

Conservation effort-Thuramukh style



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What ails the people of Thuramukh area in Golaghat district of Assam? Deforestation have left them high and dry beside the famed Nambor reserved forest. Not only that. For the last couple of years they have been bearing the brunt of the growing men elephant conflict.

On Monday hundreds of local residents thronged the forest areas and started [bamboo](#) and banana plantations. Talking to Assam Times a participant said, " we are planting [bamboo](#) and banana trees so that the elephants need not come out of the forest in search of food."

According to him, "there was a time when these animals had nothing to do with the habitats. There was plenty of food for them in the forest. But gone are the days. A huge portion of the forest has been denuded forcing the animals to come out of it in search of food."

"We believe that only afforestation is the best possible way to do away with the growing men elephant conflict. That's why, today we are planting [bamboo](#) and banana trees here. Today we have only planted 2000 trees. We would do it more from now and onwards," said another local residents.

Other local residents said that the initiatives would also help the authorities firmly [deal](#) with the wood [smugglers](#) apart from creating afforestation awareness among the local mass. The message is expected to spread far and wide of the [state](#) at a time when men elephant conflicts and deforestation have become a regular feature.

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