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## **STATES OF THE ART OF BIODIVERSITY IN MIZORAM**

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**ABSTRACT :** Mizoram is one of the biodiversity hotspots in the eastern Himalayan region (north east India) with about 94% tribal people living in the state. Majority of the people practice shifting cultivation and livelihood of the rural masses depend largely on forestry products. The people begin to realize the value and importance of conservation of biodiversity and the genetic resources. The status of biodiversity in the state is exposed in the light of the biodiversity hotspots.

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