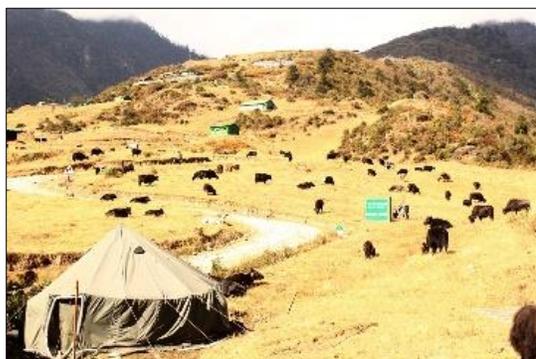


Nomadic herdsmen of remotest Pangchen Valley of Arunachal Pradesh were honoured by ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak in YAK MELA-2015 at Zemithang of Tawang District.

November 15th, Dirang: Shri Jambey Tashi, Hon'ble MLA Lumla and Parliamentary Secretary (RWD), Government of Arunachal Pradesh inaugurated Yak Mela 2015 held at Lumpo and General Ground Zemithang of Twang district at an altitude of 12000 feet above mean sea level organized by the ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang in collaboration with 190 Mountain Brigade, Indian Army and Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Tashi said that yak is one of the most important source of livelihood for the people of Pangchen area in Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh. Shri Tashi also appreciated the ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak for promoting and highlighting scientific yak husbandry practices. He also pointed that inbreeding depression is the major concern for yak husbandry and appealed to the scientists to find out the ways to reduce inbreeding. He also requested yak rearers to adopt scientific inventions to make yak husbandry a profitable venture. On this occasion, Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Director, ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun was also present to encourage yak rearing community to adopt scientific practices to make yak husbandry sustainable. He also congratulated scientists of ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak for organizing Yak Mela in the remotest corner of the country and emphasized that yak and mithun are the integral part of livestock production system of Arunachal Pradesh and need to be promoted.

In the morning, at Lumpo, a livestock competition was organized to encourage yak rearing community in adoption of scientific yak husbandry practices. More than 1000 yaks and yak cattle hybrids were gathered for this competition and Smt. Jambey Lhamu was awarded for her best milk producing yak, Smt. Drema Yarzom for her best Dzomo (Yak-Cattle Hybrid-female) and Shri. Thupten Tsering for his best yak bull of Lumpo area. Exhibition stall with ethnic items and live demonstration of yak milk product preparation by the yak rearing community were the main attraction in the Mela. Exhibition stall Lumpo village



Yaks gathered for livestock competition at Lumpo during Yak Mela-2015



Hon'ble MLA Lumla and Parliamentary Secretary (RWD), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Shri Jambey Tashi, inaugurating Yak Mela 2015

was awarded, the best exhibition stall. More than 500 farmers including 300 yak rearers attended this Mela from different villages of the Pangchen valley. ICAR- National Research Centre on Yak honored 100 farmers with basic amenities like tarpaulin, rain coat, gum boot, mineral mixture, milking bucket, concentrate mixture, common salt, blanket, calcium preparation, solar emergency light and radio to encourage yak rearers. On this occasion, ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak made an exhaustive demonstration on its developed products and technologies to promote entrepreneurship among the youth of the Tawang district.

Dr. S. M. Deb, Director, ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak highlighted the objective of the Yak Mela to promote of scientific yak husbandry practices in Tawang District. Dr. Deb assured to provide six genetically superior bulls from Nyukmadung Yak Farm of NRC on Yak in Pangchen area of Tawang district to reduce inbreeding depression which is causing lower body weight and productivity. He also assured that ICAR-NRCY will go the last mile for the sustainable development of yak husbandry as well as nomadic yak herds of the trans-Himalayan region of India



ICAR- NRC on Yak honoring yak farmers with basic amenities during yak mela-2015