

TRAINING ON QUALITY EVALUATION OF YAK MILK

Dirang, 03 March, 2021: Three days training programme on “**Quality evaluation of yak milk and Ghee/Butter/Mar preparation**” organized at ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak under the Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme of the Institute concluded on 03.03.2021. The training was coordinated by Dr. T. P. Singh, Dr. Joken Bam and Mr. P. Namje. The focus of the programme was to provide hands-on training about hygiene and quality control measures to the participants to ensure clean milk production and processing especially in the times of COVID-19 pandemic when the hygiene and sanitation is of utmost importance, while also keeping the income from milk and milk products stable. The training comprised of lecture on pre and post milking hygienic measures to ensure healthy animals and safe milk to consumers. The participants were given extensive training on processing of various value-added yak milk products like cream, Ghee/Butter/Mar, dahi, khoa based sweets etc. An exposure on advance milking instrument like milk machine was also done. Quality checking in terms of organoleptic evaluation, packaging and presentation for marketing was also an important aspect of the training. This programme is an initial effort towards, Hon’ble Prime Minister’s vision for *Atmanirbhar Bharat* through capacity building of the tribal communities. Ten (10) tribal youth from Yewang, Sangti, Thembang, Namshu, and Jyotinagar villages under Dirang Sub-division participated in this training programme. Dr. Mihir Sarkar, Director praised the efforts of Dr. T. P. Singh and his team for successfully conducting the training in this very important area.

