

Training of Trainers programme on ‘Smart Sheep Breeder Application’ begins at SKUAST-Jammu



Under the able guidance and leadership of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, a two days Training of Trainers (ToT) Programme on “Data Recording and Evaluation through Smart Sheep Breeder Application” begins at SKUAST-Jammu.

Dr.M.S. Bhadwal, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, R.S. Pura was the Chief Guest during the inaugural session of the programme. In his address, he congratulated the trainees Veterinary Assistant Surgeons of Sheep Husbandry department for being selected for this training programme who have come from different districts of Jammu division. He said that data recording and maintaining performance records for flock is one of the foremost needs for successful farming. Data recording in mutton production is essential for efficient management, genetic improvement, disease control, reproduction management, and regulatory compliance. He, further said that this training programme aims to create sensitization and awareness about the data recording and breeding values and efficient data recording system through Smart Sheep Breeder (SSB), an ICT facility. Smart Sheep Breeder (SSB) is an artificial intelligence based online tool, which has been developed to ease the cumbersome task of data management at the sheep breeding farms of Jammu and Kashmir, keeping in view their basic requirements. SSB is a digital tool which helps in efficient farm management. SSB is simple and easy to use tool for accurate data entry, automatic analysis, and lucid interpretation.

At the outset, Dr. B. Brahma, Convenor cum Professor LPM, FVSc&AH, welcomed the Chief Guest and gave details of the activities to be conducted during the two days training programme.

Prof. J.S. Soodan, Dean, Faculty of Dairy Technology, HoDs, Convenors, Co-Organizing Secretaries, Committee members, other teaching & non-teaching staffs and post graduate students of F.V.Sc& A.H were present during the inaugural session. Dr. Dibyendu Chakraborty, Organising Secretary cum Assistant Professor, Div. of AGB, extended vote of thanks, while proceedings of the programme was coordinated by Dr. Faiza, a PhD Scholar.