

MPKV HAPPENINGS

September, 2017



Agro Tech Fest-2017 organized at College of Agriculture, Pune



September 10-13, 2017. An Agro Tech Fest-2017 was organized at College of Agriculture, Pune. The event was inaugurated at the hands of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Mr. Devendraji Phadanvis. Shri. Girish Bapat, Minister for Food and Drugs Administration, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Parliamentary Affairs and Guardian Minister of Pune district, Shri. Dilip Kamble, Minister of state for Social Justice and Special Assistance were present on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha briefed about the education, research and extension activities of the university. Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Associate Dean Dr. P. N. Rasal, Principal Dr. S. D. Masalkar were present on this occasion. The Agro Tech Fest-2017 comprised of live demonstrations of 183 varieties of 73 crops like cereals, pulses, oilseeds, cash crops, vegetables, flowers and fruit crops. An exhibition of various breeds of cattle, goat, sheep, poultry, improved implements, drip irrigation system, mushroom production technology, vertical gardening etc. was organized. Lectures and discussion of scientists, experts, progressive farmers were organized during the event. Thousands of farmers visited the Agro Tech Fest.

Dr. Swaminathan visited College of Agriculture, Pune

September 8, 2017. *Padmabhushan* awardee and pioneer of the Green Revolution Dr. M. S. Swaminathan visited the College of Agriculture, Pune and interacted with the staff and students. Vice Chancellor greeted him on this occasion. Dr. Swaminathan gave a presentation on Road map for doubling the farmers income. He said that agriculture is the mainstay of India. We need to understand the ecosystem and develop suitable strategies for doubling farmers income. There is income variability among different agroecological zones, he said. He addressed on aspects like challenges in doubling income, areas requiring attention for doubling farmers income, national food security, evergreen revolution, biomass utilization, farming system, role of mahila kisan, climate smart agriculture, sea water farming etc. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha introduced the great scientist and said



that it is a memorable and historical day for the university. Dr. Ram Kharche, Vice Chairman, MCAER, Pune also addressed on this occasion. Book on Strawberry and its marketing written by Dr. Kharche was released during the programme. Dr. Swaminathan interacted with the students. Dr. P. N. Rasal, AD, AC, Pune welcomed the dignitaries. Dr. K. M. Nagargoje, DG, MCAER expressed thanks. Dr. Miss. P. V. Suryavanshi anchored the programme.

KISAN AADHAR SAMMELAN-2017 organized at MPKV, Rahuri

September 25-29, 2017. A mega event of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2017 under the New India Manthan: *Sankalp Se Siddhi, Unnat Sheti: Samruddha Shetkari* was organized at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri during September 25-29, 2017 in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, M.S. and Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Ahmednagar. The event comprised of Live Crop Demonstrations, Agriculture Exhibition and Farmers-Scientists Interactions.

Inauguration of Animal Exhibition

September 25, 2017. Shri. Mahadeo Jankar, Minister of Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development and Fishery Development, M. S. inaugurated the Animal Exhibition on the first day of event on 25th September, 2017. He also inaugurated the first technical session on Watershed Development and Sustainable Animal Husbandry and Goat Rearing. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Former Vice Chancellors Dr. S. N. Puri, Dr. V. M. Mayande, Shri. Popatrao Pawar, Executive President, Adarsha Gaon Yojana, M. S., Dr. D. L. Maheshwar, Vice Chancellor, University of Horticulture Sciences, Bagalkot, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director, Extension Education, UHS, Bagalkot, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Shri. Ganesh Ghorpade, Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote, University Engineer Shri. Milind Dhoke, experts, Heads of Departments, scientists and farmers were present on this occasion.



In his address Shri. Mahadeo Jankar lauded MPKV's efforts for organizing the event for taking the research from lab to land. He said that the dairy, goatery enterprises are like an ATM for the farmers and especially for farm women. This will help for doubling the farmers income. Maharashtra is a leading state in milk production which has led to development in rural areas, he said. Shri. Jankar in his address informed about the new schemes to be launched in the state. This include schemes on poultry, goatery and fishery as per the demands of the farmers. He said that new mobile animal clinic vans will be provided at tahsil level in the state. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his welcome and introductory remarks underlined the objectives of organizing the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. He elaborated the support of dairy and allied enterprises for income doubling of farmers. Shri. Popatrao Pawar, Executive President, Adarsha Gaon Yojana stressed the need for crop planning based on climatic zones. He said that since we have 81.20 % basalt, the water holding capacity is limited. Besides the increased number of borewells has aggravated the water problems. Here

the watershed development assumes lot of importance. The soils are becoming saline and decreasing of organic carbon in the soil is a cause of concern, he said. He said that sustainable happiness need to be linked with sustainable development. Former Vice Chancellor Dr. S. N. Puri in his address emphasized the need for awareness among the farmers about marketing of agricultural produce. Subsidiary occupations will certainly boost the farmers income, he said. More focus on animal health and animal feed is needed. Technical advice on dairy, fodder availability, timely medicine and transport facility of animals need to be looked upon. Dr. H. K. Gosavi, Director General, Water and Land Management Institute (WALMI), Aurangabad in his technical guidance said that the *Jalukta Shivar Abhiyan* implemented by the Government has yielded good results. Participation of farmers in village action plan is required. Dr. A. H. Ulemale, Professor, AHDS, Shirval guided on the topic Sustainable Cattle Rearing. He said loose housing system of dairy followed by feed management and animal health are required for clean and hygienic milk production. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A proposed vote of thanks. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar anchored the programme, while, Dr. R. D. Bansod introduced the guests and experts for this technical session. Earlier Shri. Jankar visited the crop demonstrations, agriculture exhibition and integrated farming system on field of farmer Shri. Adsure.

