

ICAR-NRC on Yak celebrates 35th Foundation Day at Dirang, West Kameng

The premier research institute on Yak, ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak celebrated its 35th Foundation Day on 23rd January 2024 at Dirang under the befitting theme, “Promotion of Yak Herders and Yak products through Research and Extension”. Since 1989, the year of the institute’s establishment, NRC on Yak has been fully committed to the upliftment of yak husbandry and its stakeholders through research as well as its outreach extension activities.



The occasion was graced by Dr.Soumen Sahu, Professor & Head of Fishery Economics and Statistics, West Bengal University of Animal & Fishery Sciences as the chief guest. While Shri J.T.Obi, ADC Dirang and Dr.Rajan Gupta, Principal Scientist (retired), ICAR were the guest (s) of honour and Dr.Jayanta Ghosh, Assistant Prof & Coordinator of CRSGPP, West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences & Secretary, National GI Drive Mission was the special guest. The highlight of the programme included a presentation on the, “Activities, accomplishments and aspirations of ICAR-NRC on Yak” by Dr.Mihir Sarkar, Director of ICAR-NRC on Yak. During the presentation, Dr. Sarkar highlighted on the major areas where the institute is currently focusing viz; sustainability and improvement of yak farming, yak genetic improvement, conservation and multiplication of yak germplasm, value addition of yak products, livelihood security improvement and encouraging overall yak farming through sedentarization programme. Dr. Sarkar also expounded on the current achievements of the institute including obtaining the GI tag for the Arunachal Pradesh Yak Churpi, the approval of the bankable scheme for profitable yak rearing prepared by the institute by NABARD, the initiation of the formation of the cooperative society to bring all the yak husbandry stakeholders under a single umbrella in the form of a society envisioning sustainable yak husbandry. The plethora of special invited guest (s) from varied fields contributed their expertise during their speeches with a common theme that is directed at putting the yak herders on the map and the path along economic growth and social inclusion.

The programme was attended by the GBs of the yak rearing villages, yak herders of West Kameng, HODs of Agri & allied departments including the Director, NIMAS, Commandant of

4th Bn ITBP, 30th Bn SSB and 16th Bn of Madras Regiment besides the scientists, officers and staff of the institute.