

Farewell programme of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha; Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, VNMAU, Parbhani takes over Additional Charge



November 4, 2020. Dr. K. P. Viswanatha completed his term of five years as Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri. A farewell programme was organized by the university on this occasion in online mode. Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Agriculture University, Parbhani took over the Additional Charge of Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. Dhawan presided over the programme. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research

and Extension Education, Shri. Mohan Wagh, Registrar, Shri. Vijay Kote, Comptroller, Shri. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer, Associate Deans Dr. D. D. Pawar, Dr. P. N. Rasal, Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Dr. M. C. Ahire were present on this occasion.

In his farewell address Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha exemplified the significant contribution of MPKV in the field of education, research and extension education. This is the effort of all, he stated. He said that he was really fortunate to lead this historical university. Dr. Viswanatha highlighted some of the significant achievements of his tenure like establishment of new Government Agriculture colleges, sanction and working of CAAST-CSAWM project, establishment of water conservation project, organic farming project, drip irrigation on 100 acre area of university farm, Career Advancement Scheme for staff etc. He appealed to the young scientists to submit research proposals. Lastly Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha expected for concerted efforts from all staff for raising the university status at highest level.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Ashok Dhawan in his presidential address thanked Dr. Viswanatha for his successful tenure and passed his best wishes to him. Dr. Dhawan highlighted the contribution of MPKV, Rahuri in agriculture education, research and extension education and for the agriculture progress of the state. He said that this is a golden opportunity for me to lead this historical university. He hoped that he would certainly utilize the good and innovative work of MPKV for the benefit of VNMAU, Parbhani.

Dr. Pharande, Dr. Gadakh, Shri. Wagh, Shri. Dhoke, Dr. Pawar, Dr. Kharbade, Dr. Ranpise, Dr. Yadav expressed their feelings on this occasion. Dr. M. R. Chouhan, Student Welfare Officer recited a poem on the work of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and Vice Chancellor Dr. Ashok Dhawan. A portrait of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha prepared by Dr. Vaibhav Malunekar, Research Associate, CAAST-CSAWM project was handed during the programme. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Head of Agril. Engg. and PI, CAAST-CSAWM project anchored the programme, while, Dr. M. C. Ahire, Associate Dean, PAHCOA, Halgaon proposed thanks. All Heads of Departments, staff and scientists of the university were present in online mode for this programme.

Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, VNMAU, Parbhani takes over Additional Charge of Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri



November 5, 2020. Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, Vasant Rao Naik Marathwada Agriculture University, Parbhani took over the Additional Charge of Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri as per the directives of Hon'ble Chancellor and Governor of Maharashtra. Dr. Dhawan obtained his post graduation and Ph. D. degrees in Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry from Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. He has worked as FAO Fellow at Oregon State University Corvallis, USA and University of California, Davis during December 1995 to March 1996 and Governing Council Member of Association of Indian Universities, New Delhi during 2020. He has published 70 Research papers in National and International journals, more than 100 Extension Literature/Articles, more than 50 Radio and TV talks, delivered more than 100 invited lectures in various Universities, Colleges and other institutions and more than 50 scientific reports, book chapters and edited monograph and guided 30 M.Sc. and Ph.D. students. He is the recipient of State Level Shri Ankushrao Tope Lifetime Achievement Award 2019. He has initiated various programmes for students and farmers at VNMAU, Parbhani. Dr. Dhawan has more than 35 years of education, research, extension and administrative experience. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education and Shri. Mohan Wagh, Registrar greeted him.

Dr. Dhawan reviewed the progress of the university in his first meeting after assuming the charge of Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri. He called for every support to farmers from the university side. He said that farmers need to be supported during difficult times like the COVID-19 pandemic situation especially guiding them for effective marketing of their produce. He appreciated the activities of CAAST-CSAWM project of the university especially for organizing online training programmes during corona situation. All Associate Deans, Heads of Departments and Officers of the university were present for this meeting.

Training programmes organized on Backyard Poultry under ICAR FFP



November 23/25/27, 2020. Three training programmes were organized on Backyard Poultry under the ICAR Farmer FIRST programme in Chinchvhire and Kangar villages in coordination with the State Department of Agriculture. University scientists Dr. Ravindra Nimse and Dr. Sunil Adangle guided the

farmers and farm women on different aspects of backyard poultry. Farmers queries related to poultry were also solved during the interactions. These training programmes were organized under the guidance of Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education and Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre and PI, ICAR FFP. The support staff Shri. Vijay Shedge, Shri. Kiran Magar and Shri. Rahul Korhale took efforts in organizing the programme.

CAAST-CSAWM programme activities

The Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) on Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management (CSAWM), MPKV, Rahuri had organized various need based online training programmes for the farmers, students and scientists, faculty during the lockdown period in view of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic situation.

Online training programme on Open-Source Resources and Copy Right Issues organized



November 26-27, 2020. A two day online training programme on Open-Source Resources and Copy Right Issues was organized by CAAST-CSAWM and University Library, MPKV, Rahuri through online mode. Mr. Vikram Zadgaonkar, Director, Firstray Consulting, Pune, Mr. Ketan Kulkarni, Director, Firstray Consulting, Pune, Dr. S. K. Patil,

Former University Librarian, Jayakar Library, University of Pune, Dr. N. B. Dahibhate, Former Information Scientist, NCL, Pune were the resource persons for this training programme. The training course included four sessions on topics like Basics of KOHA software, how to use the report module for different reports, how to use OPAC; Moodle: Basics of moodle LMS, brief information and walkthrough how best moodle can be used for the institute; Open Sources Resources in Science and Social Science; Basics of IPR: Copy Rights and Patents. Training was started with the short inaugural function in which Dr. P. N. Rasal, Associate Dean, PGI, MPKV, Rahuri was the Chief Guest, preamble was given by Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Head of Agricultural Engineering and Principal Investigator, CAAST-CSAWM, MPKV, Rahuri.

The training programme was followed with the valedictory function in which Dr. S. K. Patil, Former University Librarian, Jayakar Library, University of Pune was the Chief Guest. Vice Chancellor Dr. A. S. Dhawan chaired the function. Dr. Gorantiwar welcomed the dignitaries. Dr. Patil enlightened the function and registered the importance of the open-source resources in Agriculture. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education guided on digitalization of library and importance of online Resources. Dr. M. G. Shinde, Co-Principal Investigator, CAAST-CSAWM extended the vote of thanks. Research Associates Dr. N. J. Deshmukh (Plant Protection), Dr. P. B. Kale (Biotechnology) and Er. M. A. Tamboli (Computer.), CAAST-CSAWM were the programme co-ordinators. Dr. Deshmukh anchored the programme. Total 250 students and faculty members from different disciplines participated in this training programme.

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