

National Research Centre on Yak successfully conducted Agribusiness Development Meet

Dirang, 12th January, 2017: A one day “Agribusiness Development Meet” was organized at ICAR-National. This meet is preceded by a training programme on “Manufacturing of garments from jute-yak blended fabric” from January 7-11th January, 2017 at ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang in collaboration with ICAR-NIRJAFT, Kolkata inaugurated by Chief Guest, Sri. S. Sankarnarayanan, Chief General Manager, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Itanagar. Mr. Sankarnarayanan in his address emphasized the importance of yak wool and its potentiality to develop new entrepreneurship. He also stressed that ICAR-NRC on Yak and NABARD should work together for development sustainable business entity for new entrepreneur where NABARD will be emerged as the apex institution to play a pivotal role to suggest the policy planning for providing financial facilities to rural youth for entrepreneurship development. Dr. A.N. Roy, Principal Scientist & HoD, ICAR-NIRJAFT, Kolkata graced the programme as Guest of Honour, outlined different unique feature of yak wool and also highlighted that garments companies all over the world are taking steps to increase eco-friendly practices, and as a result, new all-natural fibers are popping up on the market. He emphasized that next frontier when it comes to environmentally friendly textiles, and that will be Yak wool. He also appreciated the initiative taken by Institute Technology Management Unit of ICAR-NRC on Yak. Dr. S.M. Deb, Director ICAR-NRC on Yak and the Chairman of function highlighted the issues, challenges and concerns of yak husbandry and the lead role played by ICAR-NRC on Yak to address these problems. He also emphasized that this kind of Agribusiness Development Meet will be highly helpful for linkage development and forecast the agribusiness opportunities, information on funding opportunities available through banks and other financial institutions, as well as success stories of few agribusiness entrepreneurs in various spheres. He appraised the institute’s contribution in developing various yak wool technologies with the help of ICAR-NIRJAFT, Kolkata. Earlier, Dr. Pranab Jyoti Das, Sr. Scientist and i/c Institute Technology Management Unit briefed about Agribusiness Development Meet and presented detail about the programme. Dr. V. Paul, Senior Scientist thanked the dignitaries, youth entrepreneur, participants and ICAR-NIRJAFT, official from Dirang. Morning session was completed by display of different product and technology by ICAR-NRC on Yak, KVK Dirang as well as textile department of Arunachal Pradesh. Morning session was ended with live technology demonstration by NRC on yak both in milk and wool unit under institute LPT section. Afternoon session was started with plenary session and Dr. S.M. Deb grace the session as chairman and Mr. Sankarnarayanan, CGM, NABARD, acts as co-chairman. In the plenary session Dr. J. Bam, Dr. Stephen Hanah and Dr. Medhi Scientist, ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak presented a handful technology ready to commercialize. Later, Dr. N D Singh of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Dirang also presented the technologies those are popularized in locality. Finally Dr. A N Roy from National Institute of Research on Jute and Allied Fibre Technology (NRJAFT), Kolkata presented the technologies pertaining to jute and yak fibres, which has already developed and are ready for commercialization. Each of the presentation was followed by a meaningful discussion which was reflected in the recommendation prepared by the rapporteurs. Later certificates of participation was given to nine trainees participating training on “Manufacturing of garments from jute-yak blended fabric “from 7-12th January, 2017 as well as memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between ICAR-National Research Centre on yak, Dirang, West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh and Sri Rinchin Khandu, S/o Late Rinchin Leto, Yewang village, Dirang, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh to share the services like Capacity Building Support, Business Development Support, Operations Support etc. from the Institute in order to develop skills for the production of Yak wool based diversified product; and setting up of own plant. Finally Dr. S. M. Deb, Chairman asked Dr. V.Paul and Dr. J.Doley, IACR-NRC on yak, rapporteur of the meeting to prepare important recommendations based on their observation of plenary session. The chairman asked rapporteurs to present the recommendation to the house. Meeting was also attended total 52 participants which also include different Govt. department of Arunachal Pradesh viz. Mrs. Sonam, I/C Horticulture Development officer, and Sh. N. Phaichulpha, Dy. Director, Apple Nursery, Dirang and local farmers.



