

# MPKV HAPPENINGS

December, 2016

## Retrospection 2016 programme organized



December 31, 2016. Retrospection 2016, a programme to review the various activities of the University during the year 2016 was organized in the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the function. The Chief Guest Dr. M.C. Varshneya, Vice Chancellor, Kamdhenu University, Gandhinagar and President, IAUA, New Delhi in his address lauded the innovative activity of the University and hoped that similar should be organized by other SAUs. The agriculture graduates need to be attracted to the agriculture profession, he said. Shri. B. G. Kolse Patil, Former Justice, High Court, Mumbai in his address stressed

the need for solutions to farmers problems. He expected that agriculture marketing need to be strengthened for better prices to farmers. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha in his presidential address highlighted the significant contribution of the University in agriculture production. He further stated his vision for taking the university to greater height. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education gave the introductory remarks and introduced the chief guest. He presented the extension activities of the past year. Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean (F/A), Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research, Shri. Ganesh Ghorpade, Registrar, Shri. B.G. Nirmal, Comptroller and Shri Milind Dhokhe, University Engineer presented the education, research, administration, financial and development activities, respectively. The popular University publication *Krishi Darshani-2017* was released during the function. A mobile app *Phule Krishi Darshani* was also launched. Associate Deans, Heads of Departments, staff and students were present on this occasion. A photographic exhibition was also organized on this occasion. Dr. A.V. Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. B. Kharde proposed vote of thanks.



## National Workshop of AICRP on Soil Test Crop Response



December 3-5, 2016 A National Workshop of All India Coordinated Research Project on Soil Test Crop Response (STCR) was organized by the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in collaboration with the ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science, Bhopal and Rahuri Chapter of Indian Society of Soil Science. Dr K.P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri in his presidential address emphasized on soil test based targeted yield approach of plant nutrient management. He urged for wider adoption of STCR technology. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, ADG (SWM) Chief Guest, emphasized on the crucial importance of soil test based nutrient management and targeted yield approach. He lauded the STCR team for their contribution and effort in

adoption of STCR technology in the Soil Health Mission. He also mentioned the importance of GPS and GIS based soil fertility mapping carried out by STCR. The Progress Report of the AICRP-STCR and other publications were released on this occasion. Dr. A.K. Patra, Director, ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science and Guest of Honour emphasized the importance of adoption of STCR technology. Dr Patra highlighted the developments at ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil Science in the field of rapid soil testing and automation to meet the challenges of soil-health mission and adoption of STCR technology in *Mridaparikshak*. Dr Pradip Dey, Project Coordinator, STCR focused on the most critical requirements for improving crop productivity and maintaining soil health in India by applying prescribed quantities of organic manures and fertilizers based on resource endowment of the farmers. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research offered welcome and introductory remarks. Dr. B.D. Bhakre anchored the programme, while, Dr. Kadlag proposed thanks. A Round Table Conference on “STCR at Crossroad: Improving Productivity and Net Returns based on Resource Endowment of Farmers without compromising Soil Health and Environment Quality” was also organized wherein different experts, panelists provided suggestions for future course of action. During the workshop research achievements and future technical programme of AICRP-STCR project were reviewed in different technical sessions and future course of action for 2017-20 were formulated. Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A, Dr. A.L. Pharande, AD, AC, Pune, Dr. Ramchandra Nazirkar, Head, Department of SS&AC and more than 120 delegates from ICAR institutions, SAUs and industry representatives as well as progressive farmers participated in the programme.

## Vice Chancellor felicitated with Ch. Dimag Singh Award



December 10-11, 2016. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha was felicitated with Ch. Dimag Singh Award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Plant Breeding. He was felicitated on the occasion of National Conference on Innovative and Current Advances in Agriculture and Allied Sciences (ICAAAS-2016) held at Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad. The award was conferred to him by Dr. S.P. Singh, Chief Managing Director and Dr. S.S. Gaurav, Secretary, Astha Foundation. Dr. K.P. Viswanatha delivered the inaugural

address and released various publications during the programme.



## Vice Chancellor's visit to Seed Village programme of Rabi Sorghum



December 18, 2016. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha visited Narayanwadi, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar where the Seed Village programme is being implemented by the Sorghum Improvement Project of MPKV, Rahuri in collaboration with ICRISAT, Hyderabad, Department of Agriculture, MAHABEEJ and Seed Certification Department under HOPE project. The university developed *Phule Vasudha* variety is being taken on 350 ha. area in the village for seed production. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha, while guiding the farmers said that the village Narayanwadi can now be called

*Vasudhawadi* village since this village will be able to provide *Phule Vasudha* seed to all the state. Shri. Balasaheb Murkute, Hon'ble MLA applauded the efforts of the university and Department and hoped that this will be model seed village programme for the state. Dr.K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education said that the university is implementing the concept of One Village One Variety which will boost the seed production of high yielding varieties. Dr.R.S. Patil, Director of Research informed that the university is implementing this concept in Ahmednagar, Pune, Solapur and Jalgaon districts. Dr. U.D. Chavan anchored the programme, while, Shri. Sudhir Shinde proposed thanks. Shri. Bhausahab Barhate, PD, ATMA, Shri. Vijay Pandit, SDAO, Shri. Daund of MAHABEEJ, Sorghum Breeder Dr. S. R. Gadakh and farmers were present on this occasion.

