

ZREAC Interface Organized



The Zonal Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZREAC) meeting for kharif was organized at YASHADA, Pune. In his presidential address Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. T. A. More hoped that the second green revolution would be attained through dryland agriculture. He said that 83 per cent of the state's total area is under rainfed area and inspite of this Maharashtra is a well known horticulture state. The MPKV has developed technologies which need to be adopted by the farmers, Shri. Umakant Dangat, Commissioner (Agriculture), Maharashtra. in his address reiterated for a strong linkage between research and extension for the benefit of farmers. Farmers need to become good economists and further they may evaluate the technologies disseminated to them, he said. Dr. K.D.Kokate, Director of Extension Education in his presentation put forth the status of extension system at national and international level and challenges confronting it as well as the future directions. He stated that upto 2050 there will be more young population in the country, thereby, appropriate strategies are needed in agriculture sector to encourage them. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research presented the new released crop varieties and technology recommendations released by the University last year. The University farm periodical *Shri Sugi* Kharif 2014 and seven crop DVDs developed by the University were released on this occasion. Dr. B.R.Ulmek, Dean, F/A Directors of Agriculture, Dr. Sudam Adsul, Shri Suresh Ambulagekar, Shri. Jayant Deshmukh, Dr. Krishnrao Deshmukh, scientists, agril. officers were present for the meeting. Dr. D.B. Lad and Dr. B.A.Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, ADR Dr. S.B., Gurav proposed the vote of thanks.

Vice – Chancellor Dr. T.A.More Felicitated with International Award



Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More has been felicitated with the International Award in the recently organized World Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors Congress-2014 in Mumbai. The award has been given for the significant achievements of the University in the field of agril. education. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More was awarded the memento and certificate at the hands of Chairman of the congress in a function organized at the Taj hotel in Mumbai. MPKV was the only University from the state to have received this prestigious award.

Training organized on Use of Improved Implements



A two day training programme on use of improved implements for crop cultivation was jointly organized by Dr. A.S. College of Agril. Engg., MPKV, Rahuri and John Deere company Ltd., Pune. Dr. K.D.Kokate, Director of Extension Education in his inaugural address emphasized the importance of farm mechanization in agricultural development. He expressed the need for developing farm implements suited for small holdings. Engineers of John Deere company participated in the training programme. Dr. D.W.Thawal Head,

Dept of Agronomy, Dr.A.D. Kadlag, Prof. V.L.Kanawade, Dr.V.L.Barai were present on this occasion. Mr.Sachin Nalawade gave the introductory remarks, while, Mr. Vikram Kad proposed vote of thanks.

Farmers trained under RKVY – TOT Project



A training programme on onion production technology was organized for the farmers under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana – Transfer of Technology project in the University. Dr. R.S.Patil, Director of Research in his concluding address mentioned that the University has developed good varieties and technologies of onion, which need to be adopted by the farmers for increasing production, farmers need to be encouraged for onion seed production which is in great demand. He briefed about the *chingli onion* cultivation technology

developed by the University. Dr. A.V. Solanke, PI RKVY-TOT project gave the introductory remarks. Dr. P.B. Kharde, Co-PI, RKVY-TOT project anchored the programme, while, Shri. Rajnikant Shewale proposed vote of thanks. Scientists Dr. Subhash Bhalekar, Dr. Baban Ilhe, Dr. Anil Durgude, Mr.Vikram Kad guided the farmers. More than 150 farmers participated in the training programme.

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