

Press release

SKUAST-Jammu celebrates 72nd Republic Day with Gaiety and Fervour



Professor, J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu hoisted the national flag at Faculty of Agriculture, Main Campus, Chatha on the occasion of country's 72nd Republic Day on Tuesday. In his address, he exhorted the staff to work with full dedication and honesty towards building an Atma Nirbhar Bharat (Self-reliant India). He said that our country has made rapid strides in agriculture since independence. He reiterated that agriculture contributes 14 per cent in country's GDP while 45 per cent population gets direct employment from farm sector. Prof. Sharma congratulated scientists of the University for developing 12 new varieties of cereals, fruits, vegetables and pulses. Prof. Sharma in his address informed that research projects to the tune of Rs.12.11 crores have been sanctioned to SKUAST-Jammu by NABARD for agricultural development and more projects are submitted to external agencies for funding. He also applauded the efforts and resilience of Scientists of Faculties, Research Stations and KVKs, university staff, labourers and all those who are directly or indirectly associated with farm sector during Covid-19 pandemic. Prof. Sharma also congratulates Directorate of Extension and all KVKs for organizing Kissan Melas meticulously and in a flawless manner. Vice Chancellor in his speech advised the scientists to prioritize their research programmes based on the needs, interests and constraints of the farmers and urge to work hard for the development of innovations in the farm sector to meet the challenges of globalisation, liberalization and competitive markets in the frequently changing global scenario. He lauded University Placement Cell for playing proactive role in the placement of students in different organizations viz. banks, private sector companies etc. Prof. J. P. Sharma also discussed about formulation of Farmers' Producer Organizations (FPOs), one village one commodity, establishment of more than one KVK in the districts of Jammu division, food processing and commercialisation of technology of SKUAST-J for empowering farmers. He further said that University has implemented innovative and need based weekly programmes like Village Visit and Revisit and Vice-Chancellor to Village; where multidisciplinary team of scientists of SKUAST-Jammu interact face to face with the farmers and listen their priorities and problems and suggest on the spot solutions. Professor Sharma said that such innovative programmes have increased the outreach of the farm university with the farmers. Earlier, the national event started with garlanding 'Father of Nation' Mahatma Gandhi followed by National Anthem. Cultural programme was also organized to commemorate the auspicious festival of the nation. All the statutory officers of the University, Head of the Divisions, Faculty members, non-teaching staff and students attended the Republic day celebrations maintaining social distancing norms.