

***Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* launched by ICAR-NRC for Orchids, Pakyong**

Indian Council of Agricultural Research has taken a new initiative "*Mera gaon Mera Gaurav*" to promote direct interface of scientists with the farmers to hasten the lab to land process. The objective of this scheme is to provide the farmers with information, knowledge and advisories on regular basis by adopting villages. The new mandate has been extended to about 6,000 scientists functioning at the various centres and institutes of the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and over 15,000 scientists working with state agricultural universities.

ICAR-NRC for Orchids on 20th February, 2016 launched the scheme in four villages namely Raigaon, Namcheypong, Kartok and Naya Busty of Pakyong sub division of East Sikkim District. The director of the institute Dr. D. R. Singh briefed on the different schemes started by Government of India for the welfare of Farming communities and declared that as a part of those initiatives, this institute will stretch hand of co-operation for the development of the farmers in holistic manner. Besides NRC Orchids, several organizations of Pakyong like Dept. of Agriculture, Dept. of Horticulture, Primary Health Centre, State Bank of India, Fire Station, Village Panchayat, Self Help Groups and Raigaon Govt. Junior High School took active participation in this programme. During this programme one cleanliness cum awareness drive was also organized around the school premises under the National Sanitation Campaign (Swachh Bharat Abhiyan).



