

MPKV HAPPENINGS

January, 2019



MAGOVA - 2018 organized



Mrs. Sunita Patil, Dr. Pankajkumar Mahale, Dr. Vijayprakash Thombre, Directors, Associate Deans, Officers of the university were present on the dais.

The Chief Guest Shri. Mungantiwar in his address complimented the university for its Golden Jubilee and hailed MPKV's contribution for agricultural development. He announced special funds of Rs. 151 crores for research and development works of the university. He said that today is a historical day since we are also celebrating the anniversary of

January 3, 2019. *Magova* - 2018 (Retrospection), a programme to review the various activities of the University during the year 2018 was organized in the university. Shri. Sudhir Mungantiwar, Hon'ble Minister of Finance and Planning, Forests, M. S. was the Chief Guest for the function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the function. Executive Council member and MLC Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye, MLA Shri. Shivajirao Kardile, Dr. B. R. Patil, Shri. Tushar Pawar, Prof. Nathaji Chougule,



Savitribai Phule. Agriculture is the backbone of our country and more than 58 per cent of the population is dependent upon it for livelihood. But considering the growth in population we need to produce more. The university can advise the farmers for proper crop planning, he hoped. The integrated farming system model of MPKV would yield good income to the farmers. Bamboo being a versatile plant would gear the farmers' economy, he said. He further said that we need to grow pesticide free fruits and vegetables to avoid the ill effects of health.

Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha in his presidential address highlighted the significant contributions of the University in education, research and extension education. He said that the university has taken the bamboo mission and a project worth Rs. 3.19 crore has been sanctioned to the university. He thanked the state government



Research, Dr. D. D. Pawar, Registrar, Er. Vijay Kote, Comptroller and Er. Milind Dhoke, University Engineer presented the reports on education, research, administration, financial and development activities, respectively.

The popular University publication *Krishi Darshani*-2019 and Accomplishments-2018 were released during the function. MPKV Calendar-2019, depicting monthwise agricultural information and Govt. schemes was released on the occasion of *Magova* programme. 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. B. D. Bhakare anchored the programme, while, Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre proposed vote of thanks.



National Conference on “Alliance for Seed Reliance” organized at College of Agriculture, Nandurbar



January 12-13, 2019. A National Conference on “Alliance for Seed Reliance - Approach and Practices to Conserve Seed Diversity and Propagate Farmers' Seeds Farmers Varieties for sustainable Agriculture” was organized at College of Agriculture, Nandurbar. Acharya Shri. Dev Vrata, Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh and chief guest of the inaugural session delivered the keynote address. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha, Dr. Mallinath Kalshetty, District Collector of Nandurbar district, Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV & FRA, New Delhi, University Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Associate Dean Dr. S. B. Kharbade and Dr. Gajanan Dange, Secretary of the organizing committee were present on the dais.



Acharya Shri. Dev Vrata underlined the importance of local varieties of staple crops and local breeds of farm animals. He mentioned that a practical and nature friendly approach to farm management leads to natural farming and consequently to seed conservation. He shared experiences of last 20 years of management of a 200 acre farm of his parent institute i.e. Gurukul at Kurukshetra in Haryana State. He noted that conservation of indigenous seeds and natural farming should get due weightage in the agricultural education in our country. He remarked that the conference should lead to a follow up action plan including networking with seed conservers, agriculture education institutes, voluntary organizations and policy makers.

Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha delivered the opening remarks. He said that the year 2018-19 is the Golden Jubilee year of MPKV. Over the five decades, in addition to imparting agriculture education, this university has been working with farmers in the region on betterment of the agriculture sector. The University will contribute in the follow up of actions and recommendations of the conference. It could be in the form of extension work or research or any other activity within the purview of the mandate of the University. Mr. Vilas Bardekar, Chairman, Maharashtra State Biodiversity Board shared his thoughts on conservation of farmer's varieties. Shri. Dinesh, All India Head, Gram Vikas Vibhag of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangha said that seed sovereignty is integral to the national sovereignty. He stated that individual farmers and voluntary organizations have important role in the conservation of indigenous crop seeds. Number of these important stakeholders involved in the seed conservation as of now is very low as in comparison to the rapid pace of disappearance of the indigenous seeds. Therefore, efforts are needed to reach out and network with the potential stakeholders all over the nation. Dr. Dange presented the welcome note. He explained background of the conference. He underlined significance of the international agreements that has been signed and their connection with enactment of two important legislations i.e. Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Act 2001 and The Biological Diversity Act 2002. These two legislations have bearing over farmer's seed conservation in India.

