

Tribal sub Plan Program at Lahul - Spiti District (29.09.2016)

ICAR-Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute, Himachal Pasturelands, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh organized one day awareness camp and farmers day on **“forage production, livestock production practices and fodder conservation”** for tribal farmers of villages of two Panchyats namely Dharcha and Kolong of Sub division of Keylong, Lahul Spiti District on 29.09.2016.

The main objective of the program was to brief the farmers about rehabilitation of degraded



grasslands, use of bunds for fodder production, use of farm implements, benefits of feed, mineral mixture, Urea mineral molasses block and scientific rearing practices of animals to increase the animal productivity under Tribal Sub Plan Program.

Dr. Sudesh Radotra, Incharge Himachal Pasturelands, ICAR-Indian Grassland & Fodder Research Institute, Palampur emphasized about

rehabilitation of degraded grasslands through introducing perennial legume and non-legume grasses and transplantation of perennial grasses on bunds.

Dr. V. K. Sharma, Professor, Animal Nutrition, CSKHPKV, Palampur delivered a talk on scientific feeding of animals.

The Deputy Director, Animal Husbandry Keylong Dr. Ranjeet Rappa delivered a talk on health issues in Animals. Dr. Hitesh Jaiswal, Veterinary Officer Sissu narrated the management practices required in different animals and the problems which can occur in the Lahul area.



Dr. Vinod Kumar, Assistant Professor, Animal Nutrition, CSKHPKV, Palampur stressed to

use the mineral mixture, Urea mineral molasses block and balanced feed ration to overcome the deficiencies in animals for better productivity.

Smt. Sonam Dolma, Pradhan Gram Panchyat Dharcha also spoke to the farmers and advised to take benefits of such programs.

In the interactive gathering farmers told about the shortage of fodder and asked many questions related to fodder production. The queries of farmers were answered. The initiatives and awareness program taken by IGFR were



appreciated by Pradhan Gram Panchyat Dharcha, the farmers and others present in the camp. The farmers around 160 including 100 tribal women of 12 villages participated in the camp. Various inputs viz. Seed of White clover, seed of fescue, feed, mineral mixture, farm implements, veterinary medicines, insecticides, calendars, pamphlets and other materials were distributed.