

## SKUAST-K, Weekly Activity from December 2 - 8, 2023

**Activity 1 (Multiple activities):** SKUAST-K this week conducted nine 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:** The Faculty of Forestry organised a weeklong entrepreneurship skill development program (ESDP) on 'Raising Awareness of the Socio-Economic Significance of Enterprises in Agroforestry Systems as a Tool for Achieving Economic Empowerment' from December 2-8, 2023. Besides aspiring entrepreneurs, 25 SKUAST-K students are participating in the training.

**Activity 3:** SKUAST-K's College of Temperate Sericulture organised a weeklong entrepreneurship skill development program (ESDP) titled, 'Productivity Improvement in Bi-voltine Cocoon Crop through Skill Enhancement of Job Aspiring Youth' at the Degree College, Hyderpora from December 2-8, 2023. 30 students and aspiring entrepreneurs are participating in the training.

**Activity 4:** The Faculty of Horticulture organised a one-week Existing-Management Development Program (E-MDP) titled 'Development of Professional Business Plan for Sunrise Industries' from November 27 – December 3, 2023. About 30 students and aspiring entrepreneurs participated in the training.

**Activity 5:** The Faculty of Fisheries organised a seven-day skill programme on "Entrepreneurship in Fish Feed Production" from December 3, 2023. All in all 30 fisheries students and aspiring entrepreneurs are participating in the skill training.

**Activity 6:** The Faculty of Forestry kick-started a management development program (MDP) on 'Use of Statistical Softwares in Business Management' from December 3, 2023. 25 students and aspiring entrepreneurs are participating.

**Activity 7:** SKUAST-K's Dry Land Agriculture Research Station (DARS), under the sponsorship of the Alternate System of Agriculture for Sustainability Project of the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), began a weeklong training program titled, 'Recycling of Farm Wastes for Augmenting Organic Farming under Temperate Kashmir' at Rangreth from December 4, 2023. About 30 agriculture officers and students are participating.

**Activity 8:** SKUAST-K's Directorate of Extension organised a six-day online training program on 'Food Processing and Development of Cluster for Specific Products of J&K' from December 4, 2023. 30 students besides 9 faculty members and others are participating.

**Activity 10:** To celebrate World Soil Day on December 5, 2023, various faculties, directorates of research and extension and research and extension centre of SKUAST-K held various functions including debates and discussions, rallies etc on this year's theme of the day 'Soil and Water, a resource of life'. More than 300 students, besides faculty members, farmers and agriculture extension officers participated.

**Activity 11:** The Faculty of Horticulture on December 6, 2023, flagged off 19 BTech Food Technology students to an exposure visit to various reputed educational institutes and food technology industries in Punjab and Haryana. The exposure visit is sponsored under IDP-NAHEP of SKUAST-K.

**Activity 12:** The Faculty of Veterinary Sciences organised a free medical camp for the BVSc students and local community residing near the campus on December 5, 2023

**Activity 13:** The Faculty of Veterinary Sciences organised a 10-day workshop on capacity building of research scholars focusing on laboratory techniques and impactful manuscript writing under IDP-NAHEP of SKUAST-K from December 6, 2023. About 50 students, scholars and nine faculty members are participating in the training.

**Activity 14:** The Faculty of Horticulture kick-started a six-day Advanced-Management Development Program (A-MDP) titled 'Branding Practices and Strategies in the Digital Age for Startups' on December 7, 2023. About 30 students and startup founders are participating in the training.

**Activity 15:** The Faculty of Forestry commenced a six-day Existing-Management Development Program (E-MDP) on 'Use of Statistical Softwares

in Business Management and Allied Sectors' from December 6, 2023. About 30 students and aspiring entrepreneurs are participating.

**Activity 16:** Centre for Development of Advance Computing (CDAC), Kolkata hosted the 4th National Steering Committee (NSC) on the national program on Electronics and ICT Applications in Agriculture and Environment (AgriEnIcs) on December 7, 2023. The 4th NSC was held to review the progress of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) sponsored projects operational from the last two years across the country.

### Achievement

1. SKUAST-Kashmir scientist Dr Mudasir Gani, Assistant Professor, Division of Entomology, Faculty of Horticulture attended the First International Forum and Exhibition for Sustainable Agriculture (IFESA) organized by the National Research and Development Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (ESTIDAMAH) in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture at Riyadh, Saudi Arabia w.e.f. 20-22, November 2023.
2. Prof Tasneem Mubarak, Chief Scientist Agronomy, Mountain Research Center for Field Crops (MRCFC), SKUAST-K, was conferred with prestigious International Potash Institute and Fertilizer Association of India IPI-FAI Award 2023. The award including a gold medal, citation and cash reward Rs 2 lakh was presented to him by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers during the inaugural session of 3 days seminar organized by Fertilizer Association of India held from December 608, 2023.