

## National Seminar on Technology and Management of Micro-irrigation in Floriculture begins at SKUAST-Jammu



The Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST-J) in collaboration with the Department of Floriculture, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir Government organized two days National Seminar on “Technology and Management of Micro-irrigation in Floriculture” on 19-20<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 at its Main Campus, Chatha, Jammu. Division of Agricultural Engineering, SKUAST-Jammu coordinated the seminar. Dr. Nirmal Kumar Singh, Deputy Chief Minister of J&K State was the Chief Guest where as Dr. Pradeep K. Sharma Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J presided over the function. Dr. K.S.Risam, Director Extension welcomed the chief guest, dignitaries, officers of University and the line departments, delegates, farmers and students. He emphasized that this National Seminar will be very helpful to the farmers of Kandi areas of Jammu region. The programme started with lightening of lamp followed by recitation of Saraswati Vandhana.

Prof. P.K.Sharma, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor SKUAST-J in his address stressed that water which is becoming an increasingly scarce resource needs to be conserved and utilized efficiently. The adoption of micro-irrigation technology in floriculture helps to increase the irrigation efficiency with the limited water resources. He also impressed upon the farmers to go for commercial floriculture utilizing all the latest know how for harnessing maximum output per unit area.

Sh. K.K.Sharma, Director Floriculture presented before the house the scenario of floriculture in Jammu region. On this occasion various publications of the university viz., Abstract book, Package of practices of Flower crops, Fruit crops, Vegetable crops, Rabi/Kharif crops, Success stories of farmer entrepreneurship through KVK’s were released by the Hon’ble Chief Guest.

Dr. Nirmal Kumar Singh, Deputy Chief Minister in his address said that two combat the water scarcity in our country is one of the greatest challenges which has its impact on the livelihood of the farming community. The time has come to take stock of the research inputs and vision of various stake holders for identification of the knowledge gaps in formulation of the strategies for meeting the irrigation water requirements of farmers through optimum use of modern technologies. The progressive farmers of Jammu region were presented with certificate of honour and a memento. Dr. Sushil Sharma Convener of the National Seminar highlighted the importance of micro-irrigation vis-a-vis flower cultivation. At the end the vote of thanks was presented by Dr.Sushmita M. Dadhich, the organizing secretary of the National Seminar.