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Activity Name: Valorizing waste (vWa) from Sugarcane industries via innovations in pretreatment, bio-production and process intensification

Activity scope: To create awareness among students about the importance of sugar industry waste for its valorization to different products

Activity details: One day awareness week on Valorizing waste (vWa) from Sugarcane industries via innovations in pretreatment, bio-production and process intensification was organized by Dept. of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels, VSI. Awareness among students about the importance of sugar industry waste for its valorization to different products was created. Students could learn about the importance of the sugar industry waste for Biofuel & biochemicals production.

Speaker details: Dr. S.V. Patil, Dept. of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels, VSI

Participants: Total number of participants was 120 including staff & students



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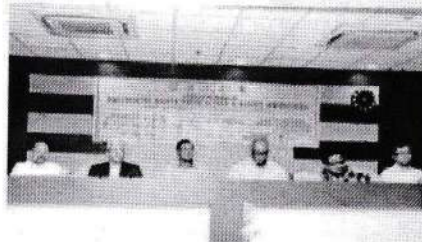
Valorising waste (vWa) from Sugarcane Industries via Innovations in Pre-treatment, Bio-production and Process Intensification

One day awareness workshop on 'Valorising waste (vWa) from sugarcane industries via innovations in pre-treatment, bio-production and process intensification' was held on 5th March 2019 at Vasantdada Sugar Institute (VSI), Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels.

Total participation in the workshop was about 120 including VSI staff. In Inauguration Ceremony, Dr. SV Patil, Head, and Technical Advisor, Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels welcomed all the guests, vWa partners, industry representatives and VSI staff. Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh DG, felicitated

Dr. Indrajeet Mohite, Prof. Vivek Ranade, Mr. Vijaykumar Goel, Prof. Vivek Kumar and Prof. Yogendra Shastri present on the dais. Introductory remarks on vWa project were delivered by Prof. Vivek Ranade. He explained the basic concept to valorize these wastes into bio-gas, lactic acid, succinic acid and bio-butanol.

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of VSI on entire sugar industry in India. He also introduced Dr. Indrajeet Mohite to audience and his contribution in the area of sugar and allied industries.

The key note address was given by Dr. Indrajeet Mohite, Chief Guest, explained about the economics of sugar industry and its socio-economical contributions in developing schools, colleges, hospitals and creating jobs in rural India. He mentioned that alternative products can come out from vWa project which will boost entrepreneurship, rural economy, employment and provide additional source of revenue to farmers and sugar industry. He advised the industry as well as vWa project partners to follow the environmental norms to save the mother earth. He thanked Department of Biotechnology, Government of India and Innovate UK for funding the vWa project and Prof. Ranade, Queen's University Belfast, UK for his initiative and effort taken in formulating the vWa project.

In technical sessions-I were chaired by Dr. Indrajeet Mohite. The first presentation on 'Valorizing waste from sugar & allied industries via innovations in pretreatment, bio-transformations and process intensification' was delivered by Prof. Vivek Ranade. He emphasized on quantum of waste generated by sugar industry and distilleries in India. He also mentioned about the sub-optimal utilization of these waste/resources though current practices like burning of cane trash, use of bagasse for cogeneration etc. He then briefed the concept of vWa biorefinery where cavitation and anaerobic digestion (AD) will be used as pretreatment as opposed to use of costly enzymes in 2 G ethanol technologies. He further added that AD will utilize hemicellulose (xylose) in lignocellulosic material for biogas production and the sugar/glucose released from cellulose will be fermented to lactic acid or succinic acid or biobutanol. Lignin can be valorized to multiple products like DNF, HMF etc or incinerated in boiler for steam and power generation.

He also briefed about vWa partners and their role in carrying out this project.

