Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu came into existence on 20th September, 1999 following the amendment in Sher-e-Kashmir university of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Act, 1982 through the State Legislature. The establishment of SKUAST of Jammu has in its background aspirations, commitment and missionary zeal to cater the needs of Jammu Division for the region specific advances through education, research and extension. With the generous and constant patronage of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor; Central & State Government and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, the University is marching ahead for increasing agricultural production and productivity with overall economic enhancement of farmers of Jammu division. SKUAST-J is a multi-campus university with it’s headquarter located at Chatha, Jammu. Since its inception, the University has grown with rapid pace in terms of infrastructure and human resource. The Campus at Chatha comprises of modern main faculty building housing 13 divisions, administrative block, Conference Hall, Central Library. The faculty of Agriculture at Chatha has 231.2 ha. Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry at R. S. Pura has 33.6 ha land holding with 17 divisions has full fledged academic block, modern veterinary clinical complex, a class room cum examination complex, library and hostel for boys and girls to cater the need of faculty and students undergoing various degree programmes in animal science disciplines. There are eight research stations/sub-stations and six KVKs in the university which are located in different agro-climatic zones of Jammu region of the state for catering to the location-specific needs of the farming community. The total land holding (including research stations/sub-stations and KVKs) of the university is 455.65 ha. University pursues high standard research through research projects funded by various central and state agencies.

MISSION

The Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu aspires to become a leading agriculture University in India with the mandate of serving the people of Jammu division, the State and the Nation.

MANDATE

Advancement of education in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Veterinary Sciences and other allied sectors.
Conduct basic, strategic and applied research in agriculture and allied sectors.
Dissemination of knowledge and technology to the farming community.
Collaborate with National and International organisations for enhancing the knowledge expertise and excellence for the well being of the people of Jammu and Kashmir in particular and the country in general.

JURISDICTION

SKUAST-Jammu has mandate to cater to the needs of the farming community falling under the territorial jurisdiction of Jammu province.
The area comprises of following agro-climatic zones:
- **Sub-tropical zone**: Kathua, Samba, Jammu, part of Udhampur and Rajouri.
- **Intermediate zone**: Parts of Rajouri, Udhampur, Poonch, Ramban and Kathua.
- **Temperate zone**: Parts of Poonch, Rajouri, Doda, Kathua, Ramban and Kishtwar.

**ACADEMICS**
At present the University is imparting education through three faculties and School of Biotechnology (self-fiananced) located at Chatha, Udheywala and R.S. Pura:
- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry
- Faculty of Post Graduate Studies
- School of Biotechnology

Apart from degree programme, in Agriculture and Veterinary, University offers Master programme in 15 disciplines of Agriculture and 17 disciplines of Veterinary Sciences. Whereas, Doctoral programme is offered in Agriculture and Veterinary faculties for 27 disciplines. The University with its meager financial resources and existing faculty strength has established the School of Biotechnology with the programmes of B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. The University has revised its Post Graduate curricula, both in Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences as per the guidelines issued by the education division ICAR. At under graduate level of Agriculture, revised curricula as per 4th Deans committee recommendation has been adopted. Similarly, for Veterinary Science curricula was revised as per Veterinary Council of India (VCI) recommendations. In additions to this, short-term job-oriented certificate courses have also been started. While the degree programmes are aimed at imparting higher education to society and people of the state, the certificate courses are aimed at increasing skill level and entrepreneurship of the common youth and farmers of the state.

**Students Profile (as on 15.10.2012)**

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**Scholarship**
The under graduate and postgraduate students are being awarded various scholarships.

**Educational Tour**
Educational tour are mandatory for under graduate students to gain the benifit of exposure to Agricultural Education and Research Centres at National levels. The Under Graduate students undertake education tour in 3rd year for B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture and 4th year for B.V.Sc. & A.H.

**RAWE PROGRAMME**
The Rural Agriculture Work Experience (RAWE) programme provide the students practical experience so that the graduates can respond to the real life situation in their profession. The activities undertaken under RAWE programme are: Techno-economic survey (2 weeks), Soil and water sample collection and analysis (2 weeks), Plant clinic (3 weeks), Attachment to agro-industry (2 weeks) and rural experience in terms of Attachment (9 weeks) with farmers in village. The students are paid a stipend during this period.

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME**
Students of B.V.Sc. & A.H. are exposed to internship programme for a period of 6 months in the 10th semester. The student are paid internship allowances during this period.

