

## Retrospection-2014 organized at MPKV, Rahuri



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. 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. 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 (Dr.A.S.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 Krishi Vigyan Kendras Organized



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. 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. 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.

## Workshop on Awareness of GM crops organized



A one day workshop on Awareness of GM crops for the Agril. Scientists of the University was organized at YASHADA, Pune by MPKV,Rahuri in co-ordination with Bio-Tech Consortium India Ltd., New Delhi. Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, New Delhi inaugurated the workshop. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More presided over the function. In his inaugural address Dr. Kakodkar highlighted the importance of GM Technology for increasing the food grain production in view of increased population. But there is low awareness of the technology among the farmers and policy matters. Hence, it is essential to develop indigenous GM technology. In his presidential address Dr. T.A. More said that many people

are resisting the technology due to unawareness of the technology. But this technology is accepted by most of the nations and it is required for sustainable crop production. Dr. R.B. Deshmukh, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, MPKV Rahuri in his address said that the GM varieties is the next step after hybrid varieties. The GM technology can overcome the challenges like climate change, biotic and abiotic stress, drought tolerance etc. he said, Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research in his introductory remarks briefed about the procedure for approving the GM crops. Dr. Vibha Ahuja also addressed the participants. Dr. Pawan Kulwal anchored the programme, while, Dr. R.W.Bharud, Head, Department of Botany expressed vote of thanks. Dr. B. Venkateshwarlu, Vice-Chancellor, VNMKV, Parbhani, Shri. Vikas Deshmukh, Commissioner (Agriculture), Directors and more than 200 scientists participated in the workshop.

## Large scale demonstrations on rabi sorghum seed production organized under HOPE Project



Large scale demonstration on rabi sorghum seed production on more than 400 hectares have been organized by the Sorghum Improvement Project, MPKV,Rahuri in coordination with ICRISAT, Hyderabad, Mahabeesj and State Department of Agriculture. On this occasion *Shivarpheri* and farmers rally was organized in Kambi village of Shevgaon Taluka of Ahmednagar District. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More presided over the function. In his address Dr. More hoped that the seed production of rabi sorghum undertaken by this project would benefit more than 16 lakh hectare area. The University has adopted the Kambi village for its all round development in agriculture. Shri. Dilip Gandhi, Hon. Member of Parliament in his address said that the country will

prosper only after the development of rural areas. Hence, all should contribute for the development of villages. Shri. Anil Kawade, Collector, Ahmednagar in his address hoped for development of secondary occupation for sustainable income for the farmers. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research gave the introductory remarks. Shri. Vijaykumar Ingale, Joint Director, Agriculture, Pune Division also expressed his views. Dr. S.R.Gadakh, Sorghum Breeder expressed vote of thanks. Dr. A.V. Solanke anchored the programme. Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Shri. Pralhad Pokale, Joint Director, Agriculture, Shri. Sunil Wankhede, Registrar, Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. AS CAE, Dr. R.W.Bharud, Head, Department of Botany and farmers were present on this occasion. Similar programme was organized at Narayanwadi, Tal. Newasa, Dist. Ahmednagar.

## Farmers trained under RKVY Project



Heads of Departments Dr. S.R. Ranpise, Dr.R.W. Bharud, Dr. S.B.Shinde, scientists and farmers were present on this occasion.

A training programme on *Chingli* Onion Production Technology for the farmers was organized at MPKV, Rahuri under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana Transfer of Technology Project. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More inaugurated the programme. While addressing the farmers Dr. More hoped that the university released onion varieties and technology would certainly benefit the farmers. Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research in his introductory remarks said that this technology will give higher seed germination, easy weed management, pest and disease resistant and early yield which will benefit the onion growers Dr. R.V. Patil, Assistant Professor of Horticulture gave presentation. Dr. A.V. Solanke, PI, RKVY, TOT Project briefed about the demonstrations. Dr. P.B. Kharde, Co-PI anchored the programme. Onion Breeder Dr. V.N. Joshi proposed thanks;

## Republic Day Celebrated



The 65<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of the country was celebrated in the university. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More hoisted the national flag. In his address Dr. More congratulated the staff and students for their efforts in *Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan*. He declared that the ICAR has sanctioned the Red gram Improvement Project to the university along with posts. Also an Agril. Research Centre has been sanctioned for Nandurbar district. Various development works were inaugurated at the hands of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor. Directors Dr.K.D. Kokate, Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dr. R.S. Patil, Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE, Shri. Sunil Wankhede, Registrar, Shri. Vishwas Jadhav, Comptroller, Shri. Uttam Kadam, Security Officer, Dr. Rajendra Kenghe, Captain, NCC, staff and students were present on this occasion.

## Workshop on Impact Analysis organized at MPKV,Rahuri



A workshop on Impact Analysis of Agricultural Technologies in Research, Education and Extension was organized in the University. The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. K.D.Kokate, Director of Extension Education. Dr. D. B. Yadav, Head, Department of Agriculture Economics gave a preamble about the objectives of the workshop. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research in his introductory remarks said that MPKV is pioneer in conducting such type of workshop. He said that University has released significant varieties and technologies, but there is a need to document and quantify it. Dr. K.D.Kokate in his inaugural address said that the activities should contribute to the end results for the development of society. He hoped that this workshop will certainly sensitize the scientists on impact studies. He emphasized to develop skills and expertise in impact assessment, monitoring and evaluation. Dr. S.D. Gorantiwar proposed vote of thanks. Dr. V.G. Pokharkar anchored the programme. Dr. Nagaraj, ICRISAT, Hyderabad, Dr. M.G.Chandrakant, Head, Department of Agriculture Economics, UAS, Bangalore, Dr. Thorat, DBSKKV, Dapoli and Dr. More, VNMKV, Parbhani guided the participants in this workshop.

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