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Dirang, Sept. 11: ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak (NRCY) in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Dirang organized a *Kisan Mela cum Farmer-Scientist’s interaction programme followed by the Live webcast program on inaugural ceremony of Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY)* and National Animal Disease Control programme for FMD and Brucellosis with Hon’ble PM’s address from Mathura in Dirang campus of the institute on 11th September’2019. A total of 106 livestock cum agriculture farmers along with 23 Government officials from different departments in and around Dirang attended the programme. Besides, 2 GB/Chairmen/ZilaPanchayat members also attended the live telecast address of the Honorable *Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi*.

In connection with this programme one “Kisan Mela” followed by “Farmers-scientists interaction” was also conducted in the institute auditorium. Scientists from ICAR-NRC on Yak and KVK, West Kameng, Dirang interacted with the farmers. The farmers quarrries on scientific management of livestock, their feeding and management especially during winter, pest management in vegetables, soil health management, integrated farming, vermi-composting etc. Following the Farmer-Scientist meet the launching programme on “National Animal Disease Control programme for FMD and Brucellosis cum Kisan Maandhan Yojana (PM-KMY)” from Mathura, Uttar Pradesh was conducted under the chairmanship of Dr. D. Medhi, in-charge Director, ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang. He urged upon the farmers to take advantages of the services and supports of the scientists on different aspects of livestock, fisheries and agricultural farming for improvement of their income for betterment of livelihood and nutritional security. At the end farmers were distributed with concentrate feed, common salts and some basic veterinary medicines like anthelmintics, antidiarrhoeals, liver tonics, fly repellents etc for their livestock under Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) head of the institute. Dr. N. D. Singh, Senior Scientist cum Head, KVK, Dirang cum all scientists and SMSs of both the institutes coordinated the programme for making it grand success. Dr. Karma Dorjee, District Vety. Officer, Bomdila appreciated the Director, ICAR-NRC on Yak for conducting such programme and benefitting the tribal farmers of his locality.