

# SKUAST-J encourages students to become job creators

Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu today urged Agriculture students to become job creators and not Job Seekers, Addressing the Undergraduate and Postgraduate students of the University at the Main campus, Chatha, he enlightened them with the remarkable transformation journey of agriculture in India, highlighting the progress of the nation from a country with insufficient food to a self-sufficient and even exporting agricultural produce.

The credit for this achievement, he emphasized, goes to the dedicated efforts of agricultural scientists who have developed numerous crop varieties, technologies and thus significantly increased the production.

He underlined that the agricultural development in India serves as a valuable lesson for the world. The work of Indian agricultural scientists has gained recognition globally and their contributions are acknowledged by the entire world. He stressed the importance of self-reliance, referring to the concept of “Atmanirbhar Bharat” (self-reliant India). To address these challenges and ensure food security, Dr. Tripathi emphasised the significance of precision agriculture technology. He was of the opinion that by integrating research and technology; agricultural production can be increased while promoting sustainability. He stressed upon the students to live upto the vision of making the university the best research institute and highlighted the importance of enhancing research and education. Dr. Tripathi assured the students that the university would work tirelessly day and night to achieve excellence.

The Vice Chancellor also touched upon the importance of placement cells in the university, encouraging students to actively participate in campus selection processes and not solely rely on job opportunities. He emphasized the need for students to compete in exams such as the NET Agricultural Research Service (ARS) etc and to foster an entrepreneurial mindset. Dr. Tripathi encouraged the students to aspire to be job creators rather than job seekers and emphasized the limitless possibilities available to them. Furthermore, he advised Dean Students' Welfare (DSW) to organize interactions with renowned professionals from various fields to provide students with opportunities to learn from experts in their respective domains. Dr. Tripathi assured the students of providing adequate facilities to ensure that their research and education thrive without hindrance.