

PROFILE OF DR. A.N.RAO

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Qualification : Ph.D. in Botany

Area(s) of Specialization : Orchids

Occupation/Designation : Director

Major Activities : Research activities on Orchid *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation;
Taxonomy ; Breeding ; Propagation through seed and tissue culture ;
Conducting Awareness Camps on Orchid Conservation ; Extension
Programmes including Training to N.E.Tribal farmers on
commercial cultivation of cut-flower quality orchid hybrids suitable for
various agro-climatic regions and post-harvesting techniques ; marketing
link-ups between local flower producers and traders etc.

Awards/Recognitions : 1. Awarded **Plaque of honour** by the Orchid Society of India,
Chandigarh in 2008 at Bangalore and by The National Research
Centre for Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim in 2013 at Gangtok for outstanding
contributions to the Indian Orchidology.

2. Received **FAO fellowship** in 1999 and visited Australia for training
in Tree Breeding, Plant DNA figure printing, Tissue culture at CALM
Science, Perth for 3 months.