

## Exposure Visit of farmers from Sombaria, West Sikkim for Orchid Cultivation under Tribal Sub Plan project

One day exposure visit of farmers from Sombaria, West Sikkim was organized at ICAR-NRC for Orchids, Pakyong on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 under Tribal Sub-Plan project. Dr. Tshering Lhamu Bhutia, Scientist cum Nodal Officer, TSP, Project welcomed all the participants as well as State Department Horticulture Officers Shri Ongdi Lepcha and D N Sherpa and Block Technology Manager Shri Dawa Tshering Sherpa. In this exposure visit, two lectures on Orchid based farming system and Germplasm Conservation of Orchids by Dr L C De, Principal Scientist (Horticulture) and Mr. Ravi Kishore Pamarthi, Scientist (Economic Botany & PGR), ICAR NRCO, Pakyong, respectively. The lecture was followed by field visit by the farmers along with Mr. Ajay Busal, Technical Assistant and Mr Deepak Rai, JRF, ICAR NRCO, Pakyong. More than 30 farmers participated in the said programme.

