

2ND INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW OF SIKKIM

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The Second International Flower Show of Sikkim was an initiative of the State Government for the development of farmers, growers and floriculturists for the direct global participation and was held at Saramsa, Gangtok, Sikkim (India). Such endeavour and planning of the State Government for the progress of floriculture are noteworthy and indeed shall articulate beneficiaries for more participatory works. It was observed that several visitors proclaimed and extended thanks to the Sikkim for clean and peacefulness remarking the orchid of Sikkim of international Standard.



Some of salient features noted in this outdoor International Flower Show were as follows:

- It was a gateway of farmers, growers, floriculturists, buyers and traders;
- It included Sikkim as a Trade name for floriculture across nation and abroad;
- It was educative for students of School, College and University;
- It imparted technical knowledge exchange platform and acted as the tools for researcher;

Some valuable comments of dignitaries and experts recorded on International Flower Show were as follows:-

Dignitaries	Comments
Balmiki Prasad Ex-Governor of Sikkim Pawan Chamling, Ex- Chief Minister, Sikkim	Flowers constitute the poetry of Sikkim. Nature has composed these poems in great many varieties in one land with sensitivity and care. Sikkim , one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world, the highest mountain peak in India, Mt Khangchenzonga, the guardian deity of Sikkim overlooking destiny unfolds one after the other, tapestry of flowers blooming in reckless abundance, the floral and faunal wealth competing against each other , in a hurry, to adorn the Sikkimese landscape. Let me say-this show started millions of years ago when Almighty created Sikkim at His leisurely hour.
Bhim Dhungel, Ex-Minister of FEWMD, DST, Tourism, Sikkim Justice Permod Kolia Chief Justice Sikkim High Court	Excellent Arrangement. Congratulations!
Justice S.P Wangdi High Court of Sikkim	Visit to Saramsa Garden during International flower festival is a wonderful experience. Varieties of flowers here are rare and beautiful. It is out of the world. Most of the varieties and local and indigenous. I wish the organizers a great success. Such exhibitions will improve the states economy. I feel proud to say I am a Sikkimese when I notice such wondrous sight. The garden reflects the success story of the efforts of the Government towards sustainable development of the state.
Dr K.R Dhiman VC UHF Nauni Solani , H.P	International flower show on excellent step forward towards commercialization of horticulture in rainfed agro-ecosystem. Hearty congratulation.

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We look forward to meet our friend again in 2018 to renew our friendship to come out with the very innovative idea in the floriculture and above all, take the message with the family and friends that Sikkim is beautiful and lovely nature own garden and you will become best ambassador wherever you go.

Unparalleled in the floral history of Sikkim fantastic, fabulous and magnificent show. It is a great landmark and achievements

An excellent showcasing of flowers of India and abroad.
Excellent arrangement and organization.

The exhibition is unique of its kind showcasing the floral heritage of the State as well from rest of the country & abroad.
Very impressive

One of the best international flower show, I have seen . I attend APOC in Nagoya,, Japan and feel this is better than that. The arrangements are excellent. Congratulations for the Sikkim Government.

A good step to keep earth green and use, for human, animals and other living being in good health.

Great to be here. Well organized event and the flower show -colorful and close to nature! Well done!!

An absolute amazing international standard natural exhibition and a presentation of nature in its best form, Hearty congratulations. Hats Off!!! To Government of Sikkim for building a strong brand of Sikkim as a floriculture state.

Excellent! A very well organized Flower show. Very Educative and Unique Experience. Thank you!

An excellent wonderful International organized here. I am absolutely amazed with the wealth of Horticulture in this state. It's a real great honour and pleasure to be a part of this great event. Hope in future we will be able to attend the same. Wishing you all the very best.
Excellent team work and very memories event.

Excellent team

“Awesome Awesome. Hat's off to Sikkim”

Excellent

It is a great prestige to attend the 2nd International Flower Show and the exhibition and logistic support were excellence.

Well organized , best flower show. Congrats. All the best.

Very good. Unbelievable.

A good show! Lovely, well managed and future hope for our farmers.
Cheers.

Dr Hemant Varshney Dy. General Manger Sheel Biotech Limited Tissue Culture-Plants-Green House- Tumkey Projects Seed- Tughlakabad Extn New Delhi-19, India Floriculture-Organic Adoption Niraj Chhetri Himalayan Florica Importer and Exporter cut flowers, flower Bulbs, Seds and Plants of Different nature, New Delhi-37 Director, Florance Flora Bangalore, India	I appreciate for the development of Cymbidium and further willing to congratulate to the people Sikkim Educative and informative to the people This is a very good opportunity Be aware of what all plants their in Sikkim.
Ton Van Jaarsveld, floral design, Netherland	Quality of flowers awesome
Anthura B. V Anthuriumweg 14, Bleiswijk The Netherland Itzik Allon Breier and Son Ltd Bnei -Zion 60910 Israel Rodney L Robichaud Roman Laboratories LLC General Manager and Scientist Locata, MI Ajay Kr Kaushik Delhi Tourism, New Delhi Nutan S Maharaj Beecroft, Sydney Alice Warren 421 Joyce Road, RD3 Tauranga 3173, New Zealand Andy Waver Tauranga , New Zealand Dr N. K Meera NRC for Ochids, ICAR, Pakyong	Floriculture is getting quite familiar and well-known throughout India from Sikkim. So, it has lot of opportunity also to develop even more, especially because of great climate. I think, what I understood from such a fair is- Sikkim is looking on next product, which is actually, in my opinion, in my feeling, right way to go. This is just an opportunity to expand his company and provide growers with good quality nurseries stuffs for their benefits. This is a mega show, outstanding and mind blowing show Heaven on earth Heavenly Congratulations Excellent

The theme of 2nd International Flower Show of Sikkim was Global Floriculture Trade Prospects, Challenges And Strategies. It had 20 numbers of invited speakers with 7 numbers of sessions. The major recommendations of the International Flower Show were as follows:

Major Recommendations

1. Requirement of Phyto -sanitary certification
2. Up gradation of Market Intelligence for foreign and indigenous plants
3. Airport networking for the loss of post harvesting loss with cargo facilities
4. Technology for drying flowers for off-season marketing
5. Commercialization for indigenous plants
6. Require test marketing
7. Floricultural development policies
8. Setting up cold chain from farm land to marketing
9. Patenting of indigenous rare orchid
10. Access to best bidder in compliance to international patent law
11. Awareness to farmers and growers to identity gaps of non-flowering period specially October to December
12. Post harvesting Technology with value addition activities
13. Consortium approach for quality control with brand name

14. Embryo rescue technology, somatic cell multiplication techniques etc for the commercialization of floricultural products
15. Requirement of Organic manures
16. Production of high valued seeds for vegetables and flowers from high altitude regions
17. Marketing of Cymbidium, Gerbera, Carnation, Gladiolus etc may be encouraged which are time tested products of Sikkim
18. Identification of filler plants for value addition activities
19. Quarantine and Importing of Planting material may be handled by State Government.
20. Provision of industrial facilities for floriculture such as subsidies etc may be strengthen for global production
21. Floriculture teaching to Children
22. Capacity building for standardization of judging, grade etc. through exposure visits
23. Networking within department, research institutions of state and outsides as well as regional experts.
24. Inclusion of International experts , floriculturists from Thailand, Arabs etc.

Noteworthy point is that all comments could not be included as it is out of scope of this article. However, the included comments are worth to note that the Sikkim has the scope of floriculture having its worldwide demand.

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