In this session, three individuals were felicitated at the hands of Acharya Shri. Dev Vrat, Hon'ble Governor of Himachal Pradesh and the chief guest of the inaugural function. Dr. Mallinath Kalshetty, IAS, District Collector of Nandurbar District was felicitated for his efficient governance. Seed mother Smt. Rahibai Popere of village Kombhalane, Akole block of Ahmednagar district in Maharashtra State was felicitated for her contribution to conservation of indigenous seeds. Shri. Ramsing Valvi of village Kanjala, Akkalkuva block of Nandurbar district was felicitated for his contribution towards community based biodiversity conservation in the Satpuda hills.

The conference started with *Beej Poojan* i.e. a prayer ritual to pay reverence to the indigenous seeds. The conference had seven sessions including five technical sessions. Along with these plenary sessions, an exhibition



of indigenous seeds was organized in a separate venue adjacent to the conference venue. The inaugural session concluded with vote of thanks by Shri. Krushnadas Patil, President of Hedgewar Seva Samiti, Nandurbar and member of the organizing committee of the conference.

Valedictory Session



January 13, 2019. Shri. Puroshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Panchayati Raj, Government of India, at the outset congratulated the organizers for organizing such a grand event on an important issue like conserving seed diversity. He expressed whole hearted support for creating National Alliance for Seed Reliance. He added that GoI will support the seed alliance as expressed in the conference. He assured that recommendations of the conference would be accepted at appropriate level on priority. Dr. Heena Gavit, Member of Parliament, Nandurbar thanked all participants for coming to Nandurbar, a remote tribal district of Maharashtra. She said that ongoing societal efforts in Nandurbar district for biodiversity conservation in collaboration with KVK, Nandurbar need to be upscaled and replicated throughout the country. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha expressed deep sense of satisfaction about successful participation and deliberations in the conference. He said that almost all stakeholders working across the country for farmers' seed and farmers' varieties had participated in the conference. He assured that the points raised during the conference would be given due recognition in the research, education and extension work plan of the university. Dr. Gajanan Dange discussed important points of the conference and the way forward pooled from the discussions held in the preparation stage and in the thematic sessions of the conference. Dr. Gunakar, Secretary, *Akshay Krishi Pariwar* read out the salient points of the thematic sessions. Shri. Manojbhai Solanki, President of *Akshay Krishi Pariwar* proposed vote of thanks.





An exhibition was organized on this occasion which covered crops like rice, wheat, sorghum, pearl millet, maize, various types of vegetables and millets like Kodo, Kutki and Ragi. There were more than 150 land races of vegetables alone. A special section about culture of tribal in Nandurbar area was on display to show oneness of these people with nature and understand richness of their knowledge.

33rd Annual Workshop of AICRP on Farm Implements and Machinery organized



January 8-10, 2019. The 33rd Annual Workshop of AICRP on Farm Implements and Machinery was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. The inaugural programme of the workshop was presided over by Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha. Dr. Kanchan Kumar Singh, ADG (Agril. Engg.), ICAR, New Delhi was the Chief Guest for the function. Dr. V. M. Mayande, Former Vice Chancellor, DrPDKV, Akola, Dr. Krishna Kumar Singh, Director, CIAE, Bhopal, Dr. C. R. Mehta, Project Coordinator, CIAE, Bhopal, Dr. Durairaj,

Former Director, Agril. Engg., Tamilnadu Agriculture University, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. S. R. Gadakh and Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean, DrASCAE&T were present on the dais. In his Chief Guest address Dr. Kanchan Kumar Singh said that farm mechanization is the priority of the Government. Hence, the budget for this purpose has been enhanced substantially. He highlighted the need for National and International collaboration and linkages for fulfilling the aspirations of all group of framers. Identifying the problems in farm mechanization, prioritizing them and involving of manufacturers would yield good results, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address enumerated the important role of farm implements and machinery in agriculture. Innovations and technologies are vital for farm mechanization. Drudgery of women need to be reduced through adoption of appropriate farm implements, he said. Hence, the feasibility, techno and cost effectiveness of implements and machinery is needed to be considered while designing them. In future drone technology and use of solar power pumps and sprays along with mobile apps for irrigation would be widely used by the farmers. Dr. Mayande in his address put forth the challenges in agriculture and said that agriculture is not possible without mechanization. More intelligent machines will be required in future, he asserted. Dr. Krishna Kumar Singh said that the AICRP on FIM is one of the oldest and flagship schemes of the ICAR. Considering the labour shortage, farm mechanization is the need of the hour, he said. Dr. Durairaj said that we need to have synergy with other partners for research and manufacture of implements and machinery in farm mechanization. Dr. Mehta presented the overall report of FIM. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research gave the introductory remarks. Dr. D. D. Pawar welcomed the dignitaries and participants. Dr. S. A. Kadam anchored the programme, while, Dr. T. B. Bastewad proposed thanks. Associate Dean Dr. Turbatmath, Dr. Ranpise and Head, Dept. of FIM Dr. Nalawade, scientists, manufacturers and participants were present on this occasion.



