

## One day training programme on orchid cultivation at Rumbuk, Sombaria, West Sikkim

One day training programme on orchid cultivation was organised at Rumbuk, Sombaria, West Sikkim on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018 under Tribal Sub Plan project. Around 40 farmers participated in the said training programme. Delegates from the State Department Shri Ongdi Sherpa, D.N Sherpa HDOs, Telmit Lepcha, Ward Panchayat, Guest from Scotland David, Officials from ATMA Sanita Tamang and BTM Shri Dawa T Sherpa also participated in the programme. The programme started by welcoming the guests. Dr. Tshering Lhamu Bhutia, Scientist and Nodal Officer, TSP, ICAR-NRCO, Pakyong welcomed the guests as well as the participants and briefed about the TSP project in details including the objective of the project, the importance of growing orchids as a component in an integrated farming system for increasing an additional income to the farmers. Mr. Ravi Kishore Pamarthi, Scientist (EB & PGR), ICAR NRCO, Pakyong also delivered an awareness lecture on conservation of orchid species, farmers' right, etc. It was followed by a meeting cum interaction with the farmers about the problems of growing orchids in the selected area. All the farmers actively participated in the interaction and were also very enthusiastic about taking up orchid as a component of farming system after taking thorough trainings from the experts of the institute.

