

MPKV HAPPENINGS

June, 2016



ZAREAC Kharif -2016 organized



The Zonal Agriculture Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZAREAC) meeting for Kharif -2016 was organized by the University in co-ordination with State Department of Agriculture at Yashvantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU), Nasik. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. In his presidential address Dr. Viswanatha said that the target of doubling the income of farmers in five years is as ambitious as the second green revolution. The soils profile and health will play a crucial role in achieving this target. He further hoped that research benefits must reach the common farmers. Shri. Vikas Deshmukh, Commissioner, Agriculture, M.S. declared to observe the first week of July as Agri Awareness Week across the state. He said that farmers will be made aware of the new research and technologies developed by the universities. Our target is to achieve 100% drip irrigation in sugarcane in next four years which will save huge amount of water, he said. The YCMOU Vice Chancellor Dr. Manikrao Salunkhe in his address expressed the need for strengthening the coordination between scientists and extension personnel. At the outset Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Director of Research welcomed the dignitaries. He gave a presentation on the new released crop varieties and the agriculture technology recommendations of the University. The University periodical *Shri Sugi* (kharif) was released on this occasion. Dr. Prashant Bodke anchored the programme and Dr. Kalyan Deolankar proposed vote of thanks. The Associate Directors of Research, Crop Specialists, scientists, officers of State Department of Agriculture., KVKs participated in the discussions.

MPKV awarded with Certificate of Appreciation for Registration of maximum number of extant varieties



The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, New Delhi appreciated the work of registration of maximum number of extant varieties with PPV & FRA, New Delhi and bestowed the mementoes and appreciation certificate to Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha and Director of Research and Director of Extension Education Dr. K.D. Kokate at the hands of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, during the programme "Take it to the Breeders and Researchers- the Plant Breeders and the Researchers Rights" on 30th June, 2016. Dr. S. K. Pattanayak, Secretary(Agriculture), GOI, New Delhi, Dr. R. K. Singh, Jt. Secretary (Agriculture) GOI, Dr. T. Mohapatra, DG, ICAR, Dr. R.S Paroda, Ex. DG, ICAR,

Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Agril Ext.), ICAR, Dr. R.R. Hanchinal, Chairperson, PPV & FRA and Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Registrar General, PPV & FRA were present during the function. MPKV, Rahuri has registered 36 varieties in 12 different crops and submitted 35 varieties for registration to PPV & FRA, New Delhi. The MPKV, Rahuri encouraged farmers for registration of local varieties, land races and wild types by undertaking awareness programmes every year and assisted to register 100 farmers varieties. The University is having DUS centers for sorghum, chickpea, pearl millet at Seed Technology Research Unit, MPKV, Rahuri for cotton at AICRP on Cotton, MPKV, Rahuri, for china aster, rose and gerbera at NARP, Ganeshkhind, Pune and for maize at NARP, Kolhapur.

10th Annual Review Meeting of MIDH programme



The 10th Annual Review Meeting of MIDH programme was organized in the University in collaboration with the Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development, Calicut, Kerala. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha in his presidential address emphasized the need for organizing commodity groups of farmers which will link to market and industry. This will support the medicinal and spices growing farmers. The agriculture entrepreneurs will have a great opportunity in the Skill India and Startup India Campaign he said. In his inaugural address Dr. M. Tamil Selvan, Additional Commissioner, Horticulture, Govt. of India said that the major challenge before us is low

productivity of spices supply of good quality planting material and its availability. He further said that we need to concentrate on adaptive research. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Director of Research in his welcome address said that Maharashtra is the pioneer state in horticulture development and the University has a rich contribution in this field. Dr. Homey Cheriyan, Director, Directorate of Arecanut Spices Development, Calicut in his introductory remarks said that planting material is a tool for prosperity for empowering the farmers. Hence, we need to concentrate on the quality aspect. Dr. K. Nirmal Babu, Project Coordinator (Spices), IISR, Calicut said that spices are high value and low volume crop. The value addition of spices is an important aspect. Dr. R.S. Wagh anchored the programme, while, Dr. S.R. Gadakh, Head, Department of Botany proposed thanks. Dr. Femina, Dy. Director, DASD, Calicut, Dr. S.R. Ranpise, Head, Department of Horticulture, Dr. Suresh Dodke, Incharge, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Project and scientists attended the programme.

International Yoga Day celebrated



The second International Yoga Day was enthusiastically celebrated in the University. A workshop was organized on this occasion. In his presidential address Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P.Viswanatha said that yoga science is a valuable gift of India to the world. Yoga is needed for healthy mind and body of a human being. Hence, we need to adopt this science for happy and healthy life. Shri. Suresh Sawant, Yoga expert underlined the various benefits of yoga.

On this occasion he performed various demonstrations of yogasanas. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Director of Research gave the introductory remarks and introduced the chief guest. Prof. Sharad Patil, Students Welfare Officer expressed vote of thanks. Registrar Shri. Vikas Pansare, Comptroller Shri. B. G. Nirmal, staff and students attended the programme. On the next day in the morning various yogasans were demonstrated and practiced by the staff and students on the university ground. Registrar Shri. Vikas Pansare gave the introductory remarks. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Director of Research gave the oath on yoga. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha guided the staff and students. Dr. B.D. Patil and his associates guided the participants on yogasanas and pranayam.

