

Baby Elephant found dead in Udalguri



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The mysterious death of an elephant calf casts no less spell of shadow in [Udalguri](#) on Monday. According to Ranjit Tanti, a wildlife activist, the calf, aged around 8, was [found](#) dead at a paddy field in Jorpukhuri village under Nonai forest range.

A team of forest officials rushed to the spot after some villagers informed them about the dead calf and postmortem of the carcass was on the spot and buried. The exact cause of the pachyderm's death is yet to be ascertained. The forest official Kushal Deka said, adding that no injury mark was [found](#) on the carcass during preliminary examinations.

The forest official did not find any electric wires, generally put up by local farmers around their croplands to prevent wild elephants from destroying their crops.

This is the third incident of elephant death since October 2017 in [Udalguri](#) district, Ranjit Tanti said.

In the past few months, there have been a number of human-elephant conflicts in the Indo-Bhutan border areas of [Udalguri](#) district comprising [Hattigarh](#), Borengajuli, Budlapara, Majuli, Bhooteachang tea estates.

The region has witnessed several killings of tribals as well as elephants and widespread damage to house and crops by rogue pachyderms in the past years.

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Borengajuli Tea Estate Dimakuchi, Udalguri, Assam

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