

Programme	One Day exposure cum interaction programme of sheep farmers of Kulgam district.
Type of the Programme	Exposure cum Interaction Programme
Aim of the Programme	The aim of the exposure visit for sheep farmers to the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences and the Animal Fiber Quality Assurance Laboratory was to strengthen their knowledge and practical skills in scientific sheep rearing and wool production. The visit offered hands-on exposure to advanced practices in sheep health care, disease prevention, nutrition, breeding, and overall flock management, with the objective of enhancing productivity and improving wool yield and quality. Special emphasis was placed on wool quality assurance and value addition practices. Participants were familiarized with scientific techniques for wool testing, fiber grading, micron analysis, and quality certification, along with demonstrations of best practices in pre and post-shearing management to reduce contamination and prevent quality deterioration. This exposure visit also covered primary and secondary wool value addition processing including product diversification, branding, and market linkage strategies. These interventions aim to increase farmers' income, minimize dependence on intermediaries, and promote sustainable and profitable wool-based enterprises.
Duration	One Day
Dates	09 Mar 2024
Venue	FVSc & AH, SKUAST-K
Target Group	Wool growers, FPO members of Anantnag District
Number of participants	42
Event organizers	Division of Livestock Products Technology, FVSc & AH
Collaborating Partner	Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir Division of Veterinary Animal Husbandry Extension, FVSc & AH
Sponsor	Sheep Husbandry Department Kashmir Under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme
Methodology Adopted	Interaction, Practical demonstrations, case studies, exposure visits, hands-on sessions, Feedback sessions.
Outcomes and Impact	Improved knowledge and practical skills. Increased awareness of best practices to improve wool yield and overall productivity. Strengthened understanding of wool quality assurance, testing, grading, and certification. Promotion of sustainable, profitable, and quality-focused wool-based enterprises. Enhanced capacity in sheep health care, disease prevention, nutrition, and breeding practices.