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TEZU, May 27: Eminent taxonomist professor M Sabu today urged the Arunachali students to take up biodiversity subject to 'save vanishing flora' of the state. Prof Sabu of University of Calicut, Kerala was addressing a gathering here. "Arunachali students must come forward to take up various studies related to biodiversity, ethno-botany and environment to save their highly endangered and unique resources for the next generation," he said. Prof Sabu was on a 10-day study tour to Namsai, Lohit, Dibang Valley, Lower Dibang Valley, Longding and Tirap districts to survey ginger and banana varieties in the eastern part of Arunachal. Expressing amazement at the diversity of the flora in the state, he said that many plants here could be a new species and its discovery would bring due recognition and acknowledgement to the local tribes and the state in the scientific world. Pointing at the high chances of extinction of these plant varieties due to major activities like road widening, deforestation and land-slides, Prof Sabu urged the people of the state to take up immediate measures to protect and preserve the rich biodiversity. He further lauded RIWATCH, Roing for setting up a unique museum. His visit was coordinated by the Lohit Youth Library Network in Namsai & Lohit districts and by RIWATCH, Roing in Lower Dibang Valley.