

# Orchid Training & Demonstration at remote West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya

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Off campus training and demonstration on ‘Orchid cultivation, production and management’ was conducted by ICAR-NRC on Orchids at Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya on 20/05/2015. Farmers group from Nonglwai Orchid Conservation Society and Nongstoin Agri-Horticultural Society were trained under the programme. The District officials and Block level state authorities **Shri. Shanborlane Warjri**, EAC & Nodal Officer (IBDLP), **Ms. Rinchiu Raman**, PMRDF and **Ms. Alphabandges Lyngkhoi**, Intern (BDO) were present on the occasion.

Shri. Warjri, MCA during inaugural event applauded the initiative taken by ICAR-NRCO through TSP scheme that can also supplement the efforts on *ex-situ* conservation of native species by farmers at Nonglwai village.

**Dr. R. Devadas**, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding) & Nodal Officer (TSP) briefed about objectives of the TSP scheme aimed at direct plan resources and access to financial and infrastructure development through promoting orchid cultivation as component in integrated farming system that can strengthen on going ‘Integrated Basin Development and Livelihoods Program’ (IBDLP) by Meghalaya State.

Progressive farmers’ from Nonglwai, Shri. Charles Tymfiun and Shri. Polinder Dkhar expressed the necessity to expand the TSP scheme for promoting orchid cultivation in other parts of Meghalaya.

Total 40 members participated during the training programme, out of which 14 (35.9 %) were women. The farmers were trained on different production technologies and crop protection measures under protected cultivation and demonstrated the field management operations required for orchid cultivation and management. The agricultural inputs, farm implements, fertilizers and planting material were distributed to beneficiaries and farmers for strengthening ongoing demonstration site at Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya under Tribal Sub-plan Scheme (TSP).



Meeting with Shri. S. Kharlyngdoh, DC, West Khasi Hills (19/06/2015)



Inaugural event at Nonglwai, Nongstoin (20/06/2015)



Shri. Shanborlane Warjri, EAC & Nodal Officer (IBDLP)



Progressive orchid farmer, Shri. Charles Tumpuin, Nonglwai





**Ms. Rinchiu Raman, PMRDF, Shillong**



**Shri. Polinder Dkhar, Agri-Horticultural Society, Nongstoin**



**Participants during training & demonstration**



**Agricultural input & fertilizers distribution**



**Farm implements display & distribution**



**Potting media preparation & spraying demonstration**



**Planting material distribution**



**Group Photo - Off campus training & demonstration**

*(Source: ICAR-NRC on Orchids, Sikkim)*