

## Off-campus training cum demonstration programme under TSP project

ICAR-NRC for Orchids organized two day off-campus training cum demonstration programme at Sombaria, West Sikkim on 19-20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2019. First day, farmers' field were visited and interacted with the farmers with regards to orchid cultivation. Second day, the programme was graced by Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Minister, Power and Labour Department, Govt of Sikkim in the inaugural session. Hon'ble Minister was enlightened about the project and its objectives by Dr Tshering Lhamu Bhutia, Scientist & Nodal Officer, TSP project. He expressed his happiness to be part of it and with the team of ICAR NRCO, Pakyong for taking up the project at Sombaria for the benefit of the farmers. The programme was followed by a demonstration by Nima Tshering Bhutia, SRF, ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong. Dr T L Bhutia, Scientist, Vegetable Science & Nodal Officer, TSP explained about the cultivation of orchids and repotting to the farmers. Mr Kalaivanan NS, Scientist, Plant Pathology and S Biswas, Scientist, Soil Science, ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong gave a lecture on various diseases and pest of orchids and nutrition of orchids, respectively. The programme was attended by more than 30 farmers. Distribution of polythene sheets for polyhouse (3x10m), shade net (3x10m) and plastic pots (6'' and 12'') was made to the beneficiaries.

