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Press Release

Technology should cater the needs of farmers: VC SKUAST- Jammu



Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. J.P. Sharma inspecting demonstration units and field trials at Chatha

To take stock of University farm activities, Vice Chancellor SKUAST-Jammu, Prof. J.P. Sharma visited various demonstration units and field trials at Chatha on Friday. He was accompanied by Director Research, Dr. Jag Paul Sharma, Head, Division of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Dr. Bikram Singh, Head, Division of Agronomy, Dr. B.C Sharma, Nodal Officer Seed, Dr. Amrish Vaid and Head, Division of Soil Science and Incharge OFRC, Dr. Vikas Sharma. During his visit to technology park, he urged the scientists to identify such technologies that cater to the needs of farmers. He suggested that diffusion and adoption of newly developed and proven technologies among farmers is essential as these technologies addresses the needs of the farmers. He further urged upon the scientists to continuously work upon innovations so as to achieve the objectives of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. He directed

Division of Vegetable Science and Floriculture to organize vegetable and flower day and invite farmers and officers of Department of Agriculture and Horticulture to showcase University technology. He suggested the scientists to develop innovative agricultural development projects for funding under Atma Nirbhar Bharat. During his visit to Mega Seed Project, he advised Nodal Officer Seed, Dr. Amrish Vaid that quality of seed should be maintained during seed production. Prof. Sharma visited Mushroom Production Unit and interacted with students undergoing Experiential Learning Programme (ELP). He advised students to learn entrepreneurial skills of ELP. He also visited Organic Farming Research Centre (OFRC) where he inspected various experimental trials of *rabi* crops. He interacted with the scientists of OFRC and inquired about technological interventions being used by them on the farm. Prof. Sharma also visited field trials of Division of Agronomy, Fruit Sciences and Plant Breeding and Genetics and expressed his satisfaction over the performance of trials. He also interacted with the students undergoing Practical Crop Production Course of the Division. Besides, Prof. Sharma also visited Farming System Research Centre and Bee- Keeping Unit. Dr. Jag Paul Sharma, Director Research apprised VC SKUAST-Jammu that various field trials of cereal, oilseed, forage and fruit crops are undergoing at Chatha farm for testing their feasibility in Jammu Division. During the visit Dr. Hafeez Ahmad, Dr. N.P. Thakur, Dr. Amit Jasrotia, Dr. Tuhina Dey, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Sachin Gupta, Dr. Meenakshi Gupta, Dr. B. R. Bazaya, Dr. Neetu Sharma, Dr. Arti Sharma, Dr. Sushmita Dadhich, Dr. Sehar Masood, Dr. Deep Ji Bhat, Dr. Vishal Raina, Dr. Anjani Kumar Singh, Dr. J. S. Manhas, Dr. Narinder Panotra, Dr. Manpreet Kour, Dr. Raj Kumar and Dr. Subash Kashyap were also present.