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SKUAST-TAJ Delegation calls on Deputy Chief Minister, Demand Additional Faculties



SKUAST-TAJ President Dr. Vikas Sharma and others submitting memorandum to Hon'ble Deputy CM

Jammu, March 19: A delegation of SKUAST-Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) led by its President Dr. Vikas Sharma met Deputy Chief Minister, Dr. Nirmal Singh at his residence today and submitted a memorandum regarding strengthening of research stations and sanction of additional faculties to SKUAST-Jammu. President SKUAST-TAJ Dr. Vikas Sharma informed the Dy. CM that teaching association will welcome the decision of State Govt. to establish more universities in the J&K State, but it will not be acceptable at

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the cost of research centers / faculties of SKUAST-Jammu. He said that SKUAST – Jammu is working in its infancy stage from the last 17 years and there is a need to strengthen this only farm varsity of the Jammu region rather than to disturb its status. “Bifurcation will paralyse and impede the functioning of this already existing / acclaimed Agricultural University”, said TAJ president

Dr. Vikas informed the Minister that on one side the proposal of SKUAST-Jammu for much required additional faculties *viz.*, Faculty of Horticulture, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Faculty of Dairy Technology has been made hostage by State Govt. to the process of seeking repeated queries from the last 12 years and on the other side, Govt is planning to snatch already established Research Centres of SKUAST-J. He further informed that SKUAST-J is running with only two faculties namely Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Veterinary Sciences from the last 18 years whereas SKUAST-K possesses seven faculties to its credit.

After giving a patient hearing to SKUAST-J teachers, Dr. Nirmal Singh said that for the overall development of Jammu Division and to address time to time demands of farming community, there is a need to strengthen the only farm varsity of the region. Further, he assured full support to SKUAST-Jammu from present State Govt. The deputation comprised of Dr. Vivek M. Arya - General Secretary, Dr. P.K. Rai - Joint Secretary, Dr. Devinder Sharma - Publicity Secretary, Dr. Rajeev Bharat-Treasurer and Dr. Rohit Sharma-Executive Member from Doda Unit



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