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Cleanliness cum awareness drive was organized today by the employees of ICAR-NRC for orchids, Pakyong at old age home, Jalipool, under National Sanitation Campaign. During the cleanliness drive, all the surroundings of old age home were cleaned and swept. Also 14 senior citizens of old age home were provided with fruits, blankets and woolen clothes from the contribution made by NRCO family.

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## Lectures, competitions mark National Science Day celebrations at NRCO

AIJAYTHAPA

**PAKYONG, March 2:** The National Research Centre for Orchids (NRCO), ICAR, Pakyong observed National Science Day here on February 28.

Twenty-seven students from St. Xavier's School, Pakyong, and government senior secondary school, Dikling participated in the programme.

During the first half of the day, an open quiz competition and painting competition were organized for the students of Class IX to XII.

ICAR director Dr. D. R. Singh while encouraging the participants also narrated about Raman's effect, and the significance of Science Day celebration. He said the students are the backbone of the nation and that they should have scientific exposure



Students during National Science Day celebrations at NRCO, Pakyong. SE Pic

towards building the nation.

In his lecture, Dr. Singh also briefed the students on the richness of orchid diversity in Northeast region.

He further encouraged the students to opt for agricultural courses and join the ICAR for their UG and PG degree in agriculture for nation building as scientists.


The director also distributed the trophies along with the certificates of appreciation to the winner of the quiz and painting competitions.

All the three prizes in open quiz competition and painting competition themed 'Orchid flora of Sikkim' were bagged by SXS.

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Gangtok, (Friday) April 17, 2015  
Director  
Dr. D. R. Singh  
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## 3rd Interface meet of ICAR-NRC on Orchids



Gangtok, April 04: The 3rd Interface meeting with stakeholders of ICAR-NRC on Orchids was organized to discuss various issues related to orchid conservation and commercial orchid cultivation in northeastern states including Sikkim. The sixty-five participants from central and state government organizations, progressive orchid growers from Sikkim and Darjeeling District, West Bengal took part in the discussion at Pakyong. Mr. A. K. Shrivastava, Additional Chief Secretary, chaired the inaugural session as the chief guest.


During the meeting Mr. A. K. Shrivastava stressed upon efficient utilization of the natural resources keeping in view the requirements of future generations.

Director NRCO, Dr. D. R. Singh highlighted the technologies, varieties and products developed by centre and also put forward his vision for commercialization of orchid in the state. He stressed upon the use of vertical farming, hydroponics, aeroponics in the cultivation of orchids. He also urged the organization with similar goals to join the hands for protection of precious orchid wealth and promotion of orchid cultivation in the state. Joint Director ICAR Dr. Avasthe said that upcoming orchid industry in Sikkim and other North Eastern States can be helpful in creating livelihood and employment opportunities in rural areas. Dr. Sivastava, Dean, College of CAE & PHT stressed the need for mechanization of hill agriculture including post harvest handling and value addition through packaging and flower drying.

In a technical session, Dr. R. Devadas, Senior Scientist presented a detailed report on the technological achievements, varietal development and role of PPV&FR Act, 2001 for intellectual protection of orchid varieties. A fruitful discussion among various stakeholders on the subjects related to pest and disease management, round the year orchid production, packaging and production of quality planting materials & marketing were discussed. Botanical Survey of India, Gangtok; Forest Research Education & Work Plan, Gov Assam; TERI, Guwahati; Sikkim University, Gangtok agreed to work together with ICAR-NRCO on conservation of endangered wild species through mass propagation and rehabilitation in natural habitat.

The chairman of the session Mr. A. K. Shrivastava explained the importance of off campus trial dry flower technology and marketing of orchids in India. Entrepreneurs like Sikkim Bio and Micro Exim expressed interest in the technology developed at the institute. Farmers were given the seed of scented orchid, Zygopogon

## Sikkim farmers' varieties exhibited during national seminar



Horticulture deputy director general Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar at Sikkim stall in New Delhi.

**AJAY THARA**

**PAKYONG, July 16:** National Research Centre on Orchids, Sikkim, ICAR exhibited Farmers' Varieties of Sikkim at national seminar on "Take it to farmers-the farmers' rights through awareness" which was held in New Delhi on July 7, informs a press release.

The event conducted by PPV&FRA, government of India was attended by DARE secretary cum ICAR director general Dr. S. Ayyappan as the chief guest.