The second technical presentation was delivered by Dr. SV Patil on 'Value added products from waste biomass and SATAT initiative'. He talked about the global initiatives taken by the different countries for biogas production. He also mentioned that the number of biogas plants in Germany has doubled to ~9000 plants from 4136 plants in 2010. He also informed that Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have invited Expression of Interest (Eoi) from Entrepreneurs/co-operative societies/technology provider for production & supply of compressed biogas (CBG) and discussed about Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has notified Central Financial Assistance. Further he explained as the distillery biogas plant generally operates 250 days per annum, CBG production plant will run only for 250 days with available spent wash. Therefore, he suggested alternative feedstock such as bagasse, press mud, cane trash etc can be co-digested along with spent wash or digested separately in existing digester for remaining 115 days. Dr. Patil presented three case studies for CBG production and its revenue generation. Dr. Patil presented the lab data on compositional analysis of different sugarcane bagasse cultivars and lactic acid fermentation from synthetic and alkali pretreated bagasse. In conclusion, he mentioned that every sugar mill in country will have CBG plant in future.

In technical session-II, Prof. Ranade talked on 'Enhancing biogas yield via novel pre-treatment' and presented vWa biorefinery stage I approach which is about utilization of bagasse, press mud and/or cane trash in a digester for biogas generation and digestate generated will be used for bio-composting. He described the hydrodynamic cavitation as one of the potential pretreatment method of lignocellulosic biomass. He also described the different ways to generate cavitation and explained how vortex based cavitation (VoDCa) is superior over other technologies.


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20/04/2018

Activity Name: Art of Brewing

Activity scope: To aware the students about brewing technology and developments

Activity details: One day seminar was organized on 'Art of Brewing' by the Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels, VSI in collaboration with Weyermann specialty malting company, Germany and Fermentis, France on 19th April 2018. Mr. Pradeep Verman, Techno-commercial Associate, Weyermann, Mr. Sanjeev Nagpal, Director, Om Distributor, Gurgaon and Brewers & associates of Om Distributors and Mr. Krishan Kumar Rajeev, Sales Manager, South & South East Asia, Fermentis, France participated in this event. First presentation of session-I was made by Mr. Pradeep Verma on 'Finest Weyermann Distillates Produced from Weyermann Malt Extracts'. Mr. Verma explained the process of production of whisky and other spirits using malt extract and further gave information on various malt extract and malt based colour additives which can be used in distilled spirit production. Mr. Pradeep Verma in his 2nd presentation on 'Authentic Weyermann Terroir Malts and the Brewing of Classic Lager Beers' gave a brief account of brewery terroir malts and also discussed the recipe of lager beer using Weyermann malts. He also covered some points on recipe formulations and characteristics of lager beer. The 3rd presentation was made by Mr. Krishan Kumar Rajeev on the topic 'Cider Production and Yeast Nutritional Requirement'. He described the process of cider production from apples and discussed steps involved in cider production, types of ciders and varieties of apples used for cider production. Mr. Krishna further gave information on nutrient supplements for production ciders and meads. In post lunch session, Mr. Verma delivered a talk on 'Water- Ministry in the Universe'. He took the audience through spiritual and scientific insights of water. He also discussed on current and future water issues and its impact of global brewing industry. Mr. Verma also talked about the ways of reducing water usage in the brewing industry. Later, Mr. Verma also demonstrated the Bevi-clean glass cleaner for minimum water usage. In the concluding session, Mr. Verma and his team had interactions with students regarding their future prospects in brewing and allied alcoholic



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Participants: Total number of participants was 20.




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Energy Efficiency-Master Strategy for Business Success in 21st Century

As a part of 'Institutional Training Program' on behalf of Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural gas, Govt. of India,

Mr. RL Tailor, Sr. Faculty Member, PCRA, Pune delivered a lecture on 'Energy Efficiency- Master Strategy for Business Success in 21st Century' at Sugar Engineering



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13/03/2019

Activity Name: Field visit to Eco-restoration site Developed by Ecological Society at Panshet, Pune

Activity scope: To aware students for observing eco-restoration site

Activity details:

