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LESSON B - THE ENCHANTING SHIRUI LILY

NOTES

- **Shirui lily (*Lilium mackliniae*)** is Manipuri's unique gift to the floral wealth of the world **because it refuses to grow and flourish anywhere** except in its native habitat – the Shirui hills.
- Shirui lily was discovered by **Frank Kingdom Ward**, a botanist from United Kingdom in **1946**.
- **Shirui lily grows only in its native habitat** on the top of **Shirui hills in Ukhrul district** **i.e. cannot be grown outside the climate and ecosystem of Shirui hills.**
- Shirui lily grows for about **six weeks each year i.e. the first week of May to the mid of June.**
- **The temperate forest at the attitude of about 8,500 feet (2,835 metres) above mean sea level of the Shirui hills,** provides the ideal ecosystem for the lily.
- Special expeditions are organized to visit Shirui hills.
- Several measures taken to preserve this rare flower.
- **Out of ignorance, curiosity and mindlessness, the visitors plucked the lilies and uprooted its plants which resulted in the reduction of the number of lily.**
- **Everyone must protect and preserve the Shirui lily.**
- **The responsibility for protection and preservation of Shirui lily lies with the people of Manipur.**
