

## **Central Minister of State Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Visits SKUAST-Jammu.**

### **Laid emphasis on doubling farmers income through diversification**



Under Government of India's outreach programme Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, on visit to Jammu region paid a visit to Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) campuses of Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, R. S. Pura and Faculty of Agriculture, Chatha. Accompanying him was Chander Prakash Ganga, Ex-Minister J&K Government. Kailash Choudhary while interacting with the scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra at R. S. Pura laid emphasis on taking technology from lab to land, diversification through integrating farming system and impact analysis of the programmes conducted by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras. He was briefed about the history and work of SKUAST-Jammu by the Vice Chancellor of the University Dr. K. S. Risam. Later along with the Vice Chancellor he visited Integrated Farming System, Technology Park, School of Biotechnology, and Beekeeping Units of the University at Chatha. At Chatha he interacted with the officers of the university that included Deans, Directors, Estate Officer, Registrar, University Librarian and Controller Examination. In the interaction he said, "the University and Department of Agriculture are the facilitators for doubling the farmers' income thereby realizing the cherished dream of Prime Minister, Narinder Modi". The minister said that the central government is committed for providing support to agriculture sector thereby making farming profitable. He also emphasized that we have to make farming a remunerative enterprise by diversification to horticulture crops and give a boost to live stock industry. Dr. K. S. Risam, Vice Chancellor of the university thanked the minister for his visit to the university and requested him for the expansion of the university by adding more colleges/faculties.