

## Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Ganga Prasad inaugurated the 9<sup>th</sup> Stakeholders Meeting at ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong Sikkim on 07<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Stakeholders Meeting on “Entrepreneurship Development on Horticultural Crops / Orchids & Linkages with Central Government Institutions” was organised at ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong on 07<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. The chief guest of the function was Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Shri Ganga Prasad ji, Guest of honour Dr. Punjab Singh, President, NAAS, New Delhi (Ex. Secretary DARE, GOI and DG, ICAR) while special guests are Dr. K. Jayakumar, Secretary to Hon'ble Governor of Sikkim, Sh. D.K. Bhandari, Secretary (hort.) Govt. of Sikkim and Dr. Laxuman Sharma, Dean, Students Affairs, SU.

Dr. D. R. Singh, Director ICAR- NRC (O) Pakyong welcomed the Chief Guest as well as all the delegates. The chief guest of the programme stressed the scope of organic farming in Sikkim as well as other technologies developed by the institute in doubling of farmer's income. Scientists/Officers from different State and Central Govt. Organizations such as MSME, NOFRI, IBSD, BSI, AYUSH, Sikkim University, IMD, GBPIHESD, Spices Board and Progressive farmers are participated in the meeting.

The technical session was followed by the inaugural session wherein all the delegates from different institute presented on their research achievements and the areas where collaborated linkages can be made with all the institutes. The Chairman of the technical session Dr. Punjab Singh appreciated the effort made by the Director, ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong, for arranging Stakeholders Meeting and further requested to organise such meeting once every year. He emphasized that all the institutes should work in collaboration.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. L.C. De (Pr. Scientist), ICAR-NRCO Pakyong.

