

## **Institute-Stakeholders Interaction Meeting on Promising Technologies of ICAR-NRC on Yak and their Implementation**

**Dirang, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018:** To popularize and showcase the institute technologies and products developed for the promotion of yak husbandry in the country among different stakeholders for successful implementation in the field, an ‘Institute-Stakeholders Interaction Meeting on Promising Technologies of ICAR-NRC on Yak and their Implementation’ was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh. In total, 30 stakeholders consisting of yak farmers, progressive farmers, youth associated with tourism, state animal husbandry and veterinary department, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, West Kameng, Army and Paramilitary forces, National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, district administration and public leaders participated in the meeting. The Institute Management Committee members of ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang and the scientists of the Institute were also present in the meeting for the interaction with the stakeholders. Dr. Vijay Paul, Principal Scientist presented the promising technologies of the Institute. In interactive session, different issues pertaining to yak rearing were discussed and addressed.



Shri Sang Dorjee, a yak farmer appreciated the Yak-Jute blended fabric technology in earning additional benefits from unutilized yak coarse fibre. He also raised his concern of increasing ticks problem in yak especially during grazing on winter pastures and appealed for finding its suitable control measures. Shri Badumba, a progressive farmer shared his experience of adopting integrated farming. Dr. Darge Tsering, Sr. Veterinary Officer emphasized on branding of yak products for getting better market returns. Shri Jam Tsering, Ex-ZPM Thembang appreciated the complete feed block technology to mitigate the winter fodder problems in the area. He thanked the institute for providing direct help in form of distribution of CFB to the tribal farmers of the area for feeding their livestock during feed scarcity period under institute TSP programme. Dr. N.D. Singh, Sr. Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, West Kameng emphasis on the benefits of adopting organic and integrated farming for enhancing the farm

returns. He also requested ICAR-NRC on Yak to assist the KVK in establishing the demonstration plot on pasture development. Shri Dorjee Tsering shared his opinion of motivating young generation towards yak husbandry by transforming traditional yak rearing into yak rearing fashion. Shri Pankaj Kumar Verma, Second in Command, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn ITBP force appreciated the capacity building of ITBP jawans and officers of AT wing by the institute on Yak handling and management for using it as a pack animal at anterior outposts. He also mentioned that ITBP is also taking care of the community building and in future it will join its hands in saving the yak rearing pastoral communities. Shri S. Subramaniam, Commandant, 30<sup>th</sup> SSB appealed for the collaborative efforts to clear the plastics dumping from the yak grazing grounds along the Indo-Bhutan borders. He also raised his concern over the deforestation. Dr. Jitendra Kumar Chauhan, Coordinator, Agril. Extension & Education affairs, Office of the Union Minister of Agriculture & FW, GoI as a special guest of the event suggested to explore the therapeutic potentials of yak milk and milk products. He stressed on involvement of youth in complete feed block making and yak-jute blended garment manufacturing business. Dr. P. Chakravarty, Director (Acting) in his concluding remarks said that the yak rearing is a way of life and a major means of sustenance of the economically and socially deprived resource poor tribal highland people. An integrated and holistic approach for conservation and propagation of yak is mandatory to save yak and its husbandry for future generations.