

MPKV HAPPENINGS

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Birth Anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Celebrated



The birth anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was celebrated in the university. Prof. S.Z. Deshmukh was the Chief Guest of the programme. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More presided over the function. In his address Prof. Deshmukh narrated the childhood of the great king. Mother Jijau shaped his career and he won a fort at the age of sixteen only, he said. His *shivarajya* i.e. administration was an ideal one. Vice-Chancellor Dr. More in his presidential address hoped that the youth and the society will be motivated by the ideals of Shivaji Maharaj. He was a great visionary and adopted good policy for farmers, he said. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and introduced the Chief Guest. Shri. Sunil Wankhede, Registrar proposed vote of thanks. Prasad Chavan anchored the programme. Mrs. Rekhatrai More, Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research, Shri. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer, Prof. Sharad Patil, Student Welfare Officer, staff and students were present on this occasion.

30th Convocation of MPKV, Rahuri organized





The thirtieth Convocation of Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri was organized at the Central Campus, Rahuri. Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Mr. Vidyasagar Rao presided over the function. Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Revenue, Government of Maharashtra and Pro-Chancellor of MPKV Shri. Eknathrao Khadase, the Chief Guest Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, National Research Professor and President of Global Research Alliance, Dr. T. A. More, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr Annasaheb Shinde College of Agriculture Engineering, MPKV, Rahuri, Shri. Sunil Wankhede, Registrar were present on the dais. In his convocation address Dr. Mashelkar said that India needs to rapidly move towards

innovation led agricultural growth. This has to be achieved with speed, scale and sustainability. In the new National Agricultural Innovation System, we must move to 'total innovation', involving technological and institutional innovations throughout the production, marketing, policy research and enterprise domains. From transfer of technology we must move to learning by using 'collective intelligence'. The challenge for the Indian Agriculture Innovation System will be also to get 'more from less for more'. Indian demand for food grains would increase from 192 million tones in 2000 to 342 million tones in 2030. This is possible by using the power of new technology, such as information and communication technology, nanotechnology, space technology, modern biotechnology etc. He further said that we must build a robust Indian Agricultural Innovation System based on our great strengths. We must build our own Indian Agriculture Innovation Index. With this we will achieve the dream of moving rapidly from 'green revolution' to the much needed 'evergreen revolution' and 'nutritional revolution'. We will then achieve our dream of 'food for all'. Hon'ble Governor Mr. Vidyasagar Rao conferred the degrees and medals to the students. This comprised of 92 Ph. D. degrees, 668 PG degrees and 4365 UG degrees. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More in his welcome address reviewed the education, research and extension education progress of the university. He said that 18 foreign students have taken admissions for Ph.D. and PG degrees through the Indo-Africa and Indo-Afghanistan educational programme. The university has so far released 237 crop varieties, 120 agricultural implements, tools and 1250 technology recommendations for the farmers. The co-ordination of farmers and scientists is effectively done through the Farmers-Scientists Forum. More than one lakh farmers visit the university every year, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research, Members of the Executive Council, Academic Council and Faculty, students and parents attended the function. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme.

Retrospection-2014 programme organized



Retrospection-2014, a programme to review the university's education, research and extension activities was organized at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. Shri. Popatrao Pawar, Executive Chairman, Aadarsh Gaon Yojana and Ex-Sarpanch, Hiwre Bazar inaugurated the photographic exhibition organized on this occasion. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More presided over

