

SKUAST-Kashmir conducted 43rd Meeting of Research / Extension Advisory Committee

43rd Research and Extension Advisory Committee (REAC) meeting was held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir at Shalimar Campus under the Chairmanship of Prof. Nazeer Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor SKUAST-Kashmir in which besides Director Extension, Research, Education, Planning and Deans of subject matter faculties, all the Directors and Chief/District, Officers of Developmental line department & Heads of Divisions of University participated. During the meeting, two maize hybrids, one maize and one moong variety was recommended for consideration of release by the University Varietal Release Committee and five fresh proposals of new varieties in maize, rajmash and saffron were approved for minikit testing. Discussion was also held on preparedness for combating likely draught situation in the valley and Vice-Chancellor advised Director Agriculture and SKUAST scientists to sit and prepare contingency plan involving low water requiring technology, drought tolerant varieties, the seed availability etc. Further, different field problems like blackening of pear, poor fruit set in senile orchards, foot rot of sheep and goat, feed problem in fisheries package of practices for HDP training needs/awareness programmes for farmers and extension personnel were discussed threadbare and assured early technological support for solving the problems.

On this occasion, 35.4 qtls of improved paddy seed varieties like Shalimar Rice-3, Shalimar Rice-4, Shalimar Rice-5, Kamad and Mushkbudji were also distributed by the Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir for popularization among farmers of the valley.

