

## ICAR-NRC on Yak conducted Collaborative Welfare Programme with DEWS for Yak Farmers at NagaGG

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**Naga GG, 2<sup>nd</sup> August'2020:** In connection with the ongoing supportive programme of ICAR-NRCY, Dirang for the affected yak farmers of Lubrang, Mandala Phudung and Nyung-Lok villages, the institute conducted one programme in collaboration with Dirang Employees Welfare Society (DEWS) on 02-08-2020 at Naga GG under Dirang circle situated at 13,000 above msl in presence of District Commissioner, Bomdila, Sri Karma Leki with 20 officials of district Head Quarter, Bomdila. This year due to COVID 19 pandemic, the yak farmers of these areas were affected a lot due to complete seal of their traditional route to high altitude at Luguthang and Mago areas which they are following since long back for summer grazing of their yaks. Looking the rugged terrains with turbulent streams of the route with apprehension of getting infection of their animals, the farmers approached this institute. Besides, the DEWS also noticed the matter and immediately sent request letter to the Director, ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang for extending support to the farmers. Accordingly ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang took the matter seriously and conducted a supportive programme keeping all preventive measures of COVID-19 pandemics on 02-07-2020 at RA-1, Selapass for the farmers having almost 300 yak/yak cattle hybrids.

In the programme conducted at Naga GG on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2020, Mr. Dor Phunchu, President, DEWS welcomed the participants with brief objectives of the programme. Dr. D. Medhi, Senior Scientist cum i/c Extension of the institute briefed the technology developed by the institute for scientific feeding, breeding, reproductive and health management issues for better productivity of yaks. He also talked on hygienic aspects for clean milk production and value addition of their products. Dr. P. Chakravarty, Director, ICAR-NRCY, Dirang suggested the farmers to opt the technologies developed by the institute for better economic returns from their animals and improvement of their livelihood security. As supportive measures seventy (70) numbers of beneficiaries were provided with concentrate yak feed, common salts, complete feed blocks chelated mineral mixtures and some basic veterinary medicines like anthelmintics, antidiarrhoeas, tick-out etc for their animals under TSP of the institute. Besides, 30 beneficiaries were also given manual cream separator for processing their milk produced in through their yaks in the field condition. Additionally, DEWS extended support in the form of rice @ 20 kg per farmer and dal during the programme. D.C., Bomdila Shri Krama Leki appreciated ICAR-NRCY for its contribution towards improvement of yak husbandry in Arunachal Pradesh and yak brokpas for adopting the scientific measures with the technologies developed by the institute which has resulted in qualitative and quantitative improvement of yak production in the State. All the officials of district Head Quarter, Bomdila appreciated the efforts of ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang for extending immediate support to the needy farmers. The programme was successfully completed with active participation of officials and staffs of ICAR-NRCY, Dirang and Dirang Employees Workers Society.