One-day field visit organized for M.Sc. (Environmental Sciences) students by Department of Environmental Sciences for eco-restoration on 12th March 2019. Students were taken to the site at Panshet in Pune district which was ecologically restored by Ecological Society. Mrs. Swati Gole one of the founder members of Ecological Society, Pune accompanied the group as a 'resource person'. On the way to Panshet, students observed changes in habitat and land use. They raised several queries related to observations and queries were answered by Dr. Deshmane Mrs. Swati Gole explained the history of the site then shifted to the principles of restoration and correlated the processes. She elaborated on the changes observed at restoration site in last three decades, the limitation observed in the process and her unbiased assessment of the entire restoration exercise. She also shared a grassland restoration experience that was carried out near Phaltan in Satara district of Maharashtra. The entire discussion session was useful to students as it offered a different perception, enhance their ability to think and visualize about importance of nature in daily life. After discussion, students visited the restoration site and noted their observations. Followed by, students visited a sacred grove at village Ambegaon Khurd. In the interactive session, students raised queries which were answered by Mrs. Gole and Dr. Deshmane.



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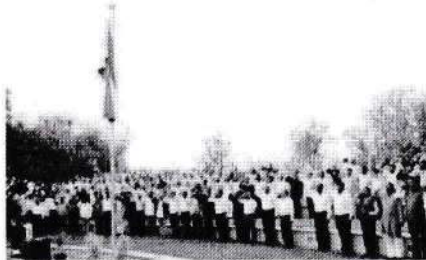
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EVENTS

The 70th Republic Day of India



The 70th Republic Day of India was celebrated on 26th January 2019. On this occasion the Director General, Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh hoisted the National flag in the Institute in presence of staff members.



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15/01/2019

Activity Name: Report of Lecture on United States of America work Experience Programme in Wine

Activity scope: To aware students about opportunities to acquire training in USA in wine sector

Activity details:

The lecture entitled 'United States of America work experience programme in wine' by ProLearn India was arranged by Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels on 14th January, 2019 for the M.Sc. (WBAT) course students. Dr. SV Patil, Head & Technical Adviser, Department of Alcohol Technology & Biofuels introduced Mr. Nitin Thakur, Director, ProLearn India and Ms. Pallavi Godase, Director, ProLearn India to the students. Dr. Patil explained the scope and opportunities to acquire training in USA in wine sector for the M.Sc. (WBAT) students. Mr. Nitin Thakur briefly presented the concept of USA winery work experience programme. He also shared practical experience of few Indian students who worked in vineyards and winery in USA, acquiring new skills and getting more exposed to wine making involving grape handling, fermentation tank operations, post fermentation operations, on-job training etc. Interested Indian students can get training under approved and qualified Host Trainers of vineyard and wineries in USA. He also provided guidance to the M.Sc. (WBAT) students regarding enrolment, application, selection, visa process etc. The session ended satisfactorily with question & answer and queries raised by the students.

Participants: Total number of participants was 42.



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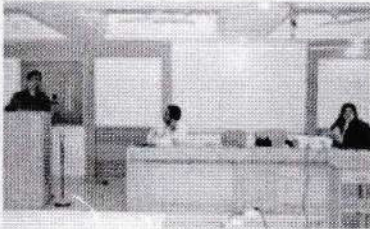
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25/02/ 2019

Activity Name: One day Awareness workshop on “Recent Developments in Environment and Safety in the Sugar and Allied Industry”

Activity scope: The make aware about significance of environment and safety in sugar and allied industry

Activity details:

The significance of environment and safety in industrial operations cannot be overemphasized, more so in sugar and allied industry. The industry is the backbone of the rural economy yet in recent times it has been the focus of criticism over excessive water usage and water pollution. There have also been incidences and accidents which point to the lack of adequate industrial safety. Such incidences have also caused environmental concern. Recently, there have been new notifications regarding environmental clearance for sugar and distillery projects vis-a-vis the National Biofuels Policy as also the use of groundwater (CGWA). These will have an impact on the sugar and distillery industry.

Considering the above, a one-day awareness workshop on ‘Recent developments in environment and safety in the sugar and allied industry’ was organized at Vasantdada Sugar Institute on 25th February 2019. Dr. Amol Deshmane welcomed all the guests and requested the Director General welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Shekhar Gaikwad (Sugar Commissioner). This was followed by an introduction to the theme of the workshop by Dr. Deepali Nimbalkar and an address by Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, DG, VSI which focused on the significance of environmental issues for the industry and VSI’s role in approaching them. Mr. Shekhar Gaikwad, in his inaugural address, advised the environmental officers to work with dedication and follow every norm strictly to minimize the impacts due to sugar industry and distilleries. He suggested making a pollution inventory for sugar and distillery industry along with regular self-audits & third part audits once in three years.

