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ORCHID HOUSES INAUGURATED

The Raj Bhavan taking another step in promoting orchids, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Shri JP Rajkhowa and First Lady of the State Smt Rita Rajkhowa inaugurated an 'Orchidarium' and 'Tail Flowers House' at Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 27th January 2016. They expressed hope that the Orchid project will go a long way in highlighting the orchids of Arunachal Pradesh, which is adorned with more than 500 species of India's approximately 1000 species of orchids.

Sharing their experiences of their visit to the Orchidarium at Botanical Park, New York, they said that people of the State must explore avenues in orchid cultivation and revenue generation through it.

The Governor appreciated the contribution of Department of Environment and Forests led by PCCF Dr. Shashi Kumar for setting up of the project in Raj Bhavan, which is visited by hundreds of people throughout the year.

Forest Range Officer Shri Taba Teni briefing on the project informed that the 90 Sqmtrs Orchidarium has 250 nos. of orchids in six varieties of orchids including Mokar Hybrid, Oncidium Hybrid, Phaleonopsis Hybrid, Vanda Hybrid, Dendrobium Hybrid and Cattleya Hybrid. It has motor operated sprinkler and fogger and is a top ventilated tropical green house.

FRO added that 105 Sqmtrs 'Tail Flowers House' has 200 nos. of seven colour of tissue culture of Anthurium. The house has drip irrigation system in a top ventilated tropical green house.

PCCF (Wildlife) Shri GN Sinha, PCCF (Planning & Development) Dr. Rabindra Kumar and PCCF (Research & Evaluation) Dr. R. Kemp along with other senior officers of Department and Raj Bhavan officials were present on the occasion.

PRO to Governor
Arunachal Pradesh
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