

Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism, Govt. of India visited the ICAR-NRC Orchids, Pakyong on 28th of Jan 2019

28/01/2019: The Hon'ble Minister of State for Tourism, Govt. of India, Shri K. J. Alphons visited the ICAR-National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong-Sikkim on 28th January 2019. The Director of the institute highlighted the vision, mandate and objectives of the centre and briefed the works in progress. Honøble Minister also visited the farm and other research facilities and at the Orchid Germplasm conservation sites. The Director of the institute marked the innovative works & technologies and further draws the attention of Honøble minister and officials by delivering the importance of Orchid Germplasm conservation & management and in the country. The Honøble minister appreciates the work on varietal development, vertical farming, semi-hydroponics, cymbidium leaves baskets and orchid based vegetable farming and encourages keeping the work emphasizing the farmerø income. Further, during the interaction, Honøble Minister acknowledge the bottleneck in orchid research, marketing and expansion of area under cultivation, suggesting incorporation of group farming approach.

