

MPKV HAPPENINGS

August, 2018



Independence Day celebrated



August 15, 2018. The 72nd Independence Day was enthusiastically celebrated in the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha hoisted the national flag. In his address Dr. Viswanatha said that the nation could achieve independence after a long period due to the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. We need to remember these sacrifices and pledge for the development of our nation. He reviewed the contribution of the University for development of agriculture in the field of education, research and extension education. He said that the university students have made an impact in various competitions. A project on “Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) on Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management” funded by ICAR, New Delhi worth Rs. 19.90 crore has been sanctioned to the university, he said. This year the university has released seven crop varieties, one implement and fifty five technology recommendations for the farmers. The university is reaching over 6000 farmers through the RKVY and ICAR Farmer FIRST projects. The NCC students led by Dr. R. N. Kenghe gave a salute on this occasion. Security Officer Shri. Gorakshanath Shete anchored the programme. Executive Council member Dr. Pankaj Mahale, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Comptroller Er. Vijay Kote, University Engg. Er. Milind Dhoke, Associate Deans Dr. R. S. Patil, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Heads of Departments, Chief Scientist (Seed) Dr. A. V. Solanke, staff and students were present for the programme. A blood donation camp was organized at Dr ASCAE & T by NSS, NCC and District Hospital, Ahmednagar. The Vice Chancellor and Directors later visited the seed production plots and nursery of Chief Scientist (Seed).

Meeting organized under Doubling of Farmers Income

August 1, 2018. A preplanning meeting for organizing a workshop on Doubling of Farmers Income (DFI) was organized at College of Agriculture, Pune. Vice Chancellor and Chairman, DFI Committee Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. In his presidential remarks Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha briefed about the purpose of the meeting. He said that five themes have been formulated under which actionable recommendations are to be given. Significant points need to be prioritized and only relevant points from the perspective of the state shall be considered. Shri. Sacchindra Pratap Singh, Commissioner,



Agriculture, M. S. welcomed the dignitaries and members of the committee. He said that we need to crystallize the action points and recommendations need to be precise. Mr. Umeshchandra Sarangi, former Principle Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Maharashtra underlined that diversification of agriculture can lead to doubling of farmers income. He emphasized on varietal replacement, net income of farmers, soil health and effective advisory services. Dr. V. M. Bhale, Vice Chancellor, DrPKV, Akola,

Dr. Ashok Dhawan, Vice Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, Dr. M. C. Varshenya, Former Vice Chancellor, AAU, Anand, Shri. Kantilal Umap, Commissioner, Animal Husbandry, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Mr. Abhay Deshpande, Dy. Commissioner, Fishery, Dr. N. P. Singh, Director, NIASM, Baramati, Dr. Jyotsna Sharma, Director, NRC-P, Solapur, Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, Floriculture, Pune, Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ATARI, Pune took part in the discussion. Dr. Jagdish Rane, Principle Scientist made a presentation during the meeting. Shri. Vijay Ghawate, Director of Extension and Training, M. S. expressed thanks. Final committees were drafted and planning for the workshop was discussed. University scientists and Officials of State Department of Agriculture attended the meeting.

West Zonal Seminar on Plant Physiology organized



August 4, 2018. A West Zonal Seminar on Emerging Trends in Plant Physiology for Crop Production under Climate Change Scenario was organized by MPKV, Rahuri in co-ordination with the Indian Society for Plant Physiology (ISPP), New Delhi. Dr. M. B. Chetti, ADG (HRD), ICAR, New Delhi was the chief guest for the function, while, Dr. Madan Pal Singh, Secretary, ISPP was the guest of honour. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research presided over the function. Dr. Gadakh in his presidential address thanked the society for organizing the seminar at MPKV on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of the university. He hoped that the discussions and deliberations would help to get solutions for sustainable crop productivity under changing climate. Dr. Chetti in his address said that human being is responsible for climate change. The cities are growing enormously due to uneven distribution of resources. Therefore, a proper balance between geographical locations i.e. rural and urban is very much needed. He cited the



growing levels of carbon dioxide emission which has rose to 400 ppm/yr due to urbanization and deforestation. The water table has gone down considerably. We need to strike a balance between reductionist and holistic theories to avoid the ill effects of climate change. He said that the plant physiologists need to contribute for post harvest physiology, vacuum packing technology, modified atmospheric packaging technology and artificial intelligence for overcoming the challenges of climate change. Dr. Madan Pal Singh briefed about the activities of the society. Dr. R. W. Bharud, Head, Department of Botany gave the welcome address. A souvenir was released on this occasion. Dr. N. S. Bhute anchored the programme, while, Dr. R. S. Wagh, Organizing Secretary gave vote of thanks. Retired scientists Dr. D. G. Hapase, Dr. Balkrishna Jamdagni, Dr. J. V. Patil, Dr. Bangal, Dr. S. M. Pawar, Dr. L. L. Mane were felicitated on this occasion. Associate Deans Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Dr. Ajay Narwade were present on the dias. More than 150 scientists participated in the seminar.

