

10th National Symposium of IAUA organized at MPKV, Rahuri



The 10th National Symposium of Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA), New Delhi was organized at central campus, Rahuri in co-ordination with Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth on the theme Innovative Approaches Harnessing Agricultural Sciences for Society. Dr. S. N. Puri, Former Vice-Chancellor, CAU, Imphal and MPKV, Rahuri was the Chief Guest for the inaugural function. Prof. M. C. Varshneya, Senior Vice- President, IAUA and Vice-Chancellor, KU, Gandhinagar presided over the function. At the outset Dr. T. A. More, Chairman of the National Symposium and Vice-Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri welcome and felicitated the dignitaries on the dias. In his welcome address Dr. More highlighted the significant education, research and extension achievements of the university. He said that 18 international students are admitted in the University under India-Africa and India-Afghanistan Fellowship programmes. Further, he said that since inception MPKV has developed and released 237 improved varieties / F1 hybrids of 60 crops, 1250 crop production technologies and 120 different types of farm implements and machineries. He said that a Farmer FIRST project has been sanctioned to the university under RKVY. Dr. R. P. Singh, Executive Secretary, IAUA in his introductory remarks highlighted the theme of the symposium. He said that innovations are needed for supporting agriculture. Out of Box Thinking or new thoughts are very much essential in the agriculture sector. He emphasized on low volume and high value crops. Prof. M. C. Varshneya, Senior Vice- President, IAUA and Vice-Chancellor, KU, Gandhinagar delivered the presidential address. He said that 66 per cent of the population still lives in rural area and 52 per cent of them are dependent on agriculture and allied sectors for livelihood. Considering this, he highlighted the need of agriculture subject in primary education. For this purpose the investment for agriculture education should be at least one per cent of the GDP of agriculture sector. For quality education, research and extension there is a need for filling the vacant posts in all SAUs on top priority. Autonomy is essential for SAUs and Vice Chancellors should be empowered for filling of posts on priority. Dr. S. N. Puri, Former Vice-Chancellor, CAU, Imphal and MPKV, Rahuri delivered the Chief Guest address in this inaugural function. He said that India accounts for only 2.4 percent of world's geographical area, 4 per cent of its water resources, but has to support about 17 per cent of the world human population. While narrating his experiences of North East Region, he opined that Manipur could be a 'Treasure House' for edible oils if supported by adequate efforts. Regarding animal husbandry he felt that cattlefeed is a bottleneck for expansion of dairy business. Dr.Puri said that in view of farmers' suicides there is an urgent need for rethinking and revisiting policies. At present the farmer is unable to share his problems and difficulties. Thus, an effective extension system like the Training and Visit (T & V) is needed to be revisited in the present context. At the end Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri and Convener, IAUA National Symposium proposed the vote of thanks to the participating delegates. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar anchored the programme. Technical Sessions on the subthemes Innovations for coping with climate variability, Conservation Agriculture and System based Diversification, Post-Harvest Technology, Value Addition and Speciality Agriculture, Harnessing Innovative Experiences of Technology Applications and Livestock- Cattle, Poultry, Goatery, Fishery were organized during the Symposium. The valedictory session was held under the chairmanship of Dr. K. M. Bujarbaruah, Vice-Chancellor, AAU, Jorhat, Co-Chairman Dr. T. A. More, Vice-Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri, Convener Dr. K. D. Kokate, DEE and Executive Secretary Dr. R. P. Singh. The delegates visited the NICRA village NirmalPimpri and KVK, Babhaleshwar in Ahmednagar district. A visit to the MAHYCO Life Sciences Resource Centre at Jalana was also organized.

Agriculture Day celebrated



while, Miss. Nandita Gopan proposed vote of thanks. Farmers and RAWE students participated in the programme.

The Agriculture Day was celebrated on 2nd July, 2015 inKarnj village of Pune district organized by College of Agriculture, Pune. Dr. Ram Kharche Vice-Chairman, MCAER, Pune was the chief guest, while, Dr. D.W. Thawal, AD, AC, Pune presided over the function. Dr. Kharche in his address expected that theyouth need to be attracted towards agriculture. The youth can play a vital role for agriculture development and progress of the nation. He appreciated the efforts of RAWE students for organizing such programme. Dr. Thawal highlighted the extension activities of the college in the college development blocks. Dr. V.S. Shirke, Prof. of Agril. Extension, introduced the chief guest. Dr.S.B. Kharbade, Prof. of Agril. Entomology gave the introductory remarks. T h e RAWE student Miss. Prinyaka Patil anchored the programme.

Visit of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and MPKV Officers to M/s. John Deere India Pvt. Ltd., Pune



Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri has entered an MOU with M/s. John Deere India Pvt. Ltd., Pune for collaborative research and development of Centre of Excellence in Mechanization. M/s. John Deere India Pvt. Ltd., Pune is a leading tractor and different farm implements manufacturing company. Dr. T. A. More, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri along with Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education, Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean F/A & Director of Instructions, Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research, Dr. P. A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. A.S College of Agril. Engg., Heads of Departments visited the tractor manufacturing plant of John Deere India Pvt. Ltd., at Sanaswadi, Pune. The university team visited the engine assembly unit, transmission unit and tractor assembly unit and got acquainted with the world class facilities available at the manufacturing plant. An interaction was organized to discuss the needs and problems in mechanization of diferent crops. Dr. S.D. Gorantiwar, Head, Dept. of IDE proposed vote of thanks.

Contingent Plan Review Meeting organized



The Contingent Plan Review meeting for Ahmednagar district was organized at central campus, Rahuri by Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth in co-ordination with Agriculture Department. In his presidential address Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education said the farmers had sown the crops due the timely rains in June. But, thereafter, there has been prolonged break in monsoon due to which the sown crops are in danger. In this situation the contingent crop management technology of university need to be given immediately to the farmers. Shri.Ankush Mane, District Superintendent Agriculture Officer gave a presentation on current crop

situation of the district. Shri. Sambhaji Gaikwad, Deputy Director, ATMA briefed about the crop situation. The university scientists guided the farmers and extension workers on contingent crop management technology. Dr. A.V. Solanke anchored the programme, while, Dr. Y.B. Kandalkar proposed vote of thanks.

Training programme for John Deere Company engineers organized



A training programme for engineers of John Deere Company Pvt. Ltd., Pune was organized at Dr. ASCAE, MPKV, Rahuri. In his inaugural address Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE underlined the importance of mechanization in agriculture. He briefed about the scenario of farm mechanization, bullock drawn and tractor drawn implements. Dr. M.B. Dhonde, Head, Dept. of Agronomy, Dr. A.G. Durgude, Asstt. Prof., SS&AC, Prof. V.D. Deshmukh, Asstt. Prof., Agril. Engg. guided the trainers during the programme. A visit to Agriculture Technology Information Centre and Agriculture Implement Testing Centre was organized during the programme.

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