

MPKV HAPPENINGS

September, 2014



ZAREAC Interface Organized



The Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZAREAC) meeting for *rabi* and summer seasons was held at the Zonal Agricultural Research Station, Solapur by Mahatma Phule Krishi Vidyapeeth, Rahuri in coordination with the State Department of Agriculture. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Dr. T.A. More in his presidential address stated that the university has released 215 crop varieties, 1250 improved technologies and recommendations and several improved tools and implements since its establishment. Farmers need to avail the benefit of these improved varieties and technologies. For this the role of State Department of Agriculture is vital for transfer of technology, he said. Shri. S. N. Ambulgekar, Director, Soil and Water Conservation, Maharashtra State in his speech called for adoption of soil and water conservation technologies by the farmers in view of scanty rainfall. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director, Extension Education gave a presentation on convergence of all stakeholders for agricultural development. A model village need to be established in each district through co-ordination of university, ATMA, State Department of Agriculture, KVK and farmers participation, he said. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research in his presentation gave information of new released crop varieties, technology recommendations and improved implements. Dr. Vijay Amrutsagar, Associate Director of Research, ZARS, Solapur gave the introductory remarks. Dr. D.V. Indi anchored the programme, while, Dr. J.D. Jadhav proposed thanks. The *rabi* issue of *Shri Sugi* periodical was released on this occasion. Shri. Prakash Patil, Hon'ble Member, Executive Council, Shri.A.K. Haral, Director, ATMA, Shri. Prabhakar Chandane, President, All India Pomegranate Association, Shri. Navnath Kaspate, President, Maharashtra Custard Apple Association, Shri. Uday Nanajkar, Ex-Member, EEC, Dr. P.A.Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. A.S. CAE, all the Divisional Directors of Agriculture, Heads of Departments, Associate Directors of Research, Programme Co-ordinators of KVKs, Scientists participated in the discussions.

SAC Meetings of KVKs conducted



The Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings of KVK, Borgaon and KVK, Mamurabad (Jalgaon) were organized recently. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education presided over both the meetings. Prof. Mohan Shirke, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Borgaon gave the introductory remarks. Dr. V.J. Tarde, Ex-Programme Co-ordinator gave a presentation on KVK activities. Dr. M.S. Babar anchored the programme, while, Engg. Mahesh Pacharne proposed vote of thanks. On this

occasion Dr. Kokate felicitated the award winning farmers. In the SAC meeting of KVK, Mamurabad Dr. Kokate expressed the utility of Farmer's Field School and All India Radio for effective dissemination of technologies to the farmers. Dr. Hemant Baheti, Programme Co-ordinator presented the activities of last year and action plan of next year. Dr. Chari Appaji, Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-V, Hyderabad, *Krishi Bhushan* Shri.Vishwasrao Patil, Dr. Sudam Patil, Chief Scientist , Oilseed Research Station, Jalgaon were present on this occasion.

Training Programme on HORTSAP held



A Training Programme for Agril. Officers, Agril. Supervisors , Pest Surveyors, Master trainers and Data Operators was organized by the university in co-ordination with State Department of Agriculture under the RKVY Project on Horticulture (Pomegranate) pests and disease survey, advisory and management. In his inaugural address Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education called for effective advisory through HORTSAP. The pomegranate farmers are encountering various pest and disease

problems. He hoped that this initiative will certainly address all these issues. Dr. R.S. Patil, Director of Research in his address put forth the challenges in pomegranate production. HORTSAP for pomegranate crop will help to reduce these challenges and benefit the farmers, he said. Shri. Vijaykumar Ingle, Divisional Director of Agriculture also presented his views. Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE, Dr. S.G. Borkar, Head, Department of Plant Pathology, Shri. Vijay Raut, Dy. Director, Horticulture were present on this occasion. Dr. C.D.Deokar anchored the programme, while, Dr. K.S. Raghuwanshi proposed vote of thanks.

Farmers rally organized under RAWE programme



A farmers rally was organized at village *Male* in Kolhapur district by students of Rural Agriculture Work Experience (RAWE) programme in co-ordination with the Regional Extension Centre, College of Agriculture, Kolhapur. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education and Dean, faculty of Agriculture inaugurated the programme. In his address Dr. Kokate emphasized the need for convergence of various Departments for effective transfer of technologies. Linkages between SAUs and other departments need to be strengthened, he opined. Further, he appreciated the efforts of RAWE students in organising the farmers rally.

Dr. Gajanan Khot, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Kolhapur, Dr. Dinkar Patil, Dr. Ashok Pisal, Dr. Vijay Tarde, Prof. S.J. Patil, Prof. Uttam Kadam, Prof. Vilas Karde, farmers and students attended the programme.

Award to Agril. Meteorology Project of ZARS, Solapur

The Agricultural Meteorology Project of Zonal Agricultural Research Station (ZARS), Solapur on micro climate change was awarded the Chaudhary Devlal Award of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi. The Project Co-ordinator Dr. V.M. Rao received this award at the auspicious hands of Dr. S. Ayyappan, Director General, ICAR, New Delhi. The project headquarter is at CRIDA, Hyderabad. This centre has twice been felicitated with the Best Centre Award by CRIDA, Hyderabad.

Frontline Demonstrations organized



The Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Borgaon, Dist.Satara had organized demonstrations on weed control of paddy through a implement called Conoweeder. Prof.Mohan Shirke, Programme Co-ordinator while guiding the paddy growers expressed the need for farm mechanization in view of labour shortage. The Conoweeder implement will certainly save the farmers cost and drudgery, he said. Engg. Mahesh Pacharne conducted these demonstrations. The KVK, Borgaon has supplied these implements to the Farmers Club at *Shindewadi* village. The KVK SMS and farmers were present in large number.

Farmers trained on protected cultivation



A Training Programme on Protected Cultivation for members of Farmers-Scientists Forum (FSF) was organized by the Precision Farming Development Centre of Dr. Annasaheb Shinde College of Agricultural Engineering in the university. Shri. Vilas Shinde, Director, Sahyadri Farmers Producer Company, Nashik gave a presentation on scope and opportunities of vegetable cultivation under protected conditions. He shared his experience on procurement and marketing of vegetables. Dr. K.D. Kokate, Director of Extension Education called for group approach along with production based on consumers demand for achieving success in protected cultivation of vegetables. Dr. R.S. Patil,

Director of Research gave important suggestions for profitable cultivation of vegetables under protected conditions. Dr. P.A. Turbatmath, Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAE gave the introductory remarks. Prof. Narendra Firke put forth the objective of training. Shri. Hemant Jagtap anchored the programme, while, Shri. Vijay Kanade expressed thanks. Members of FSF participated in the programme.

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