

National Conference on Managing Agrobiodiversity in North-Eastern India (NCMAN) from October 23-25, 2024, at Umroi Road, Umiam.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Youth moving away from farming: Guv

Staff Reporter

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The Governor expressed this concern when he delivered his speech at the 3-day National Conference on "Managing Agro-Biodiversity in North Eastern India (NCMAN-2024)" which got underway today at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam. The conference attracted scientists, researchers and students from the entire nation.

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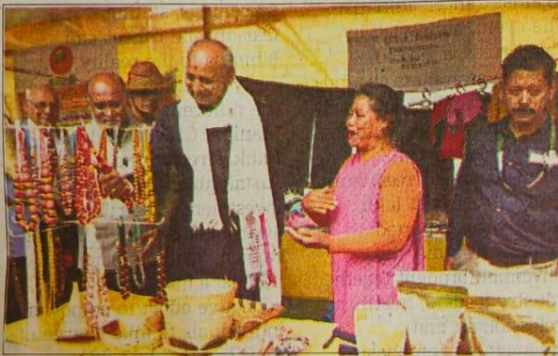
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