Brain Storming Session on Issues in Pomegranate organized



A Brain Storming Session on Issues in Pomegranate crop was organized by the University in co-ordination with National Research Center for Pomegranate (NRC), Solapur at College of Agriculture, Pune. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha in his presidential address cited the importance of pomegranate for the scarcity areas of Maharashtra state. He said that this crop has contributed immensely for the socio economic condition of the farmers. An action plan will be developed and implemented for overcoming the constraints in pomegranate crop, he said. Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar, DDG, Horticulture, ICAR, New Delhi applauded the contribution of MPKV in pomegranate. He further said that this workshop is a good platform for healthy interactions

among the University, NRC and farmers. Dr. P.V. Patil anchored the programme, while, Dr. R.K. Pal, Director, NRC proposed vote of thanks. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Director of Research, Dr. K. V. Prasad, Directorate of Floriculture, Centre, Pune, Shri Prabhakar Chandne, President, Pomegranate Grower Association, Dr. K.B. Patil, Jain Irrigation and pomegranate growers participated in the discussions. Dr. Vinayak Joshi and Dr. Ashok Walunj took efforts for organizing the programme.

Workshop on Grapes organized



A Brain Storming Session on in Grapes was organized by the University in Co-ordination with National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune at College of Agriculture, Pune. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha in his presidential address applauded the farmers efforts for record grape production in spite of scarcity condition. He assured technological support for minimizing constraints in grape cultivation. Dr. N.K. Krishna Kumar, DDG, Horticulture, New Delhi expressed the need for increasing productivity of fruit crops. He said that at present the livelihood status of people is been recognized on their fruit consumption. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education and Director of Research and Dr. S. D. Sawant, Director, NRC, for Grapes also

addressed the workshop. Dr. K. V. Prasad, Directorate of Floriculture, Pune, Shri. Subhash Arve, President, Grapes Grower Association, Shri. Vilas Shinde, Managing Director, Sahyadri Farmers Producer Company Ltd., Nasik and grapes growers attended the workshop. Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Head, Department of Horticulture gave the introductory remarks and Dr. P.V. Patil extended the thanks.

ZARS, Igatpuri completed 75 years of establishment



The MPKV's Zonal Agricultural Research Station located at Igatpuri, Dist. Nashik has completed its 75 years of establishment. On this occasion a Farmers-Scientists Interaction was organized. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Director of Research presided over the function. In his presidential address he lauded the contribution of ZARS Igatpuri. especially on research on neglected but important crops like *khurasni*, *nachani*, *varie*, *kulthi* etc. He appreciated the research and extension activities of the centre. But still the major challenge before the scientists is to increase the productivity of the crops, he said. The Chief Guest Shri Sanjay Shevale, Taluka Agriculture Officer, Igatpuri briefed about the various schemes of State Department of Agriculture. Prof. Vijay Patil, Associate Director of

Research, ZARS, Igatpuri made a presentation on the achievements of the centre. Dr. V.D. Shende, ADR, Shri Anil Wage, President of Farmers-Scientist forum and progressive farmers were present on this occasion. Dr. Prashant Bodke anchored the programme.

Agriculture Education Day celebrated



Agriculture Education Day was celebrated in the central campus of MPKV, Rahuri and its jurisdiction. Addressing the students at Dr. A.S. College of Agril. Engg, Comptroller Shri. B.G. Nirmal emphasized the contribution of agriculture sector in development of the country. He said that agriculture and agriculture engineering graduates have a great scope for self employment and entrepreneurship development. Shri. Vijay Kote, Treasurer, Ahmednagar district in his chief guest address called upon the rural youth to become agriculture graduates for the benefit of farming community. Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. A.S. College of Agril. Engg gave the introductory remarks. Officers of Dr. A.S. College of Agril. Engg gave a presentation and career guidance for students. Dr. Rajendra Kenghe anchored the programme, while, Miss. Patvardhan proposed vote of thanks. The HSC passed students and their parents attended the programme. Dr. G. G.Khot, Associate Dean presided over the function organized on the eve of Agriculture Education Day at College of Agriculture, Kolhapur. In his address he briefed about various opportunities for agriculture graduates. The chief guest Shri. Sanjay Pawar, Deputy Collector, Kolhapur in his address said that majority of students should select agriculture as their career option. Shri. Sanjay Shinde, Deputy Collector, Sangli also guided the students on this occasion. The Agriculture Education Day was also celebrated at College of Agriculture, Pune. Shri. Sanjay Bangar, Manager, District Entrepreneur Development Center, Pune while guiding the students said that they should harvest the benefit of Make In India campaign of the Central Government. Dr. V.S. Shirke, Incharge, Associate Dean guided the parents and students about the eligibility and procedure of agriculture admission. Prof. T.S. Bhondve, Student Welfare Officer briefed about facilities for students at the college.

New Appointments

- 1) Dr. G.K. Sasane - Nodal Officer, College of Agriculture, Muktainagar
- 2) Dr. S.B.Shinde - Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Nandurbar
- 3) Dr. V.S.Shirke - Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Karad
- 4) Dr. P.B.Kharde - Officer Incharge, Communication Centre, MPKV, Rahuri and Nodal Officer, ICAR, New Delhi

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