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## Press Release



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jammu working under the able leadership of **Professor J. P. Sharma, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu** successfully started Vocational Training Course on "Mushroom Cultivation Techniques" for rural youth in collaboration with Indian Army. **Prof. S. K. Gupta, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu, COL. Mohammad Ali, CO 118 Medium Regiment, Sh. Rajan Sharma, Joint Director Extension, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu, Dr. Amrish Vaid, Prof. & Head Division of Plant Pathology SKUAST-Jammu, Dr. Vikas Tandon, Prof. School of Biotechnology, Sh. Des Raj Barua, SDAO R. S. Pura** and other officers of line departments attended the inaugural function. **Prof. Jagdish Prasaad Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu** joined the inaugural session via online mode and in his Presidential Address he appreciated the KVK Jammu for organizing vocational training on Mushroom for rural youth in collaboration with Indian Army. He suggested that besides learning new techniques of Mushroom Cultivation trainees should also focus on processing, value addition, marketing and branding making this enterprise more profitable. At the outset **Dr. Punit Choudhary, Sr. Scientist and Head, KVK Jammu** welcomed the dignitaries' and participants in to the programme. He also said that this training is organized to enhance the Mushroom production and involve various rural youths in this enterprise in Jammu District. Speaking on the occasion Prof. S. K. Gupta, Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu congratulated the KVK Jammu for organizing the training programme for rural youths and asked the participants to take benefit of the expertise of the scientists for setting up their own units. COL. Mohammad Ali, CO 118 Medium Regiment, praised the KVK Jammu for continuously organizing Vocational Trainings for rural youths on different enterprises and imparting them new techniques. **Sh. Rajan Sharma, Joint Director Extension, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu**, also apprised the farmers regarding various governmental schemes for rural youths and farmers for establishing new units. **Dr. Amrish Vaid, Prof. & Head Division of Plant Pathology SKUAST-Jammu**, stressed upon round the year cultivation of Mushrooms while interacting with the participants he also asked the participants to learn the spawn production techniques and adopt it as an enterprise. **Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Scientist Home Science,**

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during her interaction spoke about the value addition in Mushrooms. **Dr. Muneeshwar Sharma, Scientist Plant Protection, KVK Jammu** gave a brief description and outline of the course and elaborated upon the objective of conducting this Vocational training. Dr. Ravneet Kour, Scientist Horticulture, Dr. Prem Kumar, Scientist Fisheries, Dr. Amitesh Sharma, Scientist Plant Breeding also shared their experiences during interaction with the participants. Dr. Raju Gupta, Er. Ashish Katoch, S. Satbir Singh and Sh. Sumeer Raina also helped in the smooth conductance of the Programme. The Programme concluded by vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sheetal Badyal, Scientist Home Science, KVK Jammu.



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