



Dr. K. P. Viswanatha nominated as Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri



Dr. K.P. Viswanatha has been nominated as the new Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri. He took over the reigns of Vice Chancellor on 30th December, 2015. Dr. K.P. Viswanatha was born on 5th Nov., 1955. He completed his Ph. D. in Genetics and Plant Breeding. He has a vast experience of 36 years of service in the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru and at University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur. He worked in the capacity of Director of Research in UAS, Bengaluru and as Director of Extension Education at UAS, Raichur. He has guided 10 Ph. D. students. He has to his credit more than 100 research papers and two books. As a Principal Investigator (PI) of various projects, he has executed 12 externally funded projects and two projects as Co- PI. He served as a Vice President and Joint Secretary of the Indian Society of Arid Legumes, CAZRI, Jodhpur; Member of the

Editorial Board-Journal of Arid Legumes, Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development (ISPRD), IIPR, Kanpur and Journal of *Krushi Vigyan*, a publication of Society of *Krushi Vigyan*, PAU, Ludhiana. He is coveted with the Fellowships of Indian Society of Pulses Research and Development and Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding. He has developed two varieties of Rice viz., CTH-1(*Mukti*), CTH-3(*Bilimukti*); two varieties of Horsegram viz., BGM-1, PHG-9; three varieties of Cowpea viz., KBC-2, KM-5, IT-38956-1 and 49-A variety of fodder Bajra. Dr. Viswanatha has been felicitated with an International Award-Endeavour Executive Award by Australian Government in 2010. His contribution has been recognized at the National level for which he has been bestowed with the Life Time Achievement Award by Society of Extension Education and Management in Agriculture. Recently he has been elected as Vice President of Indian Society of Genetics and Plant Breeding, New Delhi for 2016-17. During his tenure as DEE, the KVK, Bidar bagged the Best KVK Award of Zone-VIII from ICAR, New Delhi in 2015. He has a good international exposure and toured countries like Australia, Japan, Spain, Egypt and Africa. Thus, Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha has a rich experience in education, research and extension education.

Welcome to new Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and farewell to Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. T.A. More



The welcome programme for the new Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and farewell to Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. T. A. More was organized in the university. Dr. K. P. Viswanatha took charge of Vice Chancellor of the university. In his address he hoped for a good co-operation from staff and students for taking the university to greater heights. He humbly said that he will work as a *sevak* of the university and will try to serve in the best possible way for the MPKV, family and farming community. The Ex-Vice Chancellor Dr. T.A. More thanked the staff and students for their co-operation during the last five years. He said that during his tenure three Government Agriculture Colleges, three KVKs and four

Research Centers were established successfully. He applauded the work culture of the university. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean F/A, Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research, Shri. Sopan Kasar, Registrar, staff members and students expressed their feelings on this occasion. A book on Dr. T.A. More "*Jeevan Gaurav*" and a postal stamp were released during the function. Miss. Rekhtai More, Colonel Onkar Murthy, Miss. Anupama Murthy, Associate Deans, Heads of Departments, scientists, staff and students were present for the function. Dr. A.V Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. D.B. Yadav proposed vote of thanks.



Workshop on Sugarcane organized



A Workshop on Enhancing the Productivity of Sugarcane was organized in the university in co-ordination with the Directorate of Sugarcane Development, Government of India, Lucknow. Vice Chancellor Dr. T.A. More inaugurated the workshop. In his inaugural address Dr. More highlighted the sugarcane research and achievements of the university. He said that the *Phule-265* sugarcane variety developed by CSRS, Padegaon has brought a revolutionary change in the livelihood of the farmers. Use of biotechnology research in developing the sugarcane varieties which can withstand water stress condition is very much essential, he said. Dr.M.C. Divekar, Director, Directorate of Sugarcane Development, Lucknow emphasized the need for intercrops in sugarcane for additional income. He said that sugarcane being a cash crop, the production of ethanol need to be promoted. Dr. R.S. Patil, DOR gave the introductory remarks. Dr. K.D. Kokate, DEE, Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A. also addressed the trainees. Dr. A.V. Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. R.W. Bharud proposed the vote of thanks. Officers from Maharashtra and Karnataka states participated in the workshop.

State level Seminar on Soil Health organized



A state level seminar on Awareness of Soil Health for Sustainable Production was organized at MPKV, Rahuri by the Department of Soil Science and Agriculture Chemistry in co-ordination with Rahuri Chapter of Indian Society of Soil Science. Dr. Bisvapati Mandal, Director of Research and Ex-Pro Vice Chancellor of Bidan Chandra Agriculture University, Mohanpur, West Bengal in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of soil health for increasing the crop productivity. He said soil and land are the natural resources gifted by the nature. Hence, the management of soil health is of paramount importance. Depleting of soil health is the major concern and for this reason a national level strategy need to be developed. Dr. R.S. Patil, DOR in his address cited the research achievements of the university and said that soil test crop response equations need to be adopted by the farmers. An integrated approach is required for enhancing soil health, he said. Dr. A.L. Pharande, Head, Department of SS&AC gave the welcome and introductory remarks. A Souvenir was released on this occasion. Dr. B.D. Bhakre anchored the programme, while, Dr. P.P. Kadu proposed vote of thanks. Large number of Soil Scientists from the state participated in the seminar.

AWARDS

Dr. S. B. Shinde bags the Best Paper Presentation Award



Dr. S. B. Shinde, Head, Department of Extension Education received the Best Paper Presentation Award in the National Symposium of Indian Society of Extension Education held at Banaras Hindu University, Banaras. He was felicitated at the hands of Shri. Omprakash Singh, Minister of Tourism, U. P.



Dr. M.B. Bedis felicitated with *Krushhi Ratna Award*



Dr. M.B. Bedis, Chief Scientist, Pulse Improvement Project has been felicitated with “*Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krushi Ratna*” award of *Jai Kisan* farmer forum. He received the award at the hands of Adv.Ujwal Nikam in Jalgaon. Dr. Bedis received the award for his contribution in research.

Dr. N.V. Kashid received the Best Poster Presentation Award



Dr. N.V. Kashid Officer Incharge, ARS, Wadgaon Maval was awarded the Best Poster Presentation Award in the International Rice Symposium held at the Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad. Dr. N.V. Kashid received this award for the poster presented in theme of Resource Management. Dr. N.V. Kashid has made significant contribution in rice research.

Dr. A.G. Durgude elected as the Councilor



Dr. A.G. Durgude has been elected as the Councilor of Indian Society of Soil Science for the biennium 2016-17. Dr. Durgude is working as a Analytical Chemist in the Micronutrient Research Project at MPKV, Rahuri. He has successfully shouldered the responsibility of Co- PI of three Ad-hoc research projects.

Dr. S.V. Kolse felicitated with the Fellow of Indian Society of Plant Pathology



Dr. S.V. Kolse, Plant Pathologist, Fruit Research Project, MPKV, Rahuri was felicitated with the Fellow of Indian Society of Plant Pathology in the National Symposium held at Hyderabad. He was felicitated at the hands of Dr. T.S. Thind, Chairman, Indian Society of Plant Pathology in the annual general meeting during the National Symposium for his contribution in Plant Pathology.

Dr. J.H. Gaikwad received the Young Scientist Award



Dr. J.H. Gaikwad, Assistant Professor of Agril. Extension was awarded the Young Scientist Award in the National Symposium of Indian Society of Extension Education held at Banaras Hindu University, Banaras. He was felicitated at the hands of Shri. Omprakash Singh, Minister of Tourism, U.P. for his contribution in Extension.

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