

# MPKV HAPPENINGS

September, 2018



## Agro Tech Fest-2018 organized in Pune



September 18-20, 2018. An Agro Tech Fest-2018 was organized at the College of Agriculture, Pune on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the university. Shri. Girish Bapat, Hon'ble Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Food and Drugs Administration, Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of Maharashtra and Guardian Minister, Pune District inaugurated the event. Mrs. Mukta Tilak, Mayor, Pune Municipal Corporation, Shri. Vijay Kale, MLA, Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean Dr. P. N. Rasal and Principal Dr. S. D. Masalkar were present on this occasion.

The event concluded at the hands of Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Vice Chairman, Maharashtra Council of Agriculture Education and Research, Pune. In his address Shri. Dhotre stressed the need for reducing the cost of crop production for maximizing farmers income. Diversification in agriculture and adoption of subsidiary occupations would lead to sustainable income for farmers. For this purpose, regular interactions among scientists and farmers are needed, he said. Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri in his address said that in view of new challenges in agriculture, there is a need for developing pest and disease resistant crop varieties which can also withstand the rising temperature and water scarcity. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address underlined the objectives of organizing the Agro Tech Fest for the benefit of farmers. Dr. Rasal gave the welcome and introductory remarks. Dr. Pallavi Suryavanshi anchored the programme, while, Dr. J. D. Jadhav proposed thanks. An exhibition and demonstrations were organized during this event. Farmers, staff and students were present for the function.



## Dr. Viswanatha takes over charge of Vice Chancellor of Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli



September 1, 2018. Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri took over the charge of Vice Chancellor of Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2018. The additional charge of Vice Chancellor of DBSKKV, Dapoli was taken over by Dr. Viswanatha as per the letter from Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra. This was due to the resignation of Dr. Tapas Bhattacharya, former Vice Chancellor of DBSKKV, Dapoli.

## Centre for Excellence for Nutri Cereals sanctioned to MPKV



September 28, 2018. A Centre for Excellence for Nutri Cereals has been sanctioned to MPKV, Rahuri. This was announced by Shri. Radhamohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi at a function organized at VAMNICOM, Pune. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha attended the function on Nutri Cereals.

MPKV has developed good varieties of nutri cereal crops like bajra, sorghum, finger millet etc. Several technology recommendations have also been released for the farmers.

## Opening Ceremony of Golden Jubilee Programme of Dr. ASCAE & T organized



September 4, 2018. A One day workshop on Dairy and Food Engineering was organized on eve of the Golden Jubilee Programme of Dr. Annasaheb Shinde College of Agril. Engg. & Technology at MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. Budhajirao Mulik, President, Bhumata Trust, Pune was





the Chief Guest for the function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr. A. L. Pharande Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar and Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE & T, Former Associate Deans of the college Dr. H. G. More and Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Shri. Vijay Kote, Comptroller, Dr. M. G. Shinde, President, Alumni Association were present on the dias. The Chief Guest Dr. Mulik reminded of the history of the college. He further said that there is a lot of scope for innovations in hydroponics, GIS, GPS, aquaponics, nano technology, precision farming, remote sensing and automation. Technology is fast changing and we have to update with the present knowledge. The role of Agril. Engineers in value addition and genetic engineering is important, he said. Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address said that this is 50 years of long journey not only for the Engineering college but the university as well. Special milestones and landmarks have been set. The role of alumni in providing guidance and direction to the students is important and we need to join together for the welfare of farmers. Dr. Pawar welcomed the dignitaries and said that this is a special occasion for the college. Dr. Pharande, Dr. Gadakh and Dr. More offered their remarks and complimented the alumni, staff and students on this occasion. Dr. Sunil Kadam anchored the programme, while, Dr. M. G. Shinde expressed thanks. Er. Ravindra Mahajan, Er. Ramdas Londhe and Er. Jayesh Shah guided the staff and students during the workshop.

### Teachers Day celebrated



September 5, 2018. The Teachers Day was celebrated in the university on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Dr. M. C. Varshneya, Former Vice Chancellor, AAU, Anand and Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat was the Chief Guest for the function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Dr.

D. D. Pawar, Registrar and Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE & T, Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, PGI and Heads of Departments were present on the dias. In his address Dr. Varshneya elaborated the incidences in the life of the great teacher Dr. Radhakrishnan. Our country had a great tradition of student-teacher relationship in the past which must be strengthened for the future. Good and quality education is important for shaping the students career and hence



we need to concentrate on this aspect, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his address said that Dr. Radhakrishnan was a great scholar of India. We need to follow his ideals and remember our teachers. Teachers have an important role in grooming the students to become good scientists and citizens, he said. Dr. R. S. Patil introduced the Chief Guest. Dr. D. D. Pawar proposed thanks. Student Atharva Shinde anchored the programme. Staff and students were present in large number for the function.

### **Bamboo Workshop organized in Pune**



September 15, 2018. A workshop on Bamboo Cultivation for Sustainable Income was organized by the university at College of Agriculture, Pune in coordination with Bamboo Society of India and *Maharashtra Vriksha Sanvardhini* on the occasion of International Bamboo Day. Shri. Pradip Rawat, Chairman, National Shipping Board, New Delhi. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Shri. Sunil Bhide of *Maharashtra Vriksha Sanvardhini* and Dr. Hemant Bedekar, Dr. Nachiket Thakur of Bamboo Society of India and Associate Dean Dr. P. N. Rasal were present for the programme. In his address, Shri. Rawat said that inspite of huge advantages, the bamboo plant has been neglected. Hence, he called for efforts on awareness of commercial bamboo cultivation for the benefit of farmers. He further said that research on bamboo varieties is required for competing in global market. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and Dr. Bedekar also addressed the gathering.

