

Teachers' Day Celebrated at SKUAST-Jammu



Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu today celebrated Teacher's day with eminent exultation at Baba Jitto Auditorium, SKUAST-J Chatha. Prof. Bechan Lal, Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu was the chief guest on the occasion, while Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Professor, J.P. Sharma was guest of honour. The event was commenced with lighting of the traditional lamp followed by Saraswati Vandana.

At the outset, Dr. Jag Paul Sharma, Registrar and Director Research, SKUAST-Jammu delivered welcome address. He said that by celebrating teachers' day, we appreciate long lasting contribution of teachers to the society.

Prof. Bechan Lal, chief guest on the occasion delivered an expert lecture. He fondly remembered the contribution of 4th Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University and 2nd President of India, Sir Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and on whose birthday Teachers' Day is being celebrated throughout India. He said that teacher is a guide, who instils confidence in young minds, gives them direction and encourages them to dream. He reiterated that in today's era knowledge is a key to success. He emphasised on collective thinking, participation and collaboration among institutions to create better outcomes and to bring quality changes in the education hubs. He further said that every individual of the society should contribute towards nation building and there should be shift from instructional teaching to transactional teaching.

Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, Professor, J.P. Sharma said that our teachers are the true pillars of our success. They nourish and prepare students for their future as they are the real icon of knowledge and wisdom. He explained the transformative role of a teacher in a student's life. He urged that teachers should instil values, ethics and quality life skills among

students. While recalling the teachings of Shri Krishna, he said we should follow the path of honesty and punctuality. Prof. Sharma said Guru is a combination of Gu and Ru which means moving from darkness to light. He said we should not doubt the intention of Guru. Change is the nature of law but change should not relieve us from our moral duties. That is why National Education Policy 2020 has been rolled out with education related to moral values, personality development, ethics, skill development, brotherhood and overall development.

On this occasion, a warm farewell was also accorded to the retiring Officers, Scientists and Professors. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Professor (Plant Breeding and Genetics); Er. R.P. Gupta, Estate Officer; Dr. K.R.Sharma, Professor (Soil Science); Shri N.K. Gupta, Associate Professor (Agricultural Engineering); Ms. Anita Sapru, Head Assistant (Examination Cell); Shri Jai Krishan Bhat, Head Assistant (Directorate of PPM); Shri Ashok Kumar, Head Assistant (Dean Student Welfare); Ms. Deepa Kher, Head Assistant (Registrar office); Shri Ashok Kumar, OCC (F.V.Sc &A.H, R S Pura) and Shri Yog Raj Sharma, OCC (Library, F.V.Sc &A.H, R.S. Pura) were felicitated for their contribution in the respective fields.

Dr Jag Paul Director Research and Registrar, Dr S K Gupta, Director Extension, Dr S. E. H. Rizvi, Director Education and Dean, F.B.Sc., Dr. S. K. Gupta, I/c Examination Cell, Dr. Bikram Singh, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Dr. M. S. Bhadwal, Dean, F.V.Sc., Dr. Rajesh Katoch, Dean Student Welfare, Heads of the Division, Research Stations, Mega Seed Projects, Sr Scientist and Heads of KVK's, Teaching faculty, non-teaching staff and students of SKUAST-J participated in the event maintaining social distancing norms.

The proceedings of the programme were conducted by Dr. Ankur Rastogi and Dr. Vivak Arya. The event ended with vote of thanks by Dr. S.E.H. Rizvi, Director Education and Dean, F.B.Sc.