Brainstorming workshop on Organic Farming Research organized



January 29, 2019. A one day brainstorming workshop on Organic Farming Research was organized at MPKV, Rahuri by the Organic Farming Research and Training Centre of the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the workshop. Dr. R. B. Deshmukh, Former Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri was the chief guest on this occasion. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha raised concern over the soil health, human health and approaches for future technology. He said that the use of organic matter and micronutrients have been reduced considerably

since they are not easily available. Hence, we need to analyse all these aspects and improve the organic carbon for good soil health. Application of compost and vermicompost along with FYM is essential. The soil and microbiology are thus very important. Under these circumstances, the animal component is very much important. Thus, appropriate research on organic farming is very much needed, he said. Dr. Deshmukh in his chief guest address said that from consumer point of view the availability of residue free fruits and vegetables and other products is important. The quality of irrigation water need to be addressed. The inputs required for organic farming needs to be standardized. Emphasis it to be given on reducing the cost of production and getting higher price for organic produce. The bio agents like bio pesticides, bio fertilizers will have a major role in organic farming, he said. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. D. P. Waskar, Director of Research, VNMAU, Parbhani, Dr. N. D. Parlawar, Head, Department of Agronomy, DrPKV, Akola and progressive farmers Shri. Vishwasrao Patil, Shri. Ankush Padwale guided the house. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research gave the introductory remarks. Dr. A. V. Solanke, Head, Department of Agronomy welcomed the dignitaries. Dr. P. S. Bodke anchored the programme. Dr. Harihar Kausadikar, Director of Research, MCAER, Pune, scientists and farmers were present on this occasion.

Republic Day celebrated



January 26, 2019. The Republic Day was celebrated in the university. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha hoisted the national flag. While addressing the staff and students Dr. Viswanatha highlighted the salient achievements of MPKV in the field of education, research and extension education. He said that the university students have achieved success in JRF, GATE and NET exams. They also succeeded at various sports competitions. Also the university has released various crop varieties, improved implements and technology recommendations for the

farmers last year. The IFS model developed by MPKV would assist in sustainable income for farmers. Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Comptroller Er. Vijay Kote, University Engineer Er. M. P. Dhoke, staff, students and employees were present in large number. Mr. Goraksha Shete, Security Officer anchored the programme. The NCC cadets under the guidance of Dr. R. N. Kenghe gave the salute. A Blood Donation Camp was organized at DrASCAE & T on this day.



Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV & FRA, New Delhi visited College of Agriculture, Nandurbar



January 13, 2019. Dr. R. C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV & FRA, New Delhi, Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, F/A and Director of Instruction, MPKV, Rahuri, visited the College of Agriculture, Nandurbar. Dr. Agrawal in his address said that students should think out of box of syllabus and make new innovations, they should learn more and more and try to do something out of syllabus. Students should not be the job seeker; he should be job creator for others. Students should devote much more time on innovations than social media like face book, twitter, whatsapp etc. and bring the name of this campus and give message to others. He appreciated student discipline and college development. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his address said that students should thank their parents for giving them golden opportunity for education and for hard work. In every educational campus Nutritional Garden need to be created. Dr. Pharande reviewed the progress of the College and congratulated for the ICAR accreditation. Dr. S. B. Kharbade, Associate Dean, welcomed and felicitated the dignitaries and presented brief academic information and progress of college.

Visit of Fiji representatives to College of Agriculture, Pune

January 25, 2019. The representatives from Sugar Corporation Ltd., Fiji visited College of Agriculture, Pune. These representatives were undertaking a training programme organized by Indian Technical Finance Corporation (ITEC) under the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India on sugarcane production technology at the Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Manjri. Dr. Pramod Rasal, Associate Dean and Principal, College of Agriculture, Pune welcomed the representatives from Fiji and explained the various educational, research and extension activities being conducted in the college. Dr. S. B. Shinde, Professor of Agril. Extension gave a detailed account of agriculture in India and Maharashtra and explained the various ongoing research activities by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi and its affiliated institutions and agricultural universities for the development of agriculture. The representatives from Fiji visited demonstration plots of various crops, different departments and projects at the college.



