

Yak Husbandry gets a boost

Yak is a lifeline for pastoral nomads in the higher reaches of Himalayas where other bovines will not survive or atleast not without difficulty. Yaks play multidimensional socio-cultural economic role for the pastoral nomadic communities who rear yaks for earning their livelihood. However, lately, the economic dividends arising from yak farming are declining and this is further reflected in the dwindling yak population on a year-by-year basis. Inclement weather conditions in the wake of climate change, diseases, attack by wild animals etc. are some of the prominent reasons for huge losses incurred by yak farmers.

Due to the relentless efforts of ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, an insurance policy for yaks has been formally approved by National Insurance Company Limited. It will be a big boon for the yak owners throughout the country and will shield them against a number of risks posed by weather calamities, diseases, in-transit mishaps, surgical operation, strike or riots and permanent total disability for breeding or stud yaks. This insurance policy for yaks has provided a shot in the arm to the cause of yak conservation and sustainable yak husbandry.