

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON IMPACT OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGIES BEGINS AT SKUAST-JAMMU

Two days National Conference of Maharashtra Society of Agricultural Economics on the theme “Impact of agricultural technologies in enhancing growth and income” being organised by Directorate of Extension, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu in collaboration with Division of Agricultural Economics and ABM, began today at SKUAST-J, Main Campus Chatha. Sh. Daljit Singh Chib, Vice Chairman (MoS), J&K State Advisory Board for the development of Kisans was the Chief Guest, Dr. Prakash Mahindre, President, Maharashtra Society of Agricultural Economics was the Guest of honour and Sh. Vijay Kumar, Chief General Manager NABARD, J&K was the special guest during the inaugural session of the Conference.

Speaking on the theme of the Conference, Sh. Daljit Singh Chib elaborated the importance of impact assessment in agriculture. He discussed the various schemes being implemented by the central and state government for the welfare of the farmers and emphasised upon the assessment of their impact on the livelihood of farmers. He expressed concerns about the disinterest of rural youth in agriculture sector and hoped that such conferences would be able to find out the solutions for their active engagement in agriculture through sharing of experiences on profitable enterprises and innovative methods.

Dr. Prakash Mahindre, President, MSAE gave brief description of the mandates of the Maharashtra Society of Agricultural Economics and discussed the goals of the National Conference being organised at SKUAST-Jammu. Sh. Vijay Kumar, CGM NABARD elaborated the efforts of his organisation for achieving the financial inclusion of the farmers. He also specified the need for impact assessment of institutional credit in terms of growth and development in agriculture sector. Earlier, Dr. R.K. Arora, Associate Director Extension & Incharge KVKs presented the welcome address and elaborate the schedule of the two days National Conference. He informed that more than 200 delegates/scholars from different parts of the country have registered for the Conference for sharing their research findings on important themes like impact of agricultural research and extension, economics of application of innovative methods in agriculture & integrated systems of management, New Dimensions of Agricultural Credit, Cooperation and Marketing and impact of farmers’ interventions, including success stories. Ten Lead papers on different themes of the conference will also be presented by eminent agricultural scientists, including Dr. Alka Singh, Professor, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, Dr. K.B. Patil, Vice President, Jain Irrigation Systems Ltd., Jalgaon, Dr. V.G. Nithya, Visiting Scientist, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, Hyderabad. Besides, more than 135 oral and 180 poster presentations will be delivered by the delegates during the Conference.

A Souvenir cum Compendium containing the lead papers and abstracts of the research findings and a success story published by KVK Reasi was also released on the occasion. Officers of the University including Dr. K.S. Risam, Director Extension, Dr. J.P. Sharma, Director Research, Dr. T.A.S. Ganai, Director Education, Dr. Deepak Kher, Director Planning & Monitoring, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dean FVSc. & AH, R.S. Pura were also present during the ceremony. The inaugural function ended with the vote of thanks presented by Dr. Pawan Kumar Sharma (Agril. Economist), organising chairman of the national conference.