the function. In his address Shri. Pawar advised to give a serious thought on judicious use of water. Effective soil and water conservation techniques need to be implemented for enabling the recharge of ground water. Pollution of ground water is a matter of concern, he said. Shri. Pawar narrated his experiences on rural and agricultural development of the model village. Besides he put forth the social problems of the society and appealed to the agriculture graduates to come forward for fostering the socio-economic development. In his presidential address Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More expressed his concern on various natural hazards like biotic and abiotic stress, climate change, hailstorms etc. The university has prioritized the research areas for combating these concerns, he said. An Integrated Farming System model developed by the university will bring sustainable income to the farmers. He said that the university has started new Government Agriculture Colleges at Nandurbar and Karad. Efforts are on to give maximum facilities for the students, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education in his introductory remarks gave the concept of organizing this type of programme. He presented the last year's extension education activities of the university. Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research reviewed the educational and research activities, respectively. Shri. Sunil Wankhede, Registrar, Shri. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer and Shri. Vishwas Jadhav, Comptroller presented the administration, development works and finance review of the preceding year. The university publication *Krishi Darshani* 2015 was released on this occasion. The Associate Deans Dr. P. A. Turbathmath (DrAS College of Agril. Engg., MPKV, Rahuri), Dr. Gajanan Khot (College of Agriculture, Kolhapur), Dr. Pramod Rasal (College of Agriculture, Dhule) and Dr. Dashrath Thawal (College of Agriculture, Pune), Heads of Departments, scientists, staff and students were present for the programme. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. G. K. Sasane expressed vote of thanks.

Review Meeting of KVKs organized at MPKV, Rahuri



A Review meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of western Maharashtra was organized at the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in co-ordination with the Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-V, Hyderabad. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More in his inaugural address emphasized to give more focus on the women force working in agriculture sector. He said that the role and contribution of women in agriculture is worth mentioning and hence, KVKs need to empower them with knowledge and skills. The entrepreneurial capabilities of rural youth need to be enhanced for the development of villages. The awareness on nano

technology, bio-technology and GM crops also need to be expanded for their effective utilization in agriculture, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education in his introductory remarks called for accessibility of sustainable technologies for the livelihood security of farmers. He said that KVK is an institutional innovation mechanism and should focus on farmer centric growth through appropriate technologies. Benchmark survey is needed for assessing the outcome and output of KVKs, he said. The Programme Co-ordinators of sixteen KVKs in the university jurisdiction presented their activities. Appropriate suggestions were made on the OFTs, FLDs, capacity building, Farmers Portal, website, Technology Cafeteria and extension activities. The activities of the university's Regional Extension Centres (RECs), District Extension Centres (DECs), Department of Extension Education, Communication Centre and College Development Blocks were also reviewed in the meeting. The Heads of Departments Dr. R. W. Bharud, Dr. S. B. Shinde, Professors of Agril. Extension, Extension Agronomists and scientists were present for the meeting. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, Dr. G. K. Sasane expressed vote of thanks.

Farmers rally under RKVY-TOT project organized



A farmers rally and harvesting programme of potato from sugarcane + potato intercropping was organized at village Hanmantgaon, Dist. Ahmednagar under the *Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana*- Transfer of Technology project. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education in his presidential address highlighted the need for group approach for farmers. He praised the collective efforts of farmers for taking good yield of potato and hoped for expansion of successful Hanmantgaon model in other parts. Dr. K.K. Pande, Chief Scientist, Potato seed, CPRI, Simla in his address assured the farmers for good

quality potato seed during the next season. Dr. J.T. Nankar, Potato Scientist hoped for encouraging the sugarcane + potato intercropping on large area by taking into consideration the nutritional importance of potato. Shri. Nathrao Karad, Promoter, Group Farming in his address called for co-operation among farmers for minimizing the cost of agricultural inputs. Shri. Sudhakar Borale, SDAO, Sangamner, Dr. Bhaskar Gaikwad, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Babhaleshwar also addressed the farmers. Dr. A.V. Solanke, PI, RKVY-TOT project gave the introductory remarks. Dr. P.B. Kharde, Co-PI anchored the programme. Shri. Rajnikant Shewale proposed vote of thanks. Progressive farmer Shri. Subhash Kareer was felicitated during the programme. *Krishi Bhushan* Shri. Machindra Gholap, Shri. Sameer Patel, Shri. Ravindra Rathi and farmers participated in the programme.



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