

# MPKV HAPPENINGS

October, 2016



## 31<sup>st</sup> Convocation of MPKV, Rahuri organized



October 22, 2016. The 31<sup>st</sup> Convocation of MPKV, Rahuri was organized at Central Campus, Rahuri. Shri. Pandurang Fundkar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, M.S. and ProChancellor presided over the function. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR was the chief guest. Prof. Ram Shinde, Hon'ble Minister of Water Conservation, M.S. and Guardian Minister, Ahmednagar, Shri. Sadabhau Khot, Hon'ble Minister of state for Agriculture, Horticulture and Marketing, M.S., Vice Chancellor Dr.K.P.Viswanatha, Dr.B.R.Ulmek, Dean, F/A, Mrs. Pallavi Nirmal, Registrar, Dr. P.A.Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAE and Executive Council members Shri. Prakash Gajbheye, MLC, Shri. Bhausaheb Kamble, MLA, Shri. Bhausaheb Wakchaure, Ex M.P., Dr. S.D. Sawant, Director, NRC, Grapes, Dr. B.R. Patil, Shri.Tushar Pawar, Dr.K.D.Kokate, Director of Extension Education, Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research, Shri. B.S. Palvi, Dy. Registrar, Academic were present on the dais. In his convocation address Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi said that climate change is the major challenge to Indian Agriculture. The harsh weather events coupled with frequent droughts along with global warning are the challenges faced by farmers. In view of this research should be focused on developing climate resilient crop varieties that can withstand and produce yield in high temperature and low moisture condition. He said that the government has initiated the Statup India, Standup India campaigns to promote financing for startups and offered incentives to boost entrepreneurship and job creation. He called upon the young technologists to become entrepreneurs and creating job opportunities for others. Further, he stated the need for integrating agriculture, horticulture and animal husbandry in a very planned and systematic manner supported by suitable post harvest technology and value addition for doubling the farmers income as announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister. He congratulated the University for its significant contribution in agricultural education, research and extension. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha while presenting the University report highlighted the salient accomplishments of the University. He gave an overview of education, research and extension education activities of the University. The University is successfully implementing the *Swachha Bharat Abhiyan* programme by adopting several measures. During *Vanmahostav* 2016 he informed that more than 60,000 saplings were planted in the University jurisdiction. Medals were awarded to the successful students at the hands of Shri. Pandurang Fundkar. Degrees to 5799 students including 72 Ph.D., 355 PG and 5372 UG degrees were awarded during the function. Shri. Chandrashekhhar Kadam, Vice Chairman Shri Saibaba Sansthan, Shirdi, Vice Chancellors Dr. Raviprakash Dani (Dr. PDKV, Akola), Dr. B. Venkateswarlu (VNMKV, Parbhani) and former Vice Chancellors Dr. S.N. Puri, Dr. Y.S. Nerkar, Dr. R.B. Deshmukh, Dr. S.S. Magar, Dr. K.E. Lawande, Dr. S.S. Kadam, Dr. V.M. Mayande and Dr. T.A. More, Comptroller Shri. B. G. Nirmal, Univ. Engg. Shri. Milind Dhoke, HODs, staff, students and parents were present for the function. Dr. A.V. Solanke anchored the programme.

## Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR visited MPKV, Rahuri



October 22, 2016. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi visited the different research projects of MPKV, Rahuri on the occasion of university convocation. He visited the photographic exhibition at the Agriculture Technology Information Centre (ATIC). Further, he visited the Pulses Improvement Project and was apprised of the valuable research of MPKV in development of chickpea varieties. Dr. Mohapatra took keen interest in the university evolved pigeon pea variety *Rajeshwari* during his field

visit. He also visited the Vegetable Improvement Project, Horticulture Nursery, Biotechnology Lab and Farm Implement Training Centre cum Museum. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education accompanied him during the visit.

## ZAREAC Interface for Rabi-Summer organized



October 7, 2016. The Zonal Agriculture Research and Extension Advisory Committee meeting for Rabi-Summer seasons was organized at the National Agriculture Research Project (NARP), Solapur. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. In his address he hoped for a good co-ordination between Agril. University and Department of Agriculture for effective transfer of technology. He said that the Agriculture Department is a bridge between the Agril. University and farmers. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director Extension Education in his presentation emphasized on skill development of farmers. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research presented the new varieties and recommendations released by the university this year. Shri. Subhash Khemnar, Director, ATMA and Shri. Vijay Kumar Ingale, JDA, Pune also addressed the participants. Dr. Vijay Amrutsagar, ADR, NARP, Solapur welcomed the dignitaries. Shri. Prabhakar Chandane, President, Pomegranate Growers Association, Heads of Departments, Associate Directors of Research, scientists and extension personnel participated in the discussions. Dr. J.D. Jadhav anchored the programme, while, Dr. B.V. Indi proposed vote of thanks.





### MOU signed between MPKV and WOTR organization



October 27, 2016. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Agro Meteorology was signed between MPKV, Rahuri and WOTR organization. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha stressed the need for having a specific forecast for the preparedness of farmers. He hoped that the agrometeorology advisory will benefit large number of farmers. This needs to be extended to further blockwise advisory, he said. Mr. Chrispino Lobo, Managing Trustee, WOTR gave an overview of MOU. He said that this type of automated agro advisory services will make the smallholder farmers climate smart. It will be implemented in Ahmednagar and Dhule districts.

Dr. R. S. Patil, Director of Research said that this collaborative effort will help the farmers for weather, pest and disease and irrigation management forecast. Dr. Patil and Mr. Lobo signed the MOU for their respective organizations. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar briefed about the MOU. Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, AD, Dr. ASCAE, Dr. A.G. Wani, Agril. Consultant, WOTR, Heads of Departments were present for the programme. Dr. R.P. Andhale proposed vote of thanks. .

### Press Conference organized



October 20, 2016. A Press Conference in connection with 31<sup>st</sup> University Convocation was organized at MPKV, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P. Viswanatha presided over the meeting. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director Extension Education gave the introductory remarks. Vice Chancellor Dr. K.P.Viswanatha. briefed the press reporters about the University Convocation. Directors Dr. K.D.Kokate, Dr. B.R.Ulmek and Dr. R.S.Patil replied to the reporters queries. Comptroller Shri. B.G. Nirmal, University Engg. Shri. Milind Dhokhe and Deputy Registrar (Admn.) Shri. Dabhade were present for the meeting. Dr. P.B.Kharde, Incharge Officer, Communication Centre anchored the programme, while, Dr. S.S. Sadaphal

proposed vote of thanks. More than forty press reporters of various news papers and TV channels participated in the press conference.

### Students success in Avishkar-2016

October 24, 2016. The MPKV Ph.D. students of Department of Food Science and Technology achieved success in the Innovation Premier League in *Avishkar-2016*. The event was organized by All India Food Science and Technology Association, Mumbai and Chemistry Technology Association, Mumbai. The students Shri. Sachin Mhalaskar and Shri. Yogesh Deshmukh secured third rank in Neutraceutical and Functional Food Group Competition. They were felicitated with a cash prize of five thousand, memento and certificate.

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