

Off Campus Orchid Training & Demonstration at Karbi Anglong

Off Campus Demonstration and training on Orchid Cultivation was conducted by ICAR-NRCO at Marlelongso Village, Diphu, Karbi Anglong (District), Assam under Tribal Sub-Plan Scheme (TSP) on 19th July, 2016. The training was given to Jirjar Self Help Group and Shri. Ratul Teron, General Secretary (KASA) graced on this occasion. The Secretary (SHG) & Lead farmer, Shri. Kurusar Timung, farmers, KVK staff and teachers of Sarba Siksha Abhijan from Diphu, Tarabasa & Rongnihang have attended the programme.



Mr. Ratul Teron, General Secretary (KASA) (Left), Dr. R. Devadas & Mr. Kurusar Timung, TSP Farmer (Right)



TSP Demonstration Site at Marlelongso, Diphu, Karbi Anglong (District), Assam

The farmers were taught on importance and different aspects of orchid cultivation to make as a component in mixed farming adopted by farmers from Karbi Anglong. During inaugural and interactive meet, Dr. R. Devadas, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding) & Nodal Officer (Tribal Sub-Plan) interacted with farmers and highlighted the objectives of the TSP scheme on Orchid cultivation aimed with direct plan resources and access to financial and infrastructure development.



Mr. Kurusar Timung, Secretary, Jirjar Self Help Group, Diphu



Trainee Group Photo on 19/07/2016 at Marlelongso (Vill.), Diphu

Farmers have shown the initiative taken on conservation of native orchid species, apart from ongoing organic strawberry cultivation, tuberose & gerbera cultivation, vegetable gardening, tree fruits and poultry farming. During last year, members from Jirjar SHG also participated on campus exposure-cum-interactive meetings at ICAR-NRCO, Sikkim. Agricultural inputs, farm implements and planting material were distributed to the lead beneficiary to advance model unit on orchid cultivation and strengthening ongoing demonstration site. On this occasion, the TSP members also visited the KVK, Diphu and discussed with Dr. A. K. Deka, Programme Coordinator on ongoing orchid programmes. The Orchid TSP programme was initiated with assistance and coordination with Department of Agriculture, Karbi Anglong from last year onwards.