



MPKV bestowed with Dalimb Ratna Award



March 17, 2017. MPKV, Rahuri was bestowed with the Dalimb Ratna Award for its contribution in pomegranate research. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha received the Award at the hands of Former Union Minister of Agriculture Shri. Sharad Pawar in the State Level Conference of Maharashtra Pomegranate Producer Association organized in Pune. The University has done commendable work on pomegranate by releasing varieties like Bhagwa, Super Bhagwa and several technology recommendations. A large area of pomegranate is covered under these varieties in the country.

The University scientists Dr. K.S. Raghuvanshi and Dr. S.R. Kulkarni were also felicitated with the awards.

Visit of the Committee of Central Zone Monitoring and Review Team of ICAR to MPKV, Rahuri



March 4-7, 2017. The Committee of Central Zone Monitoring and Review Team of ICAR under the chairmanship of Dr. R. C. Maheshwari, Former Vice Chancellor, SKDAU, Dantiwada, Gujarat visited College of Agriculture, Pune and MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. P. S. Pandey, ADG (EP & HS), ICAR, New Delhi, Member Secretary and Mr. Radhey Shyam, Comptroller, IVRI, Izatnagar was member of the committee. A meeting was organized in presence of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and university Directors and officers.

At the outset the Chairman Dr. R. C. Maheshwari welcomed all the officers for the meeting. He appreciated the Impact Assessment Report (2012-13 to 2015-16) of the university. In his remarks, he said that the university needs to submit proposals for establishment of new colleges.

Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A expressed the fact that preparation of the document was a good exercise for the university. But there is a need to prioritize the important areas. He assured that a Redressal Committee would be set up at each college as pointed out by the Committee for addressing the problems of the students. Further, the Placement Cell of the

colleges would be strengthened. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research briefed about the various ICAR schemes run by the university and vacancies in these schemes. He put forth the need for ICAR funds for strengthening Seed project of the university and establishment of Sub Centre for seed in the university. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education appraised of KVKs in the university jurisdiction. He said that quality manpower for enabling environment is very much needed.

Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha thanked the committee for its critical observations, sharing of experiences and their advise on tackling the problems. He assured the committee that the university will implement the suggestions made by the committee. Dr. P. S. Pandey, Member Secretary in his remarks said that funds are available from the Council for waste management and automation. A separate Portal devoted for students will be launched by the ICAR soon. He underlined the importance of capacity building and said that adequate care towards this component has been taken in the Vth Deans Committee report. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. P. B. Kharde, Nodal Officer for ICAR, MPKV, Rahuri.

The committee inaugurated the ICAR Nodal Cell of the university. They visited the University Library, Examination Hall, Laboratories, Boys and Girls Hostels, Swimming Pool, Gymkhana and made various suggestions. They also interacted with the students and the staff. Associate Deans of all constituent colleges made their presentations. During the committee visit to Pune Dr. A. L. Pharande, Associate Dean made a presentation of College of Agriculture, Pune. Dr. S. D. Masalkar, Principal briefed about the activities of College of Horticulture, Pune.

Action Plan Workshop of KVKs



March 15-16, 2017. An Action Plan Workshop of KVKs from the jurisdiction of the university was organized at CC, Rahuri. In his presidential address Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education said that the SAUs are engaged in backstopping of KVKs. He deliberated on important issues like technologies for reducing cost of production, water conservation, linking of Farmer Producer Companies to marketing, doubling farmers income, appropriate agro advisory and preparedness for kharif season. He suggested for planning of new crop varieties and technologies in OFTs and FLDs. The ICAR Seed Hub

Project is a good opportunity for KVKs to increase seed production. Dr. K. Dattatri, Principle Scientist, ATARI, Hyderabad emphasized on meticulous planning of OFTs and FLDs by KVKs. He guided on KVK portal, training programmes, monitoring mechanism, value addition, integrated farming system and impact analysis. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre welcomed the dignitaries and participants for the workshop. Dr. G. K. Waman expressed thanks, while, Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme. Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, DrASCAE & T, Heads of Departments, scientists, Programme Co-ordinators, Subject Matter Specialists were present for the workshop. The KVKs action plan was formulated in consultation with the university experts.



Training programmes organized under ICAR FFP



March 24 & 31, 2017. Two Orientation training programmes were organized at MPKV, Rahuri for the farmers under ICAR Farmer FIRST programme. While guiding the farmers of Chinchvihire and Kangar villages, Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha emphasized on the adoption of Integrated Farming System module for more net returns to the farmers. He called for making compost out of farm waste which in turn would save money on chemical fertilizers. He hoped for higher adoption of university technologies for more crop production. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research in his guidance briefed about

the latest university crop varieties and technology recommendations. He further hoped that the project would come up with increasing livelihood security of the farmers. Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI, ICAR FFP in his introductory remarks briefed about the objectives and activities of the project. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Co-PI expressed thanks. The participant farmers acquired skill of scientific collection of soil sample for soil testing. Dr. V. D. Shende, ADR and scientists Dr. B. D. Bhakre, Dr. M. N. Yadav, Dr. D. B. Pawar and Shri. Raibhan Gaikwad, Agriculture Officer guided the farmers during the training programme. More than fifty farmers and farm women participated in each of the training programme.

Collaborative Training Programme organized with EEI, Anand



March 1-3, 2017. A collaborative training programme on Leadership Development and Team Building Skills for Extension Functionary was organized by MPKV, Rahuri in collaboration with the Extension Education Institute, Anand (Gujarat). Three Vice Chancellors from SAUs of Gujarat viz., Dr. N. C. Patel, AAU, Anand, Dr. A. A. Patel, S KNagar and Dr. C. J. Dangaria, Navsari graced the inaugural function. Dr. N. C. Patel, Vice Chancellor, AAU, Anand presided over the function. In his address Dr. Patel focussed on the importance of team building for achieving a common target. The concept need to be made

applicable by not only the scientists but by the employees of an organization, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. A. A. Patel in his chief guest address emphasized on leadership development as well as personality development. Youth need to be trained on these aspects, he said. In his chief guest address Vice Chancellor Dr. C. J. Dangaria lauded the collaborative efforts for organizing training programmes for benefit of staff and students. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and welcomed the dignitaries. Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A also addressed the trainees. Dr. C. P. Desai, Director, EEI, Anand gave an overview of the training programme. Dr. S. B. Bhange, I/C Head, Department of Extension Education expressed thanks. Dr. P. B. Kharde anchored the programme. More than fifty staff and students participated in the three day training programme. The dignitaries visited the various research projects of the university.

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