

## ***“Exposure visit”* of Farmers from Andaman and Nicobar Island to ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim**

A team of 16 Farmers from Andaman & Nicobar Island visited ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong on 14.03.2019 on exposure visit for awareness on conservation and cultivation of orchids. The team was accompanied by Sh. P.S. Prasad (Asst. Director Agriculture) Andaman & Nicobar Administration along with two Field Assistant. All 16 farmers visited all the polyhouses & Farm of ICAR-NRCO, led by Mr. Ajay Bhusal Technical Assistant (Farm) 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. He demonstrated the Planting/Potting techniques and methods of media preparation and also highlighted the various value added products obtained from the orchid waste. Finally, Dr. D.R. Singh, Director 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 introduce and their implementations by ICAR and the scope of Organic Agriculture especially in Andaman & Nicobar Island. All participants (Farmers) appreciated the initiative taken by ICAR-NRC for Orchids, Pakyong towards imparting awareness among the farmers of Andaman & Nicobar Island regarding of various technologies, schemes and opportunities in the field of Agriculture.

