Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
Main Campus Shalimar Srinagar - 190025

University Order No: 728 (Est.) of 2026
Dated: 27.10.2026

Pursuant to the decision of the University Council taken at its 36th Meeting held on 24.06.2026, pending statutory approval and in continuation to University Order No. 190 (Est.) of 2026 dated: 16.03.2026, Dr. Asif Bashir Shikari, Professor-cum-Chief Scientist (CAS), Division of Genetics & Plant Breeding, Faculty of Agriculture, Wadura, currently functioning as Head shall henceforth function as I/c Director, Institute of Seed Science, Breeding & Innovation (ISSBI), Wadura till further Orders. He shall have the following administrative and functional role;

1. **Status**
   - He shall serve as apex coordinator for all breeding, seed science, and seed systems activities of the University.
2. **Core Responsibilities:**
   - Provide academic, scientific & strategic leadership in Seed Science and align programmes with state/national/global priorities (ICAR, National Seed Policy)
   - Oversee breeding pipelines, variety release & breeder seed production
   - Coordinate with SKUAST Seeds Ltd. on licensing, seed continuum & IP/revenue protection
   - Ensure compliance with PPV&FR Act, seed certification & quality standards
   - Mobilise funding & build partnerships with national and international agencies.
   - Establish KPIs & submit periodic performance reports to Vice-Chancellor
3. **Key Deliverables:**
   - High-yielding, climate-resilient, nutrient-dense varieties across major crops
   - ≥5 varieties each in vegetables, fruits, floriculture, spices & trees over next 5 years
   - Strong coordination among Divisions, research stations, KVKS & SKUAST Seeds Ltd.
   - Branding & promotion of SKUAST-K seeds at state & national levels
   - Self-sustaining revenue model for SKUAST Seeds Ltd.

By Order

Sd/-
(Prof. Azmat Alam Khan)
Registrar

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- All Officers of the University
- Director Information Technology, SKUAST-K, Shalimar
- Director, Institute of Seed Science, Breeding & Innovation (ISSBI), Wadura
- Concerned _____
- All Heads of Divisions/Colleges/Research Stations/Centres/KVKs and other constituent Units of the University
- Secretary to Vice-Chancellor, SKUAST-K, Shalimar
- Data Entry Cell, Registry
- University Order file File (w.3.s.c.)

27/10/26
Assistant Registrar