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Subject: Proceedings of ZREAC meeting for Kharif season 2024-25.

As approved by the Competent Authority, please find enclosed herewith a copy of minutes of the Zonal Research & Extension Advisory Committee (ZREAC) meeting for Kharif season 2024-25 held in the Conference Hall of SKUAST-Jammu at Main Campus, Chatha on **02.07.2024** for favour of kind information and further necessary action.

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- Director Research, Administrative Block, SKUAST-J, Chatha
- Director Agriculture, Department of Agriculture Production & Farmer's Welfare, Talab Tillo, Jammu
- Director Horticulture, Department of Horticulture, Talab Tillo, Jammu
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- Director, Department of Sericulture, Jammu
- Director, Department of Fisheries, Jammu
- Director Animal Husbandry, Directorate of Animal Husbandry, Talab Tillo, Jammu
- Director Sheep Husbandry, Directorate of Sheep Husbandry, Jammu
- Dean FoA/FBSc/FVSc. & A.H/FoH &F/FoDT/FoAE with the request to circulate among all the HODs under their administrative control.
- Chief Scientist, WMRC, Chatha
- Nodal Officer, mega Seed Project, Chatha
- Sr. Scientist & Head KVK Jammu/ Reasi/Kathua /Samba/Rajouri /Poonch /Doda /Kishtwar/Ramban.
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- SVC for kind information of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu

Minutes of ZREAC meeting for Kharif 2024

Zonal Research and Extension Advisory Committee (ZREAC) meeting for Kharif season was held on 2nd July, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Dr. B.N. Tripathi, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST Jammu. Among other members, Dr. Sanjay Khar, Director Planning & Monitoring, Dr. Anil Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. Vikas Tandon, Dean Faculty of Horticulture & Forestry, Dr. Sushil Sharma, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Engineering, Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi, Dean Faculty of Basic Sciences, Dr. M.S. Bhadwal, Dean Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, Dr. J. S. Soodan, Dean Faculty of Dairy Technology, Heads of Divisions of all faculties, Senior Scientists and Heads of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Scientists incharge Research Stations, Joint directors (Agriculture), Chief Agriculture Officers, Chief Horticulture Officers as well as other district officers from Agriculture, Horticulture, Floriculture, Sericulture and CAD were present in the meeting.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor released two booklets on Package of Practices for Kharif season and Cultivation of kalazeera in Jammu region. Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in his address welcome all the Directors and officers of the university and line departments.

Dr. Amrish Vaid, Director Extension endorsed the cooperation of the line departments for fulfilling the mandates of extension in Jammu region. He welcomed all the officers of the university and line departments. He also briefed about the achievements of the university. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Director Research presented the overview of the research activities of the university and discussed the potential varieties and technologies available for demonstrations on farmer's fields.

Sh. A. S. Reen, Director Agriculture acknowledged the support of the university in sorting out the various problems at the farmer's fields. He raised the issue of the standardization of the fodder varieties suitable in our agro-climatic conditions and also nutritional evaluation of different varieties of maize for silage making.

(Action: Division of LFC, Division of Animal Nutrition, F.V.Sc. & A.H.)



While raising the issue of availability of seed of new varieties recommended for different crops, he requested to ensure the availability of seeds of newly released and recommended varieties. He also requested to recommend the best variety for the particular zone/region.

(Action: Dean FoA)

While informing about the benefits of the pink brinjal and its demand among the consumers, he raised the issue of evaluation of different varieties of pink brinjal and their recommendation for the department and further development of protocol for their genotypic testing to check adulteration.

(Action: Division of Vegetable Science, FoHF and Institute of Biotechnology)

While raising the issue of Fall Army Worm, he requested to make more effective IPM practices (cultural, mechanical and botanicals) against the insect in fields. He further requested to provide Rajmash germplasm so that farmers can grow Baderwah Rajmash in any region of the state.

