

One Day State Level Seminar on Management of Yongchak and Agar
Forest Department, Government of Manipur

Venue: Sangai Hall, Imphal Hotel, Imphal

Date: 17th August, 2019

A one day State Level Seminar on Management of Yongchak (*Parkia timoriana*) and Agar was held at Imphal, Manipur under the aegis of Manipur Forest Department. A total of 170 participants including scientists, scholars, NGO members, progressive farmers participated in the seminar. Inaugurating the seminar, Th Shyamkumar, the Minister of Environment and Forest, Govt. of Manipur urged the people especially farmers to practice mass plantation of yongchak and agar so as to boost economy of the state.

In the presidential remark, Dr. Suhel Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary (Forest and Environment), opined that Yongchak and agar trees could be a source of income to uplift the economic condition of people of the state even though the number of yongchak trees grown in the state is declining. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and the Head of Forest Force, Mr. K Angami also expressed a similar sentiment in his inaugural speech.

Dr. R. K. Borah, Sc.-F & Group Co-ordinator (Research) was the key resource person in the seminar. He delivered a detailed power point presentation on Mortality and Management of *Parkia timoriana* (Yongchak) in the technical session I. In the technical session II, Dr. Borah, presented in detail about the cultivation and artificial induction of agarwood in *Aquilaria malaccensis*.

During the discussion, the scientists and scholars from different institutes, NGOs, progressive farmers, etc., attending the seminar also shared their

experiences and traditional knowledge to reduce the mortality of yongchak and agarwood induction technology.



Th Shyamkumar, the Minister of Environment and Forest, Govt. of Manipur delivering inaugural speech



Different groups of participants in the seminar



Posters on Yongchak (*Parkia timoriana*) and agar (*Aquilaria malaccensis*)



Dr. R K Borah, delivering his lecture on management and mortality of Yongchak



Dr. R K Borah, delivering his lecture on cultivation and artificial induction of agarwood in *Aquilaria malaccensis*