

integrated farming system especially for the small farmers, he said. Dr. T. G. Nageshwar Rao, Director, IIMR, Hyderabad gave a presentation on Sorghum for forage and fodder. He underlined the strategies for improvement of fodder qualities. Dr. A. K. Roy, Project Co-ordinator, IGFR, Jhansi presented the report on forage crops. The former forage scientists of the university Dr. J. S. Desale and Dr. M. R. Manjare were felicitated on this occasion for their contribution in forage research and production. Dr. R. W. Bharud, Head, Department of Botany gave the welcome address. Dr. R. J. Desale anchored the programme. Prof. A. H. Sonane, Forage Breeder and his colleagues took efforts in organizing the programme.

State Level meeting organized



A state level meeting of Agriculture Advisory Committee was organized in the university in collaboration with Doordarshan Kendra, Mumbai. On this occasion Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More focused on the participation of women in Agriculture. Hence, he advised to give emphasis on programmes related to women empowerment. Further, he hoped for good co-ordination between electronic media, State Agriculture Universities and Dept. of Agriculture for the benefit of farmers. Dr. K.D. Kokate, DEE, hoped for increasing confidence among the farmers by extension personnel and mass media. Dr. Umashankar Singh, Joint Director (Mass Media) emphasized the need for interactions with the farmers

in the scarcity situations. Shri. Shivaji Fulsundar, Dy. Director General also addressed the meet. Dr. G.K. Sasane proposed vote of thanks. Dr. S.S. Sadaphal anchored the programme. Officers of Doordarshan Kendra, Pune, Nagpur, AIR, SAUs and various line departments and progressive farmers were present on this occasion.

Peripatetic Training Programme on Time and Stress Management organized



A three day Peripatetic Training Programme on "Time and Stress Management for Better Performance of Extension Personnel" was organized by the Department of Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri in co-ordination with Extension Education Institute, Anand, Gujarat. In his inaugural address Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education said that we should cultivate our mind like a garden for reducing stress and development of positive thoughts. Development of joyful thoughts under stress condition are very important. For this purpose we should be clear about our mission, priorities and goals of life. He said that bringing attitudinal changes in the farmers is a challenging job for extension personnel. Thus, the person who values time and manage relationships is successful in life. Dr. M. R. Patel, Associate Educationist,

EEI, Anand and Course Director in his remarks briefed about the concept and outline of the programme. Dr. S. B. Shinde, Head, Department of Extension Education and Course Co-ordinator gave the welcome address. More than fifty scientists

participated in the programme. Dr. J. H. Gaikwad anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. B. Kharde proposed the vote of thanks. The valedictory programme of this workshop was chaired by Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. He shared his experiences on time and stress management and hoped for a positive output of the training programme. Certificates were distributed at the hands of Dr. B. R. Ulmek to the trainees on this occasion. The EEI faculty Dr. M. R. Patel and Mr. Prajapati guided the trainees.

Training programme on Fruit and Vegetable Processing organized



Dr. P. M. Kotecha anchored the programme, while, Shri. Sudhir Lande expressed vote of thanks. Dr. R. S. Gaikwad, Shri. Ghuge and Savita Dhanavde took efforts for organizing this training programme.

A thirty days training programme was organized at MPKV, Rahuri on Fruit and Vegetable processing by the Department of Food Science and Technology. The valedictory programme was chaired by Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More. In his presidential address Dr. T.A. More said that the farm women and youth will produce their own brands in processing industry on the basis of hard work and confidence. Dr. B.R.Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture said that farmers needs knowledge from harvesting of farm produce to its marketing. If farmers enters in processing of farm produce he will get more profit. Dr. S. S. Thorat, Head, Department of Food Science and Technology gave introductory remarks.

Farmers trained on Goat Rearing



present on this occasion. Dr. R.J. Desly anchored the programme, Dr. S.D. Mandakmale proposed the vote of thanks. More than 30 farmers participated in this training.

