

## Project Update: February 2019

Winters provide conditions which are generally uncondusive to orchid growth and flowering, especially in tropical areas, hence very few species were found to be in bloom during this time. Orchids like *Coelogyne viscosa*, *Coelogyne fimbriata* and *Papilionanthe teres* were found in full bloom along with two other new records for the region.

Free time during the quarter was utilised to conduct a literature survey and the data were presented in the National Conference cum Workshop on "Recent Advances in Orchidology with special emphasis on Biology, Climate Change, Conservation, and Commercialization of Floriculturally and Therapeutically Important taxa" by The Orchid Society of India (TOSI) held in Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, India from February 15th-17th 2019. The poster presents some new insights on specialised pollination strategies of the Orchidaceae family. The same is also sent in pdf format along with the update.



Left: *Coelogyne viscosa* in flowering in Jampui Hills. Right: *Coelogyne fimbriata* at early flowering stages in Jampui Hills.



Papilionanthe teres blooming all throughout the state