

ACCESS OF LOCAL FARMERS AND FOOD PRODUCERS TO FOOD SECURITY KNOWLEDGE

Vocational training is a key initiative of the University of Poonch Rawalakot (UPR), aimed at providing students and local community members with practical, job-oriented skills beyond traditional academic education. These programs equip individuals with hands-on knowledge and competencies directly applicable to various industries, including trade skills, healthcare, agriculture, food technology, and poultry. By aligning training with local labor market needs and industry trends, UPR empowers participants to enhance their employability, excel in their careers, and contribute to personal and community development.

Following are these events conducted by UPR in 2024.

1: Two days' seminar/workshop on Strawberry cultivation in the Department of Horticulture University of Poonch Rawalakot.

The Department of Horticulture at the University of Poonch successfully organized a two-day seminar on strawberry cultivation, aimed at promoting advanced horticultural practices in the region. The seminar was honored by the presence of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Nawaz Sharif, Multan, as the chief guest, who emphasized the importance of modern agricultural techniques in enhancing local crop productivity.

During the sessions, agricultural experts and researchers shared innovative methods and best practices to improve both the quality and yield of strawberry varieties. Key topics included soil management, pest and disease control, irrigation techniques, and post-harvest handling, with a particular focus on adapting these methods to the climatic and soil conditions of the Kashmir region and surrounding areas.

The seminar also provided a platform for local farmers, students, and horticulture



