

ICAR-NRC on Yak trained 101 ITBP personnel on yak handling and management

ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh successfully completed training of 101 I.T.B.P. personnel on “Yak handling and management”. The training was conducted on request from the ITBP headquarter for the officers and soldiers deployed in animal transport and veterinary care. Yak is used by ITBP as pack animal for transportation of ration and other basic amenities for their soldiers deployed at high altitudes of the Himalayan range.

The total 101 trainees were divided into 5 batches and the training duration was of 3 days for each batch. Training mainly focused on yak handling and restraining, health care management, feeding management and packability of yaks. Practical demonstrations were given on yak handling, wound dressing, clinical examination of yaks, drug administration and on packability. The first batch training started from 27th December, 2017. Mr. Mukesh Saraf, Commanding Officer, 4th Bn. ITBP, Dirang graced the inaugural session as chief guest. He highlighted the importance of training of the ITBP personnel, and compared the performance of yak over mule for load carrying at the high altitude. ITBP personnel from different battalions covering the states of Haryana, Sikkim, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh attended the training.

The last batch training concluded on 8th February, 2018. During the valedictory function, Mr. S. Subramaniam, Commanding Officer, 30th Bn. SSS, Dirang graced the occasion as chief guest. He congratulated ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang for providing training to such a huge numbers of trainees. The chief guest stressed that yak should be properly highlighted as pack animal. As yak is a native to high altitude it is resistant to diseases, can carry more load at high altitude and feeding cost is also negligible. Mr. Pankaj Verma, Second in Command, 4th Bn. ITBP, Dirang was also present during the occasion as guest of honour. He thanked the institute for the training to the ITBP personnel and assured that the knowledge gained by the trainees will certainly help ITBP for management of yaks stationed at the high altitude post of their organization. Dr. P. Chakravarty, Director (Actg.) congratulated the entire faculty for successful completion of the training. He further informed the house that use of yak as pack animal in military and paramilitary forces will definitely add to the income of the yak farmers of the country. This will add in improving their economic condition and contribute in doubling their incomes in long run.

