Action Taken Report of 21st Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of KVK Srinagar, SKUAST-Kashmir

21st Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Srinagar for the year 2025-26 was held on **13th December, 2025** in the Conference Hall of KVK Srinagar under the Chairmanship of Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Ganaie, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir to discuss the progress achieved in respect of the mandated activities for the year 2024-25 and to formulate the Annual Action Plan for the year 2025-26 in light of the feedback received from various stakeholders. The meeting was co-chaired by Prof. Raihana H. Kanth, Director Extension, SKUAST-K. The meeting was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, representative of Director ICAR- CITH Rangret, Heads of various Divisions, Scientists of the University, Officers & District Heads of Agriculture and Allied Development Departments, KVK Heads, Progressive Farmers, Agripreneur, representative of the Civil Society, Representatives of Iqbal Sabzi Mandi and Fruit Mandi Parimpora Srinagar, officials from District Administration, J&K Bank/NABARD, District Lead Bank Manager and media personnel. In addition, Scientists/Technical/Supporting Staff and officials of the Kendra besides the UG BSc. Hort (EL Students) also participated.

Further, the following agenda items/issues were raised by the Chairman and other members: -

Agenda Points	Action Taken Report
Mr. Abdul Hamid Mir **(Progressive Vegetable Grower & Sarpanch, Takenwari Bakshipora)** The need to extend the benefits of the IFAD funded JKCIP & RSEP Programmes to the municipal areas.	Being a policy matter the issue has been taken up with the concerned authorities and communicated with the request to take up the issue with the administrative department of APD UT of J&K. ✔ However, KVK Srinagar has conducted 04 no. of Mega Awareness camps to extend the benefits of the IFAD funded JK CIP Project in all 04 Blocks of District Srinagar.
Mr. Gh. Ahmad Bhat **(M/s Agro Seeds Choncha Faqir Noorbagh)** Need to reduce dependence on Import of Hybrid vegetable seeds vis-a-vis protection of local vegetable seed producers.	✔ As directed by the Hon'ble Chairman, M/S Agro Seeds was conveyed to contact Dr. Ajaz Malik, Head KVK- Ganderbal to upscale the seed production techniques and skills for market competitiveness against the exotic or imported seed. ✔ The producer is regular contact with the team KVK Ganderbal to learn the know how regarding the seed production techniques. ✔ KVK Srinagar conducted 04 number of skill development programs on Seed production and promotion of off-season vegetables under protected condition. ✔ To promote nutritional security and the efficient use of limited urban spaces, KVK Srinagar organized an Awareness-cum-Seed Distribution Programme focusing on exotic vegetable cultivation.

Haji Mehraj Ud Din Rather (Gen. Secretary Iqbal Sabzi Mandi, Parimpora Srinagar) ✔ For effective and smooth functioning of the only and pride Sabzi Mandi of the valley, the Gen. Secretary appealedt he Chairman to put the Mandi under the management and administrative control of the J&K Horticulture Planning and Marketing GoJK.	✔ The matter has been taken up with the AMO (HP &M) Srinagar and communicated to the Director (HP &M) ✔ The KVK Srinagar has conducted 03 interactions with AMO and Representatives of the Iqbal Sabzi Mandi to work out the modalities for redressal of the said issue.
Chief Animal Husbandry Officer Srinagar ✔ Strengthen the collaborative efforts to c onduct awareness cum training program on Management of milch animals during winter under Kashmir conditions	The Kendra is in continuous process of conducting Awareness cum training programs in convergence with the Animal and Sheep Husbandry departments. ✔ Kendra conducted the 02 Animal Clinical Camps in collaboration with Animal & Sheep Husbandry Departments benefitting 254 households of district Srinagar. ✔ Kendra has conducted FLD on Impact of Winter chocolates on Milk production on different locations of District Srinagar. ✔ Kendra has conducted various awareness cum trainings on ❖ Importance of Production Deworming and vaccination in livestock (02 No.) ❖ Repeat Breeding in cattle (03 No.) ❖ Clean Milk Production (02 No.) ❖ Feed and Fodder Conservation (01 No.)
The Chief Horticulture Officer ✔ Emphasized the need to develop a cadre of skilled master pruners to improve apple orchard management, thereby enhancing fruit quality and increasing marketable yield.	✔ Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Srinagar in convergence with Division of Fruit Science (FoH) and Department of Horticulture conducted seven (07) awareness-cum-demonstration programmes on canopy manage ment & plant architecture to equip and train unskilled growers with advanced scientific pruning and training techniques for improving orchard productivity and fruit quality. ✔ Also conducted 04 no. of awareness cum interaction programmes on lay out under different orchard system.
Chief Agriculture Officer: ✔ Capacity building of extension functionaries regarding Hi-tech Mushr oom Farming	✔ Krishi Vigyan Kendra Srinagar has taken ESDP of rural youth in a Mission mode since 2024 onwards. ✔ Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Srinagar, SKUAST-Kashmir in co llaboration with 41 Battalion BSF, MRTC FoH Shalimar and Project Coordinator IMD Directorate of Agriculture Production, Lal Mandi launched 02 weeks Entrepreneurial Skill Development Certificate Course on Hi-Tech Mushroom Farming at KVK Campus w.e.f Feb 03, 2026

District Social Welfare Officer (Ms. Rehana Rasool) ✔ underline the need to upscale the awareness cum method demonstration on value addition cum processing and canning of fruits to enhance its market value and farmers income	✔ Conducted 10 days skill development training programme on Processing, Canning and Packaging of Fresh Fruits and Vegetable in collaboration with processing and Canning Centre Department of Horticulture, Kashmir ✔ Conducted 03 days on-campus Awareness cum Hands on Training on "Processing of seasonal Fruits & Vegetables for college going Girls.
Director Extension SKUAST-K Underscored the need for promotion of sustainable agriculture practices through popularization of Natural Farming Practices for Healthy Soil and Healthy Crop under NMNF.	✔ KVK Srinagar conducted 5day training programme for Krishi Sakhis under NMNF ✔ Conducted 2 training programmes for farmers of Three natural Farming Clusters of District Srinagar. ✔ Established 4 Natural Farming Demo Units (03 at Farmers Field and 01 at KVK Campus)

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