

MPKV HAPPENINGS

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MPKV celebrates its 32nd Convocation

October 25, 2017. The Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri celebrated its 32nd Convocation. The Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the university Honourable Shri. C. Vidyasagar Rao presided over the function. Shri. A. S. Kiran Kumar, Chairman, Space Commission; Secretary, Dept. of Space, Govt. of India and Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) delivered the convocation address. Shri. Pandurang Fundkar, Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, M.S. and Pro Chancellor was the guest of honor, while, Prof. Ram Shinde, Minister for Water Conservation and Protocol, M.S. attended the function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Dean (Agriculture) Dr. A. L. Pharande, Registrar Dr. D. D. Pawar, Members of Executive Council Shri. Prakash Gajbhiye, MLC, Shri. Bhausaheb Kamble, MLA, Dr. B. R. Patil, Dr. K. V. Prasad, Directors Dr. K. D. Kokate, Dr. S. R. Gadakh were present on the dias.



In his convocation address Shri. A. S. Kiran Kumar said that the young graduates have enormous potential and would certainly find the ways and means to dedicate themselves for the advancement of agriculture. There is an urgent need to break the productivity doldrums with technological interference and adequate strategies to feed the ever-increasing population in the coming days. Contemporary technologies such as biotechnology, agro-technology, space technology and information technology need to be utilized in combinations for the benefit of Indian agriculture. ISRO and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare had jointly initiated 'Forecasting Agricultural output using Space, Agro-meteorology and Land-based observations (FASAL)' using data from Indian Remote Sensing Satellites. It provides forecast of principal crops such as wheat, rice, sorghum, mustard, cotton and groundnut well before harvesting. He added that ISRO is providing required support for generating web based portal and mobile application towards generating soil health cards, as well as imparting training to various State level trainers.



Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha presented the report on significant achievements of the university in the field of

education, research and extension education. He said that since inception, University has awarded degrees to 1,02,127 candidates. University has International collaborative programmes with Van Hall Larenstein University, Netherland and Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok. The university has contributed significantly in the area of research by developing 257 varieties of crop plants, 34 farm implements and more than 1400 recommendations since inception for the benefit of farmers. The University is implementing innovative extension education approaches not only for technology transfer but overall upliftment of the farming community, he said.

Degrees to 73 Ph. D. holders, 346 Post Graduate holders and 3784 Graduates and medals to successful students were conferred to the graduates at the hands of Honourable Governor and Chancellor of the university. Members of Academic Council, present and former Vice Chancellors of the Agril. Universities of Maharashtra, staff, students and parents were present for the function. Dr. A. V. Solanke anchored the programme. Earlier Honourable Governor and dignitaries visited the agriculture exhibition, Integrated Farming System model on farmers field and inaugurated the watershed development model in university campus.

Inter Collegiate Avishkar Competition organized



October 3-4, 2017. The Inter Collegiate Avishkar Competition was organized at Dr. ASCAE & T of the university. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research inaugurated the event. In his address he said that Avishkar competition is an event which promote the researchable and imagination power of the students and leads to their personality development. The students displayed and presented their projects in six categories *viz.*, Humanity, Languages and Arts, Commerce and Law, Science, Agriculture and Dairy, Engineering and Technology and Medicines and Pharmacy. Dr. Gadakh visited the projects of the students and motivated them. Comptroller Shri. Vijay Kote, Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Dr. R. M. Naik, Prof. S. V. Patil, Dr. A. A. Atre and Dr. P. B. Kharde were present on this occasion. Prof. Dilip Gaikwad anchored the programme. The Concluding and Prize Distribution function was organized in presence of Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean. F/A. Dr. Pharande in his address appealed to the students for active participation and inculcating scientific views. The winners of each category were given prizes at the hands of Dr. Pharande. The winners will be participating in the Inter University Avishkar competition to be held at MPKV, Rahuri during January 2018.

Visit of Secretary, Agriculture, GoI to MPKV, Rahuri

October 15, 2017. The Secretary, Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India Shri. S. K. Pattanayak visited the Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha greeted him in the university and briefed him about the education, research and extension education activities of the university. Shri. Ashwani Kumar, Joint Secretary, Agriculture, Dr. P. S. Nain, Joint Director, Agriculture, Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director,

Extension Education, Dr. P. N. Pokale, Director, Horticulture, Shri. Pandit Lonare, DSAO, Ahmednagar were present on this occasion. Shri. S. K. Pattanayak visited the Agriculture Technology Information Centre (ATIC), the Centre of Excellence project on Pomegranate established with Indo-Israel collaboration, AICRP on Arid Zone Fruit Crops and the Research cum Development Project on cattle. He was impressed about the Integrated Farming System (IFS) model of MPKV on farmers field of Shri. Adsure brothers.



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