Inauguration of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2017

The Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2017 was inaugurated at the hands of Shri. Pandurang Fundkar, Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture, M.S. and Pro Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri on 27th September, 2017. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Shri. Ram Shinde, Minister of Soil and Water Conservation and Protocol, M.S. and Guardian Minister, Ahmednagar district, Mrs. Shalinitai Vikhe Patil, President, Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar, Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsingh, Commissioner, Agriculture, M.S., Shri. Dilip Gandhi, M.P., Ahmednagar, Shri. Shivajirao Kardile, M.L.A., Shri. Bhausahab Kamble, M.L.A., Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye, M.L.C., Shri. Chandrashekhar Kadam, Vice President, Shri Saibaba Sansthan, Shri. Abhay Mahajan, District Collector, Ahmednagar, EC member Dr. B. R. Patil were the Guests of Honour.



In his address, Shri. Fundkar highlighted the dream of Hon'ble Prime Minister for doubling the farmers income by 2022. For this purpose we need to strengthen the subsidiary occupations. Group farming is the need of hour for reducing the costs on inputs, he said. The State Govt. has established Automatic Weather Stations in 250 mandals. Soil Health Cards have been issued to 1.5 crore farmers. Farmers need to adopt new technologies. Shri. Fundkar appreciated MPKV's efforts for organizing this programme. Shri. Ram Shinde in his address reiterated the ill effects of global warming on agriculture. Advanced irrigation methods are required to be adopted on large scale to save water. The Jalyukta Shivar scheme has resulted in increasing the water table, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his speech briefed about the events organized under Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. Farmers have a good opportunity for



interacting with the scientists during the event, he said. The event will increase the confidence of farmers. Mrs. Shalinitai Vikhe Patil emphasized on training for farm women. Shri. Dilip Gandhi, M. P. in his address hoped for positive actions for farmers through Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. Shri. Shivajirao Kardile, M.L.A said that the govt. schemes need to reach each and every farmer. Mr. Sacchindra Pratap Singh, Commissioner (Agriculture) hoped for a strong co-ordination between MPKV and Department. Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye praised the event and said that farmers need to take the benefit of technologies. Dr. K. D. Kokate, DEE gave the

introductory remarks and put forth the objectives of the event. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A expressed thanks. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme. Thousands of farmers visited the demos, exhibition and interactions.

Valedictory function

September 29, 2017. The Valedictory function of Kisan Aadhar Sammelan was organized in presence of Shri. Deepak Kesarkar, Minister of State for Home (Rural), Finance and Planning, M. S. Dr. Ram Kharche, Vice Chairman, MCAER, Pune, Dr. Shivanna, Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore, Dr. Y. S. Nerkar, Ex Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri, Shri. Shivajirao Gadhe, Member, Zilla Parishad, Ahmednagar, Shri. Bhausaheb Barhate, PD, ATMA, Shri. Pandit Lonare, DSAO, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande and Dr. S. R. Gadakh were present on the dias.



In his address Shri. Deepak Kesarkar praised the university efforts for organizing the event. The IFS model would really be beneficial to the farmers for sustainable agriculture. Fishery sector should be tapped for increased gains to the farmers, he said. Mechanization is needed in crops like paddy. This is necessary for increasing the per unit production of paddy. Polyhouse, shadenet are to be utilized effectively for intensive cultivation. SAUs have a major role to play for crop planning and production and marketing. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his address briefed about the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. He focused on the IFS model and hoped for organization of such event regularly.



Dr.Kharche in his address said that farmers need to go for group farming and there is a need to reduce the cost of production. There is a need to study the FPCs. Dr. Nerkar in his address said that a dairy policy should be designed. Shri. Gade also addressed the gathering. Dr. K. D. Kokate, DEE gave the introductory remarks. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, DOR proposed thanks. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme. Farmers and farm women were present for the function.

Kisan Aadhar Sammelan - 2017 : At a Glance

Live Crop Demonstrations

Crop demonstrations on over 100 acres were organized for the benefit of farmers. It included demonstrations on cereals, pulses, oilseeds, forage, vegetables, flowers and cash crops. In all demonstrations of 44 crops and 129 varieties were planted in the cafeteria. In addition demonstrations of advanced irrigation methods, mole plough, soil testing, vermiculture, cultivation of dragon fruit, vegetable and flower cultivation in shadenet, apiculture, integrated pest management, biocontrol were also organized on this occasion. Major attraction of this event was the Integrated Farming System model on farmers field of Shri. Uttam and Shri. Chandrakant Adsure brothers.



