



Khagi: Himalayan Spice of Arunachal Pradesh

Khagi, a traditional Himalayan spice harvested by indigenous communities in **West Kameng district of Arunachal Pradesh**, is emerging as a successful model of **community-based livelihood and forest conservation**. The spice belongs to the **Zanthoxylum** genus and is commonly associated with **Sichuan pepper or Timur**.

The initiative benefits **over 200 households**, has generated a turnover of around **₹39 lakh** and contributed to the protection of more than **100 sq km of forest**. It demonstrates how sustainable harvesting of traditional forest produce can simultaneously support **local livelihoods and biodiversity conservation**.

APSC Relevance: Non-Timber Forest Products; Community-Based Forest Conservation.