



MOU signed



A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between MPKV, Rahuri and Sahyadri Farmer Producer Company (SFPC), Nasik in presence of Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More and Shri. Vilas Shinde, M.D, SFPC. On this occasion Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More hoped that this Public – Private partnership will accelerate the research, education and extension activities on fruit and vegetable post harvest technology. He further said that this MOU will be helpful to the students, scientists and farmers. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research, Dr. B.R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAE, Registrar Shri. Sunil Wankhede and Heads of Departments were present on this occasion. Dr. Jitendra Dhembre and Prof. Vikram Kad anchored the programme, while Dr. S.S. Thorat, Head, FST proposed vote of thanks.

State level workshop organized



A state level workshop on Protective Cultivation of Vegetable Crops was organized at MPKV, Rahuri by Precision Farming Development Center, Irrigation and Drainage Engineering Department, Dr. ASCAE in co-ordination with NCPAH, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi and State Horticulture Mission, Pune. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More in his presidential address emphasized the need for creating awareness of protective cultivation technology among the farmers. There is an urgent need for producing more from less available cultivable area. Thus, this technology will be immensely helpful to the farmer. Shri. Krish Iyengar, Executive Director, NCPAH, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, New Delhi in his address said that farmers need to go for protected crop cultivation and mechanization for sustainable yield. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research also addressed the gathering. Dr. K.L. Reddy, Director, Walamtari, Shri. Shriram Gadhave, President, Indian Vegetable Grower Association, Narayangaon, Registrar Shri. Sunil Wankhede, farmers, scientists and students were present on this occasion. Various publications were released on this occasion. Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAE gave the introductory remarks. Dr. S.D. Gorantiwar introduced the dignitaries. Dr. Sunil Kadam anchored the programme, while, Prof. N.N. Firke proposed the vote of thanks.

State level Workshop on ICT based Application in Irrigation Scheduling



A one day state level workshop on ICT based Application in Irrigation Scheduling was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. The workshop was organized by Irrigation Water Requirement Advisory Service Project under Department of Irrigation and Drainage Engineering, Dr. ASCAE, Rahuri. The objective of the workshop was to decide the mode of dissemination of agro-advisory services regarding water requirement of different crops and irrigation scheduling through different ICT based tools. Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More in his presidential address underlined the importance of advanced irrigation system for higher crop production. This need to be linked with information technology for effective utilization of irrigation water. Dr. S.A. Kulkarni, Secretary, Maharashtra Water

Resource Regulatory Authority, Govt. of Maharashtra in his chief guest address put forth the importance of available irrigation in view of globalization, industrialization and expansion of urban areas in developing nations. Hence, there is need for more crop per drop of water by the farmers. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director Extension Education opined that the water resources are shrinking and pollution is increasing day by day. Thus, saving of available water is a major challenge for us. Dr. R.S. Patil, DOR, Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAE, Dr. D.D. Pawar, Head Dept. of IWM, Dr. S.D. Gorantiwar, Head, Dept. of IDE, farmers, KVK SMS, officers of Agriculture Department, scientists were present. Dr. P.A. Turbatmath AD, Dr. ASCAE gave the introductory remarks. Dr. S.A. Kadam anchored the programme. Dr. S.D. Dahiwalkar proposed vote of thanks.

Agriculture Mechanization Day celebrated



Agriculture Mechanization Day was celebrated at Karad jointly organized by MPKV, Rahuri and Commissionerate of Agriculture, Pune. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education while inaugurating the programme stressed the need for mechanization in agricultural activities from sowing to harvesting. Thus farmers need to go for mechanization. Shri. N.T. Shisode, Associate Director of Agriculture, Kolhapur division presided over the function. Shri. Thushar Pawar Executive Council Member of university, Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAE, Dr. D.W. Thawal, AD, AC, Pune, Dr. G. N. Khot, AD, AC, Kolhapur and farmers were present on this occasion. An exhibition of improved agricultural implements and demonstrations was organized on this occasion.

Action Plan Workshop of KVKs organized at MPKV, Rahuri



The seventh Action Plan Workshop 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 stressed the need for science led agriculture. He said that the KVK approach is one of the best for transfer of technology at the grassroot level as they identify the problems from the existing agro-eco and cropping system of the district. He hoped that the agricultural technologies need to reach the end users, especially the tribal farmers. Looking to the large majority of small farmers which are 90%, the Integrated farming

system model assures their livelihood security, he said. Mitigation of adverse conditions like unseasonal rains, hailstorms, climate change in limited time is a major challenge before us, he said. Dr. N. Sudhakar, Zonal Project Director, Zone-V, Hyderabad in his address put forth the new initiatives undertaken by KVKs. He emphasized the need for increasing vocational training programmes for rural youth by the KVKs. Emphasis on the drudgery reduction of women for improving their efficiency need to be focused along with value addition and processing aspects. Farmers need to be trained on INM, IPM, zero tillage for reducing the cost of cultivation. He said that the insitu soil and moisture conservation practices are vital in rainfed areas which the KVKs need to look upon. Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education in his introductory remarks gave a lucid

presentation on Technology Integration for Diverse Farm Environments-Role of KVK. He said that appropriate technology interventions by KVKs are very much needed for solving the problems in agriculture. Dr. Kokate further said that 2015 is being celebrated as the International Year of Soils followed by 2016 as the International Year of Pulses and hence, KVKs need to redirect their action plan accordingly. Dr. B. R. Ulmek, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Rajinder Reddy, Sr. Scientist, ZPD, Hyderabad, Heads of Departments, scientists, Programme Co-ordinators and SMSs of KVKs were present on this occasion. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh anchored the programme, while, Dr. G. K.Sasane expressed vote of thanks. The Programme Co-ordinators of sixteen KVKs in the university jurisdiction presented their action plans. Appropriate suggestions were made by the university experts on the OFTs, FLDs, capacity building programmes, Technology Cafeteria and extension activities which were then finalized through thorough discussion in this two day workshop.

Awards to University Scientists



Dr. M.C. Ahire, Prof. of Agril. Extension, College of Agriculture, Dhule was awarded the ISEE fellow in the National Seminar held at KVSKV, Gwalior for his contribution to education, research and extension. He received the award at the hands of Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, KVSKV, Gwalior and other dignitaries.



Dr. J.H. Gaikwad, Asstt. Prof. Agril. Extension, MPKV, Rahuri was awarded the best research paper presentation award in the National Seminar held at KVSKV, Gwalior. He received the award at the hands of Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, KVSKV, Gwalior and other dignitaries.

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