

Awareness programme on ticks and tick-borne diseases conducted by ICAR-NRC on Yak

A team of scientists from ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak (ICAR-NRC on Yak), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh conducted an awareness programme on 25th of September, 2021 at Naga grazing grounds. A total of twenty one tribal yak farmers from different villages including Barchipam, Sagar, Dirang and Lubrang attended the event and were sensitized about the tick and tick-borne diseases of yak.

Dr. Joken Bam, coordinator of the programme and scientist, ICAR-NRC on Yak informed the *Brokpas* about the symptoms of bovine Babesiosis in yaks and spoke at length about its treatment and also recommended prophylactic measures to prevent it. Dr. Aneet Kour, Associate and scientist, ICAR-NRC on Yak laid emphasis on the importance of hygienic measures for preventing diseases including COVID-19 pandemic and for promoting clean milk production.

Thereafter, inputs including concentrate feed for yaks and salt were distributed to the *Brokpas*. All the farmers expressed their gratitude and appreciation towards the Director, ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dr. Mihir Sarkar for relentlessly supporting them with inputs as well as scientific information.