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# SKUAST-TAJ urges Agriculture Minister for Sanction of Additional Faculties



**SKUAST-TAJ President Dr. Vikas Sharma and others submitting memorandum to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture**

Jammu, April 03: SKUAST-Teaching Association Jammu (SKUAST-TAJ) under the leadership of its president Dr. Vikas Sharma called on Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura at Civil Secretariat today and submitted a memorandum

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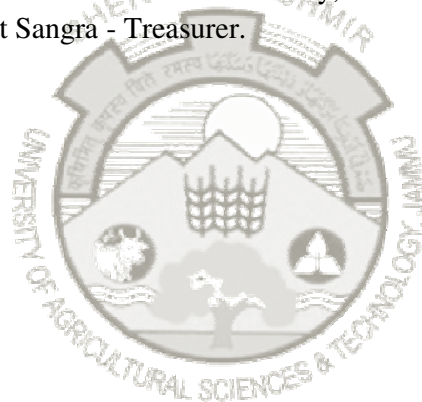
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regarding sanction of much required additional faculties of SKUAST-Jammu.. In the course of their half an hour interaction, the Hon' ble Minister and the SKUAST-TAJ members discuss various important issues related to the teaching, research and extension of the varsity.

The President SKUAST-TAJ, Dr. Vikas Sharma apprised the Minister that opening of Faculty of Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Horticulture, Faculty of Dairy Technology is the need of the hour which will increase the flow of students in the Institution, but the formal proposal for sanction of these faculties has been hanging in fire and is still awaiting nod of the Agriculture Production / Planning Department from the last 13 years reasons best known to the persons at the helm of affairs in the Government administration. Dr. Vikas Sharma informed that the university has been vigorously pursuing the matter and replied of all the queries with regard to required staff strength and budget estimates for the response of concerned authorities, but there is zero progress on the matter as the state Govt. has not sanctioned these faculties till date.

Dr Vivek.M Arya, General Secretary of association informed the Minister that teaching association will welcome the decision of State Govt. to establish new universities in the J&K State, but it will not be acceptable at 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 and flourishing day by day and there is no need to disturb the status of this only established farm varsity of Jammu Division.. “Bifurcation will paralyse and impede the functioning of this already existing / acclaimed Agricultural University”, said TAJ Secretary .

The Minister while appreciating the efforts of agriculture scientists showed concern for the strengthening of existing research stations and advised TAJ team to continuously strive for achieving excellence in teaching, research and ensure dissemination of latest technologies among the farming community to enable them to improve productivity in agriculture and its allied sectors. The deputation comprised of Dr. P.K. Rai - Joint Secretary, Dr. Devinder Sharma-Publicity Secretary and Dr. Rajeev Bharat Sangra - Treasurer.



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