

IBSD is part of the multi-stakeholder Manipur State Biofuel Mission

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In the first general meeting of the Manipur State Biofuel Board, held earlier in March, the Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD), Imphal was made as a major stakeholder of Manipur State Biofuel Mission. The meeting was chaired by Shri N. Biren Singh, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Manipur. Key approach discussed was using Cassava, locally known as U-mangra, and phumdis, the floating vegetation, of Loktak Lake for biofuel production. The IBSD, Imphal has already demonstrated promising results in biofuel production from phumdis.

The meeting was attended by officials from Government of Manipur including Additional Chief Secretary, Dr Suhel Akhtar, PCCF and HoFF, Kereilhouvi Angami, Commissioner (Revenue), Sh. Gyan Prakash, Director IBSD, Prof Pulok Kumar Mukherjee, Director (Agriculture), Laltanpuii Vanchhong, Professors from Central Agricultural University, Iroisemba and Manipur University, among other entrepreneurs of the region.

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