

CAEPHT Trainees Visit at Orchid Centre (22/10/2016)

Agriculture and Horticulture officers from Sikkim, Mizoram, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh visited ICAR-NRC on Orchids, Pakyong on 22/10/16 as part of Model Training Course from CAE & PHT, Central Agricultural University, Ranopool, Sikkim. Nearly 15 trainees accompanied by course coordinator, Dr. Ganashyam T. Patle, Assoc. Professor attended visit-cum-training on orchids, as part of 'MTC on Secondary Agriculture for Employment Generation'. On behalf the institute, Dr. R. Devadas, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding) presented a brief lecture on genesis, mandate & vision, research activities, significant achievements/awards and future plan of work of the institute for the trainees. The visit aimed at first hand exposure to orchid culture and to make understanding orchids as premium remunerative floriculture crop from North East. *Ex-situ* conservation measures, development of new hybrids, molecular profiling, IPR measures & patents, production technologies, biological control of pests and IPM module with organic pesticides developed at ICAR-NRCO were highlighted during the presentation.

On-going central schemes like Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) in Sikkim, Meghalaya & Assam; Swachh Bharat Mission, Mera Gov & Mera Gaurav, Jai Kisan & Jai Vigyan and ARYA (Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture) were briefly explained. Trainees also visited research farm to gain experience the farm and research activities at institute. Meeting on this occasion, Dr. D. R. Singh, Director, ICAR-NRCO explained the role vertical farming, climate smart horticulture and farm mechanization to elevate the benefits to the farmers. Trainees expressed greater satisfaction and officials from Maharashtra and Mizoram agreed to send farmers from line departments for training on orchid cultivation.



Introductory Lecture to CAEPHT Trainees



Trainee Visit at Meghalaya House



Trainee Visit at NAGS (Tropical)



Trainee Group Photo (22/10/2016)

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