

Secretary DARE & Director General, ICAR visited KVK, Reasi

Dr. .S.Ayyappan, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Director General, ICAR, visited Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Reasi under Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences-Jammu (SKUAST-Jammu) on 8th February 2016. On this occasion, an exhibition was organized by the farmers, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Reasi and allied departments which was inaugurated by Dr. Ayyappan.

A Kisan Ghoshti was held at KVK campus in which around 200 farmers from Reasi district participated. Dr.K.S.Risam, Director Extension SKUAST-Jammu extended a warm welcome to the Director General, ICAR on his second visit to the KVK, Reasi, officers of the university and farmers of the district for their presence and gracing the occasion. He expressed his gratitude to the keen interest of Director General who had paid second visit to one of the remotest KVK of the country. During his address, Dr. Risam suggested the farmers to adopt the scientific guidelines given by the KVK experts. He also advised the farmers to participate in the KVK activities with full enthusiasm. Dr.Ayappan interacted with the farmers who had brought their exhibits of their valuable farm produce and value added products and gave them important scientific guidelines so that they could increase their income. He emphasised that farmers can fetch more prices by growing the organic crops as certified by APEDA in some cases and suggested the farmers for the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in agriculture. He added that farmers should adopt technologies with diversified agriculture including mushroom cultivation, apiculture, fisheries and value addition of their produce which has immense scope in the hilly areas. He also interacted with the farm women and appreciated their efforts for the formation of Self Help Groups (SHGs) who are involved in dairy and preparation of value added products. He also interacted with the farmers on the agricultural related problems and advised the SKUAST-J scientists to provide the solution. He appreciated the crop samples brought by the farmers and allied departments in the exhibition. He also visited the demonstration units of the KVK and appreciated the KVK scientists for their endeavours. Dr.S.Ayyappan, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education & Director General, ICAR also planted a sapling of Arocaria in the KVK campus. Dr.J.P.Sharma, Director Research, SKUAST-J suggested the farmers to use the quality seeds which plays the pivotal role in the crop production. He guided the farmers to use the hybrid seeds of maize and vegetables to increase their crop productivity.

Dr. .Shahid Ahamad, Sr. Scientist-cum-Head along with other scientists of the KVK accompanied the Director General to the crop cafeteria and other demonstration units. The programme was also attended by Dr. Deepak Kher, Project Planning & Monitoring Officer, Dr.D.Kachroo, Chief Scientist, FSR, SKUAST-J, and all Sr. Scientist-cum-Heads of other KVKs of SKUAST-J. The programme was concluded by Dr.R.K.Arora Associate Director Extension, SKUAST-Jammu by presenting formal vote of thanks to the Director General and all those who participated and organized the programme.

