

Awareness Camp on Conservation of Indigenous Livestock Breeds Held at Lamayuru and Kanji Villages.

Khaltse, August 06, 2025: The Sheep Husbandry Department, Leh, in collaboration with ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal, successfully conducted an awareness camp on August 05, 2025, at Lamayuru and Kanji villages of Sub Division Khaltse.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Manish Mukesh and Dr. Karan Veer Singh (Principal Scientists), Dr. Mahesh Dige (Senior Scientist), Dr. Tsewang Morup (District Sheep Husbandry Officer, Leh), Dr. Tsewang Dolma (Block Officer, SHD Khaltse), Sh. Tsering Lamchung (Village Nambardar), along with livestock herders from Lamayuru, Kanji, Wanla, and Fotoksar.

The camp aimed to raise awareness about the conservation of indigenous livestock breeds, particularly Malra and Malluk. The scientists shared detailed insights into conservation techniques and highlighted the ecological and economic benefits of preserving native breeds. They emphasized avoiding crossbreeding with exotic animals to maintain genetic purity and adaptability to local climatic conditions.

Dr. Manish Mukesh shared NBAGR's vision to make Ladakh the first Union Territory in India with all indigenous livestock breeds registered, eliminating non-descript breeds. He informed attendees that the characterization and registration of Malra and Malluk breeds are expected to be completed by the end of 2025. Post-registration, central government schemes focused on conservation and genetic improvement will be introduced, benefiting local herders significantly.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Tsewang Morup highlighted the vital role of indigenous breeds in ensuring the region's sustainable development. He noted that breeds like Malra and Malluk provide milk, butter, cheese, meat, wool, hides, and manure—resources crucial for both livelihood and ecological balance in Ladakh.

The session concluded with the distribution of livestock feed and first-aid kits among participating herders. The Village Nambardar expressed heartfelt gratitude to the organizing team and guest scientists on behalf of the community.