This workshop was arranged in two sessions, Technical Session I- Safety & Technical Session II- Environment. Mr. Isak Mujawar gave the first talk on general safety guidelines for the sugar and distillery industry (including HRA). He explained the terms as Hazard, Risk and how to identify and control hazard as well as risk. He suggested setting up an emergency exit plan for worker’s safety. The second lecture on PESO Guidelines for ethanol storage was delivered by Mr. Prakash Patil who explained The Petroleum Act, 1934 and Rules, 2002, in detail with the rules for import, transport & storage of petroleum and also the criteria for license. The final presentation in this session was made by Dr. Eknath Alhat, VSI who elaborated on the safety issues in Effluent Treatment Plants.




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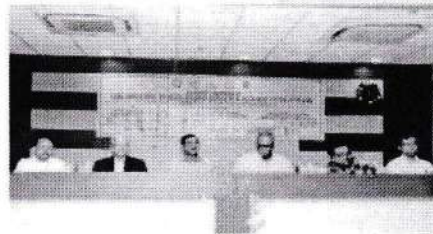
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Activity Name:

29th Institutional Bio-Safety Committee (IBSC)

Activity scope:

To discuss about issues related to bio-safety

Activity details:

The 29th meeting of Institutional Bio-Safety Committee (IBSC) of VSI meeting was held on 18th March, 2019 under the chairmanship of Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, DG, VSI in presence of Dr. P. Suprasanna, Head, FPBS, NABTD, BARC, Mumbai and DBT nominee., Dr. SK Raut, Consultant Doctor & Member, Shri. Vikas Deshmukh, Director, AST, VSI,

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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between VSI & SESVANDERHAVE

As directed by Hon President VSI, Mr. Sharadchandra Pawar, MOU was signed between SESVANDERHAVE, Belgium (Europe) and VASANTDADA SUGAR INSTITUTE Pune (India) on 20th February, 2019 for sugarbeet crop research and allied training. SESVANDERHAVE is a Belgian company specialized in the breeding and commercialization of high quality sugarbeet seed.

Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, Director General, Mr. Vikas Deshmukh, Director, Agricultural Sciences & Technology Department, VSI and Mr. Jean Noel Evrard, Head of Marketing & Communication, Mr. Mohan Bajikar Indian Representative, SESVANDERHAVE

company signed the MOU and agreed to work together for the period of next five years. Mr. PV Ghodke Scientist & Head Agronomy also present during this agreement.

In this MOU both SESVANDERHAVE and VSI will jointly cultivate sugarbeet in India. SESVANDERHAVE will share knowledge on the development, train staff and sugarbeet farmers of selected sugar factories. VSI will evaluate / test new genetic seed material received from SESVANDERHAVE to identify the best suitable genetic seed material under Indian climate condition.




VSI COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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04/03/2019

Activity Name: Advanced technologies for improving crop productivity and increasing water use efficiency in sugarcane

Activity scope: The make aware about advanced technologies for crop productivity and efficient use of water.

Activity details:

The training program on 'Advanced technologies for improving crop productivity and increasing water use efficiency in sugarcane' for farmers was conducted in two batches of three days duration at VSI. The training for first batch was conducted during 25-27 February, 2019 in which 180 farmers (134 Men and 46 Women farmers) attended training program. Second batch of training program was conducted during 1-3 March, 2019 in which 195 farmers (179 Men and 16 Women farmers) attended the training program. Both the programs were inaugurated by Director, AST, in presence of farmers, officers from ITC and Head of Departments AST were present.

