Progressive farmers of Jammu division today met Dr. K.S. Risam and felicitated him on assuming the charge of the Vice Chancellor Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) of Jammu and held an interactive session with the VC.

While addressing the farmers, the Vice Chancellor assured the farmers that the farm university shall continue to provide all possible help and technical guidance to the farmers of the region. All possible efforts shall be made to fulfill the aspirations and expectations of the farming community. While replying to the queries of the farmers with regard to the different basmati rice varieties, he stated that an exclusive workshop for Basmati growers shall soon be organized for the rice growers wherein the experts from the University and Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) shall impart knowledge to the farmers on various technical aspects. Besides the University will also train a group of twenty seed breeder farmers and also provide them the breeder seed for multiplication.

The farmers also spoke about various problems and difficulties of the farm sector including availability of good quality seed. They added that emphasis should be laid on the release of good varieties seed of different crops and availability of the same to the farmers. Prominent among those who spoke on the occasion were Sat Pal Singh Charak, S. Tejinder Singh, Kulbhushan Khajuria, Subash Rasgotra, Raghunandan Khajuria, Kishore Sharma, Kuldeep Sharma, Mohd. Yousaf, Baldev Singh and others. Dr. B.B. Gupta and Dr. Bhupesh Kumar Rice breeders also interacted with the progressive farmers.