

ICAR-NRC on Yak organized 6th “Yak Mela” at Mandala

ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak ,Dirang organised the 6th Yak Mela with a day long programme on November, 18, 2019 at 12000 ft. above msl Mandala Top, the Pristine Highlands of Nomadic Yak rearers, West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh as a part of the institute’s strategy for Promotion and Conservation of Yak in the Eastern Himalayas. The Mela was organized in collaboration with District Administration of Dirang circle ,4th Bn. ITBP Force, Dirang , 30th SSB Dirang and Construction Committee 108 Mane, Mandala.

The programme started with various competitions conducted by the institute among the brokpas, and their yaks as well in their natural habitat to encourage and attract the farmers towards yak rearing. An exhibition was arranged on the day where ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak showcased an extensive range of its developed products and technologies to encourage yak rearing community for adoption of scientific yak husbandry practices and to inculcate entrepreneurship among the youths. Brokpa communities along with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dirang, National Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, CHC, Dirang also showcased their activities during the Mela.

The 6th Yak Mela was graced by Shri Phurpa Tsering, Hon’ble MLA as Chief Guest. In his inaugural address the Chief Guest appreciated the efforts of ICAR-NRC on Yak in promoting yak husbandry and enriching the livelihood of yak farmers which has resulted in increase in yak population in Arunachal Pradesh. While appealing to the Brokpa community to adopt the technologies developed by ICAR-NRC on Yak, he desired the institute to extend its activities to other yak rearing States to benefit the farmers there. Guest of Honour, Prof. Saket Kushwaha, VC, Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar in his speech encouraged the farmers to continue the yak farming to improve their livelihood taking advantage of the support of ICAR-NRC on Yak and other organizations. He also assured to extend his help and co-operation towards higher education of the students of the region. The programme was also graced by Shri. S.S. Vaseeharan, DGM, NABARD, Itanagar, Shri. Toko Babu, ADC, Dirang Shri. Pankaj Kumar, Commandant 4 th ITBP, Shri. Rohit Pandey, Dy. Commandant 30 th SSB along with other dignitaries including the HoDs of Dirang circle. Yak farmers also expressed their views and appreciated the help and support of ICAR-NRC on Yak. Earlier, Dr. P. Chakravarty, Director, ICAR-NRC on Yak, welcoming the dignitaries, guests and all other participants, highlighted the objective of the Yak Mela that aims to promote scientific yak husbandry practices in the country. More than 300 farmers of different pockets of West Kameng District of Arunachal Pradesh participated in the Mela. Shri Darge Tseing was adjudged the Best Brokpa of the year. Hon’ble MLA Shri Phurpa Tsering, Dirang and other dignitaries distributed the awards and inputs during the occasion. ICAR- National Research Centre on Yak provided support with basic amenities like Concentrate feed, Common Salt, Mineral Mixture, Feeding Pan, Vegetable Crate, Steel Bucket , Belcha , Khurpi, Kodali,,Solar Lamp, Tarpaulin etc. in the 6th Yak Mela. Dr. D.Medhi, Sr. Scientist & Organizing Secretary proposed vote of thanks in the occasion



Legends (Sl 1 -7)

1. Selection of yak for livestock competition in farmer's field
2. Dignitaries relishing butter tea at Brokpa Exhibition Stall
3. Dignitaries on the dais

4. Yak dance on the occasion
5. VC RGU addressing the gathering
6. Brokpa receiving NRCY inputs from dignitaries
7. Chief Guest, Shri Phurpa Tsering, MLA, Dirang addressing on the occasion



