

Workshop on Doubling highland farmer's income organized by ICAR-NRC on Yak

ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang organized a national level workshop on “Yak Resource towards doubling highland farmer's income” from 14th to 16th March, 2018. The workshop was organized in collaboration with ICAR-National Institute of Research on Jute and Allied Fibre Technology (NIRJAFT), Kolkata. With the increasing concern regarding constant decline of yak population in the country the workshop was organized to create awareness and popularize the institute's technologies to improve yak production towards enhancing the income of the yak rearers.

Thirty one participants involving scientists from ICAR institutes, state department officials, officers from paramilitary forces, central organization like NIMAS, progressive yak farmers, NGO officials, officers from Krishi Vigyan Kendra and entrepreneurs registered for the workshop. Dr. K. K. Baruah, Former Director of the institute and an eminent scientist of repute graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest on 14th March. Mr. Dagbom Riba, ADC, Dirang was also present during the occasion as Guest of Honour. Dr. A. N. Roy, Director, ICAR-NIRJAFT, chaired the inaugural session.

The participants of the workshop were exposed to various technologies developed by the institute for the benefit of the yak farmers. Resource persons were also invited from other ICAR institutes and Assam Agricultural University to deliver lectures on advanced technologies to improve income from yak rearing.

Dr. A. K. Rawat, Director, Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Govt. of India was present during valedictory function as Chief Guest on 16th March. He appreciated the activities of the institute and urged that ICAR-NRC on Yak should further collaborate with other national institutes more intensively for advanced research on yak husbandry. Mr. S. Subramaniam, CO, 30th SSB and Col. Sarfarz Singh, Director, NIMAS, Dirang were also present in the occasion as Guest of Honour and Special guest respectively. Dr. P. Chakravarty, Director of the institute welcomed the collaboration of different organizations like DBT, SSB, ITBP, Army, NIMAS and others through this workshop and urged to work together for the benefit of yak rearers.

