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National Seed Day

Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune organized National Seed Day on October 01, 2020. This program was sponsored by ICAR seed project. On this occasion *Shiwarpheri* was organized at Lonarwadi & Naigaon seed production farm for cane grower farmers of sugar mills and Agriculture Assistants.

During the *Shiwarpheri* at Lonarwadi, Dr. RS Hapase, Principal Scientist & Head of Plant Breeding Section, gave the talk on 'Importance of released varieties & its identification', Mr. SS Katake, Scientist & Farm Manager, talked on 'Sugar cane seed nursery & one eye bud settlings production' and Mr. RG Yadav, Scientist & Head of Section Entomology on 'Sugarcane plant protection and its control measures'.

Dr. JM Repale, Senior Scientist, Plant Breeding section gave introduction on 'Importance of released varieties & its identification', Mr. RN Gaikwad, Scientific Officer, Farm Section, briefed about 'Sugarcane seed nursery & one eye bud settlings production' and Dr. BH Pawar, Senior Scientist & Head of Plant Pathology Section, talked on 'Sugarcane plant protection and its control measures at Naigaon farm'.

For this program total 40 participants of three sugar mills participated due to COVID19 pandemic disease, limited sugar mills was invited.

To Enhance Fuel Ethanol Production by Diverting Sugarcane Juice/ Syrup or B-heavy Molasses or Sugar

Interactive meeting and discussion on 'To enhance fuel ethanol production by diverting sugarcane juice/syrup or B-heavy molasses or sugar' was organized by Commissioner of Sugar, Government of Maharashtra and *Maharashtra Rajya Sahakari Sakhar Karkhana Sangh Limited (MRSSKSL), Mumbai* on October 02, 2020 at Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune. The meeting was chaired by Hon. President of VSI Mr. Sharad Pawar, along with Mr. Ajitdada Pawar, Dy. Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Mr. Jayant Patil, Minister of Water Resources and Command Area Development, GoM, Mr. Dilip Walse-Patil, Minister of Labour and State Excise, GoM, Mr. Rajesh Tope, Minister of public Health and Family Welfare, GoM, Mr. Shamrao alias Balasaheb Patil, Minister of Co-operation & Marketing, GoM, Mr. Shambhuraaj Desai, State Minister of Home (Rural), State Excise, Finance & Planning, Skill Development And Entrepreneurship and Marketing, GoM, Mr. Jayprakash Dandegaonkar, Chairman of MRSSKSL, Mr. Shriram Sahadu Shete, Vice Chairman of MRSSKSL, Mr. Harshavardhan Patil, Mr. Shekhar Gaikwad,

Commissioner of Sugar, Mr. Kantilal Umap, Commissioner of State Excise, Dr. Pramod Chaudhary, President, Praj Industries Ltd., Mr. BB Thombare, Chairman, WISMA, Mr. Rohit Pawar (MLA), Vice Chairman, WISMA, Mr. Prakash Naikaware, Managing Director, National Co-operative Sugar Factories Federation, Mr. Sanjay Khatal, Managing Director, MRSSKSL, Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, Director General, VSI, Mr. PK Mirase, Assistant Secretary (Technical), Maharashtra Pollution Control Board and Officers of Commissioner of Sugar, Commissioner of State Excise and MRSSKSL attended the meeting.

On this occasion Hon. President of VSI Mr. Shard Pawar felicitated Dr. Pramod Chaudhari, founder chairman, Proj Industries Ltd., Pune, for his award as he became first Indian to be honored with George Washington Carver Award for Innovation in Industrial Biotechnology and Agriculture by Washington DC-based Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) and IowaBio.



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In the meeting industrialist presented their views and various issues related to production of fuel ethanol from sugarcane juice/syrup, B-heavy molasses and Sugar. The economics and disposal of distillery effluents through zero liquid discharge (ZLD) were also discussed.

After presentations, Mr. Ajitdada Pawar, Mr. Jayant Patil, Mr. Dilip Walse-Patil, Mr. Rajesh Tope, Mr. Shamrao alias Balasaheb Patil, Mr. Shambhuraj Desai, Mr. Jayprakash Dandegaonkar, Mr. Harshavardhan Patil, Mr. Shekhar Gaikwad, Mr. Kantilal Umap, Mr. BB Thombare, Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh and Mr. PK Mirase, expressed their views on the existing problems faced by the sugar and distillery industry. They emphasized on present difficult economical conditions of sugar mills which is resulting into non availability funds for new

distillery, expansion of existing distillery and installation of ZLD technologies. They also requested the GoM for issuing licenses from commissioner of state excise and consent from MPCB and also requested to help for getting soft loan from central or state governments.

In concluding remarks, Mr. Sharad Pawar addressed to all distinguished guest and delegates. He appealed and requested to all sugar mills and distilleries to divert maximum sugarcane juice/syrup or B-heavy molasses for ethanol production that will help to bring down stocks of sugar and also improve the financial health due to maximum revenue generated from ethanol. He also ensured that issues raised by the participants should be discussed with DFPD and CPCB/MoEF officers to understand their views and further necessary action should be taken.



Interactive meeting presided over by Mr. Sharad Pawar Hon. President, VSI



Mr. Sharad Pawar Hon. President, VSI felicitated Mr. Pramod Chaudhari, founder chairman, Proj Industries Ltd., Pune

National Webinar on Preparations for Ethanol Production from BH Molasses, Cane Juice, Syrup and Sugar

National webinar on 'Preparations for ethanol production from BH molasses, cane juice, syrup and sugar' was jointly organized by Vasantdada Sugar Institute (VSI) and the Ethanol Manufacturers Association of India, Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), National Federation of Co-operative Sugar factories Ltd. (NFCFSF), All India Distillers' Association (AIDA) and MRSSK Sangh Ltd. at VSI, Manjari (BK), Pune, India on November 4, 2020.

Total 240 participants attended the webinar. During the inauguration function, welcome address was given by the Hon. President of VSI Mr. Sharad Pawar. He highlighted current ethanol demand & supply status, ethanol blending policy and importance of renewable energy. He mentioned about National Policy on Biofuels - 2018 and new agenda of Golon Renewable Sector. He also emphasized on Gol's Make in India & Swachh Bharat Abhiyan for doubling of Farmer's

