

Smart Engineering of Yak Products for better economy – Gangkar Punsum Chikthun Tshogpa, Sephu









26-02-2021: The high altitude and rough mountains with shorter summer and longer winter limits the agriculture farming to the highlanders. The northern alpine regions are home to various nomadic communities starting from Haa in the western Bhutan to Merak and Sagteng in the extreme eastern regions. Yak farming is indispensable to these communities for their livelihood since immortal. Lately, there is decline in yak farming mainly due to hardships and low return income and opportunities as compared to urban areas and low land. Therefore, in order to make yak herding and dairying activities more attractive and encourage especially the younger generation, it is essential to progress towards smart profitable enterprise development interventions.

With this objective, the National Highland Research and Development Centre (NHRDC) in collaboration with Regional Livestock Development Centre (RLDC-Wangduephodrang) and the Livestock Sector, Wangdue Phodrang Dzongkhag is organizing eight days training (Four days each in two groups) to the

herders of Gangkar Punsum Chikthun Tshogpam(Cooperative), Sephu geog on yak product diversification, standardization and value addition.

The training also includes handling and maintenance of simple dairy equipment which is vital for the herders to combat time consumption, usage of firewood and supports clean milk processing in harsh environment conditions. The training is expected to impart science based knowledge synchronizing with the traditional knowledge of product processing and diversification. It also aims to provide disclosure to various milk products and produce diverse yak products available in market.

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