(Action: Dr. Reena, Chief Scientist, ACRA, Dhiansar and Division of Entomology, Dean, FoA)

Further, he raised the issue of discolouration in paddy variety JB-118 and sought for its management strategies.

(Action: Division of Plant Breeding & Genetics, FoA Chatha)

While speaking on the various aspects of vegetable and spices production, he requested for recommending new, improved and promising varieties of turmeric.

(Action: Division of Vegetable Science & Floriculture, FoA, Chatha)

While raising the issue of different courses for the farmers, he requested the HVC to reduce the time period of courses for providing fertilizers licenses to the farmers and also requested to start courses for obtaining certificates to apply for dealership of pesticides.

(Action: Director Extension, FoA, Chatha)



Sh. C.L. Sharma, Director Horticulture requested for developing PoP for apple crop especially for the temperate region of the Jammu division, since last few years new apple varieties have been introduced in the region. Further, he also emphasized upon the problem of fruit cracking in *litchi* and development of new management practices for the same.

(Action: Dean FoHF)

While discussing the problems of strawberry farmers, he requested for developing good quality packaging material to improve the shelf life of the fruit. Further, he raised the issue of development of the standardization technique for M9 apple root stock for its multiplication and further availability to the farmers. He also raised the problem of lack of aroma and presence of sourness in apricot varieties being grown in the Jammu region and requested for breeding interventions in these varieties to improve the taste, aroma in the apricot varieties. He also requested to develop PoP for HRMN-99 summer apple varieties.

(Action: Director Institute of Biotechnology & Dean FoHF)

Sh. A.K. Sharma, Additional Director, Sericulture requested to provide PoP to control disease problems in mulberry and further requested to evaluate and recommend high yielding mulberry varieties.

(Action: Division of Sericulture & Department of Sericulture)

Asif Majeed, TO Director Animal Husbandry requested to initiate capsule courses for the farmers and paravets on artificial insemination, novel nutritional strategies, value addition of milk and meat. Further, he requested to develop low cost kits for detection of production diseases like ketosis for the benefit of the farming community.

(Action: Dean F.V.Sc. & A.H.)

He also raised the issue of acute shortage of fodder in Jammu division and requested to recommend high yielding fodder crop varieties. He further emphasized upon the need to preserve the gene pool of local livestock.

(Action: Dean, FVSc. & AH, R.S. Pura)

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Sh. Vikrant Kumar Sharma, Floriculture officer requested to develop high yielding and drought resistant varieties of marigold. Further, he requested to develop marigold varieties for temperate region as well as assuring the availability of low cost seed for the same.

(Action: Dean FoHF)

While discussing the problems of the floriculture farmers, he further requested to initiate capsule courses for the farmers of the Ramban and Udhampur districts.

(Action: Director Extension; KVK Ramban)

Sh. Anil Gorka, CHO Ramban raised the issue of PoP for Anardhana especially drying of anardhana. He requested to provide the post damage precautions due to heavy rain and hailstorm damage.

(Action: Dr.Parshant Bakshi & Dean Agril. Engineering)

Sh. Pankaj Verma, DO (SMS) requested for the visit of the team of horticulture experts to mango farms to resolve the issue of mango malformation/mango citrus cracking.

(Action: Director Extension, Dean FoHF)

While discussing the problems of the floriculture farmers he requested to initiate training programmes for the floriculture farmers on value addition of the flowers.

(Action: I/c KVK Reasi)

Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. B.N. Tripathi passed the concluding remarks and instructed the following-

- Directed for developing PoP for apple crop especially for the temperate region of the Jammu division.

(Action: Dean FoHF)

- He also directed line departments to present their agendas.

(Action: Line Departments)

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- He also directed to present district-wise purview of the different activities being undertaken in agriculture & allied sectors in Jammu division.

(Action: Director Research)

Rapporteurs:

Dr. Saurav Gupta *Saurav Gupta*

Dr. Vijay Kumar Sharma *Vijay Sharma*