**LIBRARY**
The University has a central library at main campus Chatha and faculty library at R. S. Pura campus. The university library is wi-fi enabled, having access to 2900 online journals through CeRA consortium, other open access databases and internet services. The Central library also has e-Kiosk facility for accessing the database of literature. The university has around 26468 books, 85 periodicals and 550 dissertations. The Central library at Chatha and faculty library at R. S. Pura are equipped with 30 KWA Solar Power back-up.

**STUDENTS RADIANCE**
- Talent display activities.
- Counselling and career advice.

**Facilities for Student activities**
Indoor games like TT, Carom, Ludo, Chess etc., Reading room and a cafeteria. Outdoor sports Cricket, Football, Volley Ball, Badminton, Athletics etc. Gymnasium for hostel boarders. Conference hall for literary-cultural events.
Hostel Facilities
Separate hostels for boys and girls.
Spacious and well-furnished dining hall, common room, lawn, courtyard, CTV with cable/dish connection etc., have also been provided in the hostels.
Facilities for indoor games like table tennis, chess, ludo, and carom boards, also have been made available.

Students' Placement and Counselling Cell
Provide information for various scholarships and employment avenues.
Updating of students' knowledge through information bulletins from prestigious national and international institutes of repute.
Awareness about anti-ragging legislature.

Extra Curricular Activities
The students of the university have participated in a number of cultural activities and youth programmes. Some of the important ones are mentioned below.
Awareness rallies in commemoration of World AIDS day organized.
Red Ribbon Club participated in awareness rally.
Awareness on HIV/AIDS was organized during Kissan Mela.
Cultural Activities & Youth Programmes Organized under “Display Your Talent”.
Student participation in various inter-university and national programmes like Youth Leadership Camp, National Debate Competition, Observance of Communal Harmony campaign and Sadhbhavna Divas.

Medical facilities
Medical facilities are available to the students, faculty members and university staff at both the campuses of the university.
Medicines and clinical laboratory tests are Free for students and boarders.
Two fully equipped ambulances for shifting of patients.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
Research in the SKUAST-Jammu is being carried out by the faculty placed under Faculty of Agriculture at Chatha/ Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, R. S. Pura and by the scientists working at different research stations/sub-stations/centers, spread over various agro-climatic zones i.e., low altitude sub-tropical and mid to high altitude intermediate zone of the Jammu division.

Research Stations/ Sub-Stations/ Centre
- Regional Agricultural Research Station, Rajouri
- Maize Breeding Research Sub Station, Poonch
- Regional Horticultural Research Sub Station, Bhaderwah
- Rainfed Horticultural Research Sub Station, Raya
- Dry Land Research Sub Station, Dhinsar
- Pulses Research Sub-Station, Samba
- Maize Research Centre, Udhampur
- Seed Production Farm, Chakroi
- Water Management Research Centre, Chatha
- Farming System Research Centre, Chatha
- Farmers friendly participatory research activity, Karrlaha (Chenani)

Research Achievements

Crop Improvement
Four varieties of rice (Saanwal Basmati, Ranbir Basmati, Basmati 564 & SJR5), three varieties of wheat (RSP-303, RSP-81 & RSP-561), five varieties of oilseeds (Gobhi sarson: DGS-1, Raya:RSPR-01, RSPR-03, Toria: RSPT-1 & RSPT-2) and one gram variety in pulses (SCS-3) have been released.

Crop Production
Determination of Annual Moisture Index and climate characterization of Jammu region using Geographical Information System.
System (GIS).
Participatory technology developed for the cultivation, inducing flowering and fruiting in olive.
Popularization of round the year cultivation of button mushroom, oyster mushroom (dhingri) and milky mushroom species in Jammu.
For crop intensification and diversification various sequences instead of rice wheat crop rotation have been tested and recommended which include Rice-Marigold-French Bean, Rice – Potato-Onion, Rice-Cabbage onion and maize+ Black gram –Potato –onion.
Successful fruiting of nectarine an exotic fruit has been achieved and technology for its cultivation is now available.

**Crop Protection**
Eco-friendly management of insect-pests and diseases of economically important crops has successfully been attempted
Pomegranate butterfly has been successfully managed by three weekly releases of *Trichogrammaembryophagum* (1.5 lakh/ha) in wild pomegranate (Anardana) cultivation in the intermediate zones of Jammu.
The spread of *Verrao destructor* mite resulted in decline of 80-90% of colonies i.e., from more than 30,000 to 7,000 only. Oxalic acid (3.5%) has been found to control mites successfully up to 90 per cent.
Application of biocontrol agents (*Ampelomyces quisqualis* and *Trichoderma* spp.) @ 5% before fruit-set and at 10-15 day intervals has been found effective against powdery mildew of ber.
Gladiolus corm treatment with resident isolate of *Trichoderma* sp. followed by soil drenching with carbendazim (0.1%) at 15 days interval reduced wilt up to 56%.

