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### From Vice Chancellor's Desk...



'Agriculture is the root of life' (कृषि मूलं ही जीवनम्) so we at VNMKV dedicate ourselves for the well-being of farmers through focused and purposeful initiatives.

In this three months, our major achievements includes organisation of Rabi crop seminar, celebration of krishi din on the eve of birth anniversary of late shri. Vasantrao Naik, initiation of online farmers - scientist interaction on every Friday, organization of FPOs, workshop and soybean field day, active participation in state level krishi mahotsav and Agricultural exhibition, implementation of NEP 2020 during this academic year and signed MoA for promotion of VNMKV developed milking school and stand.

VNMKV Parbhani made a significant impact through its active participation in state level Krishi Mahotsav and Agriculture Exhibition held at Parli Vaijnath, Dist.Beed from August 21st to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.The university exhibition showcased technologies like organic farming, drone technology demonstrations developed by the University. This technologies aimed to improve crop yield, pest management, water conservation and overall sustainability in agriculture.

The Directorate of Extension Education initiated online farmers- scientist interaction on every Friday. These interactive sessions have proven to be highly beneficial with over 3000 farmers participating and gaining practical knowledge to enhance their farming practices.

VNMKV, Parbhani has successfully commenced the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the. Academic year 2024-25. As a part of NEP 2020 all undergraduate colleges of the university conducted *Diksharambh* program from September 18 to 30, 2024 which served as an induction-cumfoundation initiative for newly admitted undergraduate students.

On the occasion of Marathwada Mukti Sangram day on 17 th September 2024. VNMKV Parbhani in collaboration with the Agriculture department of Maharashtra organized Rabi Crops Seminar. The event witnessed participation from over 1500 farmers in person and around 1500 online. During technical session University scientist guided the farmers and addressed queries of farmers regarding Rabi season.

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#### Celebration of Krushi Din



On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, Late Vasantrao Naik Jayanti (Krushi Din) was celebrated with tree plantation campaign in the campus of the university. The campaign inaguarated by Prof. (Dr.) Indra Mani, Vice-Chancellor, VNMKV. The senior faculty members and students were attended the campaign. During the event, Dr. Indra Mani highlighted the significance of fundamental duties as outlined in the Indian Constitution and their role in building responsible citizens. He encouraged students to not only excel academically but also contribute to the nation by upholding values like respect for diversity, the environment, and the pursuit of scientific temper. This initiative aimed at fostering a sense of civic responsibility and ethical conduct in future agricultural leaders.

### **Organization of Rabi Crop Seminar**



On the occasion of Marathwada Mukti Sangram Day (September 17, 2024), VNMKV, Parbhani, in collaboration with the Agriculture Department of Maharashtra, organized a Rabi Crop Seminar (Shetkari Mela). The event was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Indra Mani, with notable guests including Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kumar Singh, former Vice-Chancellor of Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, Gwalior, and Col. Subhash Daishwal, Director of Sunshine Vegetable Pvt. Ltd., Bulandshahr. In his presidential address, Dr. Indra Mani emphasized the importance of soil and water management and highlighted the university's efforts in extending innovative farming practices to benefit the region's farmers.



The seminar featured expert discussions on topics such as precision farming, improved rabi crop management, and agri-drones. Prof. Anil Kumar Singh shed light on the impacts of climate change on farming and stressed the need for efficient water conservation techniques. Col. Subhash Daishwal shared his journey in sustainable farming, encouraging farmers to adopt group farming and modern technologies to increase productivity. The event witnessed participation from over 1,500 farmers in person and around 1,500 online. Five progressive farmers being honored for their innovative practices in dryland farming in the event. During technical session, university's scientists guided the farmers and addressed queries of farmers regarding Rabi season.

### Celebration of Krishi Din at KVK, Chh. Sambhajinagar



On July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, celebrated the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Green Revolution pioneer, Late Vasantrao Naik, as Krishi Din. The event marked the 100<sup>th</sup> Farmer-Scientist Interaction Program of the KVK. The Vice Chancellor Dr. Indra Mani presided over the event, while distinguished guests included District Collector Shri. Dilip Swami, Director General of MCAER Shri. R.V. Bhagde, and other key officials were present on the dais. The program honored 110 progressive farmers and 14 Maharashtra government award-winning farmers. On this occasion, nutritional vegetable seed kits and natural farming kits were unveiled, with over 362 farmers and their families. The University scientists were guided on kharif crops management technologies.