## Farmers Rally organized under RKVY Farmer FIRST in Nandurbar district



December 19, 2016. The Regional Extension Centre, College of Agriculture, Dhule organized a Farmers Rally and Agricultural Exhibition at Baldane village in Nandurbar district under *Rastriya Krushi Vikas Yojana*-Farmer FIRST project under the chairmanship of the Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education. In his address, Dr. Kokate emphasized on the increase in adoption of improved technologies which are demonstrated on cluster basis through Farmer FIRST Project. The use of bio-fertilizers, bio-pesticides must be adopted in an integrated manner. Deterioration of soil health is becoming a measure threat in increasing crop productivity which may be corrected through

knowing the soil health. On the occasion of programme, an exhibition of live samples of different varieties of pearl millet, cotton, maize, sweet corn, chilli and informative charts was organized. On this occasion lectures on Soil health management, Women empowerment through SHGs, *Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana* and Dairy management were organized. Dr. Y.G. Fulpagare, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Dhule, Dr. M. C. Ahire, Professor of Agril. Extn., Dr. M.S.Mahajan, Extension Agronomist (REC), Mrs. Ragini Patil, *Sarpanch* of Baladane, Shri. Pradip Late, Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Shri. Narendra Mahale, Taluka Agriculture Officer and REC scientists Prof. S.B.Desale, Prof. A.K.Kolage and Prof. B.M.Mhaske were present on this occasion. Dr. M.S.Mahajan, gave the introductory remarks. Prof. A.K.Kolage anchored the programme.



## Policy Advocacy Dissemination (PAD) Workshop of NIAP project organized



December 22, 2016. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education inaugurated the one day Policy Advocacy Dissemination Workshop of the project viz., Regional Crop Planning for Improving Resource Use Efficiency and Sustainability at MPKV, Rahuri. In his address, he said that considering the growth rate of agriculture, the policy support regarding market, electricity supply and price situation is essential to farmers for sustainability. He further said that the integrated farming system gives continuous and sure income to the farmers but from sustainability point of view, the available natural resources should be used optimally. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research said that sustainable crop models are very much useful for wellbeing of farmers in

the state, but most of times, the plans are not accepted by them. Dr. Rajni Jain, Principle Scientist, NIAP, New Delhi presented the methodological aspects of the project and Dr. S. S. Raju, Principle Scientist from Visakhapattanam presented the overview of the project. Dr. D. B. Yadav, Principal Investigator and Head, Department of Agricultural Economics presented and elaborated in detail the scenario of Maharashtra's Agriculture. Dr. D. D. Pawar, Head, Department of Irrigation Water Management made a presentation on 'Crop planning as per available natural resources'. The achievements and outcomes of the project were presented by Dr. A. V. Gavali, Co-Principal Investigator of this project, which was appreciated by the NIAP, New Delhi. Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, F/A, Mr. Ganesh Ghorpade, Registrar, Heads of Departments, scientists and officers of the university were present for the workshop. Dr. V. G. Pokharkar anchored the programme, while, Dr. B. V. Pagire offered the vote of thanks.

### Appointment



December 14, 2016. Mr. Ganesh Ghorpade has been appointed as the Registrar of MPKV, Rahuri. He has done his graduation from College of Agriculture, Pune and post graduation from MPKV, Rahuri. He was selected through Agriculture MPSC in State Government services. Previously he has done commendable service for the farmers in the State Department of Agriculture. He took the new charge from Mrs. Pallavi Nirmal who also happens to be the alumini of this university. A welcome programme for Mr. Ghorpade and farewell to Mrs. Nirmal was organized on this occasion. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha congratulated both the authorities during the programme.

### Patent awarded to MPKV Ph.D. student



December 8-9, 2016. The Ph.D. student Dr. Chaudhari Dhanraj Madhukar of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairy Science, MPKV, Rahuri has been awarded the patent for his Ph.D. research work by Govt. of India. Dr. Chaudhari during his Ph.D. research work has invented the technology of whey utilization in preparation of alcoholic beverage. It helps to enhance the net profit of milk processors who can get the assured monetary benefit with safe guarding environment. Dr. Chaudhari was guided by his Research Guide Dr. J.N. Khedkar, Ex Professor and member Dr. R.J. Desale during his Ph.D. studies. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha and Dr. U.V. Bhoite, Head, Department of ASDS congratulated Dr. Chaudhari for his achievement.

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