

MPKV HAPPENINGS

September, 2016



Centre of Excellence for Pomegranate inaugurated at MPKV, Rahuri



September 12, 2016. The Centre of Excellence for Pomegranate, an Indo-Israel project and Farm Implements Museum was inaugurated at the auspicious hands of Shri. Pandurang Fundkar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture, M. S. at central campus, MPKV, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Addressing the staff, students and farmers Shri. Fundkar stressed the need for developing varieties which can withstand climate change, water scarcity and resistant to pests and diseases. He said that as the population is increasing the land holding is decreasing day by day. This is a cause of concern which needs to be addressed. Quality education is very much needed, he asserted. He lauded the efforts of the farmers of the state for increasing the crop production despite drought condition during the last three years. Prof. Ram Shinde, Hon'ble Minister of Water Conservation and Protocol, M.S. and Guardian Minister, Ahmednagar was the chief guest for the function. In his address Prof. Shinde said that we need to adopt the water saving technologies of Israel. He hoped that the *Jalyukta Shivar* scheme of the Government will succeed with the participation of the people. Shri. David Akov, Consulate General, Israel in his address put forth the objectives of the Indo-Israel project. He hoped that the Israel technology and agriculture management will certainly benefit the Indian farmers. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his presidential address highlighted the contribution of the university in education, research and extension education. He cited the noteworthy contribution of MPKV in pomegranate research. Shri. Shivajirao Kardile, MLA, Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye, MLC, Shri. Dan Aluf, Consultant, Agriculture, Israel also addressed the gathering. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Research welcomed the dignitaries and briefed about the Indo-Israel project. Shri. Balasaheb Murkute, MLA, Executive Council members Shri. Bhausaheb Kamble, MLA, Shri. Bhausaheb Wakhchaure, Ex M.P., Shri. Prakash Patil, Adv. Krishnaji Yadav, Dr. S. D. Sawant, Dr. B. R. Patil, Shri. Chandrashekhar Kadam, Vice-President, Shree Saibaba Sansthan, Shirdi, Dr. S.A. Ranpise, Head, Department of Horticulture, Dr. Vinay Supe, Horticulturist, AICRP on Arid Zone Fruit Crop Research Project, officers, staff and farmers were present on this occasion. Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture proposed vote of thanks. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme. The dignitaries also visited the agril. exhibition showcasing the university technologies.



Teachers Day celebrated at MPKV, Rahuri



September 6, 2016. The Teachers Day was celebrated at MPKV, Rahuri in memory of former President of India late Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi delivered the lecture on Talent Search for Manning Agriculture Tree : The Priority of The Sector. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the function. In his presentation Dr. C.D. Mayee gave an overview of the National Agriculture Research System (NARS) and its major achievements. He said that teaching, research and extension is a noble profession and young agricultural graduates need to be attracted towards it. He emphasized on the fact that more

students should go for Agriculture Research Service (ARS) and National Eligibility Test (NET) exams. The ICAR is focusing on quality assurance in agriculture education, hence we need to focus on this aspect, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha in his presidential address stressed the need for retaining youth in agricultural education. Punctuality and discipline are very much needed by the students as well as teachers. MPKV is collaborating with international and national institutes in the sector of education and research, he said. Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A, gave the introductory remarks and introduced the chief guest. The students also expressed their views. Student Mr. Pratapsingh Chavan anchored the programme, while, Shri. Adishan Dhole proposed vote of thanks. Staff and students were present on this occasion. The Teachers Day was also celebrated at College of Agriculture, Pune in which retired Lt.Col. Shri. Sameer Kulkarni guided the students. Dr. J.V. Patil, AD, AC, Pune, Dr. D. S. Thawal, Prof. T. S. Bhondve, staff and students were present on this occasion.

Training Programme organized



September 30, 2016. A training programme on Food Production Technology for Rabi crops was organized in the University in co-ordination with the ICAR, New Delhi. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha said that development of nucleus and breeder seed is the responsibility of the university. For this purpose proper planning and co-ordination is needed. He said that seed industry is one of the largest sectors in the country. As a Govt. institution we need to fulfill the need for high volume and low value crops for the benefit of majority of farmers. He thanked the ICAR for funding Rs. 1.5 crore to MPKV for establishing the seed hub. In his speech he focused on genetic purity of seed,

optimum plant protection, role of honey bees for increasing seed set and use of combined harvester for harvesting the crops. Shri. Vijay Kumar Ingale, Joint Director of Agriculture, Pune emphasized the need for increasing the seed replacement ratio of various crop varieties. The Agriculture Department will co-ordinate with the MPKV, Rahuri for increasing the seed production, he said. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Research in his address said that seed is an important input for increasing crop production. He said that the university is making efforts for developing MPKV brand of quality seed. Dr. S.R. Gadakh, Chief Scientist, Seed gave the introductory remarks. Dr. S.K. Ransing anchored the programme, while, Dr. C.B. Salunke proposed vote of thanks. Dr. B.G. Nirmal, Comptroller, Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAC, Mr. Barhate, Mr. Rokade were present on the dias. Officers of the University and Agriculture Department attended the training programme.

MPKV forage variety released at National Level

September 5, 2016. The MPKV developed forage crop variety of oat RO-11-1 has been released at the national level. The variety was released during the National Group Meeting of All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Forage Crops and Utilization for rabi 2015-16 organized by Kerala Agricultural University at Vellayani-Thiruvanthapuram Campus. Dr. I.S. Solanki, ADG, Food and Forage Crops, ICAR New Delhi, Dr. P. Rajendran,



Vice Chancellor, Kerala Agriculture University, Dr. A.K. Roy, Project Co-ordinator, AICRP on Forage Crops and Utilization, Zhansi were present on this occasion. This rabi variety of oat contains 8.1 % protein and gives yield of 450-520 t/ha. (green fodder) and 90-120 t/ha. (dry fodder). Many varieties developed by the Forage Research Project of MPKV, Rahuri have been released at the national level. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha and Director, Extension Education and Research Dr. K.D. Kokate has congratulated the forage scientists Prof. Ajit Sonone, Dr. Annasaheb Tambe and Dr. Damame for their contribution.

New appointment



Mrs. Pallavi Nirmal has been appointed as the new Registrar of MPKV, Rahuri. She happens to be the first Lady Registrar of the university. She is the alumni of MPKV, Rahuri. Mrs. Nirmal has served as the Deputy Collector and Province Officer at various places in the state.



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