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Press Release



VC SKUAST- Jammu Nominated as Member of ICFRE Society

Professor J. P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu has been nominated as a Member of Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE) Society, Dehradun. The letter in this regard is received from, Arun Singh Rawat, (I.F.S) Director General, ICFRE. ICFRE is an Autonomous Body of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Govt. of India. The Mission Statement of the ICFRE Society is to generate, preserve, disseminate and advance knowledge, technologies and solution for addressing the issues related to forests and to promote linkages arising out of interactions between people, forests and environment on a sustained basis through research, education and extension. Professor Sharma is also a member to the General Assembly of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi. Prof. J. P. Sharma is working as **Vice-Chancellor of Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Jammu, J&K since 15th June 2020**. Previously he worked as **Joint Director (Extension)** and as Head, Division of Agricultural Extension and **Director, Centre for Advanced Faculty Training (Extension)** at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. He has vast experience of 33 years conducting strategic research, guiding, teaching postgraduate students, conducting national/ international training programmes and carrying out agricultural development interventions at the national level. He earned his **Doctoral degree from IIT, Delhi** and Post Graduation from GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar, and was awarded Fellowships from **IIT, Delhi and UNDP** respectively. He was associated with 20 externally funded projects; funded by ICAR, DST, DBT, NABARD etc and worked in 13 institutional research projects as PI/Co-PI. Prof. Sharma Designed and developed innovative extension approaches like IARI-Post-Office Linkage Extension Model (*Krishi Dak*), Cyber Extension Model, Expert System, E-learning Module, National Extension Programme, IARI-VO Partnership Programme, Innovative farmer lead extension system etc for better and faster dissemination of technologies. He Introduced/taught 11 postgraduate courses in agricultural extension and guided 21 students as Chairman/Co-Chairman/Member, Advisory Committee. He has Published 106 research papers in reputed journals, 283 popular articles in magazines and newspapers, **51 books, 60 book chapters** and Organized more than 100 trainings including National and International programmes as **Course Director** on the topics of national relevance. He is Member of various national and international Professional Committees and invited as consultants/expert for **Planning Commission, DBT, DST, Vigyan Bharti (VIBHA),**

Member National Advisory board of Agrivision and AERC governing body. Prof. Sharma has also remained Coordinator of *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* (Government flagship scheme), *Unnat Bharat Abhiyan* (MoHRD), *Pandit Deendayal Upadhaya Krishi Shiksha Yojana* (MoA&FW). He has received more than **60 awards/recognition** including **Dr Rajendra Prasad Puruskar** and **Hari Om Ashram Trust Award of ICAR**, **Best Agricultural Extension Scientist Award of IARI**, **Raj Bhasha Gaurav Puraskar of Ministry of Home Affairs**, **Shanti Prasad Goel Memorial Award**, **Manthan Award-South Asia** and **Dr G.S.Vidyarthi Award** for making outstanding contributions for the upliftment of the farming community.