

SKUAST-K, Weekly activity from December 9-15, 2023

Activity 1 (Multiple activities): SKUAST-K this week conducted seven skill training programs under Entrepreneurship Awareness Programs sponsored by the Union Ministry of MSME at its various Faculties, KVks and Research stations on a vast range of topics in agriculture and related fields across Kashmir division of J&K UT. Besides entrepreneurs, farmers and youth, a good number of students from the SKUAST-K also participated in these awareness programs conducted by the faculty members and scientists of the university. Each training had 50 participants.

Activity 2: SKUAST-K kick-started on December 12, 2023, its flagship 21-day student orientation-cum-foundation program, IRTIQA 2023, in line with NEP-2020. All the freshers from seven faculties and colleges of the university are participating in the foundation program titled LEED to LIVE - love each other and innovate with the vision to achieve excellence.

Activity 3: SKUAST-K under IRTIQA orientation program organised a Health and Hygiene Mela for the freshers at the Shalimar campus on December 14, 2023. The program was conducted in collaboration with Ujala Sygnus, Super Speciality Hospital, Srinagar, and Safe Hands Dental Health and Awareness Centre. More than 12 specialist doctors were available for consultation. All the fresher students were issued health cards.

Activity 4: The Faculty of Veterinary organised a three-day hands-on training program on 'Applications of Advanced Molecular Techniques in Improvement of Livestock Wealth' under IDP-NAHEP of SKUAST-K December 8-10, 2023. 50 students participated in the training.

Activity 5: The Faculty of Agriculture held a brainstorming session on disaster risk management on December 9, 2023, under IDP-NAHEP of SKUAST-K. About 40 faculty members, university officers and scholars, besides meteorology experts, participated.

Activity 6: SKUAST-K organised a one-week skill training titled 'Climate Smart Agriculture Practices for Rural Livelihood' for the rural youth of district Budgam under the Skill Training for Rural Youth (STRY) program by MANAGE, Hyderabad from December 9-14, 2023. The training was attended by 25 participants.

Activity 7: SKUAST-K conducted a weeklong training program on recycling farm waste for augmenting organic farming at Rangreth under the sponsorship of 'Alternate System of Agriculture for Sustainability Project of Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) from December 6-11, 2023.

Activity 8: The Faculty of Forestry organised a weeklong training program on 'Advanced Data Analysis Skills in Science and Business Management' from December 9-15, 2023. 25 students are participating in the training.

Activity 9: The Faculty of Agriculture organised a one-week entrepreneurship development program on "Development of Skill in Millet Production and Consumption Technology: Self-sustainability in Millet Production and Micro-entrepreneurship" in line with the International Year of Millets (IYM) 2023 from December 12, 2023. 25 students are participating.

Activity 10: The Faculty of Agriculture organised a five day entrepreneurship development program on 'Challenges Encountered and Scope in Mitigating the Harmful Effects of Climate Variability on Environment and Agriculture' from December 12, 2023. About 30 students are participating.

Activity 11: In a unique initiative, startups registered and incubated under IDP-NAHEP of SKUAST-K and SKIIE Centre contributed a share of their profits back to SKUAST-K as a commitment to the sustainability of such initiatives at the university for the future entrepreneurs ON DECEMBER 13, 2023. Seven student and faculty startups on presented cheques worth Rs 95,000 to Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-K.

Activity 12: SKUAST K Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship Centre conducted the Final Pitching session during the National Entrepreneurship Contest 2023 at SKUAST K main Campus in which 29 shortlisted Innovators across the nation participated on December 9, 2023.

Activity 13: A six-week program on Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship concludes successfully in collaboration with Lemon School of Entrepreneurship Maharashtra in which 45 students participated and pitched their Innovative ideas for Funding and networking coordinated by Team SKUAST K .

Activity 14: The two week program on Strategic Thinking and Decision making concludes successfully in collaboration with the Fortune Institute of International Business New Delhi, in which 35 Students Participated coordinated by SKUAST-K Innovation Incubation and Entrepreneurship (SKIE) Centre.

Activity 15: The Faculty of Agriculture commenced an IDP-NAHEP sponsored five-day National Training on 'Challenges Encountered and Scope in Mitigating the Harmful Effects of Climate Variability on Environment and Agriculture' from December 11-15, 2023. 25 students and scholars are participating.

Achievement

1. A SKUAST-K innovator Rafiya Mushtaq has been awarded a startup grant of Rs 3 lakh from IIT Ropar through its iHub AWaDH Samridhi 2.0 funding program.
2. Prof Parvaze Ahmad Sofi, Division of GPP, Faculty of Agriculture, was appointed as a member of the Crop Science Teaching Improvement Jury by the Crop Science Society of America, USA.