**Animal production and management**
Backyard poultry has been encouraged to meet the egg shortage because of high cost of egg production in temperate zones.
Urea-molasses multi-nutrient blocks enriched with area specific mineral mixture has been developed for amelioration of macro and micronutrient imbalances in cross-bred cattle, buffaloes, sheep and goats in various districts of Jammu.
Recipes developed for utilization of spent hen meat in preparation of chicken kabab.
The pharmacokinetics of various antimicrobial drugs in animals has been worked out for their safe and judicious use.

**ON GOING EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**All India Coordinated Projects**
- All India Coordinated rice improvement project, Chatha
- Farming System Research Centre, Chatha
- All India Coordinated project on wheat and barley, Chatha
- Water Management Research Centre, Chatha
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Chickpea, Samba
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology, Chatha
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Dryland Research, Dhiansar
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Maize, Udhampur
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Rapeseed and Mustard, Chatha
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Honey bee and pollinators, Chatha
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Onion and Garlic, Chatha (Voluntary Centre)
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Weed control, Chatha (Voluntary Centre)
- All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Vegetables, Chatha (Voluntary Centre)

**Department of Bio-Technology (DBT)**
- Isolation, characterization and multiplication of bioagents for management of wilt disease in solanaceous crop in Jammu
- Morphometry and Phylogeography of honeybees and stingless bees in India
- Breeding and Management strategies in Dairy Animals for Socio-Economic upliftment of rural women
- Androgensis Mediated Interogression of Fruit and Shoot Borer (*Leucinodes orbonalis*) Resistant Genes into Cultivated Eggplant (*Solanum melongena*)
- Popularization of lac cultivation through large scale demonstrations and trainings in Jammu and Kashmir
- Assessment of genetic diversity using molecular markers of basmati rice and in situ conservation through participatory approach
- Bovine Cryptosporidiosis and its Zoonotic Potential in Jammu District

**Department of Science & Technology**
- Popularization of bio-fertilizers in rainfed areas of Jammu division for sustainable agriculture development
- Improving the productivity of traditional agricultural system in Rajouri with Scientific Intervention
- Mechanism Controlling the Metalaxyl Induced Developmental toxicity with Special Reference to Reproduction Indices in Wistar Rats
- Effect of non-insecticidal agrochemicals on growth and development of insect pests
- Diversity analysis of *Pseudomonas Fluorescens* and its utilization in disease suppression and nutrient management
- Socioeconomic upliftment of women farmers through backyard poultry farming
- Determining genetic diversity among common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris L.*) genotypes and assessment for water stress tolerance
Indian Council of Agricultural Research
Seed Production in Agricultural crops and Fisheries
Enhancement of livelihood security through farming systems and related farm enterprises in north-west Himalayas
Molecular basis of capacitation like cryodamage during Cryopreservation of bovine spermatozoa (Buffalo and crossbreeds)
National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (AICRPDA-NICRA)
Vulnerable assessment of major food crop production zones to climate variability in major rainfed crops zones (AICRPAM-NICRA)
National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (AICRPDA-NICRA-Component-II)
Veterinary Type Culture Collection (VTCC) National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar
Climate change on Lac crop performance (NICRA)
National Information System on Agricultural Network (NISAGENET) ICAR activity
Serological diversity of D. nodosus/validation work of vaccine against virulent footrot (NAIP)

Ministry of Earth Science (MES)
Agro Advisory Services (Jammu)

Ministry of Food Processing, Govt. of India
Seed capital assistance for running food processing training centre

Ministry of Agriculture Sciences, Govt. of India
Scaling up of Water Productivity in Agriculture for Livelihoods through Teaching-cum-Demonstration, Training of Trainers and Farmers (SWPA)

Indian Immunological limited (Hyderabad)
Evaluation of Tick-Mid-Gut Vaccine

Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
Soil carbon polls assessment under national carbon project

National Innovation Foundation, Ahmedabad
Documentation, Validation and Extension of suitable package of practices of Indigenous Technical Knowledge and Practices (ITKs) in treatment of various ailments of Livestock in Jammu Division of J&K State

Indian Council Medical Research
Important Emerging Zoonotic Disease of Equines Used for Tourism and Pilgrimage in Jammu and Kashmir

Indian Meteorology Department
Yield forecasting for maize, wheat and mustard in low altitude subtropical region of Jammu under FASAL

Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Department of Higher Education
All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE)

