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Report on Awareness Programme on Entrepreneurship and Skill Development in Sericulture

Date: [12/11/2024]

Venue: [Auditorium, GDC Sumbal, Sonawari]

One-day awareness program on Entrepreneurship & Skill development in Sericulture sponsored by Ministry of Micro, small and medium Enterprises(MSME) was organized on 12th November 2024 by Department of Zoology, GDC Sumbal in collaboration with College of Temperate Sericulture SKUAST-K under the patronage of worthy Principal Prof. (Dr.) Shabeena Iqbal shawl. The aim of organizing this program was to provide insights into the potential of sericulture as a means of livelihood and business and to motivate students towards self-employment. Around 62 students (with Zoology as Major/Minor) registered themselves for this program.

Dr.Nikhat Nabi, Head, Department of Zoology, GDC Sumbal and Co-coordinator of this programme, in her inaugural speech, emphasized the importance of sericulture as a livelihood option, particularly in rural areas. She outlined the objectives of the Programme as to promote skill development, to foster entrepreneurial mind-set, and to increase awareness about the business potential of sericulture in Jammu and Kashmir.

Prof. M.F. Baqual, Professor and Head, Division of Host Plant Production and Coordinator, in his keynote address, highlighted the government's initiatives and policies to boost sericulture entrepreneurship.

Prof.(Dr.) Shabeena Iqbal Shawl, Principal, GDC Sumbal, in her special address, elaborated on the potential of this sector to generate sustainable employment and foster entrepreneurial ventures. She encouraged the students to view sericulture as a promising field with the potential to contribute to personal growth and Nation development. She expressed hope that the program would inspire participants to explore entrepreneurial opportunities and build rewarding careers in this industry.

The speakers of **Technical Session** deliberated upon following subjects:

Dr. Nikhat Nabi, Head, Department of Zoology, GDC Sumbal (**Sericulture and its Scope)**

Prof. M.F. Baqual, Professor and Head, Division of Host Plant Production (**Entrepreneurial opportunities in Temperate sericulture)**

Dr. Sabiha Ashraf, Assistant Professor, SKUAST-K (**Organic Farming: A potential Approach for Reducing Diseases)**

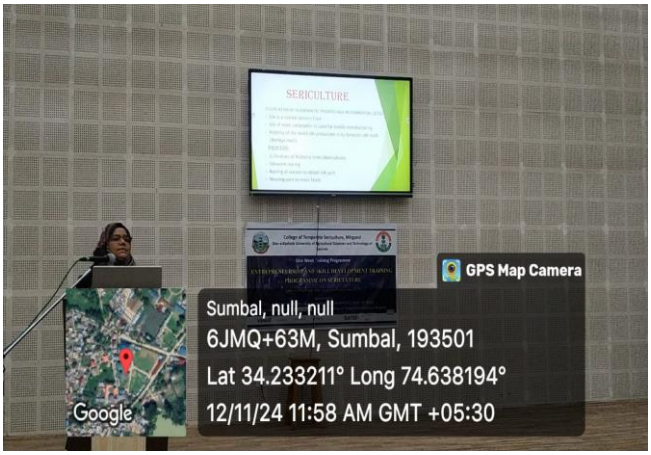
Dr.Farhat Qadri, Assistant Professor, SKUAST-K(**Silkworm Rearing Technology)**

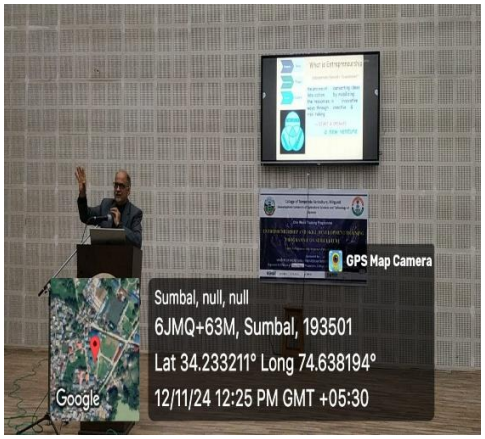
The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sabiha Ashraf, Assistant Professor, SKUAST-K

Stage Moderator: Dr. Feroz Ahmad Dar, Department of Zoology, GDC Sumbal,
Rapporteurs: Dr. Ishfaq Nazir Wani and Dr. Bilal Ahmad Bhat, Department of Zoology, GDC Sumbal.

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