In training, information of sugarcane varieties released by VSI viz. CoVSI 9805, VSI 434, CoVSI 03102 and VSI 08005 was given to the famers. The proper varietal planning and harvesting program plays an important role in sugar industry for achieving higher cane yield and sugar recovery. The management practices of different varieties were explained to the farmers. The seed is also one of the important inputs in sugarcane production. It is essential to follow three tier seed nursery program for better crop yield. The information of seed production technology including seedling production was given to the farmers. The tissue culture is an advanced technology of fast multiplication of sugarcane varieties and also development of new sugarcane varieties. The sugarcane productivity mainly depends on the various agronomic practices carried out during the crop growth period. The information of preparatory tillage, use of good quality seed, seed treatment, methods of planting, Intercultural operations like earthing up, fertilizer management, weed control, intercropping, crop rotation and ratoon management was given to the famers. Integrated nutrient management is important to boost the crop yield. Organic matter in the soil is an essential component for healthy crop growth that improves soil fertility. It greatly improves physical and biological condition of soils, reduces soil erosion and increases water holding capacity



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Advanced Technologies for Improving Crop Productivity and Increasing Water use Efficiency in Sugarcane


The training program on 'Advanced technologies for improving crop productivity and increasing water use efficiency in sugarcane' for farmers was conducted in two batches of three days duration at VSI. The training for first batch was conducted during 25-27 February, 2019 in which 180 farmers (134 Men and 46 Women farmers) attended training program. Second batch of training program was conducted during 1-3 March, 2019 in which 195 farmers (179 Men and 16 Women farmers) attended the training program. Both the programs were inaugurated by Director, AST, in presence of farmers, officers from ITC and Head of Departments AST were present.

In training, information of sugarcane varieties released by VSI viz. CoVSI 9805, VSI 434, CoVSI 03102 and VSI 08005 was given to the farmers. The proper varietal planning and harvesting program plays an important role in sugar industry for achieving higher cane yield and sugar recovery. The management practices of different varieties were explained to the farmers. The seed is also one of the important inputs in sugarcane production. It is essential to follow three tier seed nursery program for better crop yield. The information of seed production technology including seedling production was given to the farmers. The tissue culture is an advanced technology of fast multiplication of sugarcane varieties and also development of new sugarcane varieties. The

sugarcane productivity mainly depends on the various agronomic practices carried out during the crop growth period. The information of preparatory tillage, use of good quality seed, seed treatment, methods of planting, intercultural operations like earthing up, fertilizer management, weed control, intercropping, crop rotation and ratoon management was given to the farmers. Integrated nutrient management is important to boost the crop yield. Organic matter in the soil is an essential component for healthy crop growth that improves soil fertility. It greatly improves physical and biological condition of soils, reduces soil erosion and increases water holding capacity. The sugarcane trash can be used in sugarcane fields either directly or after composting. The green manuring practice with sunhemp or dhaincha prior to sugarcane planting is very useful to improve soil fertility. Balance doses of organic and inorganic fertilizers are important for meeting nutritional requirement of sugarcane crop. The information of various biofertilizers useful for sugarcane cultivation, bio-stimulator for productivity improvement was also given to the farmers. Water management of sugarcane plays a pivotal role in improving crop productivity. The conventional irrigation system did not permit the restricting of irrigation only to meet the requirement of the root zone, leading to excessive percolation and other losses. It therefore, results in water logging, soil

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salinity and drought situations. The overall irrigation efficiency has not been more than 30-40%. Under this scenario it is necessary to adopt modern irrigation techniques like surface, sub surface drip and rain gun sprinkler irrigation needs to be promoted in sugarcane agriculture. The fertigation is also possible with drip and rain gun sprinkler irrigation and water soluble fertilizers can be efficiently applied through these techniques. The modern irrigation technology results in increasing water use efficiency and also for improving the fertilizer use efficiency. The mechanization is also important in the context of untimely and limited availability of man power and increased cost of labour for agriculture purpose. The equipment available for mechanized farm operations were shown to the farmers and insisted for its adoption to bring down the cost of cultivation of sugarcane. Integrated disease and pest management

is very much important in sugarcane cultivation in order to avoid the yield losses due to occurrence of particular disease or pest. Integrated control measures at right time results in minimizing the losses due different pests and diseases. The control measures for various diseases and pests were explained to the farmers. The emerging trend of biological control of various diseases and pests was also explained to the farmers. Participants were also shown various experimental field plots, water management practices, farm implements and tissue culture raised plantlets during the field visit.

