About the Course:
To meet the food requirements of ever-burgeoning Indian population, it is necessary to diversify the sources of food. Mushroom cultivation holds the promise of solving this problem as it recycles agricultural wastes into easily digestible source of protein, excellent source of minerals and various novel compounds of medicinal value. High benefit cost ratio, easy and cheap availability of agrowastes and congenial weather conditions make adoption of mushroom cultivation a lucrative enterprise and source of societal development. Cultivation of mushrooms using low production technologies which are labour intensive can provide ample employment potential to unemployed youth and rural women folk and also augment their income. Because of low capital investment it is affordable for everyone to take mushroom cultivation/farming as an enterprise. Mushroom farming if done in proper manner and with utmost care can become an established and profitable enterprise. Availability of quality spawn is the major hurdle to growth of mushroom industry, so there is a need to motivate and train unemployed youth to take up spawn production as an enterprise so that they can act as the supplier of spawn to the mushroom growers. Through this course, extension professionals shall be trained in both theoretical as well as practical aspects of mushroom cultivation and spawn production so that they can act as master trainers to motivate farmers for taking up mushroom cultivation and spawn production. Development of entrepreneurs for mushroom cultivation and spawn production and promotion of round the year mushroom cultivation for improving the socio-economic status of farming community forms the core of the training course.

Objective:
The major objective of the course is to sensitize field-level officers to motivate farmers, unemployed youth and rural women to take up mushroom cultivation and spawn production as an enterprise.

Content:
The course will cover theoretical lectures, practical demonstrations and visits to mushroom farms and spawn production laboratories.

Who can Apply?
The training course is for State, Regional and District level officers and Extension personnel of State Department of Agriculture, ICAR, SAUs, KVKs etc.

Training Style:
Training will be a blend of sessions on theoretical concepts, practical exercises as well as study tours to mushroom farms and spawn production laboratories. The training sessions will facilitate interactive and experiential learning. Emphasis will be laid upon participatory methodology, discussion and group work.

Course Faculty:
The core team responsible for the organisation of the course is Dr. Sachin Gupta (Course Director) and Dr. Anil Gupta (Technical Director). Faculty and experts in various aspects of mushroom cultivation and spawn production will be invited from the host institute as well as from other reputed organizations to cover the topics of course curriculum.

Date and Duration:
The duration of the model training course will be of eight days from December 19 - 26, 2018.

Accommodation and Travel
Free boarding and lodging shall be provided at the Institute to all the participants. The travel expenses of participants sponsored by State Development Departments shall be reimbursed as per their entitlement and GOI norms on production of valid tickets restricted to a maximum of 2nd AC Sleeper Charges. However, TA/DA of organizations viz. ICAR, SAUs, KVKs etc. shall be borne by their respective organization / institute.

Application Form
“Entrepreneurship Development through Spawn Production & Mushroom Cultivation”
(December 19 – 26, 2018)

1. Full name in (Block letters): 
2. Designation: 
3. Present employer and address:  
4. Address to which reply should be sent (in block letters)  
5. Permanent Address  
6. Date of Birth  
7. Sex M/F  
8. Nature of work and experience  
9. List your training needs:  
10. Accommodation: Required/ Not required  
11. Academic record
Venue:
Division of Plant Pathology,
Faculty of Agriculture, SKUAST Jammu, Chatha.

How to Apply:
Nominations in the prescribed application form (enclosed) may be sent to
Dr. Sachin Gupta,
Course Director and Associate Professor,
Division of Plant Pathology, FoA, SKUAST Jammu,
Chatha-180009 (J&K) at the earliest possible through email to
sachinmoni@gmail.com

Last date for sending nominations:
December 10, 2018

The applicant should proceed for training only after receiving conformation from us through e-mail / telephone.

Important Numbers:
9419160299 (Dr. Sachin Gupta)
9906082004 (Dr. Anil Gupta)

About the Institute:
Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST – Jammu) came into existence on the 20th September, 1999. SKUAST – J is a multi-campus university with its headquarter located at Chatha, Jammu. The faculty of Agriculture (FOA) Chatha possess 231.2 ha area. The faculty has 13 divisions encompassing teaching, research and extension in the major area of agriculture and horticulture. The faculty is also imparting various trainings to the farmers and field functionaries in collaboration with Directorate of Research.

The Division of Plant Pathology has been involved in imparting instructions to UG and PG courses to develop human resources in the field of plant Pathology and in the various aspects of Mushroom Sciences. SKUAST-Jammu headquarters at Chatha Jammu, is 5 km from the Jammu Airport, 12 km from Jammu Railway Station and 15 km from the main bus stand.

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