Agriculture Exhibition

An Agriculture Exhibition was organized during the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. It included 100 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, buffalo, goat, sheep and poultry. The Government schemes of Department of Agriculture, ATMA, Zilla Parishad and all technologies were exhibited in the event.



Farmers-Scientists Interactions

Farmers-Scientists interactions were organized during the Kisan Aadhar Sammelan. The major themes included Watershed Management, Sustainable Animal Husbandry and Goat Rearing, Farm Mechanization, Dryland Technologies, Organic Farming, Sustainable Production through Irrigation and Soil Management, Export of Fruits and Vegetables, Intefrated Farming Systems, Post Harvest Tehnology, Precision Farming and Subsidiary Agricultural Occupations. Experts and scientists interacted with the farmers. Progressive farmers also addressed on this occasion.



Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Interface organized

September 27, 2017. The Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee meeting for Rabi and Summer 2017-18 was organized at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, M.S. Shri. Pandurang Fundkar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Horticulture, M. S., Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsinh, Commissioner, Agriculture, M. S., Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. S. L. Jadhav, Director, Extension and Training, Dr. P. N. Pokale,



Director, Horticulture, Shri. Khemnagar, Director, ATMA were present on the dias. Three publications including Shri Sugi Rabi 2017 were released at the hands of Shri. Pandurang Fundkar. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in his address appraised of the university efforts for massive seed production of rabi crops and preparedness for adaptation, mitigation and global warming. He stressed the need for market intelligence of farmers. Shri. Sacchindra Pratapsinh, Commissioner, Agriculture in his address called for coordinated efforts between SAUs and line departments for effective transfer of technology. Subsidiary occupations are required for doubling the farmers income, hence, diversification is needed, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and made a presentation on extension activities. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research presented the new crop varieties and recommendations released by the university. Dr. S. L. Jadhav said the management concept need to be looked upon for awareness among farmers. The Joint Directors of Agriculture Shri. Vijaykumar Ingale (Pune), Shri. Mahaveer Jangte (Kolhapur) and Shri. Dilip Zhende (Nasik) presented the regional reports. Dr. Rajendra Dangre, ret'd. Asstt. Comm. (Fishery) briefed about the fishery aspects in the meeting. Associate Directors of Research, Crop Specialists, scientists, KVKs, Regional and District Extension Centres and officers of Department of Agriculture participated in the discussions. Dr. P. B. Kharde welcomed the participants and Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme. Dr. V. D. Shende, ADR proposed vote of thanks.

Award to Forage Project of MPKV, Rahuri

September 7, 2017. The Forage Project of the university was awarded the Best Centre in the Annual Meet of All India Co-ordinated Forage Crop Research Projects for Rabi held at Bengaluru for its significant contribution to forage research. The award was given by Dr. I. S. Solanki, ADG (FFC), ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. A. K. Roy, Project Co-ordinator, Forage crops, Zhansi. This project was started in 1971 and has so far released seven varieties of forage and forty four recommendations at state level. The project has also released eight varieties at national level. Vice Chancellor and Directors congratulated the scientists Prof. Ajit Sonone, Dr. Annasaheb Tambe, Dr. Shivaji Damame and Dr. Babasaheb Sinare for their achievement.



Teachers Day celebrated

September 5, 2017. Teachers Day was celebrated in the university on the occasion of birth anniversary of former President of India late Dr. S. Radhakrishnan. Shri. Kad Siddheshwar Swamy of Kanheri Math, Kolhapur was the chief guest for the function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Shri. Kad Siddheshwar Swamy in his address to the staff and students put forth the importance of education in one's life. He hoped that the young generation should learn and practice ethics, moral values and sincerity in their life. Indian culture and traditions are topmost in the world, we should preserve them. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his speech said that morality, patriotism, honesty and promptness need to be taken by the students for achieving success in their profession. He took an overview of inculcating value system in education, philosophical values and teachers as role models to their students. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the welcome and introductory remarks. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A introduced the chief guest. Students also expressed their views. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme, while, Prof. S. V. Patil expressed thanks.



Press Conference organized

September 23, 2017. A Press Conference for briefing of the event Kisan Aadhar Sammelan-2017 was organized at the MPKV, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha briefed the press reporters about the mega event. He said that this is a historical event in the history of MPKV, Rahuri. The event would comprise of crop demonstrations, agriculture and animal exhibition and Farmers-Scientists Interactions. He called upon the press to give wide publicity to the event so that maximum farmers would be benefitted. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education in his introductory remarks briefed about the efforts of the university for popularizing the event. He said that the university has published posters, brochures, developed a video clip and an audio clip for wider publicity of the event. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A informed about the various technical sessions organized during the event. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research briefed about the crop demonstrations and Integrated Farming System model to be demonstrated during the event. Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote and University Engineer Shri. Milind Dhoke informed about the financial and accomodation aspects. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre welcomed the dignitaries and press personnel. Dr. S. S. Sadaphal expressed thanks. More than thirty press personnel from print and electronic media participated in the discussion.



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