



**Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology-Jammu**

**Training Programme on ‘Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology’ Commenced at
SKUAST-J**



Two days training programme on ‘**Fish Nutrition and Feed Technology**’ for serving soldiers and local population of UT of J&K commenced today at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu. The program is organized by Fisheries Unit of SKUAST-Jammu, Chatha. Professor J P Sharma, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-J graced the function as Chief Guest while Lt. Colonel RP Singh, 118 Medium Regiment, Jammu was the Guest of Honour. Prof J.P. Sharma praised the efforts of fisheries scientists to organise this specialized training programme on indigenous aqua-feed formulation and processing which will help to improve socio-economic status of farmer’s and employment generation. He suggested to focus on the scientific research for the development of the society and practical steps needed to improve farmers’ and local population assess to productive technologies. Prof. Sharma urged and motivated the participants to avail the benefits of different schemes under PMMSY. Lt Colonel RP Singh appreciated the efforts of Farm University and their cooperation in conducting these training programmes for army personnel as well as for the local population of region. Dr Akhil Gupta, Associate Professor/Sr. Scientist (Fisheries) and Course Coordinator of the event highlighted the objective of organizing this training programme asserting on the need and significance of the empowering local population for the growth of nation. In his keynote lecture, Dr Gupta highlighted that the fish feeds account for almost 60% of operational costs in aquaculture and apprised the participants about different methods for the preparation of fish diet, evaluation of its composition and different application methods for better productivity. Dr Sahar Masud, Incharge, Fisheries unit, SKUAST-J urged that management and responsible use of feed is not only an important environmental consideration but it is also a key factor in determining the financial viability of most aquaculture ventures. Technical lecture was given by Dr Prem Kumar, Scientist, KVK, R S Pura. He delivered a talk on the application of Immunostimulants in aquaculture and elaborated that these are very essential to provide a nutritionally balanced diet to support fish health at an acceptable cost. Dr Raj Kumar, Assistant Professor (Fisheries) informed that aquaculture has traditionally played a role in ensuring food security for humans and is often a component of rural development programmes to alleviate poverty. Dr Paromita Gupta, Project

Associate (JRF) enlightened the participants about the different fish cultural practices in the region and advised the participants to create the opportunities for undertaking fisheries entrepreneurship for their economic growth. She also gave a practical demonstration on the formulation of different fish diets. Prof. Jyoti Kachroo, Head, Division of Agricultural Economics and ABM was also present during the event. Dr. Sahar Masud presented the vote of thanks. Dr Akhil Gupta, Associate Professor (Fisheries) was the programme coordinator. At the onset of the programme, welcome address was presented by Dr Prem Kumar.