

PRISM Workshop-cum-Seminar on “Innovation and Entrepreneurship” organized by DSIR-TOCIC IIT Guwahati in association with ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak (ITMU unit), Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh on 19th June, 2019.

A 1-day, Workshop-cum-Seminar on “*Innovation and Entrepreneurship*” was organized by Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) - TOCIC IIT Guwahati in association with ITMU, ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang on 19th June, 2019 at ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh under PRISM (Promoting Innovations in Individuals, Startups and MSMEs) scheme of DSIR. The objective of the workshop was to support the individual innovators by funding their untapped creativity enabling inclusive development of India. A total of 51 participants including innovators, entrepreneurs, faculties and scholars of Science and Technology from West Kameng district registered for the workshop. Dr. R. Banerjee, Scientist-E, DSIR, Ministry of Science & Technology, as a representative of Govt of India explained the participants in detail about the PRISM scheme of DSIR and the purpose of the workshop. Sh. Toko Babu, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dirang graced the inaugural session of the workshop as a Guest of Honor. In his inaugural address, he appreciated the collaborative initiatives of ICAR-NRC on Yak, IIT Guwahati and DSIR for organizing such an important workshop in remotely located area of Arunachal Pradesh. He also appealed to the participants to get sensitized and benefited through the PRISM scheme. Dr. A. N. Roy, Head, ToT, ICAR-NINFET Kolkata delivered his invited talk on “Technology Development & Translation-ICAR perspective” and Dr. M. Banerjee, Associate Prof., IIT, Kharagpur also delivered her invited talk on “Innovation & entrepreneurship” during the technical session. Dr. Vijay Paul, Director I/C, ICAR-NRC on Yak in his introductory address, highlighted the research activities and the promising technologies of institute to the participants. He also emphasized on future researchable areas for developing the suitable technologies to support yak husbandry under impending climate change threat and environment friendly husbandry practices approach. A competition was also organised among the participants for presentation of their bright idea/innovation proposal for funding under PRISM scheme. A total, seven (07) individual innovators were evaluated by the team of panel experts and three best innovators were awarded. Dr. Darge Tsering (SVO, Dirang) and Mr. P. Thinley (I/C KVK) were among the panellists of the competition during workshop. The overall programme was co-ordinated by Dr. S. Pal,

Associate Professor, IIT Guwahati and Dr. T.P. Singh & Dr. J. Doley, Scientists of ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang.

