

Training Programme organised for VFAs at NRC on Mithun

A 4 days training programme was organised on Therapeutic Interventions and Scientific Mithun Rearing Practices for Veterinary Field Assistants of Kohima, Dimapur and Parem districts of Nagaland at NRC on Mithun from 3rd to 6th December, 2013. The programme was inaugurated by Dr C. Rajkhowa, Director, NRC on Mithun. Dr. Rajkhowa expressed his extreme happiness and opined that the present training will be extremely helpful for VFAs in carrying out their routine health care and would enable them to serve in scientific way to the Mithun and other livestock's.

Dr. Rajkhowa explained about the overview of Institute's activities, its vision, and Mission, mandate and farmers friendly technologies developed by the Institute. During the 4 days period, the trainees were given exposure to practical learning of various farm worthy techniques like restraining, casting, dentition for determining age, silage and hay preparation, feed block preparation, traditional and scientific method of identification (ear tags and electronic microchip), routes of vaccination and deworming, various route of medication, recoding of temperature, pulse and heart rate, castration, wound management, fracture repair etc. They were also explained about artificial insemination and its potential, embryo transfer technology, oestrous synchronization, various diseases (bacterial, viral, parasitic) and their management, deworming and vaccination schedules, mineral supplementation and its role, Colostrum feeding and its importance, post natal management of dam and newborn and housing of Mithun etc. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Akhilesh Kumar (Scientist, Vet. Medicine), Dr. R. K. Singh (PC, KVK, Phek) and Dr. Vidya Singh (Scientist, Vet. Pathology). All the trainees were given a coloured printed supplementary material which includes practical and theoretical aspects of therapeutic management and improved technique for scientific mithun rearing. The contents of the training was contributed by all the scientists of NRC on Mithun including Dr. K.K. Baruah, Dr. N. Haque, Dr. A. Mukherjee and Dr. M. H. Khan, Dr. J. K. Chamuah, Dr. Perumal P and Dr. K. Khate.

The training programme was concluded with the valedictory function which was presided by Dr. Timothy Lotha (Director, Veterinary &A.H, Govt. of Nagaland), Dr. Achila Ao (Dy. Director), Dr. Tongpang (Dy. Director) and Dr. Z. Mekro (Sr. A. A) from State Veterinary and A.H department, Govt. of Nagaland in the afternoon of 6th December, 2013. Dr. Timothy distributed certificate to all the participants for the training programme. Dr. Timothy, expressed sincere thanks to the Institute for organising such training programme, which could provide VFAs an opportunity to get exposed to newer development in the area of health care and management vis a vis familiarization with the farm worthy techniques developed by the Institute. He further opined that more number of such training programmes should be organised for the benefit of the farming community. Dr. K. K. Baruah, Principal Scientist, NRC on Mithun extended his sincere thanks to Dr. Timothy (Director, veterinary &A.H, Govt of Nagaland) for sending the VFAs for training and expressed his willingness to organise such programmes more frequently in future for the dissemination of information about improved scientific management practices to the VFAs with ultimate view of benefitting the farmers .