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## Online Farmers - Scientists Interaction on Every Friday



The Directorate of Extension Education (VNMKV) has been organizing an Online Farmers -Scientists Interaction on every Friday from 7.00 to 8.30 PM. This interaction focused on addressing current issues faced by farmers in the Marathwada region. Farmers, subject matter specialists of KVKs, personnel's of the State Agriculture Department, faculty members, scientists and students od SAUs, members of NGOs and self help groups etc were participated in the programme. This online session cover topics related to crop conditions, 12 informative sessions were conducted, providing valuable insights into insect and pest management, weed control, crop health management and regular weather forecasts. In each session, university scientists offered agro-advisory services and answered farmers' queries during the discussion segment. These interactive sessions have proven to be highly beneficial, with over 3,000 farmers participating and gaining practical knowledge to enhance their farming practices. The initiative has been a crucial support for the farming community, ensuring they receive timely guidance to improve crop management and productivity.

## **Orgnization of FPOs Workshop & Soybean Field Day**



On September 29, 2024, the Soybean Research Station, Parbhani organized 'FPOs workshop and Soybean Field Day'. Vice Chancellor Dr. Indra Mani presided over the event, with special guests including Dr. D.K. Yadava, Assistant Director General of Seeds from ICAR, New Delhi, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Seed Science. The University scientists guided the participant farmers and members of Farmers Producing Orgnaization regarding soybean seed production. The event featured the release of key university seed symbols, and an ISO certification for the Seed Testing Laboratory. Dr. Indra Mani highlighted the university's role in supporting FPCs and expanding soybean breeder seed production over 800 hectares university land durng 2024-25. Experts praised the collaborative efforts of universities and FPCs in seed development, with discussions on enhancing seed quality and sustainability. About 200 farmers attended the workshop.

## Active participation in State Level Krishi Mohatsav & Agricultural Exhibition



VNMKV, Parbhani, made a significant impact through its active participation in the State Level Krishi Mohatsav and Agricultural Exhibition held at Parli Vaijnath, Dist. Beed, from August 21st to 26th, 2024. The university's exhibition stalls showcased cutting-edge technologies developed by the university, attracting considerable attention from farmers, students, and agricultural professionals. These technologies aimed to improve crop yield, pest management, water conservation, and overall sustainability in agriculture. Throughout the event, VNMKV scientists engaged with farmers, offering expert guidance on modern farming techniques, crop management, and best practices for sustainable agriculture. Their invaluable insights and practical solutions helped farmers address current challenges, empowering them to adopt more efficient and productive methods. More than 1 lakhs farmers from across the region were participated in the Krishi Mohatsav.





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## Organization of Training on Farm Mechanization



The College of Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Parbhani, in collaboration with CNH Industrial India (New Holland), successfully conducted a three-day training program on farm mechanization for farmers and rural youth from September 18 to 20, 2024. This hands-on training featured the latest high-tech farm machinery and tractor-drawn equipment, providing participants with valuable insights and practical skills in modern farm machineries. The program aimed to empower farmers by promoting the adoption of mechanization, ultimately contributing to increased productivity and sustainability in agriculture.

## Signed MoA for promotion of VNMKV developed Milking Stool & Stand



On July 18, 2024, The VNMKV, Parbhani, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Central Institute for Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar, and Singhvi Sales Corporation, Udaipur for strategic collaboration aims to enhance the market availability of innovative milking stool and stand developed under the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Women in Agriculture

## Implementation of NEP 2020 during the Academic Year 2024-25



The VNMKV, Parbhani has successfully commenced the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in the academic year 2024-25. As part of NEP 2020, all undergraduate colleges of the university conducted a 'Deeksharambh' program from September 18 to 30, 2024, which served as an inductioncum-foundation initiative for newly admitted undergraduate students. This comprehensive program aims to familiarize students with the university's academic environment and support systems while emphasizing the principles and goals of NEP 2020. Through engaging sessions and interactive activities, the 'Deeksharambh' program equips students with essential skills and knowledge, fostering a strong foundation for their educational journey. This initiative highlights VNMKV's commitment to enhancing the quality of education and promoting holistic development in line with national educational reforms.

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