

Best Vice Chancellor Award bestowed upon Dr. Viswanatha



September 11, 2020. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha was bestowed with the Best Vice Chancellor Award by the Golden A.I.M. Conference and Awards for his dedicated and excellent leadership of the university. The award certificate was given in online mode. As a Vice Chancellor of MPKV, Rahuri Dr. Viswanatha has initiated many activities which has improved the university's ranking at national level. He has also initiated the cleanliness campaign in the university. He has called for Clean University Green University campaign.

Online training programme on Banana Crop Protection organized



September 28, 2020. An online training programme on Banana Crop Protection was organized by Banana Research Station (BRS), Jalgaon, Agriculture Department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mamurabad and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pal, Dist. Jalgaon for farmers, Agril. officers and Agril. Asstts. of Agriculture Department. Shri Shirish Chaudhary, Hon'ble MLA, Raver was the Chief Guest for this programme. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha presided over the programme. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education, Dr. S. A. Ranpise, Associate Dean, Lower Agril. Education, Heads of Departments Dr. T. K. Narute, Dr. C. S. Patil, Shri. Sambhaji Thakur, District Supd. Agril. Officer, Jalgaon, Shri. Anil Bhokare, Deputy Director and Shri. Ravindra Kadlag, Director, Google Biotech were present for this programme. Shri. Chaudhary in his address emphasized the need for quality seedlings of banana. Management practices related to pests and diseases need to be followed by the banana growers for increasing production, he said. Vice Chancellor Dr. Viswanatha in his presidential address informed that Jalgaon is the major banana districts of the country where the banana cultivation is taken over an area of 41000 ha. He highlighted the need for export of banana which would yield good monetary returns. Value addition in banana is to be taken on priority for the benefit of growers, he said. Dr. Gadakh took an overview of the research undertaken by the university. Phule Pride variety released by MPKV would be an alternative for Grand, he opined. Dr. K. B. Pawar, Principle Scientist, BRS, Jalgaon, Dr. Hemant Baheti, Head, KVK, Mamurabad and Shri. Mahesh Mahajan, SMS, KVK, Pal guided on plant protection measures in banana during the training programme. Shri. Bhokare gave the introductory remarks. Shri. Kiran Jadhav anchored the programme, while, Dr. Vishal Wairagar proposed thanks. Around 125 participants were benefitted through this programme.

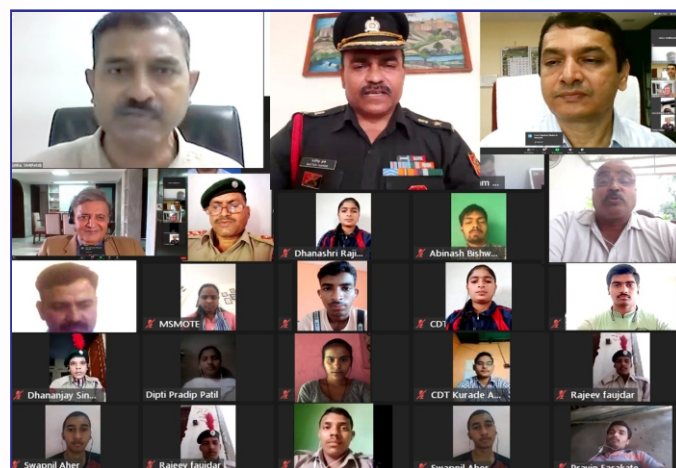
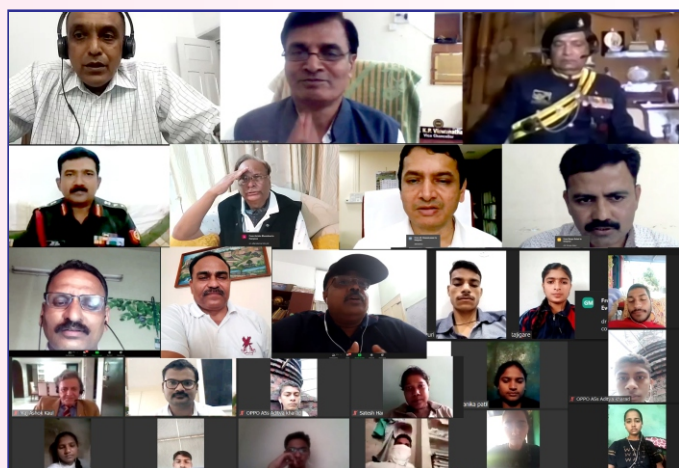
Webinar on Nurturing Leadership and Nation Building through NCC organized



