

NRC on Mithun has celebrated 25 years of its existence

The NRC on Mithun has celebrated 25 years of its existence on 27th March 2014 at Medziphema campus. Hon'ble Shri. Yitachu , Parliamentary Secretary, Veterinary & A.H, Govt of Nagaland, Hon'ble Shri. Benjongliba Aier , Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Govt of Nagaland, Hon'ble Dr. S.Ayyappan, Director General of ICAR, Dr. K.M.L. Pathak ,DDG (Animal Science), Dr.B.S.Prakash ,ADG (ANP) , Secretary, Veterinary & AH, Government of Nagaland, Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, Dr. S.N.Puri, Vice chancellor , CAU, Imphal, Dr.S.M.Deb, Director, NRC Yak, Dhirang, Dr.S.V.Ngachan, Director, ICAR research complex , Barapani, Dr.R.N.Goswami, Dean, CVSc, Kahnapara, Prof. Almenla Ao , Dean SASARD, Dr.Rajan Gupta, PS(ICAR HQ), Dr. A. Chakravarty, Director Research, CVSc, Khanapara have graced the occasion. On the eve of Silver Jubilee celebration, NRC On Mithun has organized Interface Meeting to discuss the issues related to Mithun husbandry. The Interface meeting was participated by high dignitaries, scientist from various institute of NEH region , state Veterinary & AH officials namely Dr. Timothy Lotha, Director, Vety&AH, Nagaland, Dr. T.Heli (PC, KVK, Pampapur, Arunachal Pradesh) , Dr.R.K..K.Singh & Dr.Arun (Deputy Director), Vety&AH, Manipur, Dr. Naresh Prakash, Joint director, ICAR Research complex, Manipur, Official from disease investigation unit dimapur, Dr. Keiba (NLDB), Dr.B.C. Deka, JD, ICAR Research complex, Mr Dolo Entrepreneur Associate, Kohima (NGOs), Self Help groups, NABARD , farmers and press and media. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. Ayyappan, DG, ICAR, Shri Yitachu and Shri Benjongliba by lighting the lamp.

On this occasion, an exhibition was also organized, which were participated by NRCM, SASARD (Nagaland University), ICAR complex for NEH region (Nagaland Center), Development Association of Nagaland , Entrepreneur Associate (Kohima), NABARD (Dimapur), Thermo-Fisher Scientific, SBI ADB (Medziphema) and Dimul (Dimapur) displaying their various organizational activities. The dignitaries have visited the all the stalls and appreciated the various efforts of these organizations. During inaugural address, Dr. C.Rajkhowa, Director, NRC on Mithun has formally welcomed all the dignitaries and participant and presented overview of 25 years of journey since its inception in 1988, Dr. S.N.Puri congratulated the scientists and the staffs of the Institute for the successful completion of 25 years of the Journey. He thanked to NRCM for providing the undergraduate and post graduate students of CAU for providing exposure to mithun farming in experiential learning programmes. He applauded the efforts of scientists for supervising the post graduate students of CAU for the research work on mithun and suggested for more efforts in this concern. He stressed further for processing of mithun milk and producing various milk products and establish the nutraceutical values of mithun milk and meat products and their wide spread popularization as rare value added products.

Dr. K.M.L. Pathak highlighted the achievements and technologies developed by the NRCM during last 25 years including the development of area specific mineral mixture, spent grain based feed blocks, artificial Insemination for mithun and Embryo Transfer calves produced by the Institute.

He applauded the collaborative efforts being under taken by the NRCM along with State veterinary and Animal Husbandry department of Nagaland for conservation and propagation of mithun in the region. He further stressed the need to take up the programmes with other mithun inhabiting states also. He highly praised the efforts of Entrepreneuers Associates, for working in collaboration with NRCM for the conservation of Mithun and extending micro credit to the mithun farmers. Shri Benjongliba Aier expressed gratitude to ICAR for establishing NRC on Mithun in Nagaland. He highlighted the socio cultural association of mithun in the tribal population of the state. He praised the efforts of NRC on Mithun for the dissemination of technologies among the farmers for the encouraging scientific mithun rearing practices.

Shri Yitachu congratulated NRCM for its grand success in these 25 years and acknowledged the sincere and hard work done by the scientists of NRCM and brings the laurel to the Institute as well as the Mithun in the International Arena. He expressed thanks to the Director for the involvement of Policy makers in various programmes of the Institute which helps them to formulate the appropriate policies and discuss the issues at the higher level. He raised his concern for the shrinking forests cover in the region, which is adversely affecting the mithun rearing in the region.

Dr. S. Ayyappan admired the significant efforts of scientists of the Institute during last 25 years. He said that the ICAR feels proud to have such institute which has achieved significant success despite of various odds and still marching ahead with quality and farmers oriented research. He applauded the quality research articles published by scientific community of institute in high impact international journals.

He emphasized for need to expand the activities of Institute in other Mithun rearing states. He believed that scientist of NRCM will work even harder with sense of greater responsibilities to address and mitigate the challenges of incoming 25 years. Dr.K.K.Barua thanked all the dignitaries for giving their valuable suggestion and sharing vision. He also expressed thank to all participants including scientist, state officials, NGOs and farmers. On this occasion Director general have launched an “Mithun based farming system” in 5 village namely Porba, Losami, Pholami, Thetsumi and Enhulumi of Phek district, which will be developed as model village by NRCM in collaboration of Entrepreneur Associate and Mithun Farmer Association of this region.

An interface meeting for formulating the strategies to develop agriculture and allied sectors in Nagaland held on 27th March, 2014 at National Research Centre on Mithun (ICAR), Jharnapani, Medziphema, Nagaland under the chairmanship of Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secy. DARE & DG ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. K. M. L. Pathak DDG (AS) as co-chairman. The Interface Meeting was stated at 4:00-7:00 PM and continued upto 7:00PM. During Interface Meeting, all the high dignitaries, Directors and other high officials of Agriculture, Horticulture, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry and Veterinary departments, Government of Nagaland, and Scientist from ICAR institute located at Eastern and North Eastern Region shared their views. During discussion farmers have also actively participated and presented their views. This platform has proved to be crucial for guiding the Institute and deciding the priority areas for future based on input from all the participants and for bringing in convergence of activities of different organization for enhancing productivity of the state. A souvenir and many farmers’ oriented folders were released on this occasion.

The interface concluded with a pledge to develop a stronger link up among all the stakeholder; viz. NRC on Mithun, State government, KVKs, financing agencies and the mithun farmers.

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