A three day training programme on Goat Rearing was organized by the All India Co-ordinated Sangamneri Project, Dept. of ASDS, MPKV, Rahuri in co-ordination with ATMA, Ahmednagar and IMS, Ahmednagar. Dr. K.D. Kokate, DEE, inaugurated the programme. In his address Dr. Kokate stressed the need for skill development amongst the goat rearers about goat rearing technology. He said that farmers needs to come forward for group marketing. Dr. Y.S. Fulpagare, HOD, ASDS gave the introductory address. Dr. Sharad Kolte, Director, IMS, Ahmednagar, Shri. Sambhaji Gaikwad, Dy. Director, ATMA, Shri. Rakesh Pangat, District Manager, NABARD, Dr. M.B. Dhonde, HOD, Agronomy, Dr. S.B. Shinde, HOD, Extension Education were

Workshop of Farmers Producer Company inaugurated



Shri. Bhausaheb Barhate, Project Director, ATMA, Ahmednagar, Shri. Anilkumar Shitole, Nodal Officer, MCADP, Pune, Sarpanch

A workshop of Farmers Producer Company was inaugurated by Director of Extension Education Dr. K.D. Kokate. The programme was organized by MPKV, Rahuri, ATMA, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra Competitive Agricultural Development Project, Garbhagiri Farmers Producer Company Ltd., Wamboriand Sammrudhi Pvt. Ltd. Dr. K.D. Kokate, DEE in his address said that the country has become self-sufficient in food grains and horticulture produce. These benefits should reach the farmers. Hence, for this purpose the establishment of Farmer Producer Company is very much essential. The university will provide technical guidance to these companies whenever required. Dr. Kokate inaugurated the Market Linkage workshop and Soil Water Testing Laboratory.



Mrs. Shobhatai Dhokane, ATMA, Deputy Director Shri. Sambhaji Gaikwad, ATIC Manager, Dr. A.V. Solanke, Soil Scientist Dr. A.G. Durgude, Chairman of Farmers Producer Company, Prof. Gangadhar Chindhe were present on this occasion. Officer and farmers were present for this function. Shri. Gangadhar Chindhe anchored the programme and Shri. Sambhaji Gaikwad proposed the vote of thanks.

ZAREAC Interface Organized



The Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZAREAC) meeting for rabi and summer seasons was organized at the College of Agriculture, Kolhapur by Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in coordination with the State Department of Agriculture. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More in his presidential address stated that in 2015 university has released eight crop varieties, 64 improved technologies and recommendations and six improved tools and implements. Farmers need to avail the benefit of these improved varieties and technologies. For this the role of State Department of Agriculture is vital for transfer of technology, he said. Dr. Krishnarao Deshmukh, Director, Extension and Training, M.S. in his speech said that activities like meetings

with farmers, discussing their constraints and accordingly giving the climate based agro advisory messages were organized during Agriculture Awareness Week by the Department of Agriculture. Further, he guided regarding practices of water conservation prior to *rabi* season, importance of pulse crops in intercropping, climate based crop insurance and technology transfer under National Food Security Mission. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and gave a presentation on University Extension Programmes. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research in his presentation gave information of new released crop varieties, technology recommendations and improved implements. Prof. Chandrakant Kumbhar anchored the programme, Associate Director of Research Dr. Nagnath Patil gave welcome address, while, Associate Dean, College of Agril. Kolhapur Dr. Gajanan Khot proposed the vote of thanks. The *rabi* issue of Shri. Sugi periodical was released on this occasion. Shri. Tushar Pawar, Hon'ble Member, Executive Council, Dr. Narayan Sisode, Divisional Joint Director of Kolhapur, Dr. Prakash Shingare Director (Research), MCAER, Pune, Divisional Joint Director of Pune Shri. Vijay Ingale, Divisional Joint Director of Nasik Dr. Kailas Mote, all the Divisional Directors of Agriculture, Heads of Departments, Associate Directors of Research, Programme Co-ordinators of KVKs, scientists participated in the discussions.

Award

Dr. Sunil A. Kadam conferred with “Engineering Achievement Award”



Dr. Sunil A. Kadam, Assistant Research Engineer and Assistant Professor of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering, Dr. A. S. College of Agricultural Engineering, MPKV, Rahuri was conferred with “Engineering Achievement Award” in recognition of excellent performance and remarkable work in engineering field by The Institution of Engineers (India), Ahmednagar Local Centre during Engineers Day on 15th September, 2015.

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