Interactive session was conducted after finishing the lectures, practical and field visits. During this session, the queries/questions of farmers were answered. The certificates were given participants at the hands of Director, AST and the program concluded with vote of thanks.



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25/01/2019

Activity Name: Integrated approach to enhance economic yield of sugarcane and its bye-products

Activity scope: The make aware about ecofriendly practices for sugarcane production

Activity details:

The seminar was organized in the presence of Mr. Sharadchandra Pawar, Hon. President of VSI on "Integrated approach to enhance economic yield of sugarcane and its bye-products" at Vasantdada Sugar Institute, Pune on 25th January 2019, which was coordinated by Science and Technology Park (Institute promoted by Ministry of Science & Technology, Govt. of India).

The discussions were focused on the following topics:


- Eco-friendly ways of increasing yield of sugarcane and decreasing use of pesticides
- Enhancing sugar quality and increasing extraction yield from cane while crushing
- Increasing alcohol percentage in distillery.
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During the discussion, DG, VSI, raised the issue regarding Techno-Economical viability of the technologies suitable for sugar industry and allied bye-products. Shri Sharadchandraji Pawar suggested studying various innovative technologies to be adopted in the sugar industry and allied bye-products to enhance the progress of sugar industry in collaboration with Science and Technology Park, Govt. of India.




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Activity Name: Multi-Ratooning in Sugarcane and in situ Trash Management

Activity scope: The make aware about trash management in sugarcane cultivation

Activity details:

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In the technical session, Mr. PV Ghodke made a presentation on 'Multi-ratooning in Sugarcane and in situ trash management.' He highlighted the benefits of ratoon crop, factors affecting low productivity and described advanced cultivation technologies in ratoon management. He suggested appropriate selection of sugarcane variety having good ratoonability, planting season and integrated ratoon management practices viz., trash mulching, stubble shaving, off barring nutrient management with crow bar, with foliar application of liquid fertilizers and biofertilizers are the important components for successful ratoon crop production. Dr. Preeti S. Deshmukh, Scientist & Head, Soil Science Section, talked on 'Efficacy of macro and micro nutrients as foliar application on sugarcane crop' and emphasized on fertilizer application on the basis of soil testing.



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industry in republic of Fiji, in future. Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, DG, VSI, put forth the final remark in the valedictory function. He thanked all who concerned to conduct of course and expressed his views about the

prosperity of the sugar industry in Fiji. He also assured to help Fiji Sugar Corporation in days to come as regards to cane development and to improve efficiency of the sugar mills in Fiji. The function concluded with vote of the thanks by Mr. BH Pawar.



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23/02/2019

Activity Name: Workshop on Sugarcane Crop Management under Water Stress Condition

Activity scope: The make aware about crop management under water stress condition

Activity details:

The activity of monthly workshop is well admired among the cane officers from the sugar mills in the state. As a part of the extension activity the monthly workshop was organized on 'Sugarcane crop management under water stress condition' on 23rd February 2019. Total 68 participants from 36 sugar mills were present during workshop. This workshop was deal with efficient use of available water, nutrient supply and agronomic practices followed during water stress condition. Water, nutrient and agronomic practices will play vital role in adverse climatic condition.

The event was inaugurated in presence of Mr. Vikas Deshmukh, Director, AST and Head of sections, VSI and representative from the sugar mills by lighting the traditional lamp. In inaugural speech, Director briefed the important practices and management carried during the water stress condition.

In the technical session, Mr. PV Ghodke delivered the lecture on 'Agronomic practices in sugarcane under water stress condition'. He explained about overview of situation during summer and drought period, agronomic practices to be followed in drought situation. Mr. PP Shinde, Scientist & Head, Agriculture Engineering Section, talked on 'Water management in sugarcane under water stress condition'. He pointed that untimely and uneven distribution of rainfall results in limitation of water availability. Water always plays a pivotal role in improving crop productivity and sugar recovery. He suggested different water management practices needs to be followed under limited water availability as well as water stress condition. Dr. Preeti Deshmukh, Scientist and Head, Soil Science section presented the topic on 'Nutrient management in sugarcane under water stress condition'. She stated about the ecological requirement of sugarcane crop. Generally, drought reduces both nutrient uptake by roots and its transport from root to the shoots because of restricted transpiration rates and impaired active transport and membrane permeability.



