

**Prof. Sanjay Khajuria of SKUAST-J gets ICAR Performance Excellence Award**



Under the stewardship of Prof. B.N. Tripathi Vice Chancellor SKUAST Jammu and Prof. Amrish Vaid Director Extension SKUAST Jammu, Prof. Sanjay Khajuria, presently working as chief Scientist & Head at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Samba of SKUAST Jammu has been decorated with Performance Excellence Award by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute for Northern States with headquarter at Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana. The Award was presented to him by Dr. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel Vice-Chancellor Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of horticulture and forestry, Solan, H.P in august presence of Dr. Gurcharan Singh, former chairman ASRB, New Delhi, Dr. Nachiket Director ICAR- CIPHET, Ludhiana, Dr. P.S. Birlhal former director NCAEPR, New Delhi & Dr. Parvender Sheoran Director ICAR- ATARI Zone-I (Northern states) in a simple yet impressive function being held at PAU Campus on the eve of foundation day of ICAR-ATARI Zone-I. The award was conferred upon Prof. Sanjay Khajuria by ICAR in recognition of his exemplary leadership, exceptional commitment and innovative strategies towards implementation of frontline extension programmes and strengthening agricultural research and knowledge management in a tough competition among 72

KVKs of five northern states. It is pertinent to mention here that during more than two decades of scientific career, Dr. Khajuria has made an immense contribution for the upliftment of the farming community, rural youth, school and college dropouts, diversification of agriculture, promotion of horticulture based agroforestry, plantation of more than five lakh saplings of different species in Kishtwar, Doda, Ramban and Samba districts of UT of J&K. His services has been duly recognised and appreciated by SKUAST Jammu, Central university of Jammu, Directorate of Horticulture Jammu, Directorate of Agriculture Jammu, Directorate of Higher education J&K, CSIR- IIIM Jammu, IIT Jammu, BSF sector Samba, Indian Army B.D.Bari Samba and District administration Samba. Besides these recognitions, his services were also appreciated by the National Institute for transforming India(NITI Aayog) Govt. Of India. Presently, Dr.Khajuria is running various Research Projects and have lot of publications to his credit.He is keenly involved in teaching, research and extension for generating good human resources besides upliftment of the farming community.