Workshop on e-content development organized



August 1-2, 2018. A two day workshop on e-content development was organized by the Department of Extension Education in co-ordination with the Knowledge Bridge, Ahmednagar at MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education presided over the function. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Associate Dean, Lower Agril. Education, Dr. M. C. Ahire, Head, Department of Extension Education and Master Trainers Mr. Bhushan Kulkarni and Mr. Eknath Kore were present

on this occasion. In his inaugural address, Dr. Kokate hoped that the workshop would lead to effective learning on modern media like Twitter, You Tube. The video clip development can also benefit the farmers, he said. Dr. Gadakh in his remarks said that the world is moving towards digitization. The workshop would benefit the scientists and students. Dr. Ahire welcomed the dignitaries and gave the introductory remarks. Mr. Kulkarni gave a brief orientation of the workshop. Dr. A. M. Chavai anchored the programme, while, Dr. G. K. Sasane expressed thanks. More than 200 trainees participated in the workshop. The concluding programme was presided by Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha in presence of Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar.

Phule Jal bottling plant inaugurated

August 15, 2018. The *Phule Jal* bottling plant was inaugurated at the hands of Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha on eve of the 72nd Independence Day. Dr. Viswanatha hoped that the *Phule Jal* would be useful for the health of staff and students. He said that we need to utilize the *Phule Jal* for all meetings and programmes which are being organized not only at the central campus





but the jurisdiction as well. Dr. M. G. Shinde, Head, Department of Irrigation Water Management briefed about the plant. He said that this automation plant has a capacity of producing 1200 bottles of one litre/hr, 1800 bottles of half litre/hr and twenty five cans of twenty litre/hr. These bottles would be provided to all offices in the university jurisdiction as per demand. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension education, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar and Heads of Departments Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Dr. R.M. Naik, Dr. C. D. Deokar, Dr. A. V. Solanke, Dr. D. S. Pokharkar, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre Dr. P. B. Kharde and staff were present on this occasion. Dr. Sachin Dingre and Shri. Adinath Suryavanshi made efforts for organizing the programme.

Visit to RKVY Farmer FIRST demonstrations



August 21, 2018. A field visit to various demonstration plots under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) Farmer FIRST project was organized by the Regional Extension Centre (REC), Dhule in Baldane and Bhadwad villages of Nandurbar district. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education visited the integrated cotton crop demonstrations which have been implemented on 100 acre area. The SMS of REC demonstrated the use of pheromone traps, spray of neem extract and control measures for pink bollworm on cotton. Dr. Kokate appealed to the farmers for maximum use of IPM technology and neembased pesticides for overcoming the problem of pink bollworm. He expressed satisfaction regarding the conduct of demonstrations. Dr. M. S. Mahajan, Extension Agronomist, REC, Dhule briefed about the activities of RKVY Farmer FIRST prog. The SMS Prof. Shridhar Desale, Prof. Bhalchandra Mhaske guided the farmers on this occasion. The Heads and Programme Co-ordinators Dr. Pankaj Patil (KVK, Dhule) and Dr. Rajendra Dahatonde (KVK, Nandurbar), farmers and farm women were present for the field visit.

Dr. R. W. Bharud felicitated with Award



August 19, 2018. Dr. R. W. Bharud, Head, Department of Botany has been felicitated with the Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Award instituted by the Global Economic Progress and Research Association, New Delhi. Dr. Bharud received the award at a function organized in Bengaluru on the occasion of birth anniversary of former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi at the hands of Shri. M. V. Rajasekharan, former Union Minister, Dr. H. Shivanna. Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru, Shri. Padmanabha Kedilaya, Ex Judge and Dr. R. S. Basha, GS. Dr. Bharud received the award for his contribution to education, research and extension education.



Students Study Tour organized by College of Agriculture, Dhule



August, 2018. A Students Study Tour was organized by the College of Agriculture, Dhule. The tour was organized for the students to acquaint with allied agricultural enterprises, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities. More than 100 students participated in the tour. The students visited the important institutes in Ahmednagar, Solapur, Pune and Nasik districts. They visited the various research projects, Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC), Cattle and Goat projects and Processing units at MPKV, Rahuri. Thereafter, the students visited the

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Baramati, Mauli Krishi Udyog, Shraddha Agro Products at Sonai and Ghatule nursery in Solapur. The tour was guided by Dr. Sandip Patil and Dr. Khushal Barhate under the leadership of Associate Dean Dr. Ashok Musmade and Student Welfare Officer Dr. Rambhau Perene.



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