

Weekly Progress Report from 7th to 11th March 2022

Activity 1

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Earlier, an impressive dog show was organized in which Dr. M.C. Sharma, former Director IARI, Indraprastha, was the chief guest while Professor J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu, Commissioner Secretary, Rural Development Department, Mandeep Kaur, ADGP Security, Dr. S.D. Jamwal were the guests of honour. More than 100 dogs of 15 breeds were registered for the participation.

Activity 2

SKUAST Jammu in collaboration with NAHEP-IDP and civil defence Jammu organised a 5 days civil defence training at SKUAST Jammu with effect from 4th to 8th March 2022. The chief guest was Prof. J.P. Sharma, Vice Chancellor said that it's a very good opportunity for the students to know about basic first aids. He also added that it will make students a complete citizen who can help others at the time of disasters. Guest of Honour, Dr Sumati Sharma, Additional Director, DRDO stressed to make Civil Defence and Self Defence training compulsory for all the students. Dr Sumati explained the benefits of civil defence training and inspired the students to participate in such trainings. Special Guest Ms. Anita Pawar, DSP Deputy Controller said to the students not to keep this knowledge with themselves but also to share it with the family members and friends. More than 60 students participated in the training which includes firefighting, rescue, snake bite, first-aid, accident etc.



9. JOURNEY LINE, Jammu

SKUASTs' Krishi Mela witnesses overwhelming participation of farmers

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JAMMU, Mar 8: The second day of Krishi Mela-2022, being organized by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST), Jammu, witnessed an overwhelming participation of enthusiastic farmers who through the mega event from different parts of the region. The day presented a grand flower, fruit and vegetable show, which was organized by the Vegetable Science and Floriculture division, SKUAST. During the event, entries were invited from private, public and government agencies and about eight categories of flowers, three categories of fruits and six categories of vegetables were registered which recorded 600 entries. Sanjeev Verma, Principle Secretary Forest and Ramesh Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board were the chief guests on the occasion. Sanjeev Verma exhort-



ed upon the University to collaborate with the department for organizing trainings and workshops on theme of conserving the biodiversity of our UT. He urged the scientists to come up with clear road map for identification of exotic and precious flora and fauna of J&K. The show was supported by IHM, Jammu, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board, University, RBI Bahu Plaza, Flower Development Nursery, Vegetable Improve-

ment Scheme, Talab Tillo Jammu, APS School Damana and JK Police Public School. Meanwhile, Professor J P Sharma, Vice Chancellor, was the chief guest during the valedictory function of civil defence training programme held at SKUAST Jammu in collaboration with NAHEP-IDP and Civil Defence Jammu. Dr Sumati Sharma, Additional Director, DRDO, was the guest of honour on the occasion. Special Guest

Ms. Anita Pawar, DSP Deputy Controller said to the students not to keep this knowledge with themselves but also to share it with the family members and friends. Similarly, the University organized one day farmer awareness programme in collaboration with India Meteorology Department during the Krishi Mela. Vice Chancellor, Professor J P Sharma was the chief guest while Director Agriculture, KK

Sharma and Director Horticulture, Ram Sewak were the guests of honour.

About 100 farmers from Jammu and Samba districts participated in the program where fruit plants were distributed among the farmers.

Dr Mahender Singh, Senior Scientist and Incharge Arometeorology narrated the impact of climate change on crops.

During the Krishi Mela, workshop on micro irrigation in floriculture, bee-keeping conference, celebration of women's day and Kisan Ghosti were also held.

During the workshop, progressive farmers shared their views and experiences. Besides, Sewa Bhatti, Jammu, organized an exhibition on application of drone technology in agriculture and cultural programmes.

A large number of farmers, school children and university students enthusiastically participated in rural sports and were awarded with prizes.

Activity 3

In order to develop entrepreneurship capabilities and skills, Division of Food Science and Technology in collaboration with NAHEP, IDP SKUAST-Jammu, the FST stall has been displayed during Krishi Mela of SKUAST-Jammu on 7th – 11th March 2022, for guiding the students in preparing value added innovative food products. The products prepared by the students shall be selected on the basis of their organoleptic test and the group of students identified for the best products shall be remunerated by awarding suitably.

Besides providing quality education, the project also includes entrepreneurship development among the students as one of the objectives. The proposed budget was Rs. 18000/- for the purchase of raw materials and packaging materials under NAHEP, IDP project.



Activity 4

NAHEP- IDP, has been associated with the organization of Krishi Mella w.e.f from 7th to 11th March , 2022.



Activity 5

Remedial cum JRF classes under NAHEP-IDP, SKUAST – Jammu is going at full pace for the students of Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences & Animal Husbandry, and School of Biotechnology in order to improve their academic proficiency as well as to make them professionally competent.

