

## Training on Post Harvest Management and Packaging of *Cymbidium* orchids organized at NRC for Orchids, Sikkim

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The National Research Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim organized a 3 day training programme on Post Harvest Management and Packaging of *Cymbidium* orchids in collaboration with College of Agriculture and Engineering and Post Harvest Technology, CAU, Ranipool, Sikkim from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

The inaugural programme was graced by Dr. P. K. Srivastava, Dean, CAE & PHT, CAU Ranipool as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering Dr. Srivastava discussed about the importance of packaging of orchids for its value addition harnessing the market potential.

Earlier Dr. R. P. Medhi, Director, NRCO, Pakyong formally welcome all the dignitaries and in his opening remark he highlighted the role of NRCO in promoting *Cymbidium* cultivation and its commercialization. He also presented the technologies developed by the centre and appealed the youths to come forward in choosing orchid cultivation as their livelihood.

22 progressive farmers from Mirik, Darjeeling and Pakyong, Sikkim who are actively involved in orchid cultivation attended the training programme. The participants were trained on post harvest management of orchid and provided hands on training on packaging of *Cymbidium* and other horticultural produces at CAE& PHT, Ranipool. During the technical session Dr. L. C. De, Principal Scientist gave a detailed account on the Post Harvest technology for *Cymbidium* cut flowers.

The programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Arpita Mandal Khan, Scientist (Floriculture), NRC for Orchids, Sikkim.



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