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biofertilizers produced at VSI and their benefits in cane productivity. Dr. SG Dalvi, Scientific Officer, Tissue Culture section gave information about Vasant-Urja, a biostimulator prepared by VSI in collaboration with BARC, Mumbai. He described its effect on increase in productivity and drought tolerance. Mr. GG Ukirde, Chief Agri. Officer, Shri Vighnagar SSK Ltd: Dist. Pune presented the ratoon management schemes implemented by the sugar mill. Mr. MR Bhadule, Chief Cane Development Officer, Vitthalrao Shinde SSK Ltd., Dist. Solapur told regarding cane development activities implemented by sugar mill especially during drought situation to

increase the cane availability in their operational area. In the concluding session, Mr. Vikas Deshmukh, Director, AST stated the present situation of ratoon crop under drought situation in the sugar mills area and its effect on recovery and average cane yield in Maharashtra state. Mr. Shivajirao Deshmukh, DG, VSI addressed to the gathering and expressed the need to give attention towards the increase the ratoon productivity by implementing best management practices, field demonstrations and various cane development schemes by each sugar mill for the benefit of farming community. The program was ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. PP Shinde.

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under moisture stress condition, fertilizer application should aim at developing a deeper root system and adequate tillering before water/moisture stress. During the moisture stress period, foliar application of fertilizers is only useful and emphasized fertilizer should apply in soil after achievement of favorable moisture level with availability of water in the canal or by southwest monsoon rain.

The representatives from sugar mills viz. Shri Chhatrapati Shahu SSK, Samarth SSK, SMSMP SSK and Jawahar SSK explained the efforts made by them to save sugarcane crop during the water stress condition and the sugarcane response by application of foliar application of multi micro nutrient and multi macro nutrient fertilizer in sugarcane.


Dr. RS Hapase, Principal Scientist & Head, Plant Breeding section, briefed the progress of promotional award scheme and aware for the next month workshop on promotional cane development award. All Head of sections discussed with the participants for various issues related workshop. The programme was concluded with a vote of thanks with following recommendation;

1. In standing sugarcane, de-trashing of dried leaves can be followed by leaving 3 to 4 border rows or followed by mulching intercropping with suitable green manuring crops. In wider row and paired row planting method the light inter-cultivation / harrowing operation may be done. Mulching helps to reduce the loss of water from soil through evaporation and saves 25 to 30% water.
2. *In situ* trash mulching should be done in ratoon crops. *In situ* trash mulching without shredding is a highly useful technique to conserve soil moisture and reduce the impact of moisture stress and atmospheric draught.
3. In paired row planting, the irrigation should be applied through a long furrow between the rows

of sugarcane. In conventional system a long furrow method, irrigate the crop in alternate furrows. In wider row planting method, irrigate all the furrows up to final earthing-up and there after follow alternate furrow irrigation.

4. Drip and raingun sprinkler irrigation can be effectively used for survival of sugarcane crop in water stress condition.
5. Combined foliar application of Urea and Murate of Potash (White potash) each at 2.0% concentration (2.0 kg Urea + 2.0 kg Potassium in 100 lit. of water) at 15-20 days interval is helpful to retain more number of vigorous shoots till the moisture conditions become favourable.
6. Foliar application of VSI's multi-macronutrient and Multi-micronutrient 2 lit/acre in 200 lit. water at 60 days after planting and 3 lit./ acre in 300 lit. water at 90 days after planting along with Vasanturja, a biostimulator @ 5 ml/lit. of water during both the applications boosts the growth of sugarcane.
7. In water stress condition, foliar application of plant health @ 1 lit/acre mixed with 200 lit. water at 75 days after planting and ratooning can also work for fixing the atmospheric nitrogen efficiently and it will sustain the growth of sugarcane.




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