Horticulture Technology Mission (ICAR)
Production of quality planting material for subtropical fruits
Production of quality planting material for ornamental crops in Jammu
Establishment of Root stock and Budwood banks at SKUAST-J
Development and promotion of integrated pest and weed management module in important vegetable crops of Jammu
Construction of a rain water harvesting tank for evaluation and demonstration of supplemental benefits for horticultural crops in Rajouri
Site specific analysis and management of nutrient in fruit growing areas of Jammu for precision horticulture
High density orcharding of mango and guava in Jammu subtropics
Promotion of year round mushroom cultivation for self employment in Jammu Division
Trench cultivation of vegetables as livelihood security in perennial river beds of Jammu
Training & demonstration on rejuvenation of old/unproductive orchards in Jammu sub-tropics
Seed production of hybrid and open pollinated varieties of vegetables under the mid hill conditions of Jammu
Promotion of biological control a key component of management soil-borne pathogens for sustainable horticulture in Jammu province of J&K state
Determination of quality and harvest maturity for commercially grown fruit crops in Jammu subtropics
Technology refinement and dissemination of ginger and turmeric in Jammu region
Standardization/refinement of production technologies for cultivation of hybrid vegetables in Jammu region
Establishment of additional rootstock and budwood bank and virus indexing facilities at Bhaderwah and their large scale multiplication
Post harvest value addition of subtropical fruits and vegetables for women empowerment in Jammu region

National Horticulture Board
Establishment of Mother plan nursery for high pedigree planting material for fruit crops.

National Informatics Centre, Centrally sponsored (Govt. of India)
National Knowledge Network (NKN)

EXTENSION EDUCATION
Directorate of Extension Education undertakes the effective dissemination of latest technical information and technologies developed by the scientists to farmers and entrepreneurs. This Directorate disseminates the information developed through the rigorous and scientific research available with Directorate of Research and various divisions of Faculty of Agriculture & Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & A.H.
The main responsibilities/functions of the Directorate of Extension Education are:

To Plan and execute extension education activities of the University.
To coordinate extension education activities among Divisions of two Faculties, Research Stations, Sub-Stations, KVKs etc. of the University.
To act as a strong liaison between university scientists and allied developmental departments, national & international institutes and farming community for developing demand driven technologies.
To timely transfer the innovative/ proven technologies through KVKs.
To supplement and complement the efforts of state development departments through elite/ frontline/limited extension work.

An Institution for sustainable agriculture for food and nutritional security
Organizing training programmes for officers, farmers and unemployed/rural youth.
Organizing skilled demonstrations, on farm trials, exhibitions, fairs, kissan melas etc.
Communicating/updated farm information through package of practices, books, booklets, leaflets, folders, posters, bulletins, pamphlets and through print and electronic media
Farm Advisory services.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra
The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) are innovative science based institutions which have been established to impart vocational and skill training to farmers and field level extension workers not only in agriculture and allied sectors but also in other income generating activities like value addition, fruit preservation, canning, milk preservation, dairy farming, bee keeping, mushroom cultivation etc. that may supplement the income of farm families. Six KVKs of the university are functioning for the upliftment of farming community, women empowerment and generation of employment for rural youth through different trainings aimed at development of entrepreneurship. Three more KVKs are in the process of establishment.
The activities of extension education (exclusively primarily being carried out by faculty members of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs). The university at present has got following KVKs.

KVK Kathua  KVK Jammu  KVK Rajouri
KVK Poonch  KVK Reasi  KVK Doda

Major workshops and meetings organized by Directorate of Extension
- Zonal Research & Extension Advisory Committee Meetings
- Monthly Officers’ Workshops
- Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meetings of KVKs
- Capacity Building Programme on Future Commodity Markets
- Agri-Enclave on Livestock Management
- Dealers and Retailers Orientation Programme
- Short-term trainings on Sericulture for field functionaries
  - Incubation and chawki rearing of silkworm
  - Diseases of Silkworm and their management
  - Late age rearing, ripening of silkworm, seri-position, harvesting and storage of cocoons
  - Role of silkworm seed production technology in sericulture
  - Management of diseases and insect pests of mulberry
  - Mulberry maintenance and cultural operations

Transfer of Technology and Trainings/Demonstration
The university has started village visit programme on weekly basis to address the on-spot problems of farmers. This has generated significant impact among farmers.
The university is actively involved in dissemination of latest scientific technologies by holding training programmes on crop production, crop protection, entrepreneurship development and livelihood security, value addition of agricultural produce and animal health to make farmers aware about the latest know-how and do-how of agro-techniques.

