



Brief Report

Two Day Training cum Awareness Programme

on

“Organic Fruit Production: A Way Forward”

10th & 11th September 2025

Organized by

SKUAST-Kashmir in collaboration with KVK Ganderbal

Under HADP-Project

“Alternate System of Agriculture for Sustainability”

Venue: Conference Hall of KVK Ganderbal.

- As per detailed Project Report and Action Plan 2025-26, an important activity of HADP Project- “Alternate System of Agriculture” assigned to SKUAST-Kashmir is organic fruit production in view of sustainability of the sector.
- In this context, SKUAST-Kashmir in collaboration with the KVK Ganderbal organized two-day awareness cum training programme on 10th & 11th September 2025 at *Conference Hall of KVK Ganderbal* under the HADP Project “*Alternate System of Agriculture for Sustainability*”. The programme witnessed the participation of Scientists & technical staff from KVK Ganderbal, farmers & farm women from various areas of Ganderbal.
- The primary objective of the programme was to encourage farmers to adopt **organic and sustainable farming** practices in fruit production by reducing chemical sprays and synthetic fertilizers & opting integrated pest management. The proceedings began with anchoring by Dr. Suja N. Qureshi, Scientist, who welcomed the guests and participants and introduced audience about purpose of organizing this programme.
- Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik, Senior Scientist & Head briefed the audience about various skill development programmes being offered for the benefit of farmers & schemes and initiatives under HADP & JKCIP. He motivated the farmers to prefer Organic Farming practices & focus on climate resilient crops for better returns.
- Dr. Suja Qureshi, Scientist gave a detailed lecture on organic farming for fruit production with special reference to apple. He also illustrated the fruit quality in traditional *visa viz* conventional farming.
- Dr. Farooq Ahmad Ahanger, Scientist gave a comprehensive lecture on Integrated Disease Management in fruit crops. He highlighted role of organic farming for sustainability.
- Dr. Shaheen Farooq, Scientist described the concept & significance of Horti Poultry model in organic fruit production. He briefed the audience promotes environmental sustainability

by reducing chemical inputs and encouraging organic practices, making it an economically viable and eco-friendly solution for small and marginal farmers in the region.

- Mr. Nazar Ull Islam gave an overview about how Information Technology (IT) transforms agriculture by providing farmers with real-time data on weather, market prices, and soil conditions, enabling data-driven decision-making for increased yields and resource efficiency.
- Dr. Faiqa Syeed, Scientist described the concept & sustainability of Aquaponics as a food production system, which helps turn the waste water into beneficial nutrients for uptake by the plants.
- This training cum awareness programme was a significant step by KVK Ganderbal & SKUAST-K to strengthen & promote sustainable agricultural development among the farmers of the district.
- The trainees were taken on an exhaustive visit to various demonstration units of the KVK which was enlightening for them. Dr. Shaheen described the Horti-Poultry Model as a form of Integrated Farming System (IFS), offers a sustainable and practical solution to the critical constraints faced by farmers, particularly the feed shortage and high cost of livestock production.



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Organic Fruit Production

Course Director	Prof. Parmeet Singh, PI-HADP-16, Chief Scientist Directorate of Research
Course Coordinators	Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Ganderbal Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, SMS Fruit Science, KVK Ganderbal

Programme Schedule

Time	Event	Speaker
Day 1: 10/09/2025		
9:00 am -10:00 am	Registration	
10:00 am -11:00 am	Course outline of training programme.	Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, SMS Fruit Science, KVK Ganderbal
11:00 am-11:30 am	Organic Fruit Production as an Enterprise.	Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Ganderbal
11:30 am -12:30 pm	Organic Farming for Suitable and Nutritional Fruit Production.	Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, SMS Fruit Science, KVK Ganderbal
12:30 pm -1:30 pm	Integrated disease management in fruit crops.	Dr. Farooq Ahmad Ahanger, SMS Plant Protection
1:30 pm - 2:00pm	Lunch Break	
2:00 pm - 3:30pm	Fruit Quality in organic and conventional farming.	Dr. Suja Nabi Qureshi, SMS Fruit Science, KVK Ganderbal
3:30 pm - 5:30pm	Sustainable Horticulture Crop Production through intercropping with vegetable crops.	Dr. Ajaz Ahmed Malik, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Ganderbal
Day 2: 11/09/2025		
10:00 am -11:30 am	Significance of Horti-Poultry in organic fruit production.	Dr. Shaheen Farooq, SMS Animal Science, KVK Ganderbal
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Role of IT In Agriculture	Mr. Nazar Ul Islam, Programme Assistant, KVK Ganderbal
12:30 pm -1:30 pm	Concept & Sustainability of Aquaponics	Dr. Faiqa Syeed, SMS Fisheries, KVK Ganderbal
1:30 pm -2:00 pm	Lunch Break	
2:00 pm - 3:30pm	Visit to different KVK Demonstration units.	
3:30 pm - 4:30pm	Feedback review of Course work taught.	

Glimpses of the programme





Banner of the training programme



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