

Report on the three-day training programme on ***“Entrepreneurship Development Programme on Donkey Farming”***

As the mechanization advances, the use of donkeys has dwindled at faster pace. As per the 20<sup>th</sup> Livestock census, the indigenous donkey population registered a drastic decline of approximately 62%. This necessitates adopting necessary conservation strategies to save this endangering species. However, an increase in the demand for donkey milk and its by-products has been observed together with that of meat products that are commercialized in the European markets and as specific dietary products. Even in our country, many upcoming farmers adopting donkey milk as business venture as due to its unique rheological properties. ICAR-NRCE also working in this direction of developing a donkey dairy unit and aiming at studying the special properties of the donkey milk. In this endeavour to appraise about the various products of donkey milk and how to make donkey farming as an entrepreneurship, a three-day training programme entitled ***“Entrepreneurship Development Programme on Donkey Farming”*** was inaugurated by Dr Yash Pal, Director, ICAR-NRCE on 23.08.2022. To participate in this training programme, 13 entrepreneurs from seven different states (Rajasthan, Delhi, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana) have arrived at Equine Production Campus, ICAR-NRC on Equines, Bikaner. This training programme will be conducted from Aug 22-25, 2022.

