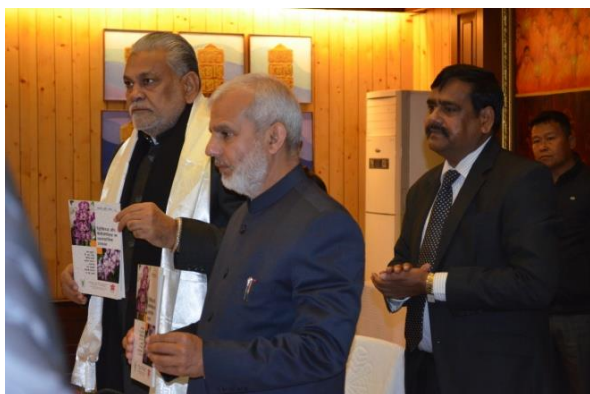


## **Shri. Parashottambhai Rupala, Minister of State Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Panchayat Raj Visit at Sikkim**

Shri. Parashottambhai Rupala, Hon'ble Minister of State Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Panchayat Raj chaired the review meeting on the progress of different schemes/ projects like Organic Mission, Food Security & Agriculture Department and Horticultural & Cash Crops Development of Govt. of Sikkim on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. Shri. Somnath Poudyal, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Animal Husbandry, Govt of Sikkim given formal welcome address and highlighted the overall achievements in agriculture and allied sectors in Sikkim. Shri. K. Bhutia, Secretary (Horticulture) & Principal Director; Shri. P. T. Bhutia, Director (Horticulture) and Mrs. Sherab L. Dorjee, Director (Agriculture) presented reports on progress made during 2016-17. ICAR-NRC on Orchids, Sikkim and ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong also participated in the meeting and presented the ongoing activities of institutes. Two publications from ICAR-NRC on Orchids titled '*Commercial Cultivation of Dendrobium and Phalaenopsis*' and '*Success stories of Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States*' were released on this occasion by Hon'ble Minister. Several issues on central schemes and drought due to water scarcity during winter season were raised by departmental officials was discussed. Mrs. S. Dorjee, Director (Agriculture), Govt. of Sikkim proposed vote of thanks. Later, the Hon'ble Minister of State also visited the Cymbidium Development Centre. Rumtek and appreciated the work on Cymbidium orchids.  
(Source: ICAR-NRC on Orchids, Sikkim)



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