

Farmers from Dzongu - North Sikkim on Exposure visit to ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong-Sikkim.

A team of 30 Farmers from Dzongu North-Sikkim visited ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong on 27-12-18 on exposure visit for Capacity Building-cum-awareness under Tribal Sub-Plan Project for conservation and cultivation of orchids. The team was accompanied by Panchayat President Ms. Sonam Kipa Bhutia and Panchayat Member Ms. Laden Ongmu Lepcha on programme tour. On behalf of institute, Dr. Tshering Lamu Bhutia Scientist (Horticulture) welcomed the entire guest. Dr. L.C. De Principal Scientist (Horticulture) explained and presented slides on importance and significance of Floriculture in Hill Region and also interacted with farmers in various aspects involved in conservation and cultivation of orchids and other ornamental flowers. All 30 farmers visited all the polyhouses & Farm/Field of ICAR-NRCO, led by Mr. Ajay Bhusal Technical Assistant (F/F) and briefly explained the mandate and activities going in ICAR-NRCO. Further, he explained the techniques of conservation and cultivation of orchids and their management technologies developed by ICAR-NRCO and demonstrate the Planting/Potting techniques and methods of media preparation and also highlighted the various value added products obtained from the orchid waste. Finally, Director of the institute Dr. D.R. Singh had an effective interaction with farmers and motivated the farmers, youngsters, and students towards the field of Agriculture as a whole. He also highlighted the various opportunities and schemes of introduce and their implementations by ICAR - Government of India in Agriculture Sector especially in NE & NEH Region. All participants (Farmers) appreciated the initiative taken by ICAR-NRC (O) Pakyong towards imparting awareness among the farmers of rural and remote village of Sikkim regarding of various technologies, schemes and opportunities in the field of Agriculture.

