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## Exposure-cum-Field Visit to SKUAST-K, Wadura October 29, 2025

The Department of Botany at HKM Degree College, Bandipora, organised an exposure-cum-field visit to the **Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Kashmir (SKUAST-K), Wadura**, on **October 29, 2025**. A total of **52 students** participated in this educational trip, conducted under the dynamic leadership of **Dr. Mehrajuddin Talie**, Head, Department of Botany. The faculty was accompanied by **Mr. Javid Ahmad Bahar** and **Ms. Sumeria Yousuf** from the non-teaching staff, who served as escorts throughout the visit.

Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by Mr Aejaz Hussain Parrey, Assistant Registrar at SKUAST-K, Wadura, who briefed them on the university's mission and vision. The visit proved to be an enriching and insightful experience, providing students with valuable awareness of SKUAST-K's significant contributions to agricultural education, research, and community development in the region.

**Prof. (Dr.) Bilal Ahmad Bhat**, Professor and Head, Division of Extension Agriculture, SKUAST-K, Wadura, delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking presentation titled *"Holistic Agriculture: A New Vision for Sustainable Growth in J&K."* He shared insights from his on-going research projects and highlighted diverse career opportunities in the field of Plant Sciences, motivating students to pursue higher studies and research in the agricultural sciences.

A hands-on training session on mushroom cultivation, conducted by **Dr. Vikas**, Assistant Professor, Division of Plant Pathology, SKUAST-K, Wadura, was another major highlight of the visit. The session was highly engaging and informative, as Dr. Vikas shared his personal experiences and practical journey in establishing successful mushroom cultivation ventures.

Overall, the visit provided students with meaningful exposure to **modern research trends, sustainable agricultural practices, and practical applications** in plant sciences. It is hoped that all participants found the experience educational, motivating, and inspiring—returning home with **enhanced knowledge and renewed enthusiasm** for their academic and professional pursuits.



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