

ICAR- National Research Centre on Yak conducts extension outreach activities for Yak Dokpas of Sikkim

In collaboration with the Dept. of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Govt. of Sikkim, ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh conducted extension outreach activities for the Dokpas of the yak rearing areas in North Sikkim and East Sikkim. In Muguthang valley, Lachen, North Sikkim which is home to about eleven Dokpas with a population of around 1500 yaks, an Awareness Programme on Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) was held on 22nd August followed by a Farmers' field day and Animal Health Camp on 23rd August. During these programmes, scientists from ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dr.K.Mepfhuo and Dr.Martina Pukhrambam, interacted with the Dokpas to get an overview of the yak rearing practices followed in the valley and also apprised the yak rearers of the research activities and the technologies developed by the institute which they can adopt for sustainable yak husbandry in the state. While the resource persons from the Dept. of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Govt. of Sikkim, Dr.Dechen.O.Kaleon, Addl Director, Mangan District and Dr.Sonam Diki Lepcha, Dy Director, Chungthang Veterinary Hospital briefed the Dokpas on the health care management of yaks with special focus on the Lumpy Skin Disease and Foot & Mouth Disease (FMD).



The scientists from NRC on Yak also met up with Dr.Karma.T.Bhutia, Director, Dept. of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services and his team to hand over the vaccines and other aids including basic veterinary medicines, need based inputs like gum boot, solar lamps, animal feed etc in the wake of the ongoing Lumpy Skin Disease Outbreak that has been extended by the institute to the Dept. on the initiative of Dr.Mihir Sarkar, Director, ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh under the Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) of the institute. Led by the Veterinary Officers under the supervision of Dr.Diki Palmu Sherpa, Addl. Director (Suptd.SVPC) the team from ICAR-NRC on Yak visited Gnathang valley and Kupuk for interacting with the Dokpas of the region.



The programmes and aid extended by ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang aims to benefit the Dopkas (Yak rearers) spread across the state of Sikkim.