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### ICAR-NRC Mithun 31st foundation day



*Dr. Joykrushna Jena along with others at the inaugural of several facilities on June 8.*

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ICAR-NRC on Mithun celebrated its 31st foundation day on June 8, where

several facilities namely, mithun bull shed, experimental sheds and fencing of the mithun farm were inaugurated by Dr. Joykrushna Jena, deputy director general (Fisheries and Animal Science), ICAR, New Delhi in the morning. Foundation stone of the semen processing lab was also laid and tree plantations were also done in the mithun farm.

A press release from ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema, director Dr. Abhijit Mitra stated that, in the commemoration session, Dr. Jena, chief guest, stated that foundation day was a day of introspection for the institute of its past years activities, achievements and urged the institute to set a roadmap with sectoral vision document for the next 25 to 50 years. He wished that in the coming years people should be made aware and educated about mithun and its importance in livelihood security.

Bano Haralu, retired journalist and wildlife conservationist and guest of honour, said that due to rampant hunting and traditional sacrificial practices there was drastic decrease in the wild life population. She requested all to take a pledge to safeguard the eco-system and abide by one principle i.e. not to take in access, be greedy or over indulge. Dr. Capt. G. D. Rao, dean, College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, CAU, Jalukie, Nagaland and guest of honour, stressed on the need to target the upcoming youths on the conservation of mithun.



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Dr. Abhijit Mitra, welcomed the dignitaries and gave a brief description on mithun and its population dynamics in the existing scenario. Awards to the best employees of the institute were distributed. Under the tribal sub plan, 70 rolls of barbed wires, 10 bundles of CGI sheets, 01 number of traxis, 10 pairs of gumboots and 10 number of raincoats were handed over to Pungwa Village Council, Peren for establishment of semi-intensive mithun rearing unit.

A farmer-scientist interaction was also organized. Farmers, students from SFS School band, Medziphema that played the national anthem and the scientists from ICAR- Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre participated.

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