The other dignitaries present were PPV&FRA chairperson Prof. R. R. Hanchinal, Dr. N. K. Krishna Kumar, DDG (Hort. Sci.), Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Ext.), ICAR, Dr. T. Janakiram, ADG (Hort. Sci. D), and Dr. P. N. Mathur, regional director of Biodiversity International along with hundred participants including zonal coordinators, KVKs and other stakeholders.

This platform has provided the opportunity and attracted the attention of participants from various parts of the country to the stall displayed by NRCO, Sikkim on indigenous farmer's varieties of Sikkim from cereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds, vegetables, orchids and fruit etc., states the release.

On the occasion, ICAR-NRCO director Dr. D. R. Singh lectured on agro-biodiversity of Northeast with special reference to Sikkim and highlighted the importance of protection of farmer's varieties.

Contribution from orchid conservator of Karthok Sampden Dorjee and Mani Kumar Subba and Suk Dhami Subba of Lossing village, Pakyong on conservation of 22 crop varieties also

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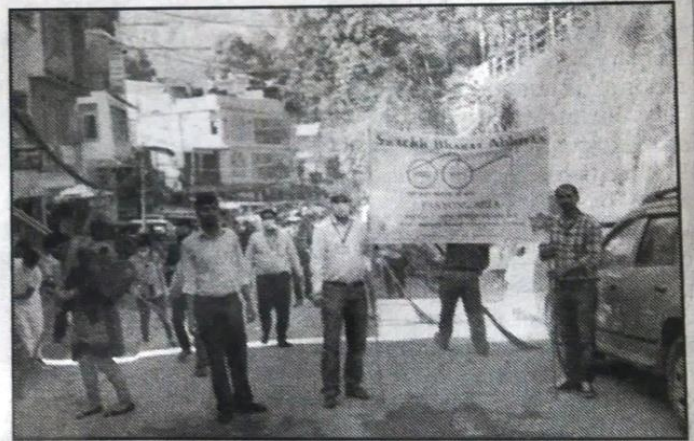
# Cleanliness drive by ICAR-NRCO at Pakyong

### SE Report

**GANGTOK, November 21:** A cleanliness cum awareness drive under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan was organized by employees of ICAR-NRC for Orchids, Pakyong at market and hospital area on Friday.

The drive was organised with an objective of creating awareness among local people about sanitation, linkages with public health and behavioural change, informs a PIB release.

Around 150 people of different organizations like Airport Authority of India, Sub-Divisional Magistrate office, Agriculture and Forest departments, Police and Fire station, panchayats, hospital staff and local NGOs actively took part with ICAR-NRC orchids in the drive. This drive included cleaning of bushes and sweeping of garbage in the market, hospital and road of Pakyong, East Sikkim, the release adds.



The cleanliness drive at Pakyong. PIB Pic

## ICAR-NRCO Pakyong marks 19<sup>th</sup> foundation day

**GANGTOK, October 5 (PIB):** ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong celebrated its 19<sup>th</sup> foundation day today. Eighty nine members from Central and State government organizations, progressive orchid growers from Sikkim and Darjeeling district, West Bengal took part in the celebrations.

Dr. Laxman Singh Rathore, director general of meteorology, India Meteorological Department chaired the inaugural session as chief guest. Prof. Debasis Majumdar, vice-chancellor, Uttar Banga Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, P.T. Bhutia, director of State Horticulture department, Prof. P. K. Srivastava, Dean, CAEPHT, CAU also attended the



function.

NRCO director Dr. D.R. Singh welcomed the gathering and highlighted the various research and extension activities of the institute. He also emphasized on the potentiality of the institute to face the recent challenges of

orchid growers.

Dr. L. S. Rathore highlighted the importance of farmer attachments in activities and access of weather forecasting through IT and the role of IMD. He also mentioned about strategies of the Central government regarding climate change.

Prof. P. K. Srivastava highlighted the importance of use of Agriculture engineering in orchid research. He has shown interest to set up orchids

farming and research in CAU campus of Ranipool and south Sikkim.

Horticulture director Bhutia applauded the efforts of NRCO and their role in promotion of orchid based model floriculture. He also briefly mentioned about the contribution of State horticulture department in orchids planting material production.

Prof. Debasis Majumdar gave a brief overview of Indian orchid diversity and their commercial importance especially for north-eastern States. He also assured the research facilities and support from UVKV on orchid research in future.

On the occasion, dignitaries also released the vision 2050 of NRCO and four other publications. The centre also honored 11 progressive orchid growers, 28 members of different State and Central agencies and senior staff members from the centre.

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