September 10-11, 2020. The opening ceremony for two days Webinar on Nurturing Leadership and Nation Building through NCC was held in which Lt. Col. Hange Satish Daiwanrao, Additional Director, NCC Directorate Maharashtra, Ministry of Defence, Govt of India was the Chief Guest. Dr. D. D. Pawar, Associate Dean, Dr ASCAE & T chaired the programme. Lt. Col. Hange reiterated the need to instil in students discipline, courage and patriotism. Students who have undergone NCC training have self-discipline, leadership qualities and good value systems. NCC has played an important role in the all-round development

of the personality of the cadets, he said. Dr. Pawar expressed the delight that National Cadet Corps, Dr. Annasaheb Shinde College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, MPKV, Rahuri and National Cadet Corps, Devchand College, Kolhapur had organized this webinar. Col. Dilipsinh Thorat (retd) guided on NCC: A Contribution Towards Nation Building, Col. Amarsingh Savant (retd) on NCC: A Way Towards Personality and Career Development., Lt. Col. Manoj Kumar Sinha, Sena Medal (retd) on Nurturing Leadership through NCC, Maj. Ashok Kaul (retd) on NCC: A Contribution Towards National Integration and Maj. Minal Shinde Chavan, Deputy Commandant, Advance Based Supply Depot (ABSD), Guwahati on Woman Empowerment through NCC.

The Closing ceremony of this webinar was held in which Brig. Sangram S. Mohite, Group Commander, NCC, Aurangabad was the Chief Guest and Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha was the Chairperson of the programme. Lt. Col. Hange Satish Daiwanrao, Additional Director, NCC, Mumbai, Col. Jivan Zende, Commanding Officer, 17 Maharashtra, Bat., Ahmednagar were special guests for this programme. More than 900 participants had registered for the programme. Brig Mohite asserted that the leadership qualities and good value systems has played an important role in the all-round development of the youth of our country and in grooming future leaders in all fields. The National Cadet Corps is a vibrant organization with pool of well-motivated and distinguished boys and girls. Vice Chancellor Dr Viswanatha said that the NCC Unit of Dr. ASCAE & T contributed in propagating national unity and integrity amongst NCC cadets. It has played an important role in the all-round development of the personality of the cadets. Dr A. A. Walunj anchored this programme and Lt Sunil Fulsawange introduced the speakers and highlighted the schedule of the programme. Maj Ashok Donar offered vote of thanks.





Online training programme on Rabi Sorghum and Chickpea production technology organized under ICAR FFP



September 30, 2020. A one day online training programme on Rabi Sorghum and Chickpea production technology was organized under the ICAR Farmer FIRST programme in coordination with Department of Agriculture. Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education in his guidance said that sorghum is an important foodgrain of our diet and also has a nutritive value for cattle. He said that farmers need to go for value addition of sorghum for additional gains. MPKV has developed many high yielding chickpea varieties. Many farmers have been benefitted through chickpea production technology, he said. Shri. Mahendra Thokle, Taluka Agril. Officer, Rahuri in his address briefed about the various schemes of Agriculture Department. Dr. P. B. Kharde, Officer Incharge, Communication Centre and PI, ICAR FFP at the outset gave the welcome and introductory remarks. University scientists Dr. N. S. Kute, Prof. Sudam Nirmal, Dr. Deepak Dudhade and Dr. C. S. Chaudhary guided the farmers. Dr. B. A. Deshmukh, Co-PI anchored the programme, while, Dr. S. S. Sadaphal, Co-PI expressed thanks. Farmers from Chinchvihire and Kangar villages participated in this training programme. The support staff Shri. Vijay Shedge, Shri. Kiran Magar and Shri. Rahul Korhale took efforts in organizing the programme.

