

**“Awareness cum Training Programme on Intellectual Property Rights” organized at Basilakha village East Sikkim.**

ICAR-NRC for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim organized “Awareness cum Training Programme on Intellectual Property Rights” at **Basilakha village**, East Sikkim, Sikkim, on 05-12-2019. Around 30 farmers had participated in the training programme .The inaugural session was addressed by Ms. Deepika Sharma, Senior Research Fellow (IPR), with the welcome of participants and given a brief introduction about IPRs in conservation of biodiversity. Sh. Bharath Kumar Alam Scientist (Genetics & PB ) and Nodal Officer, IPR explained the importance of Farmers rights, Plant Breeder Rights, and Geographical Indications (GIs). All participants were actively participated in interaction with staff of ICAR-NRCO regarding IPR issues. Sh. Ajay Bhusal Tech. Asst also explained about the conserving and protecting seeds and plant varieties. Ms Rabin Kala Subba (SSS) gave the formal vote of thanks in the programme.