SAMETI: Directorate of Extension is also functioning as State Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute, Jammu (SAMETI-J). SAMETI has been organising annual trainings as per the needs of the field functionaries.

International and National linkages of University
The university has developed strong linkages with national and international organizations with a view to harness the information, materials, expertise and exchange of scientists and student visits. MoUs have been signed by the university with the national and international organizations. Very recently, the University has signed MoU with Cornell University, USA to facilitate the exchange of new technologies of mutual interest, students and the faculty.
For excellence in research, teaching and HRD, university has signed MOU with following institutes:
- Cornell University, USA.
- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.
- National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana.
- CSK HP Agricultural University, Palampur, HP.

Convocations of SKUAST-Jammu
Sher-e-Kashmir university of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu has organized three convocations so far held on 17th May 2004, 26th May 2008 and 4th March 2011 with Dr. Mangla Rai then DG. ICAR, Smt. Prathiba Devi Singh Patil then President of India and Dr. Manmohan Singh Prime Minister of India as the chief guests respectively.

Publications
The university brings out periodical formal publications like Annual Report covering new technologies, innovations and progress on various researchable issues. News letter of the university gives an update of new achievements and ongoing activities. Other publications include Accreditation Report, Regulations of Education, Package of Practices, various technical bulletins, brochures, folders and CDs portraying the significant academic activities, research
findings and extension materials for dissemination to farmers, stakeholders and resource personnel.

**Future Thrust Areas**

**Researchable Issues**

**Agriculture**

- Breaking yield barriers through exploitation of heterosis by developing hybrids
- Biotechnological interventions by gene pyramiding, marker aided selection for biotic, abiotic and quality traits to achieve self-sufficiency in quality food.
- Bio-chemical prospecting of medicinal and aromatic plants
- Sustainability of cropping system by resource conservation technologies, refinement of machines, diversification/intensification, water and nutrient use efficiency
- Improving soil health by characterization of arable land and soil fertility mapping at block level, correction of micro-nutrient deficiencies/toxicity and balanced use of fertilizers.
- Promotion of bio-agents for eco-friendly management of pests and diseases
- Preparedness for climate change, global warming and resilient agriculture models
- Promotion of fodder crop production, silvipasture and wastelands utilization to meet the shortage of feed and fodder
- Scientific management of animals in view of climate change scenario
- Encouragement of farmers to rear poultry birds, meat producing sheep and goat breeds to meet the growing local demand of meat and eggs

**Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry**

- Improvement of local breeds of buffaloes, sheep and goats through embryo transfer technology
- Epidemiological mapping of diseases in livestock of region
- Strengthening of dairy industry through “Clean Milk Production” and establishing milk plants in all hilly districts
- Promotion of fodder crop production, silvipasture and wastelands utilization to meet the shortage of feed and fodder
- Scientific management of animals in view of climate change scenario

**Establishment of Centres of Excellence**

- Advance Centre for Animal Biotechnology.
- Advance Centre for Organic Agriculture.
- Centre of Advanced Studies on Biopesticides/ Biofertilizers.
- School of Human Resources Development.
- School of Resource Management.
- School of Innovative Crop Improvement Technologies.
- Advance Centre for Farm Modeling.
- Advance Centre for Disease Diagnosis.

**Creation of New Faculties**

- Faculty of Basic Sciences & Biotechnology.
- Faculty of Forestry & Horticulture.
- Faculty of Dairy Technology.
- Faculty of Agriculture Engineering.
- Faculty of Home Sciences.
- Faculty of Fisheries.

**Infrastructure Development**

- Seed storage godown
- Seed storage laboratories
- Faculty block
- School of Biotechnology
- Fish pond

**Renovation of the existing guest house facilities**

- Girls hostel
- Information technology centre
- Protected cultivation
- Instructional farm
- Auditorium
- Modernisation research farm
- Directorate of Extension
- Estate Division
- Examination hall complex
- International Guest House
- Lecture Theatres
- Health Centre

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**Budget**

The University operated a budget of Rs 8990.87 lacs during the year 2011-12.

**New Initiatives**

University Council in its 8th Meeting held on 28.09.2012 has approved the establishment of School of Agri Business Management. The first batch of MBA in ABM is likely to be started from January, 2013.

**University Accreditation**

Upon the recommendation of the ICAR Peer Review Team and Education Division, and on meeting the minimum accreditation criteria, the Accreditation Board has granted accreditation to the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu, Jammu and its following constituent faculties for five years i.e. up to November 16, 2016.

- Faculty of Post Graduate Studies, Jammu
- Faculty of Agriculture, Chatha, Jammu
- Faculty of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, R.S.Pura, Jammu

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