

ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong participated in the Sikkim Organic Day *cum* Krishi Unnati Mela - 2019

ICAR - NRC for Orchids participated in Sikkim Organic Day cum Krishi Unnati Mela-2019 on 18-19th January, 2019 at Mannan Kendra, Gangtok which was organized jointly by Food Security & Agriculture Development Department, Horticulture & Cash Crops Development Department and ICAR-NOFRI, Tadong, Gangtok. The programme was inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Sikkim Shri Pawan Kumar Chamling on 18th January, 2019. The institutes stall displayed orchids (hybrids & species), cymbidium baskets, publications, backbulb propagating materials, poster of different orchid's diversities, technology and achievements. Hon'ble Chief Minister visited all the exhibited stalls and had an interaction with the participants. He appreciated the innovative technology of the institute of making basket out of the Cymbidium leaves. Further, the Chief Guest stressed on developing different biopesticides, on increasing production of organic produce and to be self-sufficient. On the next day, Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim Shri Ganga Prasad was the Chief Guest in the Valedictory function. He also visited all the stalls being displayed by different institutes and departments and had a thorough interaction with the participants. ICAR institutes, State Departments, Central Agricultural Universities, KVKs, Self Help Group, farmers participated in the programme.