ICAR FFP Farmers Exposure Visit to Krushak, KVK, Baramati

January 20, 2019. A Farmers Exposure visit was organized to *Krushak* exhibition organized by KVK, Baramati under the ICAR Farmer FIRST programme. Thirty farmers and farm women from Chinchvihi and Kangar villages participated in this visit. Dr. A. D. Kadlag, Head, Department of Soil Science & Agril. Chemistry



flagged the bus. The project Co-PIs Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Dr. B. A. Deshmukh, SRF Shri. Vijay Shedge, Field Assistants Shri. Magar and Shri. Gaikwad guided the farmers on this occasion. The farmers visited the various exhibition stalls and live crop demonstrations during this fruitful visit. Advanced agricultural technologies were exhibited through *Krushak* exhibition. This visit was organized under the guidance of Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Dr. P. B. Kharde, PI, ICAR FFP.



MPKV Cricket Team excel in Statelevel Vice Chancellor T-20 Tournament

January 6-11, 2019. The MPKV cricket staff team won the Statelevel Vice Chancellor T-20 Tournament organized at Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Amravati. The MPKV team defeated the Maharashtra Animal and Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur in the final match. The Mumbai University stood third. Fifteen universities participated in this tournament. The MPKV staff cricket team was led by Shri. Vikas Dhanvate. MPKV triumphed by 90 runs in the final. The trophy was handed over by Dr. Muralidhar Chandekar,



Vice Chancellor, Sant Gadgebaba Amravati University, Amravati in the concluding programme. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and Directors, staff congratulated the MPKV team.

General Championship to MPKV Staff Team at Inter University Staff Sports Competition

January 19-21, 2019. The MPKV staff team won the General Championship in the Inter University Staff Sports Competition held at DrPDKV, Akola. The State Agriculture University teams from Maharashtra viz., MPKV, Rahuri, Dr PDKV, Akola, Dr. BSKKV, Dapoli, VNMAU, Parbhani along with MAFSU, Nagpur and MAHABEEJ, Akola staff teams participated in this competition. Over 300 staff sportsmen and women participated in this three day event. The MPKV staff team won the Basketball, Table Tennis (Men), Table Tennis (Women), Badminton (Women), Chess (Women) and Joint Winners in Cricket along with VNMAU, Parbhani. These winner teams were captained by Dr. P. B. Kharde (Basketball), Prof. Vivek Kanawade (Table Tennis-



Men), Dr. Leena Shitole (Table Tennis-Women), Dr. G. B. Kabre (Chess), Shri. Yogeshwar Patil (Cricket) and Mrs. Manisha Khaire (Badminton-Women). Shri. Bhanudas Rathod was adjudged as the Best All Rounder in cricket, Shri. Sakpal Gaikwad as the Best Bowler and Prof. Annasaheb Tambe as the Oldest player of the tournament. The teams were guided by Dr. M. R. Chouhan, Student Welfare Officer, Prof. Dilip Gaikwad, Sports Officer and Dr. Abhijit Nalawade, Physical

Instructor. MPKV received the General Championship Trophy at the hands of Dr. Vilas Bhale, Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha and Directors, staff congratulated the teams for this success.

Success of MPKV students in Inter Agriculture University Sports

January 2-5, 2019. MPKV students achieved success in the XIX All India Inter Agriculture Universities Sports and Games Meet held at Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana. They participated in the kho-kho, kabaddi, volley ball, table tennis and athletics events. The Girls team were the winners in kho-kho. Kabaddi-Boys secured Silver medal. The Table Tennis-Girls attained third position. Miss. Sangale Shilpa of College of Agriculture, Pune was the winner in 400 m run, third in 800 m and third in long jump. Kulal Sujit of College of Agriculture, Baramati was the winner in high jump. Miss. Kolhe Mittal of College of Agriculture, Karad won the Silver medal in discuss throw.

Lecture on Meditation for Personality Development at Pune

January 24, 2019. A lecture on the topic Meditation for Personality Development was organized at College of Agriculture, Pune. Bramhakumari Sharda Didi and Nalini Didi, *Prajapita Brahmakumari Vishwavidyalaya*, Dr. Pramod Rasal, Associate Dean and Principal, College of Agriculture, Pune, Dr. Sunil Masalkar, Principal, College of Horticulture, Pune and Dr. Ram Kharche, Former Vice President, Maharashtra Council of Agricultural Education and Research, Pune were present for the programme. Brahma Kumar Atmaprakash from *Prajapita Brahmakumari Vishwavidyalaya*, elaborated that *Rajyyog* meditation is the solution to overcome the problems in life and to create positive thoughts. He opined that *Rajyyog* meditation assists the students to improve their learning ability and concentration through developing their inner consciousness. Dr. Kharche appealed that everyone need to practice meditation. Dr. Rasal gave the introductory remarks.

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