

VC SKUAST-J visits Agroforestry Experimental Farm



Vice Chancellor visiting Herbal Garden at Chatha

Dr. J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu visited the Experimental Farm of the Division of Agroforestry and took stock of the various ongoing research activities. He visited different field trials on tree based agroforestry systems and the Herbal Garden established by the division. Dr. L. M. Gupta, Prof. & Head of the division apprised the Vice Chancellor about the importance of medicinal and aromatic plants in treatment of various ailments. He also informed that there are about 100 species of medicinal and aromatic plants being maintained in the Herbal Garden collected from different agro-climatic regions. The prominent among these include Stevia, Gudmar, Giloe, Guggal, Shikakai, Musli, Bhringraj, Brahmi, Mints, Mulethi and Kalihari etc. The Vice Chancellor stressed upon the possibility of establishing linkage of framers with the herbal industry so that the farming community gets benefited and the objective of doubling the farmer's income is achieved. He also directed to identify potential medicinal species for the *kandi* areas of Jammu. Dr. S. K. Gupta, Professor, Dr. N. S. Raina, Professor, Dr. Sandeep Sehgal, Associate Professor and Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Assistant Professor were also present during the visit.