CAAST-CSAWM programme activities

The Centre for Advanced Agricultural Science and Technology (CAAST) on Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management (CSAWM), MPKV, Rahuri had organized various need based online training programmes for the farmers, students and scientists, faculty during the lockdown period in view of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic situation.

National Symposium on Decoding Agritech: Towards *Atmanirbhar Bharat* organized

September 12, 2020. A one day online National Symposium on Decoding Agritech: Towards *Atmanirbhar Bharat* was organized by CAAST-CSAWM, MPKV, Rahuri. Dr. Prabhat Kumar, National Co-ordinator, CAAST-NAHEP, ICAR, New Delhi was the Convener of the symposium. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, Principal Investigator, CAAST-CSAWM was the Co-Convener, while, Dr. M. G. Shinde, Co-Principal Investigator, CAAST-CSAWM was the Organizing Secretary and Er. Avinash Deshmukh, Brainsmart Solutions, Pune was the Joint Organizing Secretary of the symposium. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha who chaired the programme in his address cited the importance of incubation centre. He said that such type of incubation



centre would be very useful to the agricultural graduates in future for establishing agricultural enterprises. For this, he said that patience and hard work is important for becoming a successful entrepreneur. Dr. Prabhat Kumar explained the importance of *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. He said that at present 6 lakh villages in India and approximately 46 per cent Indian economy is totally depending on agriculture. Thus, this initiative would support the rural youth for employment opportunities. Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education were present for the programme. Dr. Pharande gave the introductory remarks. Mr. Abdullah AI Mahruki, CEO, Industrial Innovation Center delivered lecture on agriculture innovations in Oman, Mr. Prashant Pansare, Managing Director, Intelligent Group, Founder and CEO, Rubiscape explained Decoding Agritech to shape up New India, Mr. Makarand Pandit, Principal Trainer and Managing Director, Technowrites Pvt. Ltd., Pune delivered lecture on role of incubators in Agritech. Dr. Gadakh proposed the vote of thanks. The overall symposium was coordinated Research Associates Dr. S. A. Dhenge and Dr. S. N. Ghadge

Online International Training Programme on Emerging Urban Farming Technologies for Vegetable Production organized



September 7 to 15, 2020. A one week online International Training Programme on Emerging Urban Farming Technologies for Vegetable Production was organized by the CAAST-CSAWM project, MPKV, Rahuri. The training session started with preamble by Dr. J. S. Pachpute, Co-PI, CAAST-CSAWM, College of Agriculture, Pune and Organizing Secretary of training programme. Dr. S. D. Gorantiwar, PI, CAAST-CSAWM was the Convener and Dr. M. G. Shinde, Co-PI, CAAST-CSAWM was the Co-Convener of the training programme. Mr. Rajendra Kumar, Development Manager, South and East Asia, Cravo Equipment



Ltd., Canada, Mr. Murali Manohar, General Manager, Tech Farming International, Mabela, Oman were the invited resource persons for this International training programme. Total 13 sessions were organized during this training period.

Dr. Anand Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General, Horticulture and Crop Sciences, ICAR, New Delhi was the Chief Guest of the valedictory function. Vice Chancellor Dr. K. P. Viswanatha chaired the programme. The Guest of honour was Dr. Ramkrishnan Nair, Regional Director, World Vegetable Center, South and Central Asia, ICRISAT Campus, Hyderabad, Telangana and Dr. Rouhi Dahiya, Vice Chancellor, Jayoti Women's University Jaipur in presence Dr. A. L. Pharande, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Dr. S. R. Gadakh, Director of Research and Extension Education. Dr. Gorantiwar and Dr. Pachpute gave preamble on CAAST mentioning importance of urban farming with special emphasis on capacity building of the faculty, students and farmers. About 300 national and 100 international participants participated in this International Training Programme.

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