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25th meeting of ICAR Regional Committee-1

11 June 2018, Jammu & Kashmir

There is a great potential for agricultural development in Jammu & Kashmir that needs to be harnessed said Shri N.N.Vohra, Hon'ble Governor, J&K State and Chancellor Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), in his inaugural address on the occasion of 25th meeting of ICAR Regional Committee-1, held at SKUAST, Shalimar, Kashmir, on 11th-12th June, 2018. Shri N.N.Vohra also urged the State Farm Universities and Central Agriculture Institutions should share their findings and technologies in terms of varieties and other agricultural technologies. He encouraged the scientists working in KVK to meet the technical needs of small farmers and demanded more number of scientists for the state, keeping in view of the geographical terrain of J&K.





Prof. Nazeer Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-K welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of such high level meetings for the upliftment of the farming community.

Jenab Mohammad Khalil Bandh, Minister for Agriculture, J&K applauded the working of SKUAST-K and the achievements in the fields of agriculture, horticulture, sericulture, apiculture, sheep husbandry, fish and poultry. He also suggested to establish more KVKs for the state because of hilly terrain and different agro-climatic region. He also elaborated that J&K state is producers of sweet rice, best quality honey, sweet and juicy apple and saffron but poor marketing facility is a problem which needs to be addressed properly.

Shri Virender Kanwar, Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh highlighted the role of animals, poultry and fisheries for

additional income of farmers recite in the hilly states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhandand, Jammu & Kashmir. He also suggested to develop proper marketing facilities, making judicious use of irrigation resources.

Jenab Abdul Gani Kohli, Minister for Animal & Sheep Husbandry and Fisheries, J&K State expressed his happiness on the declaration of Anantnag as National Trout Centre and the modification of fisheries act of J&K after 45 years, according to the present needs of the inhabitants of the State. He also urged for round the year fodder policy of the state.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & Director General of ICAR in his presidential address stated that the agricultural technologies and its expansion have resulted in thirteen times



more yield in cereals. We are proud of our programs and demonstrations in solving agricultural problems and we have reached 280 million tonnes of grain production level. Through continuous efforts of ICAR and State Agricultural Universities, now we are in position to export grain to China.

Functionaries of Agriculture Institutions, VCs of AUs, Directors of ICAR Institutes, Deans of State Agriculture Universities, officers of the Developments Department from HP, J&K and Uttrakhand were also participated in the meeting to discuss the agenda of agriculture development in the region.

(Source Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir)

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