### **Training Programme on IPR organized**

September 26, 2018. A one day training programme on Importance of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in Agricultural Research and Education was organized by the Directorate of Research in the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Director of Extension Education Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Dr. A. L. Pharande, Director of Research Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote were present on the dias. Prof.





Ganesh Hingmire, Director, Great Mission Group Consultancy, Pune addressed the scientists and staff on the vital issue of IPR. Prof. Hingmire guided on issues of IPR like filing of patents, benefits of patenting, Microsoft Spy Patent Application, copyrights, Geographical Indication, categories of IPR and career options in IPR. He discussed these topics

with examples. IPR is important not only in academic and research sector but essential for transfer of technology, he asserted. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha said that 'Phule' is to be registered as a trademark of MPKV. We need to prioritize our ongoing research, he said. There is a need to have uniqueness for the IPR products and the scientists would be encouraged for filing the patents. Dr. V. R. Shelar anchored the programme. Dr. R. W. Bharud, Head, Department of Botany proposed thanks.

### **Training programme on Fruits and Vegetables Processing concluded**



September 26, 2018. The thirty days 36<sup>th</sup> training programme on Fruits and Vegetables Processing was concluded at the hands of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, PGI and Dr. U. D. Chavan, Head, Department of Food Science and Technology. While guiding the trainees,

Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha said that processing of fruits and vegetables is possible through group approach. Hence, youths should come forward for starting this business. Farmers Producer Organizations may also initiate the value addition of fruits and vegetables. The processed products have a good market especially in the urban areas. This would add to the income of farmers, he said. A manual on fruits and vegetables processing was released on this occasion. Dr. Chavan gave the welcome and introductory remarks. The trainees expressed their views and feedback on training. Certificates were awarded to the trainees. Dr. Pramod Kotecha anchored the programme, while, Prof. Sudhir Lande gave vote of thanks. Thirty trainees participated in the month long programme. The Heads of Departments Dr. Bharud, Dr. Naik and Dr. Deokar, staff and trainees were present on this occasion.



## Training Programme on RKVY-HORTSAP organized



September 3-4, 2018. A two day Training Programme on Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) - HORTSAP was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. Director of Research Dr. S. R. Gadakh inaugurated the programme. Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, PGI, Dr. C. D. Deokar, Head, Department of Plant pathology and Microbiology and Dr. A. M. Narute, Professor

of Plant Pathology were present on this occasion. Dr. Gadakh in his inaugural address said that Maharashtra is a horticultural state. Farmers are growing fruit crops amidst water scarcity with the help of farm ponds. But they are facing several pest and disease problems. These problems could be countered through proper advisory at the right time through HORTSAP which has a major role in the state. Advisories on plant protection as well as on quality parameters and reducing the cost of cultivation through HORTSAP would benefit the farmers, he hoped. Dr. R. S. Patil in his address said that the HORTSAP is a good project in view of climate change. He hoped that the training would benefit the participants for knowing the severity of diseases and guiding the farmers. Dr. C. D. Deokar gave the introductory remarks and briefed about the project. Dr. K. S. Raghuwanshi, PI of the project anchored the programme, while, Dr. A. M. Navale proposed thanks. The Data Operators and Agril. Assistants of Department of Agriculture participated in this training programme.

### **Congratulations**

#### **Dr. Atul Atre nominated as Academic Committee Chief of AVISHKAR-2018**



September 4, 2018. The Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra and Chairman of Advisory Board for organization of different Inter University Competitions has nominated Dr. Atul Atre, Professor of SWCE, MPKV, Rahuri as Convener of Sub-Committee to Oversee and Study the organization of AVISHKAR-2018 at Gondwana University, Gadchiroli. Dr. Atre has already worked as Member of Sub-Committee to Oversee and Study the organization of AVISHKAR-2014 conducted

at Maharashtra Animal and Fisheries Science University, Nagpur and as a Member of Financial Management Sub-Committee for AVISHKAR-2016 at Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded. Dr. Atre is associated with AVISHKAR Inter-University competition since its third version in 2008. He was also entrusted with the responsibility of Coordinator for AVISHKAR-2017 held at MPKV, Rahuri.



### Associate Dean, PGI Dr. R. S. Patil passes away

September 29, 2018. Dr. R. S. Patil, Associate Dean, Post Graduate Institute, MPKV, Rahuri passed away due to severe heart stroke. He was 59 years old. He started his career in 1983 in the university. Dr. Patil worked in different capacities as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Director of Research, Associate Dean, and Head, Department of Horticulture. He contributed to development of different fruits and vegetables varieties like Bhagwa and Super Bhagwa of pomegranate, Phule Suvarna and Phule Samarth varieties of onion, onion storage structure and Phule Raja variety of tomato and numerous research technology recommendations. Vice Chancellor, Directors, Officers, staff and students expressed grief for the sudden loss of a great scientist. A condolence meeting was organized in the university.

### Participation of scientists in International Conference at Kathmandu



September 20-23, 2018. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and the university scientists participated in the International Conference on Doubling the Income of Farmers of SAARC Countries: Extension Strategies and Approaches organized by International Society of Extension Education, Nagpur, Maharashtra and Nepal Agriculture

Extension Association, Nepal in collaboration with MANAGE, Hyderabad, Karnataka Chapter of ISEE, Bangalore, Karnataka and Maharashtra Society of Extension Education, Akola at Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Nepal Shri. Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha was the key speaker for the topic Doubling the farmers income in Maharashtra: Scope and strategies. Social scientists Dr. M. C. Ahire, Dr. V. S. Shirke, Dr. S. B. Shinde, Dr. G. K. Sasane, Dr. P. B. Kharde, Dr. C. A. Nimbalkar, Dr. J. H. Gaikwad, Dr. S. D. Patil also participated in the conference and presented their papers.

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