



## World Biofuel Day

The Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels, VSI, had organized 'World Biofuel Day' on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2019 an interactive session for students of Alcohol Technology and M.Sc. (Wine Technology). This interactive session was conducted to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels and to highlight the impact of all fuels on the environment and various efforts made by Government of India to promote the biofuel sector.

Dr. SV Patil, Technical Advisor and Head, Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels, welcomed all the students. He started his discussion with introduction to renewable and non-renewable sources available on the earth. He focused on first, second and third



generation of Biofuels. He also informed that Govt. of India has taken significant steps in the field of Biofuels. He also talked about the Government initiatives on CBG (Compressed Biogas) for its production and usage as a clean and cheaper mode of fuel. CBG plants with the use of agricultural residue, cattle dung and municipal solid waste will provide an additional revenue source to farmers and job opportunities.

On this occasion, Dr. KS Konde informed about the upcoming technologies and forecasted the future development in the field of biofuel industries. Dr. Shuvashish Behera explained terminology of food to fuel ratio and different biomass which can be utilized to produce biofuel. The event concluded with vote of thanks.

## VSI Committee Meetings

On 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 Investment Committee and 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 Governing Council Meeting was held at VSI. In the GC meeting Dr. RS Hapase, Principal Scientist presented the review of flood affected sugarcane crop in front of committee member's viz.,

Hon. President Mr. Sharad Pawar, Mr. Dilip Walse-Patil, Vice-President, Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, DG, Mr. Vikas Deshmukh, Director, Agricultural Sciences & Technology and Members of the Governing Council were present.



  
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